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Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 21:38:05 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2006 20:52:04 -0400
Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Kasten

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 13:06:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

<snip>

>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.

Nick:

What was the official conclusion of that investigative body that
caused them to disband the research/collection of data?

KK

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Re: The New ESA Mars Face - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming6.nul>
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 19:28:40 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2006 20:57:05 -0400
Subject: Re: The New ESA Mars Face - Fleming

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 21:33:54 +0000
>Subject: Re: The New ESA Mars Face

<snip>

>"If the horn is a genuine formation"? The challenge to me as a
>writer conjures up strange scenarios to satisfy the "believers"
>stance.

No image shows any evidence of this "horn" that has suddenly
appeared on the Face, and there have been at least 5 or 6 taken
by MGS and Themis since 1998.

>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.

Contrary to what you seem to believe, this thing from ESA is not
an image of the Mars Face; it's a 3-D reconstruction, and a
dubious one at that. Unfortunately, there's no Freedom of
Information Act that covers ESA, so the actual images on which
this model is based may never be released. I'd be very surprised
if they showed any evidence of this horn that was somehow missed
by the high-resolution cameras of the Mars Global Surveyor and
Themis spacecraft.

>Please! Can we all give that donkey the rest it deserves?

The individuals responsible for the unrest are the people with
ESA who created this weird "perspective" image.

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UFO Investigation Kept Secret

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Oct 2006 11:38:21 +1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2006 21:00:17 -0400
Subject: UFO Investigation Kept Secret

The Chronicle... 28/09/06

The Chronicle is a Sth East Queensland rag reporting in the red-neck Bible belt, rarely publishing... anything?

UFO Investigation Kept Secret:

LONDON: A news report says Britains Ministry of Defence sought to prevent the public from knowing the work of a unit that investigated reported sightings of unidentified flying objects or UFOs.

The Guardian says documents released under the Freedom of Information Act to two academics show ministry officials hoped to expunge information about the unit known as DI55. from records routinely released after 30 years.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/story/0,,1880308,00.html>

The web is full of nothing on DI55...

<http://www.lobster-magazine.co.uk/articles/l32ufos.htm>

and Nick Redfern's interview...

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/phil.light/ufocus/all/redfern.htm>

Thx

William

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Re: Timothy Good And... - Kelly

From: Terri Kelly <grimfarvity.nul>
Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 21:46:13 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2006 21:02:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Timothy Good And... - Kelly

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 15:06:15 EDT
>Subject: Re: Timothy Good And...

>>Source: ABC Radio Network - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

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

>>Friday, September 29, 2006

>>Timothy Good And Graeme Base

<snip>

>>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...

... or our future? Stephen Hawking said that if time travel is possible then why have we not seen "hordes of tourists from the future?" But maybe that's what UFOs are, or some of them are. They (we) could be visiting the past as well as our present. It might make more sense that there would be "UFO secrecy" if the reason has to do with avoiding more chances to mess up timelines. And the abduction phenomena might be attempts to correct time-travel contacts that have messed up timelines.

<snip>

Jason said:

>If it is true that an advanced civilization, relating to our
>past, remains hidden from us on Earth, then the situation is far
>more ominous than anyone has imagined.

>It would basicly imply that we are indeed, 'The Cattle of the Gods.'

I've often wondered why aliens are observed as acting like humans, or have "agendas" that are human-like. it is (unfortunately) a human behavior to treat what we perceive as lesser-evolved species "like cattle". Maybe the "aliens" do this because they ARE human.

Terri Kelly
Portland, Oregon

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Re: Classified Documents - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Oct 2006 03:54:48 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2006 21:05:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Classified Documents - Gates

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2006 21:20:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: Classified Documents

>>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

>>>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
>>absolutly 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...

<snip>

>1. Evolution in the marking, content and format of classified
>document has changed a lot over the years.

Agreed, However people in the 40s through now did not necessarily mark classified documents as the government manuals at the time said they should be marked. Having been to the archives, I have seen many formerly classified documents that didn't have the stamp on every page, or was not in the correct position etc etc. The point of this being is it is happening today, hence the Air Force sending a memo out that the GAO reviewed the DOD classification management program and discovered "a widespread lack of consistant and accurate classification markings was identified."

>2. Marking and accounting for active documents may not be found
>on declassified or FOIA'd documents.

One would assume that you when you indicate "Marking" you are referring to the classification marking, and by accounting you are referring to the control number and or cover sheet.

I have seen many classification markings and TS control numbers and cover sheets on declassified or FOIA documents. For example at:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB195/VN-2a.pdf>

you can see a formerly Top Secret Sensitive Information document. Interestingly the "Information" appears far to the right of the first page but not on others.

Another example:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB45/doc1.pdf>

With this document (from the Eisenhower era) you have a document that has Top Secret correctly put on it, however no control numbers added to the document itself, but they could have been on the cover sheet.

Another Example "The Bissel Report" of 1965:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB24/nsa04.pdf>

With this document, you actually have the cover sheet, marked Top Secret, but no TS control numbers. The TS control numbers appear later in the document.

With:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB46/document1.pdf>

You have a Top Secret document with Top Secret marked in the upper left corner, and the lower right corner of each page, but not in the center as others from the period looked like, for example see:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB43/doc8.pdf>

>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.

I agree with you that hoaxed documents have pervaded ufology over the years. Gulliable people believe all the so called whispered leaks from alleged intelligence community sources who unload bogus documents which they promptly blather all over talk radio, the Internet and other mediums. If a person was serious about hoaxing a document they could do a simple internet search (plenty of declassified documents all over the Internet) and or spend 1-3 hours at the archives and see everything they need to make a credible looking document.

Lets take bogus UFO documents out of the picture and talk about REAL documents. My point was that to discount a document solely based upon what the classification manual claims should be the correct format verses what the document actually looks like does not mean its phony. Over the years government people in all agencies didn't necessarily mark classified documents exactly as they should based upon government guidance a fact that the above

item brings out.

The bottom line is that people in the government didn't necessarily go over to the book shelf, open the classification guidance manual and see how the document was supposed to be marked before they marked it. Even though a document may be mis marked, or incorrectly marked, it still doesn't change the fact that government agencies and people would still regard it as a classified document.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Anderson

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Oct 2006 09:56:55 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2006 21:09:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Anderson

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 13:21:25 -0400
>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>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.

As I noted before also, it is the same face. I already linked to previous MGS images for comparison in my previous posts from September 23 and 26. Some are in Mac's blog article also. But I agree with Mac that the "horn" should not be there in all likelihood; there's no sign of it in any of the higher-resolution (and with various shadowing) MGS images. But anyone who hasn't followed all of this likely won't know that, and just accept the new Mars Express images as is uncritically. I would like to see a regeneration done though, good idea.

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
<http://www.themeridianijournal.blogspot.com>

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Re: The New ESA Mars Face - Morton

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Oct 2006 15:24:10 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2006 21:11:19 -0400
Subject: Re: The New ESA Mars Face - Morton

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 21:33:54 +0000
>Subject: Re: The New ESA Mars Face - Kasten

>>Source: Mac Tonnies Post Human Blues Blog

>><http://tinyurl.com/rf6fg>

>>Wednesday, September 27, 2006

>>Much ado over the new ESA Mars Face images has centered on the
>>odd, steeple-like protrusion seen in the image above. As the
>>steeple, or "horn," only detracts from the Face's resemblance
>>to a humanoid face, it would seem to be good evidence that the
>>controversial Face mesa is indeed nothing more than a lumpy
>>hill. But only if the horn is a genuine formation.

>>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).

<snip>

>"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?

You sound like a TV reporter.

Dave M

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Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2006 20:23:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 09:15:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - White

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 16:18:41 -0500
>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

<snip>

>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.

"Just for fun," I'd like to see a significant number (say, 20-50) of the best psychics who have had at least one clear cut success in forensic work focus on the face, write their impressions, seal them, and hand them over to one of our most generally accepted as objective UFO observers. When all are in, I'd like to see their reports posted here.

Eleanor White

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Kinross Retrieval Find May Be Hoax - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 01:59:16 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 09:21:11 -0400
Subject: Kinross Retrieval Find May Be Hoax - Gates

Listers,

Below is a post from the current encounters list.

I pass it along, along with some information below the post.

At 09:44 PM 9/30/2006 -0600, James Carrion wrote:

>Hi Francis,

>My name is James Carrion and I am taking over MUFON from John
>Schuessler when John retires at the end of this year. I have
>been actively trying to substantiate the claim made by the Great
>Lakes Dive Company that they found the Kinross F89 jet that
>disappeared in 1953. Searching the Internet, the earliest
>reference I can find as to when this first became public, was a
>posting that you made to the UFOUpdates web site on August 21,
>2006. It appears from that posting, that you received the story
>from a person named Preston Miller.

>MUFON has reason to believe that these claims are bogus and part
>of an elaborate hoax. We have come to this conclusion after an
>in-depth investigation that has began as soon as the claims were
>made public. MUFON will be publishing the results of our
>investigation in the November issue of the MUFON journal. I am
>trying to tie up some loose ends, one of them being, who was the
>original source of the story. Can you tell me who Preston Miller
>is and his connection to these claims? Any information you can
>provide will be greatly appreciated.

>Sincerely,

>James Carrion
>MUFON International Director, Elect

Begin RG comments:

Hmm,

Just a thought. Was one of the principles named Ray, with the
main diving parter named volker...or was it Reed/Raith.
Enquiring minds want to know... :)

On a serious note:

<http://home.att.net/~jerold.smith/wsb/html/view.cgi-contact.html-.html>

This site is something close, and may be an individual to
contact that might know somebody at the so called great lakes
dive company. His business name is just a little off. Although I
suspect he knows nothing.

Below is the WHOIS info for the great lakes dive company.
Interestingly he registered on August 9th of this year and it expires
next year. Doesn't sound like great lakes dive had a huge web

history on the Internet previous to 8/9/2006

WHOIS information for:
greatlakesdive.com:

[whois.crsnic.net]

Whois Server Version 2.0

<snip of registering names>

Domain Name: GREATLAKESDIVE.COM
Registrar: MELBOURNE IT, LTD. D/B/A INTERNET NAMES WORLDWIDE
Whois Server: whois.melbourneit.com
Referral URL: <http://www.melbourneit.com>
Name Server: YNS2.YAHOO.COM
Name Server: YNS1.YAHOO.COM
Status: REGISTRAR-LOCK
EPP Status: clientDeleteProhibited
EPP Status: clientTransferProhibited
EPP Status: clientUpdateProhibited
Updated Date: 08-Aug-2006
Creation Date: 08-Aug-2006
Expiration Date: 08-Aug-2007

>>> Last update of whois database: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 01:00:41 EDT <<<

<snip of WHOIS terms of use etc>

[whois.melbourneit.com]

Domain Name..... greatlakesdive.com
Creation Date..... 2006-08-09
Registration Date.... 2006-08-09
Expiry Date..... 2007-08-09
Organisation Name.... Adam Jimenez
Organisation Address. P O Box 99800
Organisation Address.
Organisation Address. EmeryVille
Organisation Address. 94662
Organisation Address. CA
Organisation Address. US

Admin Name..... PrivateRegContact Admin
Admin Address..... P O Box 99800
Admin Address.....
Admin Address..... EmeryVille
Admin Address..... 94662
Admin Address..... CA
Admin Address..... US
Admin Email..... contact.nul
Admin Phone..... +1.5105952002
Admin Fax.....

Tech Name..... PrivateRegContact TECH
Tech Address..... P O Box 99800
Tech Address.....
Tech Address..... EmeryVille
Tech Address..... 94662
Tech Address..... CA
Tech Address..... US
Tech Email..... contact.nul
Tech Phone..... +1.5105952002
Tech Fax.....
Name Server..... yns1.yahoo.com
Name Server..... yns2.yahoo.com

Assuming it is a Hoax!

If this turns out to be an elaborate hoax, then MANY people got absolutely swindled by this. In essence they accepted the visual of two blurry photos and what somebody posted on the Internet after 8/9/06.

Again if it is an hoax, one could suspect some ploy to get a load of investors to contribute loads of cash to go out and check it out, like lost treasure tales of days gone by. Then when they get out their, gee we can't find it, the eeeeevvvvviiiiillll government must have slipped in and grabbed

it between September of 06 and whenever the boat left port say in the summer of 2007.

That story would be good for at least another round of talk radio show appearances for months. We will likely be treated to such stories about how the great lake dive company offices got ransacked, how the principles houses got ransacked, and how alleged witnesses who won't provide their identity (for various reasons) will say that they saw military ships and some kind of operation out in the general area etc etc. Likely at that point somebody will then announce that they are writing a book about this with additional information etc etc. Which will keep the story alive with speculation on the UFO radio talk show circuit, not to mention various UFO speaking engagements.

Naturally the various people interviewing them will extol how sincere they sound, and how it just can't be bogus and how it's part of some secret government plot to cover it up. When people are actually checked out and IF their credentials and background can't be verified we will hear tales about how the evil government erased their background to cover up the evil government's secret recovery of the alleged UFO and the alleged F-89. In essence the same crap we have heard before.

By the way when the MUFON piece comes out the guillable will be touting how MUFON is part of the secret government conspiracy and how MUFON doesn't have things right... after all the story sounded right etc etc.

Should it turn out to be a hoax we will have yet again a fraud based upon two blurry photos, that various web site operators and talk radio hosts and people in the UFO community carried far and wide without checking anything out...same old behavior pattern.

In essence the kind of reporting we seem to have is similar to the tabloids like the Enquirer who told us about how Mark Karr was the Jon Bennet Ramsey killer etc etc.

I predict that should this prove to be a hoax, very few of the many people who blathered this all over the Internet will ever step up to the plate and stamp it Hoax and say they got swindled and passed on bogus information. Likewise very few if any of the UFO talk radio people will every step up and label it a hoax and extol how they got misled and lied to like everybody else. Instead they will either say nothing and move on to the next big story/tale riding on the UFOlogical circuit or advance the theory about how it was a secret government coverup, blah blah blah.

Cheers,

Robert

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October 02, 2006

One Small Word Is One Giant Sigh Of Relief For Armstrong
Jacqui Goddard

It was the perfect quote to match a momentous occasion. As Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the Moon in 1969, a global audience of 500 million people on Earth watched and listened with bated breath.

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," they heard him say as he dropped from the ladder of his spacecraft to make the first human footprint on the lunar surface.

But from the moment he said it, and for 37 years since, debate has raged over whether the NASA astronaut might have fluffed his lines.

Mr Armstrong has long insisted that he meant to say "one small step for a man..." - which would have been a more meaningful and grammatically correct version, free of tautology. But even the astronaut himself could not be sure.

"Damn, I really did it. I blew the first words on the Moon, didn't I?" he is reported to have asked officials later, amid uncertainty as to whether he had blown the moment or simply been drowned out by static interference as his words were relayed 250,000 miles back to Earth.

Now, after almost four decades, the spaceman has been vindicated. Using high-tech sound analysis techniques, an Australian computer expert has rediscovered the missing "a" in Mr Armstrong's famous quote. Peter Shann Ford ran the NASA recording through sound-editing software and clearly picked up an acoustic wave from the word "a", finding that Mr Armstrong spoke it at a rate of 35 milliseconds - ten times too fast for it to be audible.

Mr Ford's findings have been presented to NASA officials in Washington and to a relieved Mr Armstrong, who issued a statement saying: "I find the technology interesting and useful. I also find his conclusion persuasive."

Mr Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, who stepped out seconds after him, landed the Apollo 11 Lunar Excursion Module on the Moon on July 20, 1969. In the tense six hours and forty minutes between touching down and stepping out, Mr Armstrong wrote what he knew would become arguably the most memorable words in history. But NASA was bombarded with inquiries and the recordings were hastily reviewed.

The space agency backed Mr Armstrong's claim that there should have been an "a", but they agreed that, on official documents, the "a" should be placed in brackets because no one could be sure he said it.

In his official biography, First Man, Mr Armstrong tells the author James Hansen: "It doesn't sound like there was time for the word to be there. On the other hand, I didn't intentionally make an inane statement... certainly the 'a' was intended, because that's the only way the statement makes any sense."

Professor Hansen said: "Neil's not got much of an ego, he's a very modest man, but I think this really means something to him to have the proof."

Officials at NASA have met Mr Ford to discuss his findings. They have now instructed their own analysts to run in-house tests.

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UFOs Sighted Locally For Class Study

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Source: The Journal Gazette - Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA

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UFOs Sighted Locally =96 For Class Study, Anyway
By Krista J. Stockman
The Journal Gazette

UFOs and alien life forms aren't just the subjects of science fiction books and movies.

Plenty of people in Indiana claim to have seen them. With such interest, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne's Division of Continuing Studies is offering its first class on unidentified flying objects.

The class, called UFOs =96 Perception, Reality and Sightings in Indiana, will cover the history of UFOs, crop circles and recent local sightings.

The course might sound out of this world to some, but it is a legitimate topic of study, said Mike Kelly, IPFW director of personal and professional development.

"It's not that we're legitimizing alien life form, per se, but that there are unexplained phenomena and just having a conversation about that is interesting," Kelly said. "We support critical thinking, obviously, no matter what the topic is, especially something that has far-fetched components and is challenging."

The three-course class, which begins Tuesday, is being taught by Roger Sugden, assistant state director and chief investigator of the Mutual UFO Network and a member of the Independent Crop Circle Research Association. Eight people have signed up for the class so far =96 a number that pleased Kelly but disappointed Sugden.

Sugden approached IPFW about teaching the course because no one had ever done it before, he said. He has offered information sessions at the Allen County Public Library and had as many as 75 people attend, so he thought there would be plenty of interest in a three-week class.

Sugden said he has run into plenty of skeptics, but that doesn't bother him. He simply wants to offer factual evidence of UFOs.

"There's plenty of interest in it," Sugden said. "I'm not trying to make you a believer. I'm just here to give you an education."

Michael Shermer, founding publisher of Skeptic magazine and the executive director of the Skeptics Society, said a university setting is ideal for critical discussions of claims of UFO sightings.

But a danger exists when institutions such as IPFW affiliate with a class that offers such claims as fact, because "it lends credibility where there actually isn't," Shermer said.

"What we try to strive for is keeping an open mind, but not so open that your brains fall out," he said.

The class will include the history of UFOs starting from the first documented sightings by Egyptian pharaohs and Roman emperors. Sugden said the history of UFO sightings includes the stories about Alexander the Great's sightings of flying objects in 332 B.C. The UFOs helped knock down fortress walls during the siege of the island Tyre, Sugden said.

"(UFOs) have a history of interfering with history," he said.

The course will extend through modern-day sightings, including those in Indiana. One sighting was in December 2003, when three police officers saw a strange object drifting through the skies over Huntington.

In March and April of this year, Indiana had the highest number of UFO sightings in the world, Sugden said. Reports are collected by the Mutual UFO Network and the National UFO Reporting Center.

"I'll tell about some of the cases where these things have actually landed and beings have gotten out and been seen and gotten back in and took off," Sugden said.

If this course is successful, Sugden hopes to someday be able to offer the class for credit. Already, he is planning to teach another non-credit course on UFOs in Warsaw in the spring =96 for both skeptics and believers.

"It's an educational thing," he said. "If you don't believe it, that's fine."

[kstockman.nul](#)

Angela Mapes of The Journal Gazette contributed to this story.

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How To Suckerproof Yourself

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How To Suckerproof Yourself

First, ask the hard questions. If this column were credible, why would it be called Rough Draft?

By Joel Achenbach

It's dangerous, living in the Misinformation Age. So much of what you hear and read is incorrect, stupid, crazy. Thanks to the Internet, nonsense has been accelerated and globalized. To survive, you need procedures for finding the credible information amid the ocean of idiocy, rumor, superstition, paranoia and thinly disguised commercial advertising. You have to learn to think like a scientist.

Let's say you have to do a term paper on spontaneous human combustion. Thinking like a scientist, you know that the best way to do research is to type "spontaneous human combustion" into the search box of Google. That will quickly lead to scientific data from such sources as Wikipedia, the popular online encyclopedia that lets anyone write its articles, and in which truth is whatever people decide it is.

The Wikipedia entry on SHC basically says that sometimes for absolutely no reason, a person will go Foof ! and become completely incinerated while nothing else in the room is even scorched. For example, there was a lady who not only suddenly combusted, her skull shrank to "the size of a teacup."

Yes, it borders on the incredible. Therefore you must do what a scientist would do, and say: What exactly is "the size of a teacup"? What brand of teacup? It's not as if the teacup is an officially recognized unit of measurement. Maybe her head shrank to the size of a grapefruit. Stipulate all this so the teacher will know you're not gullible.

Or let's say you are doing a paper on extraterrestrial life. Via the aforementioned scientific method, you will soon be back at Wikipedia, reading about the red rain in Kerala. In 2001, during a monsoon, many tons of red "cells" rained from the sky in India. A scientist argued that they might be a completely new form of life -- alien microbes! -- carried to Earth on a comet that might have exploded in the atmosphere. But if you put on your scientist hat, you'll recall that alien life forms are green not red. A more plausible scenario? The red stuff raining from the sky was human blood.

Defending yourself against misinformation comes in particularly handy when dealing with your own real and imaginary medical problems. Let's say you see a TV commercial for a new prescription drug, featuring a soothing, authoritative narrator:

"Do you sometimes feel a little jittery? Have you ever felt a little anxious or out of sorts? Do you sometimes get a bad feeling about things but can't quite figure out why? Then you may be suffering from a newly discovered disorder known as Chronic Heebie-Jeebie Syndrome . . ."

And so on, with information about the new miracle drug that will solve your malady with only a slight risk of such side effects as infertility, incontinence, dementia, coma and death. So do you call your doctor and demand the stuff? No, you need more hard data. So you go to the Internet and type in your symptoms and discover that you probably have Lou Gehrig's disease.

But hang on: A scientist knows that just because you have one mortal ailment doesn't mean you can't have another. Keep probing, and you may discover that you have a hideous combination of Lou Gehrig's disease and mad cow disease that will ensure that you'll never play baseball or graze again.

Now let's take a particularly dangerous bit of controversial information: Was 9/11 an inside job? According to a recent article in The Washington Post, the people who are most skeptical of the official story about 9/11 assert that not only were there no terrorists involved, there weren't actually any planes. Bombs planted by government agents did everything. These people are known, in 9/11 conspiracy circles, as "no-planers." Of course you don't buy it, because by now your scientific instincts have given you a "nonsense detector," and you realize the conspiracy buffs have ignored the possibility that what we all perceive as "reality" is actually something you have dreamed.

You can't even be sure that other people are not robots programmed to act and sound like normal human beings. You may be a disembodied brain floating in a scientist's vat, with wires controlling your thoughts.

If the stuff you see around you were really "real," don't you think it would make a heck of a lot more sense? Go through the list of things that are so absurd as to be fundamentally suspicious: the international space station, Tom Cruise, synchronized swimming, race-war "Survivor," the resurgent Taliban, Twinkies, "Gov. Schwarzenegger."

Your nonsense detector should be not just tingling, but on fire.

Read Joel Achenbach weekdays at:

www.washingtonpost.com/achenblog

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Australia

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/9oq3>

01.10.2006

Are UFOs Whizzing Over Our Heads?
by Nathan Evans

The skies over the Noosa hinterland are proving a hotspot for UFOs, with a recent string of unexplained sightings.

Now a 15-year-old Tinbeerwah school student has snapped a mysterious image that adds further weight to growing speculation we are not alone.

Trying out his new digital camera behind his Sunrise Road home around 3.30pm one recent afternoon, Charles McKenzie took a photo which revealed a small grey object that looks very much like a flying saucer.

The keen photographer said he had no reason to suspect the brand new \$600, six-megapixel Canon PowerShot s3IS camera had malfunctioned as none of the other photographs he had taken showed any abnormalities.

"I took another of the sky right before it, but it only appeared in one of the photos," he said.

"I looked at the lens and there was definitely nothing on it. I just had it set to auto focus and the flash wasn't on."

Glennys Mackay =96 Australian National Director for the Mutual UFO Network and Queensland UFO Network spokesperson =96 said the image had all the hallmarks of a spacecraft, including a distinct electromagnetic field.

She was doubtful it had been "fudged in" using photographic software or that it was an aeroplane.

"I'm confident it's genuine," she said.

"I have had two other people look at it and if you enhance it, it seems to have an energy circle above it ... there's a slight circle of light which could be radiation around it, but it's definitely not a plane, it's impossible that it's a reflection from a plane because it's out in the open."

But Owen Bennedick, from Wappa Falls Observatory, said even without seeing it he was 80% confident the shape was reflected light from a high-flying aircraft =96 a common cause of UFO sightings.

Other explanations were a satellite or an electromagnetic presence caused by pressurised rock in minor ground tremors. But

Charles said he wasn't so sure.

"I do believe in UFOs but I'm not into big conspiracy theories, I just believe they are up there," he said.

Black Mountain resident Barry Sheridan said he and his wife had frequently seen mysterious lights from their balcony but he was not convinced extra-terrestrials were to blame. "It really does go back a long time but until I see the window with the arm waving I'm holding out," he said.

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Wake Up And Question Reality

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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September 29, 2006

Wake Up And Question Reality, He Says

Filmmaker shows his No One's Watching: An Alien Abductee's Story at library

By Kate Mammolito=09

Jeremy Vaeni is just a normal Earthling, trying to make a buck as a columnist at UFO Magazine while living in Queens, but there's just one tiny difference between him and the rest of the world: He believes he's been abducted by aliens for years, and has documented his life's story in a film titled No One's Watching: An Alien Abductee's Story. It was shown September 8 in Centereach as part of the Middle Country Library's film series.

The "very low" budget =97 \$500 =97 documentary premiered first at Manhattan's Two Boots Pioneer Theater in March, before the Centereach screening before about 30 audience members from age 15 to 65, ranging from Gothically dressed teenagers to 20-something science nerds. In what the library called a "unique telling that forgoes the usual New Age abstractions and dares to have a sense of humor," Vaeni documented his everyday rituals of life, and later explained the film's theme to be: "The stuff that is real is fake and the stuff that is fake is real."

He said, "If I were looking at this, I would be skeptical too," referring to an audience member's question as to why he didn't really try to prove his story in the film. "I just wanted to focus on waking people up and make them question what reality's about."

Vaeni found a way to bring this theme to life by first filming "the love of his life," Jenny, and showing the wonderful relationship they shared. Halfway through the film though, he breaks up with her, only to reveal to the audience that it was all scripted, and he actually paid an actress to play the role. "What people think is important is not," he said.

Though Vaeni briefly discussed his "abduction" experiences throughout the film, the last occurring in October of 2001, he remained modest about the outlandish idea and said, "I don't really feel like I've been chosen, like I'm special =97 I think it's just a pool of people they're doing experiments on, and I happen to just be one of them."

He said his first experience occurred at the age of 13, when he saw a UFO. Then at 15, a creature that "looked like they do on TV" walked into his room "babbling, and stood around the bed," he said. Ever since, he's experienced things like hearing a

large group of people talking when no one's around, and "having periods of visions of stupid things like the curb on a sidewalk," Vaeni said, "where I couldn't move my eyes and couldn't change the location of what I was staring at." Though he labeled himself "a very imaginative person with vivid dreams," Vaeni assured the audience that these experiences were different, explaining that aliens implant in people a "screen" memory of something far less intense than the actual abduction, so it's easier for a human to deal with. Even so, he said he usually knows when it's happening, and admitted that "it's absolutely horrifying" =97 especially the first time.

Along his film journey to validate these lifelong alien interactions, Vaeni visits his parents in Massachusetts, and speaks to them in interviews that prove to be quite comical, considering that their sugarcoated reactions all lead to disbelief of their son's obsession. His mother, Mary, who remained skeptical throughout, said she didn't believe her son was abducted, and couldn't believe he still did. When Vaeni brought up the night she saw a UFO while driving, she said, "I hadn't thought about that in a while," but still shook her head in disbelief. His father, Edwin, who claimed to have seen alien-like creatures riding bicycles one night, said Vaeni "always had a thing for being from another planet," and thought his son used abductions to "work through" some other type of abuse experienced as a kid, but didn't say to what he might be referring.

Halfway through the film, Vaeni travels to Nevada to meet friends and a nondenominational "priest," Mark Olsen, who claims to have been abducted by aliens as well. Olsen gives Vaeni scientific lessons, revealing "alien scars" behind both his and his brother's ears, and together they all travel to a cliff, sit in lawn chairs, watch for UFO sightings, drink beer and wait to catch just a glimpse of something on film.

Because nothing happens to them, Vaeni once again referred to the film's theme, questioning reality, alien encounters and just how much human beings will believe if there's no evidence.

The documentary also shows a new "spiritual presence" in Vaeni's life, which he himself has a hard time explaining. Once he shuts down his brain, Vaeni claims, an "eastern, tai chi, yoga kind of thing," takes over his body, and makes him do movements, which he's caught on film in both his kitchen and in a Massachusetts field, using his mother's tai chi sword from one of her classes. "It's not me doing this =97 it has a personality of its own," he said. "It's something new and accessible to people =97 but it's mind boggling, and it doesn't make sense."

For his critics, Vaeni, who's also written a book called *I Know Why the Aliens Don't Land!*, said the entertainment aspect is much more important to him than proving his story to audiences.

"What proof could I really have?" he asked. "We are very stuck being logical beings, so most of us see it as irrational." When writing the book, he said, "I feel like we all know the alien abductee stories, so I wanted to concentrate more on the human elements of it," adding, "For the most part, my life is boring like everyone else's, but I guess it's weird being me because I walk between two worlds."

As for the reason these abductions occur, Vaeni remained stumped after being asked in a question-and-answer section following the film, but said, "It feels like some sort of enlightenment process that will bring people to 'oneness,'" adding, "It's not a question of who they are =97 that doesn't matter. It's the fact that once you wake up to the oneness, you are one, and you have to tell others. We have the irrational." When writing the book, he said, "I feel like we all know the alien abductee stories, so I wanted to concentrate more on the human elements of it," adding, "For the most part, my life is boring like everyone else's, but I guess it's weird being me because I walk between two worlds."

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Source: Ivan HG Van Mieghem's Blog, Antwerp - Belgium

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/j8tm>

Monday, October 02, 2006

SETI = 3D Silly Effort To Investigate or the Van Mieghem Equation

When I touch the UFO subject with a non-interested person the first the first thing he or she asks me is: "Do you believe in UFOs?".

Well what on earth has belief to do with the UFO enigma? I try to investigate the phenomena with an open mind using science as the basics.

So again what does belief has to do with it?

Now I don't believe in airplanes, cars, radio, the moon or in my computer. I know they exists, in fact everybody I know sees them daily or uses them. So no, I don't believe in UFOs. They are seen daily by millions of credible peoples across the globe. Often they leave physical evidence. They have been flying over military installations an are documented by high ranking military staff. They are video taped and filmed. Hundreds thousands of UFO pictures taken. Okay, there is the occasional hoax or fraud. But that is in everything which is important and sells. You see I do not have to believe in the UFO phenomena. It is here and one does not has to believe in something that is a fact of live. Of course you have the mainstream media and scientists whom have their own agenda regarding this phenomena.

But the thing what disturbs me the most is the attitude of certain 'scientists'. Mostly scientists paid by you and me. Scientists paid by tax money or even publicly sponsored programs. Now the state of our science and their modern priests, the scientists is something which should be discussed in another article. But it is not longer independent science, it needs to fit a certain ideology or agenda. Science these days is more about believing then religion and certainly the UFO phenomena is the victim of this attitude. But what really makes me angry is that certain scientists, mostly members of the PhD club, will use their knowledge (gathered by our tax money or publicly sponsored programs) to ridicule ideas we the common peoples have.

One of the guys which always succeed to blow my top is Professor Seth Shostak. Professor Seth Shostak, PhD club member in astronomy from the California Institute of Technology , is the boss of the SETI institute (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence). But don't be mistaken it is not a institute such as MIT. No this 'Institute' draws its funds from the public, you and me whom send them \$ or =80 earned with our sweat. Lately this 'Institute' is courting the former Microsoft guru Mr. Paul Allen. Well I have lots of respect for Mr. Allen whom is a self-

made man but that is not the issue. Its about the SETI institute trying to get millions from Mr. Paul Allen for the so called 'Allen Telescope Array'.

But what has this to do with the UFO enigma? Luckily nothing.

But all with the SETI Institute and Seth Shostak, the face and voice of SETI. Always I get irritated when I hear that fellow speak in his radio interviews. His attitude about telling the dumb an uneducated public that UFOs are all IFOs (Identified Flying Objects) and that we stupid as we are report swamp gas and the planet Venus as UFOs.

Of course there are no UFOs Professor Shostak. Because if there were who would pay millions of dollars to build the 'Van Allen Array' and pay the huge monthly paycheque's of the SETI staff?

Of course every light in the sky seen by millions across the globe are swamp gas and the planet Venus. Hey it was proven by the Condon report and Professor Condon of the PhD club could not be wrong. That was a independent and objective report if you haven ever seen one. And we non-PhD club members, we who actually work for our living are just to dumb to understand what we see or experience. Yes we are far to dumb to grasp that an Extraterrestrial civilization thousands or millions of years ahead of our technology level would use radio waves to communicate. As if those ET's whom perhaps travel 500 light-years to reach us would phone home using their cell phone or CB. CQ CQ, Waiting 500 years to get their message to arrive on their home planet and another 500 years to get an answer.

Yeah we non PhD's are so dumb we can't grasp that. Professor Shostak's attitude scientific? Well if you have a PhD in fundraising then yes because who in his right mind would pay millions of dollars for a radio telescope array to pick up ET's phone home message if ET was already here visiting us. But again we non PhD club members are far to dumb to understand, no? Well perhaps I should get a PhD then no? To achieve this I already have written a follow up to the Drake equation, modestly I will call it: 'the Van Mieghem equation'. Its for getting in the PhD club folks and one of the requirements is _ego_.

Well here is the Van Mieghem Equation:

SETI =3D Silly Effort To Investigate (for scientific usage I should make a reference to Mr. Stanton T. Friedman)

Greetings to all my fellow stupid non PhD club members,

Ivan HG Van Mieghem
Antwerp - Belgium

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Re: Tim Good Interview On-Line - Gottschall

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 19:27:20 +1000
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 13:04:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Tim Good Interview On-Line - Gottschall

Timothy Good spoke at our 50 anniversary UFO conference held this last week-end and as part of the conference promotion Tim was interviewed by radio JJJ in Brisbane last Thursday. His interview will be available on-line for just a few more days at:

<http://www.abc.net.au/triplej/listen/default.htm>

The interview has music in between and goes for just under an hour. Click on Dr Carl under programs where it can be heard in either real or windows media player.

Once I recover from the post conference blues I hope to send you a conference report. AJ Gevaerd and Glenn Steckling were also our special guest speakers.

Sheryl
(down under)
www.uforg.asn.au

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Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Kevin

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 11:57:55 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 13:07:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Kevin

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2006 20:23:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 16:18:41 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

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KRandle

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Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 14:43:05 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 07:34:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Ledger

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 11:57:55 EDT
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Hi Kevin,

My secretary showed me a news article in the newspaper a few
years ago concerning a busload of people being in an accident.
They were attending a convention in Las Vegas and they were all
supposed to be psychics. Her question to me was, "Shouldn't they
know that this was going to happen?" You would think a least a
few of them would.

Don Ledger

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Re: Timothy Good And... - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 13:50:56 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 07:37:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Timothy Good And... - Gammon

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 17:39:57 -0300
>Subject: Re: Timothy Good And...

>>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 15:06:15 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Timothy Good And...

>>>Source: ABC Radio Network - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

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

>>>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...

>><snip>

>>If it is true that an advanced civilization, relating to our
>>past, remains hidden from us on Earth, then the situation is far
>>more ominous than anyone has imagined.

>>It would basicly imply that we are indeed, 'The Cattle of the Gods.'

>>Plato wrote about a 'perfect society.' In his mind a perfected
>>class would rule over the 'its'. I wonder where we fall into his
>>utopia?

>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

Thanks for the pleasent images, Don.

You know, just because they have technology currently superior to ours, doesn't mean they are more intelligent. Even if 'they' turn out to be 'posthumans' from our past, we still have the upper hand.

Those on top of the pyramid remain in such position merely by the promotion of secrecy and deception. Disclose the information they truly don't want revealed, the information that would allow us to 'see' them for what they truly are, and the mighty will fall.

- Jason Gammon

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Re: The New ESA Mars Face - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 18:32:37 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 07:39:08 -0400
Subject: Re: The New ESA Mars Face - Kasten

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 19:28:40 -0500
>Subject: Re: The New ESA Mars Face

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 21:33:54 +0000
>>Subject: Re: The New ESA Mars Face

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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.

>No image shows any evidence of this "horn" that has suddenly
>appeared on the Face, and there have been at least 5 or 6 taken
>by MGS and Themis since 1998.

>>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.

>Contrary to what you seem to believe, this thing from ESA is not
>an image of the Mars Face; it's a 3-D reconstruction, and a
>dubious one at that. Unfortunately, there's no Freedom of
>Information Act that covers ESA, so the actual images on which
>this model is based may never be released. I'd be very surprised
>if they showed any evidence of this horn that was somehow missed
>by the high-resolution cameras of the Mars Global Surveyor and
>Themis spacecraft.

>>Please! Can we all give that donkey the rest it deserves?

>The individuals responsible for the unrest are the people with
>ESA who created this weird "perspective" image.

Really? And, you seem to have trouble recognizing when someone
is making fun of all the "challengers" to the facts of the matter.
Proving that "the believers" do not have a sense of humor?

KK

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Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 16:35:04 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 07:41:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - White

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 11:57:55 EDT
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One of the characteristics of psychic events is also what gives mainstream scientists their excuse to ridicule psychic events, and label them unworthy of their study. That is, psychic attempts don't 'work' all the time.

What the "so much for psychics" declaration, and the ridicule from mainstream scientists are totally ignoring is, maybe if psychic events were studied seriously, over some serious time, enough would be learned so that the practitioners would find out how to improve, and maybe be, entirely consistent and repeatable.

It is grossly unfair and unscientific to declare repeated, but not repeatable-on-demand, phenomena as "didn't work", until a substantial amount of study, scrupulously done in full public view, no closed door stuff, has taken place over substantial time.

Again, my criterion for selecting psychics to participate in a Mars face remote viewing is that they have at least one clear-cut forensic success. Verified, of course. And a group, at least 20, should cover the possibility that the verified success of one or two psychic candidates didn't come by their forensic success by chance.

Odds are most in that group would not be well known to the public.

Eleanor White

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Why Are The ETs Here?

From: Lyle Michel <courtroomevidence456.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 15:43:01 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 07:53:13 -0400
Subject: Why Are The ETs Here?

Why are the extraterrestrials here? I found this thought provoking and I hope you do too!

Transcribed from the TV series Taken - the 19th out of the 20 hour Spielberg production.

It suggests one of the possibilities as to why the extraterrestrials have been involved with the evolution of life on earth. I hope you find it as thought provoking as I did.

Earthing: Why are you here?

Earthing: Why have you been doing this?

Earthing: What the hell do you want?

Extraterrestrial or ET: We are just trying to understand!

Earthing: Understand what?

ET: Everything!

ET: I will try to put this in terms that you commonly use.

ET: I am a scientist.

ET: We were all scientist.

ET: We came here to learn about your world.

ET: Our idea was to find out everything.

ET: Your history, your biology, everything.

ET: We came here to learn.

ET: We are not that different from you, genetically, biologically.

ET: What you call evolution has changed us.

ET: We see things in you that we no longer recognize in ourselves.

Earthing: What do we know?

Their energy that can manifest itself in different ways.

Earthing: As the beings we have seen, as their crafts. As their thoughts! There is no right or wrong about them.

ET: The whole concept about right and wrong was alien to us.

The idea that the things we were doing were cruel.

Earthing: They have no concept of kindness or cruelty . No way of seeing beyond the oneness of all that energy.

ET: To the separateness! The uniqueness! Your ability to hate, to love, to feel, you have compassion as well as cruelty! We lack both. That is the traits lie dormant.

Earthing: In their brains like the animal that lives far back inside all of us. But an experience that is something basic. Awaken that primitive thing.

And that is what happened!

ET: Your grandmother Sally. She took me in and showed me a great kindness.

Earthing: Something could have touched one of them Something small and simple Awakened the sense that was missing. Been gone and half remembered!

ET: And so our greatest experiment began

Earthing: Could they put it back. The thing that had been bred out of them for eons and eons!

ET: Your emotional core! Your strength! Your feeling! And our more evolved consciousness!

ET: Could we bring these two things together. If we could do this , we would have the...

Earthing: ...next step in evolutionary life!

(Please note that the earthling finished the sentence started by the ET! It suggests agreement as to an understanding of why the extraterrestrials have been conducting experiments on earth.)

ET: The experiment was an unqualified success!

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Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Balaskas

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 19:21:45 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 08:03:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Balaskas

>From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 1 Oct 2006 09:56:55 -0700
>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 13:21:25 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>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.

>As I noted before also, it is the same face. I already linked
>to previous MGS images for comparison in my previous posts from
>September 23 and 26. Some are in Mac's blog article also. But I
>agree with Mac that the "horn" should not be there in all
>likelihood; there's no sign of it in any of the higher-
>resolution (and with various shadowing) MGS images.

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

The latest Mars probe, NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, has now finally started taking pictures of the Martian surface after it arrived at the Red Planet a little over half a year ago. MRO will soon provide us with images of the "Face" in Cydonia of such unprecedented resolution (warts, zits, pores and all) that we will be able to determine once and for all if this "Face" is indeed artificial or not.

I predict that the "horn" in ESA's much lower resolution 3-D pictures will turn out to be nothing more exciting than an image processing artifact. Since NASA's MRO space probe can resolve objects smaller than a car on the surface, I also predict that once the hypothesis that the "Face" is an artificial structure is finally put to rest, it will soon be replaced with the new hypothesis that this "Face" was once an island in a now dried out ocean that is littered with artificial-looking ruins and much other evidence for past (and present?) activity by Martians or other ETs.

The only way to say for sure if this new hypothesis - which was once widely held by astronomers prior to arrival of Mariner IV to Mars - is the correct one is to go there in person. After all, the U.S., Russia and other emerging space faring nations need a good reason to justify the high costs involved in the manned exploration and eventual settlement of the many worlds in our solar system.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Timothy Good And... - Balaskas

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 08:05:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Timothy Good And... - Balaskas

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2006 19:15:42 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Timothy Good And...

>Source: ABC Radio Network - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

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

>Friday, September 29, 2006

>Timothy Good And Graeme Base

<snip>

>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.

I agree that most UFO sightings which continue to be reported all over the world can be explained in conventional terms. There is no one answer to the UFO mystery. That said, one should resist not jump to quick conclusions by assuming that the few very strange and unexplained sightings (several thousand or more documented so far) must be artificial and of extra-terrestrial origin because this seems very reasonable to us brought up in this space-age generation. Many of these remaining UFO sightings could very well have natural and/or terrestrial explanations, including the mythological and religious ones that this self professed "smarter" generation has discarded.

>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...

Even as recently as WWII and the Cold War era Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union and the U.S. developed and tested secret aircraft and weapons which other civilized nations thought were possible only in the realm of science fiction. Studies in the pure and social sciences, including parapsychology and religious history continue to point out to the obvious that the cosmos we are part of cannot be understood or explained by humans who are limited only by our five senses and who are virtual prisoners of only three dimensions of space and one "dimension" of time.

Our leaders and thinkers throughout the past from all cultures and lands held views of the cosmos that were vaster than what we consider to be reality. Is it because we are smarter than they were that we will not even entertain what to many is an obvious fact - we are not alone in the universe or even on this planet.

In our arrogance we forget that there are other intelligences that share this planet we call home who we know very little

about. My friend Wayne once told me of how he encountered one such Earthly intelligence during a walk along the Pacific Ocean. As he walked on dry land along the coast he was followed by a large curious whale at the edge of its water world. Wayne could see one of the whale's eyes closely checking out him as it slowly paced him for long time and Wayne wondered what this creature could deduce about him and his world through its blurry vision. How could such an intelligent creature ever comprehend the human mind or human values or even imagine the places we live and work and the electronic toys we have to amuse ourselves with. Maybe we too could not ever hope to comprehend the whale's mind or fully appreciate its existence in this very different world of water.

Having gained my trust, Wayne went on to tell me about other encounters with intelligences here on this Earth. These included a family of "Big Foot" cooking around a camp fire deep inside the woods of B.C. while he once worked as a fire lookout ranger. Although he was not "religious", Wayne also shared about some other encounters with intelligences that were very real to him which I can only describe as spiritual - and maybe better left for other less skeptical and more openminded readers.

>"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>

After lunch while visiting the bookstore, a colleague of mine pointed out a copy of Darwin's book "On the Origin of the Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle of Life" in the science section shelves and asked if I had read this important scientific work. I said yes and added that it was not on the strength of Darwin's "scientific" thesis (not very compelling) or its uniqueness (it wasn't) that caused many to embrace it as truth but because it excluded God or a higher intelligence in creation. He pointed out that since "99.9" percent of our genes were in common with the Chimp wasn't this proof that Darwin was right (actually it is closer to 96 percent, or even less depending on how one does the comparing, which would then make humans also as closely related to certain non-mammals too in addition to the Chimp). I argued that even facts can be interpreted in different ways since I could argue that because of such close similarities in our DNA is evidence of the "brushstrokes" of the same common Artist or Creator. He laughed and did what other intellectuals of this generation do when my explanation is not an acceptable one, he changed the subject.

The point I want to make here is, yes, we could very well be a creation of some higher intelligence than simply an accident of nature as is widely believed by this generation. Of course this begs the question, who created our creators? Although "I certainly can't prove that" too, we still cannot rule out what our parents and ancestors once thought was the obvious answer - Genesis 1:1 (i.e. there was one Supreme Creator or God present at the beginning).

Nick Balaskas

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Hairy Entity in Camuy Puerto Rico

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 18:05:39 -0400
Subject: Hairy Entity in Camuy Puerto Rico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 3, 2006

Source: OVNI.NET
Date: 10.02.06

Puerto Rico: Camuy Girl Terrified by Hairy Creature Materialization

Location: Camuy

Date: An evening between September 19-22, 2006

Time: Between 10:30 and 11:00 PM

Witness: Daughter of a paranormal researcher in Puerto Rico
(names on file with Ovni.net)

Age: 7 (researcher describes child as being serious and mature
for her age; not given to falsification)

Brief Description: A set of red eyes came in through the window and materialized into a hairy creature beside the girl. Upon materialization, its estimated height was 5 feet 6 inches (judging by the girl's mother's height), all hairy "like lions" (black fur), human shaped mouth with dirty canine-like teeth, pointed ears like those of a dog, hairy human hands with canine-like nails (claws), human feet. It growled, was unclothed, and tried to grab her. The entity did not issue any odor or stench. No temperature changes were reported.

Brief Summary: At around 10:30 to 11:00 PM., the girl's mother (the fiancée of a well-known paranormal researcher), told the girl to go to her grandparent's bathroom to brush her teeth and go to bed. The girl went out of the room in search of her mother, terrified and weeping, trembling with fear. She told her mother that "the Chupacabras" was in her grandparents room and had tried to seize her. After the mother calmed her down, the girl told her what happened: she entered her grandparent's room (which has a window facing a school - eastward exposure) and was about to open the bathroom door when she saw red eyes drift into the window.

The eyes materialized on her right into something she described as having her mother's height (5'6"), hairy all over like a lion (black fur), man-shaped mouth with dirty canine-like teeth, pointed ears like those of a dog, hairy human hands with canine-like nails (claws), human feet. It growled, was unclothed, and tried to grab her. She started to run and scream. When she ran toward the bedroom's exit, the creature followed, making as if to grab her. She shut the bedroom door behind her and ran to her mother. The paranormal researcher interviewed the child several times and her statement of the facts did not change; it was obvious that remembering the events inspired fear. When Lucy Guzman interviewed the mother and child two weeks later (October 2, 2006), the girl retold her experience calmly and the version of the events was identical to the mother's. Guzman inquired if any good or bad odors had been present, and the girl replied that "it neither smelled nor stank." Guzman asked if the room had grown hot or cold, and the girl replied that the air

conditioner had been on at the time, remaining at the same level of coolness throughout.

Comments: The child reported having felt something watching her earlier, but was unaware of what it could be. The mother (a serious young woman) is sensitive and has clairaudient and clairvoyant abilities. It appears that the child has inherited this gift).

Note: The researcher has a sketch of something similar to what the girl reported seeing. It was a case from many years ago in the same area. The report and sketch appeared in the defunct "El Mundo" newspaper. At the time, residents of the site had gone out to find the creature but could not find it. The researcher will try to find this information (on microfilm) and will print it to show it to the child and confirm if that is what it saw.

Reported by: Mother and daughter to the anonymous researcher; mother and daughter to Lucy Guzman, Ovni.net.

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Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 06:07:18 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 18:06:45 -0400
Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Pope

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 21:38:05 +0000
>Subject: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 13:06:00 +0100
>>Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

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>>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.

>What was the official conclusion of that investigative body that
caused them to disband the research/collection of data?

The disbandment of S4(Air) was part of a wider MOD
reorganisation. The MOD lead for UFOs subsequently passed to a
division known as DS8.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Recent Turkish UFO Reports

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Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 18:21:06 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 18:21:06 -0400
Subject: Recent Turkish UFO Reports

Source: Sabah - Istanbul, Turkey

<http://tinyurl.com/nszy9>

03 October 2006

Report by The Pilot Says: "I have seen a UFO"

At the weekend, lots of notifications regarding UFOs were received by Ankara Esenbog(a. In Antalya, a pilot reported that: "An undefined object has been seen."

UFO Surprise In Five Cities

In several regions of Turkey, there was a surprise sighting of a "UFO" Saturday night. However, the object is speculated to have been a meteor.

In Turkey, a flaming ball in the sky caused a stir of a UFO sighting Saturday night. Telephone calls were made all over the country to the route control center at Ankara Esenbog(a Airport. Citizens from Ankara, Nevsehir, Balıkesir, Konya and Antalya said: "We have seen a blazing ball with a flaming tail in the sky; we have seen a UFO." A flying plane around Antalya also reported to the control center that: "an undefined flying object was spotted."

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Strange Sighting Puzzles Couple

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 18:32:19 -0400
Subject: Strange Sighting Puzzles Couple

Source: The Shropshire Star - Telford, Shropshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/ham7n>

Tuesday, 3rd October

Strange Sighting Puzzles Couple

A mysterious white object has left a couple spooked after they spotted it as they drove along the A5 towards Telford.

Richard and Linda Ortyl were heading from Cannock when they both saw a solid white shape on the left hand side of the road at 12.10am on Saturday. The pair, who live in south Manchester, at first thought the shape could have been an animal.

They said: "This shape was about 1ft wide by 3ft or 4ft long. It quickly glided up the side of the hedges, over the top and curled around a wide tree.

"Our initial thoughts were that it was a white fox because of the shape and size but the movement was too fast, it came off the ground and the movement was not animal-like." They added: "The shape was also a solid white mass with no definable features of legs or tails or wings."

Shropshire UFO expert Phil Hoyle said today over the years there had been a number of unusual sightings on the A5.

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Psychics [was: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face]

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 18:39:14 -0400
Subject: Psychics [was: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face]

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 14:43:05 -0300
>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 11:57:55 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 01 Oct 2006 20:23:15 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 16:18:41 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>><snip>

>>>>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.

>>>"Just for fun," I'd like to see a significant number (say, 20-
>>>50) of the best psychics who have had at least one clear cut
>>>success in forensic work focus on the face, write their
>>>impressions, seal them, and hand them over to one of our most
>>>generally accepted as objective UFO observers. When all are in,
>>>I'd like to see their reports posted here.

>>Eleanor, List, All -

>>Back in the mid-1990s when I had my radio show in El Paso,
>>Texas, I invited Irene Hughes on. She was one of the leading
>>"psychics" of the time. This was in January and I asked her who
>>was going to win the Super Bowl. There were only four teams left
>>standing and she said something like Green Bay. At the end of
>>the show, when I had let her go, I said, about the Super Bowl,
>>everyone knows it's going to be Dallas over Pittsburgh by ten. I
>>think the final was Dallas over Pittsburgh by 11. Anyway, the
>>point is, Hughes couldn't even tell me which teams would be in
>>and I not only gave the two teams but missed the final margin by
>>a single point... so much for psychics.

>>And yes, I do have a copy of the tape and the date on it that
>>we can verify this prediction. I suspect it was an outgrowth of
>>watching football and doing a show in Texas that caused the
>>prediction such as it was.

>Hi Kevin,

>My secretary showed me a news article in the newspaper a few

>years ago concerning a busload of people being in an accident.
>They were attending a convention in Las Vegas and they were all
>supposed to be psychics. Her question to me was, "Shouldn't >they
>know that this was going to happen?" You would think a least a
>few of them would.

>Don Ledger

Now that is funny!

The ability to foresee events is true as far as I'm concerned
but it's not reliable. Probably due to our own inability to
focus and confront things that we don't want.

I'm sure we've all had those moments when we knew something or
were aware of something not yet manifest and sure enough it came
to pass. Did we cause it or did we just make a very good high
end prediction given on mathematical probabilities from our own
equally high end processing abilities below our levels of
awareness? Only the eggheads will ever be sure.

As for that face on Mars thing again, I hope the next robot we
send is equipped with a giant shovel and NASA just covers it up
so no other space faring civilizations will get sidetracked.

Best,

Greg

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What Made The Circle?

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 18:43:51 -0400
Subject: What Made The Circle?

Source: The Salina Journal - Kansas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/n33zw>

Monday, October 02

What Made The Circle?

Beloit crop circle attracts attention

By Tim Unruh
Salina Journal

BELOIT - Jane Wallace is careful to speculate about what created a large circle in her field of sorghum-sudangrass, but she is certain that it wasn't a UFO.

"We're just saying it wasn't man-made," said Wallace, Beloit. "We think was some other kind of phenomena."

Whatever caused the circle - 133 feet from east to west and 132 from north to south - it soon became a tourist attraction after it was spotted on Sept. 9 in a field 2 1/2 miles east of Beloit off Kansas Highway 9

"People just started coming by to see it," Wallace said. "It was all over town." And beyond town, too.

Word reached other states, bringing in crop investigators Rich Webb, Omaha, Neb., and Ted Robertson, Bloomington, Ind.

"We determined it to be a nonman-made crop circle," Webb said Monday.

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Argentina's Enigmatic Brealito Lagoon

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 18:49:00 -0400
Subject: Argentina's Enigmatic Brealito Lagoon

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 3, 2006

Source: El Tribuno de Salta and Planeta UFO
Date: October 2, 2006

Argentina: Enigmatic Brealito Lagoon and Recta de Tin-Tin

A mysterious region filled with odd stories and accounts of lights, UFOS and monsters reaches from El Cajoncillo to Brealito Lagoon in the departments of Cachi and Molinos.

The area's landscape, which begins at the very heart of the Los Cardones National Park, assists in letting human imagination run away: the traveler is surrounded by a marvelous landscape at Cuesta del Obispo, runs into Recta de Tin-Tin, crosses the town of Seclantas and reaches the edges of Brealito Lagoon, resembling a landscape from another world. Recta de Tin-Tin is a perfectly straight stretch of road that extends for 11 kilometers and forms part of the ancient Inca road network, employed centuries ago to link the various points of the Tahuantisuyo, whose capital was in Cuzco.

In the 1980's a team from Diario El Tribuno made a report on Brealito Lagoon and gathered accounts that have not been forgotten to this very day. At that time, a police officer from Seclantas - now deceased - known as Gringo Guzman, told the detailed story of an apparition that caused him to lose sleep until the end of his days.

An avid fisherman, he would visit the lagoon regularly, as it was only 24 kilometers from his home. At that time, he made ready to spend a night at the edge of the enormous pond, which has a capricious shape and is surrounded by mineral hills and whose southering wing stretches into a rocky defile. He lit his lamp and settled under a gigantic black carob tree (a characteristic species of the area's damp microclimate, with red soil and green thistles. He cast his line and suddenly the waters became agitated. A splashing sound was heard as something large and heavy began to move around. Curiosity got the better of him and he did his best to see what it was; at the border of light and darkness he thought he saw a large dark figure, but the image was fleeting. As he didn't quite understand what had occurred, he calmed himself and prepared to cast his line into the water again, but as he was about to do so, the splashing returned-this time much stronger- and no lamp was needed to see the gigantic figure that emerged scant meters away from him.

He was able to make out the shape of what he said was a gigantic reptile or "pejerrey" with a scaly back. Horrified, the man ran away, falling several time. Although - he said - once he had recovered from the shock, he did his best to calm down and return for his belongings, he found them completely soaked in water, in spite of being 4 meters away from the water's edge, as though swamped by a gigantic wave.

Brealito is surrounded by scattered houses occupied by local residents, no more than 10 of them. Many in Seclantas report that the site is filled with eyewitnesses to very strange

events.

Gloria Aban, former national deputy and a member of one of the oldest families in the region, said that: "Brealito is a source of phenomena that have been reported since the dawn of time" adding that there are two key individuals living near the lagoon - Tomas Pastrana and Estanislao Lopez - who have seen the monster. Aban is a physician and currently a member of the Provincial Insurance Board.

Mrs. Funes, owner of the "La Rueda" hostelry in Seclantas, claims that executives from the now-vanished COTAS corporation (which was the largest passenger transportation service in the capital 20 years ago) told her of having had an experience similar to that of Gringo Guzman. These businessmen visited the area every year to spend a few vacation days with their families, and after running into the creature, made a quick getaway and never again returned to the site.

They told her that while sitting at the lagoon's edge, the children's attention was drawn by a strange waterspout that was heading toward them. The waterspout made an ululating sound that echoed amid the rocky mountains that surround the lagoon. Amid the water tornado that came out of nowhere on a calm, sunny morning, they claimed to have seen a semi human figure of colossal size. According to their story, the entity had the figure of a woman covered by a watery veil. It isn't hard to imagine how those people jumped aboard their vehicle and never returned.

Geographer Flavio Aban, who knows the area very well, has attempted to get to the bottom of the area's history and mysteries with the aid of one of his nine brothers, Fido Aban. "...this area contains not only the mystery that concerns you (the journalists). It is also customary for local residents to see strange lights in the mountains, especially the ones toward the west. Large luminous eyes that cover the area without their origin ever being determined. No one can deny that there isn't at least one mysterious presence living under the waters of Brealito, or that something unknown is taking place there. We have determined the existence of strange movements in the water, which repeat frequently at dusk. These movements cannot be due to a current, unless it is a source of energy that comes from the depths. Furthermore, the lagoon's waters are brackish, have a strange mineral taste, and their true depth has never been ascertained."

Walter Aban, mayor of Seclantas (a distant relative of Gloria, Fido and Flavio) does not believe in the monster, but agrees that inexplicable things do happen in the area. "Look, anyone traveling between Salta and Seclantas knows that strange lights appear in the sky from the Recta de Tin-Tin onwards. Are they UFOs? I don't know. But I can assure it's no fantasy."

Aban's words were confirmed by another area mayor, Hector Legoburo of Payogasta. "It's true, the Recta de Tin-Tin is a mysterious place at night. The lights that can be seen crossing the skies overhead are not a product of human engineering. Traveling from Salta to Payogasta I witnessed, I was tailed by a luminous object for a number of minutes. The people with me thought it was the lights of a construction vehicle, but it was impossible for a wheeled machine. And when the glare became brightest, we saw it vanish into the sky. I have no explanation for this."

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Thoughts On Mexico's Paredon Entity

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Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 18:52:13 -0400
Subject: Thoughts On Mexico's Paredon Entity

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 3, 2006

Source: Fundacion Cosmos, A.C.
Date: 10.02.06

Thoughts Regarding Paredon Entity (EBANI)
from David Lara Cervantes

Those of us who live in Coahuila know that the Paredon Region, right up to "La Muralla" (part of the mountain range) is a hot zone as regards paranormal events and UFO sightings. There was a time when people traveling along the Saltillo-Monclova road would mention a half-man, half-horse creature. UFO sightings at Hacienda de Guadalupe are also common. A couple with whom I spoke told me of the following experience.

They did business in the "los ranchos" region when one day, at noon under clear skies, they decided to stop for lunch at Hacienda de Guadalupe. They were eating inside their pickup truck when they heard a buzzing sound and realized that a silvery orb was directly over their vehicle. They watched it for a few seconds until the sphere "suddenly rose" and both eyewitnesses passed out. They woke up a few hours later and fled the area. They were simple people and to them, the event was merely "an apparition". I never mentioned to them the possibility that they could have been abducted.

Fireballs, which tradition maintains are witches in flight, are also a common sight.

What is unusual is that these events take place during given periods of time (what insiders would term "waves") and the EBANI's apparition coincide with a UFO wave taking place in southern Coahuila (Mexico). The week before last, a Saltillo newspaper published a photograph of a UFO, which I am trying to secure.

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Re: Timothy Good And... - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 10:16:35 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 18:54:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Timothy Good And... - Tarbell

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 21:11:17 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Timothy Good And...

><snip>

>The point I want to make here is, yes, we could very well be a
>creation of some higher intelligence than simply an accident of
>nature as is widely believed by this generation. Of course this
>begs the question, who created our creators? Although "I
>certainly can't prove that" too, we still cannot rule out what
>our parents and ancestors once thought was the obvious answer -
>Genesis 1:1 (i.e. there was one Supreme Creator or God present
>at the beginning).

Hi Nick,

I think the fundamental problem that "this generation" (of scientists anyway) has with the creator mythos is not the question that it begs (who created the creator?), since an analogous question is raised in standard cosmology (from whence came the big bang?). What makes the concept so distasteful from a scientific standpoint is that it is not falsifiable. It is literally true that we cannot rule out Genesis 1:1, and it is this very property that makes it scientifically vacuous, even if philosophically or intuitively appealing. Kind of like string theory.

Mike

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Re: Timothy Good And... - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 13:27:12 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 18:58:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Timothy Good And... - Ledger

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 13:50:56 EDT
>Subject: Re: Timothy Good And...

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 17:39:57 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Timothy Good And...

>>>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 15:06:15 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Timothy Good And...

<snip>

>>>If it is true that an advanced civilization, relating to our
>>>past, remains hidden from us on Earth, then the situation is far
>>>more ominous than anyone has imagined.

>>>It would basicly imply that we are indeed, 'The Cattle of the Gods.'

>>>Plato wrote about a 'perfect society.' In his mind a perfected
>>>class would rule over the 'its'. I wonder where we fall into his
>>>utopia?

>>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

>Thanks for the pleasent images, Don.

>You know, just because they have technology currently superior
>to ours, doesn't mean they are more intelligent. Even if 'they'
>turn out to be 'posthumans' from our past, we still have the
>upper hand.

>Those on top of the pyramid remain in such position merely by
>the promotion of secrecy and deception. Disclose the information
>they truly don't want revealed, the information that would allow
>us to 'see' them for what they truly are, and the mighty will
>fall.

They don't have to be more intelligent. We are no more
intelligent than humans of 15 or 20,000 years ago. We are just
more knowlegable as would be some alien intellect. They have
more resources at their disposal and know how to use them. But
put the two together in a situation, a level playing field,
where technical knowledge without the tools to use this tech
knowledge and the primitives would likely win out because they
deal in primitive techniques on a daily basis.

Don

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Veterans' Right to Know Act

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 17:41:25 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 19:00:51 -0400
Subject: Veterans' Right to Know Act

MK ULTRA really did exist - a terrifying thought - the point where science fiction became a political horror story.

A group of military veterans who were the unsuspecting victims of experimentation have been campaigning for the truth.

Veterans' Right to Know Act (Introduced in House)

The above act was approved by Congress on 29th September. The veterans that were poisoned in these tests 30-50 years ago, will finally learn the truth about the exposures when this commission gets done in 2-3 years (if they live long enough).

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/mkultra3.htm>

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Re: The New ESA Mars Face - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming6.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 11:54:44 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 19:03:16 -0400
Subject: Re: The New ESA Mars Face - Fleming

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 18:32:37 +0000
>Subject: The New ESA Mars Face

>>From: Lan Fleming <lflaming6.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 19:28:40 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The New ESA Mars Face

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 21:33:54 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: The New ESA Mars Face

>><snip>

>>>"If the horn is a genuine formation"? The challenge to me as a
>>>writer conjures up strange scenarios to satisfy the "believers"
>>>stance.

>>No image shows any evidence of this "horn" that has suddenly
>>appeared on the Face, and there have been at least 5 or 6 taken
>>by MGS and Themis since 1998.

>>>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.

>>Contrary to what you seem to believe, this thing from ESA is not
>>an image of the Mars Face; it's a 3-D reconstruction, and a
>>dubious one at that. Unfortunately, there's no Freedom of
>>Information Act that covers ESA, so the actual images on which
>>this model is based may never be released. I'd be very surprised
>>if they showed any evidence of this horn that was somehow missed
>>by the high-resolution cameras of the Mars Global Surveyor and
>>Themis spacecraft.

>>>Please! Can we all give that donkey the rest it deserves?

>>The individuals responsible for the unrest are the people with
>>ESA who created this weird "perspective" image.

>Really? And, you seem to have trouble recognizing when someone
>is making fun of all the "challengers" to the facts of the matter.
>Proving that "the believers" do not have a sense of humor?

Proving that self-proclaimed "skeptics" either have difficulty
with reading comprehension or enjoy misrepresenting other
peoples' stated opinions. By "believer" I assume you mean me. As
I said, my only "belief" in this question is that while the
images of the Face show an interesting symmetry, they are
insufficient to support the claim that the landform is
artificial. As for humor, the ridicule you use to shout down
conflicting views is not especially amusing. Or original.

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Secrecy News -- 10/03/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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ENERGY DEPT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE POLYGRAPH TESTING

After years of public controversy, the Department of Energy has adopted a new polygraph testing policy that it said "will significantly reduce the number of individuals who will undergo a polygraph examination."

In particular, "DOE has decided to alter the role of polygraph testing as a required element of the counterintelligence evaluation program by eliminating such testing for general screening of applicants for employment and incumbent employees without specific cause," according to a notice published in the Federal Register.

The use of the polygraph for "general screening" of employees has been its most commonly criticized application.

DOE rejected arguments that polygraph testing should be eliminated entirely, indicating that such a position "cannot be reconciled" with Congressional direction to DOE to develop a new polygraph policy.

The new policy will still "require a counterintelligence [polygraph] evaluation for applicants for certain high-risk positions and every five years for incumbents of those positions," the DOE notice said.

See "Counterintelligence Evaluation Regulations," Federal Register, September 29:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/09/fr092906.html>

I discussed "Polygraph Testing and the DOE National Laboratories" in a November 2000 essay in Science Magazine here:

<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/290/5493/939>

On October 2, a federal court rejected a legal challenge to polygraph testing that was filed by six applicants for jobs at the FBI and the Secret Service who were denied employment after they failed a polygraph test, as noted on the web site antipolygraph.org.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES CONFRONTS DECLASSIFICATION CHALLENGES

With hundreds of millions of pages to be reviewed for declassification in the coming decade, the National Archives (NARA) faces an enormous logistical challenge if it is to discharge its responsibility to open up the historical record to the American public.

A new "Report on Declassification Challenges" suggests that the Archives, led by National Archivist Dr. Allen Weinstein, is taking the matter seriously.

"Over the next ten years,... NARA needs to be positioned to effectively and efficiently process more than 766 million pages of classified federal records," the Report notes.

"Even without the challenges identified in this report, the sheer volume requiring declassification processing by NARA with its limited resources is itself a significant challenge."

The August 2006 report, publicly released last week, lays out the magnitude of the current declassification burden and sketches a proposed concept for operations for a new National Declassification Initiative to help expedite the process.

For a variety of reasons, including resource limitations and bureaucratic resistance from some agencies, the success of the new initiative is not assured.

But neither is declassification an "optional" activity that can be easily dispensed with. To the contrary, the Report says, declassification is an integral part of classification policy.

"One of the principal means of maintaining the effectiveness of the security classification system is the prompt removal of classification controls from information that no longer requires protection in the interest of national security."

The new Report was released by the Archivist "in the spirit of transparency and to ensure that all quarters are aware of the challenges faced by NARA in this area, our ongoing efforts to address them, and to highlight the commitment of NARA to fulfilling our responsibilities to both safeguard information that requires continued protection and otherwise seek the prompt declassification and release of information."

A copy of the NARA Report on Declassification Challenges is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/nara-challenges.pdf>

A SLEW OF CRS REPORTS

Some new products of the Congressional Research Service obtained by Secrecy News include the following.

"Enemy Combatant Detainees: Habeas Corpus Challenges in Federal Court," updated September 26, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33180.pdf>

"Terrorist Surveillance Act of 2006: S. 3931 and Title II of S. 3929, the Terrorist Tracking, Identification, and Prosecution Act of 2006," September 25, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL33669.pdf>

"Intelligence Spending: Public Disclosure Issues," updated September 25, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/94-261.pdf>

"Selected Procedural Safeguards in Federal, Military, and International Courts," updated September 18, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL31262.pdf>

"East Asian Regional Architecture: New Economic and Security Arrangements and U.S. Policy," September 18, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL33653.pdf>

"Critical Infrastructure: The National Asset Database,"
September 14, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homesecc/RL33648.pdf>

"Information Operations and Cyberwar: Capabilities and Related
Policy Issues," updated September 14, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL31787.pdf>

"China/Taiwan: Evolution of the 'One China' Policy -- Key
Statements from Washington, Beijing, and Taipei," updated
September 7, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL30341.pdf>

"Immigration: Terrorist Grounds for Exclusion of Aliens,"
updated September 5, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homesecc/RL32564.pdf>

"Pages of the United States Congress: Selection, Duties, and
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Ike And The Aliens?

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Subject: Ike And The Aliens?

List,

No doubt due to advancing age and general body mould and rot, our Chief Pelicanist finds himself unable to lick and paste a stamp onto an envelope. That aside, the new issue of Magonia - 93 - is remarkable for two reasons:

1. Its nice about Jerry Clark
2. It carries (gulp) an excellent article by Curtis Peebles on the origins of Exopolitics which, according to Peebles, has as its base Ike's apparent meeting with ETs at Muroc. Indeed Michael Salla has said as much here on this List

As is known, the first apparent evidence of Ike's meeting came in a letter written by Gerald Light to Meade Layne. For the sake of at least my line of thinking here, I am going to assume that the contents of the letter were false. But I do have some questions that I hope someone on this List may be able to throw some light on.

1. Was there ever any explanation for the AP report on Feb 20th. '54 that Ike had suffered a heart attack and had died?
2. Has any researcher ever actually seen the letter?
3. Did any researcher ever get to speak to Gerald Light about the letter? The reason that Peebles gives for Light having written the letter is as vague as other reasons I have read elsewhere; only the wording differs. Peebles' explanation is that Light "was an occultist". Others have described him as "an elderly mystic known for out of body experiences" or as a "metaphysicist". In other words, a loony.
4. Is there a strong chance that the whole kit and caboodle was just the work of Doty/CIA et al? If so, would the Russians really have bought a story that an entente was signed and that advanced technology was handed over? Surely by then they had got a handle on the whole thing?

If anyone can throw further light on Light, I would be grateful.

Stuart Miller

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Re: How To Suckerproof Yourself - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 15:42:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 19:18:24 -0400
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>Source: The Washington Post - USA

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

>Sunday, October 1, 2006; Page W11

>How To Suckerproof Yourself

>First, ask the hard questions. If this column were credible, why
>would it be called Rough Draft?

>By Joel Achenbach

>It's dangerous, living in the Misinformation Age. So much of
>what you hear and read is incorrect, stupid, crazy. Thanks to
>the Internet, nonsense has been accelerated and globalized. To
>survive, you need procedures for finding the credible
>information amid the ocean of idiocy, rumor, superstition,
>paranoia and thinly disguised commercial advertising. You have
>to learn to think like a scientist.

I wrote in my Abduction book (pub in 2001) as follows: in the
future children will go to school in order to find out what to
ignore.

<snip>

>Or let's say you are doing a paper on extraterrestrial life. Via
>the aforementioned scientific method, you will soon be back at
>Wikipedia, reading about the red rain in Kerala. In 2001, during
>a monsoon, many tons of red "cells" rained from the sky in
>India. A scientist argued that they might be a completely new
>form of life - alien microbes! - carried to Earth on a comet
>that might have exploded in the atmosphere. But if you put on
>your scientist hat, you'll recall that alien life forms are
>green not red. A more plausible scenario? The red stuff raining
>from the sky was human blood.

Human blood more plausible? Should we assume a blood bank took a
big dump over Kerala?

Seems that blood would have been identified immediately.

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 16:35:04 -0400
>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 11:57:55 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

><snip>

>One of the characteristics of psychic events is also what
>gives mainstream scientists their excuse to ridicule psychic
>events, and label them unworthy of their study. That is,
>psychic attempts don't 'work' all the time.

>What the "so much for psychics" declaration, and the ridicule
>from mainstream scientists are totally ignoring is, maybe if
>psychic events were studied seriously, over some serious time,
>enough would be learned so that the practitioners would find
>out how to improve, and maybe be, entirely consistent and
>repeatable.

>It is grossly unfair and unscientific to declare repeated,
>but not repeatable-on-demand, phenomena as "didn't work",
>until a substantial amount of study, scrupulously done in
>full public view, no closed door stuff, has taken place
>over substantial time.

Eleanor,

You have no need to defend anything. The fact that both the
American and Russian intelligence services, for periods each of
not less than ten years, pursued remote viewing tells you either
that they had more money than sense (unlikely) or that they knew
something that others aren't prepared to acknowledge.

Stuart

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Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 17:23:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 19:22:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - White

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 19:21:45 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

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>The latest Mars probe, NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, has
>now finally started taking pictures of the Martian surface after
>it arrived at the Red Planet a little over half a year ago. MRO
>will soon provide us with images of the "Face" in Cydonia of
>such unprecedented resolution (warts, zits, pores and all) that
>we will be able to determine once and for all if this "Face" is
>indeed artificial or not.

With government's track record in covering up, I don't see how
it's possible to determine that "once and for all". We don't
know if there may be a control channel, allowing image
modification right on the Mars exploration equipment, meaning
even "raw" data might be at least "parboiled" before it gets
sent back via the public channel.

Does any private individual or group have the means to receive
the "raw" data directly, without going through JPL or government
facilities?

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Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 16:45:29 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 08:25:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Nielsen

>From: Lyle Michel <courtroomevidence456.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 15:43:01 -0700
>Subject: Why Are The ETs Here?

>Why are the extraterrestrials here? I found this thought
>provoking and I hope you do too!

>Transcribed from the TV series Taken - the 19th out of the 20
>hour Spielberg production.

>It suggests one of the possibilities as to why the
>extraterrestrials have been involved with the evolution of life
>on earth. I hope you find it as thought provoking as I did.

<snip>

>Earthing: Something could have touched one of them Something
>small and simple Awakened the sense that was missing. Been gone
>and half remembered!

>ET: And so our greatest experiment began

>Earthing: Could they put it back. The thing that had been bred
>out of them for eons and eons!

>ET: Your emotional core! Your strength! Your feeling! And our
>more evolved consciousness!

>ET: Could we bring these two things together. If we could do
>this , we would have the...

>Earthing: ...next step in evolutionary life!

>(Please note that the earthling finished the sentence started by
>the ET! It suggests agreement as to an understanding of why the
>extraterrestrials have been conducting experiments on earth.)

>ET: The experiment was an unqualified success!

Thanks for the script notes Lyle. But here's my "Nielsen rating":

Taken had less to do with truth than with advertising.

All good story-tellers create an enthralling mystery to hold the
interest of their audience through all those commercials. We
humans love mysteries, don't we? Truth be told, that's the real
draw of this subject. Isn't it?

But every great mystery does have some niggling bit of truth in
it. Just as this topic does. For example, there is physical
evidence and there are victims. But knowing the true intentions
or agenda of those driving this plot, at best, can only be
inferred, without at least a little cooperation from them.
Right?

That is, unless you really believe Mr. Spielberg knows something
at which we can now only guess.

Rick Nielsen
on the web at <http://nilthchi.blogspot.com/>

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Unidentified Hot Object

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 00:13:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 08:27:49 -0400
Subject: Unidentified Hot Object

Unidentified Hot Object in Florida.

Is this the first 8-14 micron FLIR image of an unknown object?
If so, too bad it took so long for us to find out about it. What
was it? Read the report at:

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

Download UHO.doc

I look forward to your comments.

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Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 23:03:59 -0700
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 08:30:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Anderson

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The answer to the Cydonia question does not depend on the face alone. The "D&M Pyramid" has 5-sided symmetry. Is it natural? Maybe, maybe not, but it deserves study regardless, imo:

<http://newfrontiersinscience.com/Papers/v01n03a/v01n03a.pdf>

The new MRO images are already showing exquisite details; I look forward to the Cydonia images.

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
<http://www.themeridianijournal.blogspot.com>

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Answer: I am sorry to disappoint you, but you are repeating stories that are known to be false. No astronauts saw "UFOs". There are no secret Apollo transmissions, radio or television, picked up by hams. There was no case of Apollo astronauts spotting other spacecraft on crater rims or anywhere else. These are all well-known examples of fiction, what Jim Oberg calls "a space forgery hoax gone wild". For the truth about these stories, I recommend Oberg's articles on websites such as <http://www.debunker.com/texts/apollo11.html>. The Apollo 11 UFO hoax was discussed specifically in an earlier answer here, with a direct report from Buzz Aldrin about how he was misquoted and his meaning reversed.

Question: Why is it that Nasa will not admit publicly, that intelligent Extraterrestrial life exists and is visiting earth? I mean, how many pictures and stories does one have to hear until the truth will be let out.

Answer: Until there is real evidence, something that is convincing to scientists, there is nothing to admit. Astrobiologists would love to find evidence of extraterrestrial life, but the "pictures and stories" in circulation today wouldn't convince any scientist. For good and entertaining discussion of critical thinking, I recommend Carl Sagan's book *The Demon Haunted World*. Sagan wanted every citizen to have a "baloney detector" as defense against sham in commerce and politics as well as science. A good place to start is by looking at the various misconceptions and hoaxes that populate the UFO world.

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Out There At IPFW

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Source: The News-Sentinel - Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA

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Editorial Briefs

Out There At IPFW

You=92re probably still on your own if you want the education establishment to help you with Bigfoot or the Loch Ness monster, but if you want to delve into UFOs, just head out to Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. IPFW=92s Division of Continuing Studies is offering a three-session class called "UFOs =96 Perception, Reality and Sightings in Indiana".

Now, if a serious university is going to offer a course on something as, well, out there as UFOs, it might be hoped that a certain skepticism would be brought to bear. As Mike Kelly, IPFW=92s director of personal and professional development, puts it, "We support critical thinking, obviously, no matter what the topic is." And says Michael Shermer, founding publisher of Skeptic magazine and the executive director of the Skeptics Society, a university setting is ideal for critical discussions of claims of UFO sightings. But a danger exists when institutions such as IPFW affiliate with a class that offers such claims as fact, because "it lends credibility where there actually isn=92t."

You decide how much critical thinking there will be. The class is being taught by Roger Sugden, assistant state director and chief investigator of the Mutual UFO Network and a member of the Independent Crop Circle Research Association. At the Mutual UFO Network=92s Web site (mufon.com), a highlighted story is an "expose" of how the government "tried to shoot down UFOs and lost the battle."

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University College of Communication, Massachusetts, USA

<http://www.bu.edu/phpbin/news-cms/news/?dept=3D1127&id=3D40865>

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That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling

By Patrick L. Barry

In any other pursuit, 40-plus years of consistent disappointment might be a sign that it's time to give up and try something new. But in the search for intelligent aliens, hope springs eternal.

Witness the inauguration this spring of a new telescope in the rural town of Harvard, Mass., 45 minutes west of Boston. With a 72-inch primary mirror, it is the largest optical telescope east of the Mississippi, and its sole purpose will be to watch for pulses of laser light from intelligent beings hailing us from across the galaxy. Donations from space enthusiasts paid the \$400,000 bill for the telescope; Congress gave up on the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) in 1993, but public interest and optimism run high enough to keep SETI projects afloat.

If SETI was no more than pointing a radio dish at the sky and waiting endlessly for aliens to call, such undying optimism might be rightly considered fanatical. After all, scientists have scanned the skies since the 1960s, and so far all is eerie silence. What are the odds that the aliens, if they exist, will suddenly start broadcasting?

Projects such as this newest telescope may represent more than just a stubborn refusal to give up a cherished fantasy (though that probably plays a role too). In fact, SETI may be entering its heyday. Scientific discoveries over the last few decades - more than 180 planets found around other stars, microbes thriving in surprisingly hostile conditions, organic compounds in comets, a quicker start for life on Earth - make it seem increasingly likely and even inevitable that life should have arisen elsewhere. And in truth, SETI has hardly begun to scan the sky, and its ability to do so is growing exponentially.

To scan even our nearby cosmic neighborhood - within, say, 1000 light-years - would require looking at millions of stars. To date, SETI researchers have looked at only 750 of these stars for more than a few seconds, according to Dan Werthimer, a veteran SETI researcher at the University of California, Berkeley. And these "targeted searches" covered only a limited part of the frequency spectrum, much like looking for a radio station by checking only one end of the dial.

"We've really just glimpsed the tip of the iceberg," Werthimer said. The problem is that scanning many frequency channels at

the same time requires massive computing power. The first SETI experiment, performed in 1960 by American astronomer Frank Drake, scanned only one channel at a time, covering a total range of 400 kilohertz - just four thousandths of one percent of the range of frequencies thought to be favorable for an interstellar communi=E9. Today, searches can monitor hundreds of millions of channels simultaneously, though the greatest range so far is still less than 20 percent of the dial.

But all that's just for radio waves. Another possibility that's been gaining momentum among scientists is laser light. An alien civilization might also choose the visible part of the spectrum to send its hailing beacon rather than radio frequencies. The idea was first suggested in the 1960s, but scientists at the time considered it unlikely, even by SETI's standards. Visible light requires more power to emit than radio waves, and the signal would more likely be outshone by the nearby star, which is dim in radio waves. Also, visible light gets scattered by interstellar dust, limiting the range of a laser signal to a few hundred light-years.

At a 1999 meeting, though, SETI scientists decided that looking for laser signals was worth a shot.

"Laser technology had come a long way from the 1960s," said Seth Shostak of the SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif. "We looked at these high-power, pulsed lasers used for nuclear fusion and thought, hey, this might work."

To make their laser signal visible from Earth despite the glare of their sun, an alien race could compress a large amount of power into a laser pulse lasting only a few billionths of a second. Lasers on Earth do this to generate the enormous heat needed to trigger nuclear fusion. Shostak and his colleagues have calculated that focusing such a laser pulse through a telescope would generate an interstellar beam that, for a billionth of a second, would be 10,000 times brighter than a sun-like star. The scientists imagine that their alien counterparts might send one of these brief flashes to a few thousand nearby stars each second, repeating the pattern over and over for years. No known natural process could create such brief, intense pulse.

The newly dedicated telescope in Harvard, Mass., can spot such fleeting flashes. Its large mirror and custom-built optical sensor allows it to simultaneously image a relatively large piece of the sky - a rectangle of 1.6 by 0.2 degrees, which is three times wider than the moon. Depending on cloudiness, it will take a year or two to fully scan the northern sky. The telescope will only observe each point in the sky for about a minute, so if a signal from a certain star doesn't come during that one minute, it will be missed.

"I think it's a good way to cover our bases," said Paul Horowitz, professor of physics at Harvard University and chief investigator for this new telescope. "We don't know whether the aliens would choose radio or visible light or something else, so we should check as many of them as we can." Performing this visible-light search demands tremendous computing power. To analyze such fine slices of time, the detectors for Horowitz's telescope must process 3.5 terabytes of data - comparable to the content of all books in print - each second.

As computing power grows, so will the search. "If we're scanning 100,000 channels this year, we'll be scanning a million next year. If we're scanning a million next year, it will be 10 million the year after that," Horowitz said. A massive new array of radio telescopes, bankrolled by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, will be able to scan the entire relevant range of radio frequencies, from 0.5 to 11.2 gigahertz. Construction of the Allen Telescope Array should finish around 2008.

Meanwhile, is anyone bothering to broadcast a signal to these hypothetical aliens, in case they're listening too? "That quickly gets rather political," Horowitz said. "People, governments in particular, get touchy if you start sending messages out into space on behalf of the entire planet. It's best just to listen." Which suggests a comical explanation for why our cosmic neighborhood is so quiet: perhaps there are other civilizations nearby, but like us, they're all waiting patiently for someone else to broadcast a "hello".

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Uh, oh. Dr Morrison would have the interested person begin his
investigation/study with the "misconceptions and hoaxes that
populate the UFO world." What a great way to turn everyone
off... including veteran ufologists.

Clearly one should start with the truly puzzling cases to find
out whether or not there is anything that "populates the UFO
world" that can't be explained. This is, of course, the approach
of the classic UFO book writers - present one 'impossible'
sighting after another. None other than Edward Ruppelt, the first
director of Project Blue Book, begins his book The Report On
Unidentified Flying Objects, with an unexplained case.

Probably Morrison has taken his own advice and concentrated on hoaxes and misconceptions and therefore argues that all cases/sightings are either hoaxes or misconceptions... and so he feels that he is giving the 'newbie' good advice: study the hoaxes and misconceptions.

PJK would have agreed.

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Hi Paul,

I appreciate your enthusiasm and well mannered approach.

However the issue of FOM and the objects nearby just don't wash.
You're absolutely right that we should investigate such
apparencies but as long as we categorize them as such. In the
case of FOM and the surrounding geological structures, good ol'
fashioned scientific observation has far too often branched out
into irresponsible leaps of speculation.

If we don't watch out someone will start a religion about it and
then we'll see the fur fly.

Since we cannot go directly to Mars and observe things we're only left with the limited data from our probes and our own hopefully skilled and objective, impartial conclusions based only on the solid data we glean.

Mars is a big area and I too see odd things such as side by side impact craters that are the same size. That really puzzles me but I'm not going overboard claiming Masonic and Egyptian and Summerian mysticisms and global conspiracies to cover up stuff. No, they're impact craters that on observation appear to be the same size and age and unusually in patterns of two or three. That's just me observing something not going into all different directions.

Yes, let's look at and study the Cydonia region but let's do so responsibly. If at some point one of the imaging systems sends back something of irrefutable standing of manufacture then we can speculate with fancy, but until then let's just stop, look, analyze and have fun! That's the only positive thing that's come out of this FOM thing. That people who normally wouldn't be interested in the space program did indeed jump in and study. It's thrilling that we have new imaging from another world to study. Who knows what we'll find out about planetary sciences. That's the reward right there that we can all sit here together and share wonder and excitement and a sense of adventure. When one day the probes send back live images I hope parents and kids and neighbors can sit around and have fun studying. That would be neat!

Best,

Greg

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>alone. The "D&M Pyramid" has 5-sided symmetry. Is it natural?
>Maybe, maybe not, but it deserves study regardless, imo:

><http://newfrontiersinscience.com/Papers/v01n03a/v01n03a.pdf>

Hello Paul & Nick

An example suggested by 'The Daily Grail' page was the lower
central 'pyramid' and maybe other structures on this image:

<http://tinyurl.com/pohgd>

(most are partly sand-heaped from the right - East?)

That's from a BBC page:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/5369038.stm>

third image.

As you, and Robert Morningstar, stress, there are several
other areas of Mars that look interesting - not least because
images may have been tampered with before release - maybe try:

<http://tinyurl.com/k4log>

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Unidentified Hot Object - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 10:30:08 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 20:02:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Unidentified Hot Object - Tarbell

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 00:13:52 -0400
>Subject: Unidentified Hot Object

>Unidentified Hot Object in Florida.

>Is this the first 8-14 micron FLIR image of an unknown object?
>If so, too bad it took so long for us to find out about it. What
>was it? Read the report at:

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

>Download UHO.doc

>I look forward to your comments.

Hi Bruce,

I know I won't be the first on the list who points out that the UHO looks remarkably like the USS Enterprise of Star Trek fame. If there are any Trekkies out there with a 3-D model, I'll bet you can find an orientation that gives a pretty good match.

Let me emphasize that I'm not trivializing this case, nor your excellent analysis. Can't resist pointing out the resemblance, though. It almost makes it seem less likely to be a hoax... who would have the gall to use such a recognizable prop?

Regards,

Mike

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Re: Psychics - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 13:44:59 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 20:07:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Ledger

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 08:58:03 EDT
>Subject: Psychics [was: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face]

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 14:43:05 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 11:57:55 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

<snip>

>>Hi Kevin,

>>My secretary showed me a news article in the newspaper a few
>>years ago concerning a busload of people being in an accident.
>>They were attending a convention in Las Vegas and they were all
>>supposed to be psychics. Her question to me was, "Shouldn't
>>they know that this was going to happen?" You would think a
>>least a few of them would.

>>Don Ledger

>Now that is funny!

>The ability to foresee events is true as far as I'm concerned
>but it's not reliable. Probably due to our own inability to
>focus and confront things that we don't want.

>I'm sure we've all had those moments when we knew something or
>were aware of something not yet manifest and sure enough it came
>to pass. Did we cause it or did we just make a very good high
>end prediction given on mathematical probabilities from our own
>equally high end processing abilities below our levels of
>awareness? Only the eggheads will ever be sure.

>As for that face on Mars thing again, I hope the next robot we
>send is equipped with a giant shovel and NASA just covers it up
>so no other space faring civilizations will get sidetracked.

>Greg

I did explain to someone off-List that one psychic I did have
contact with some years ago said that she never claimed to be
able to predict the future - that was a Las Vegas trick - but
would get powerful impressions; vivid, unconnected pictures in
her mind, of events and places that had already occurred but
were not public knowledge.

She also stated that this was more of a curse than anything else
which, in some respects, had negatively impacted her life. It
was not a profitable venture. She could not ignore these
intrusions into her mind, she was burdened with it and that the
only satisfaction she got from it was being able to, on

ocassion, help someone with this ability.

Don

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Future's Bleak For UK Ufology

From: Chris Parr <ChrsP875.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 12:56:40 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 20:13:51 -0400
Subject: Future's Bleak For UK Ufology

UK Ufology... The Future's Bleak... The Future's Orange!

I have just completed a study on the media related UK UFO reports from May to September 2006 and an astonishing 70% of these sightings can be attributed to witness misinterpretation of UFO fire balloon or Chinese lantern releases.

UK ufologists have always been aware of the deliberate purpose of the UFO balloon as a visual spectacle in the night sky and also as a hoaxing tool. The potential fire risks associated with these products have also been highlighted by Russ Callaghan at a Leeds Conference in 1999 and Joe McGonagle in postings within the Ufologyinuk web site

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

75% of UFO balloon and Chinese Lantern related UFO reports from May-Sept 2006 have originated from the Southern counties of England and a pattern is emerging.

However the 2006 UFO Lantern wave is not an isolated incident and a much publicised incident occurred in Essex in October 2005. See:

<http://www.news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/essex/4369232.stm>

The release of orange glowing Chinese lanterns is now becoming a popular trend in the UK at wedding celebrations. Such occasions are now using Chinese lanterns as a good luck theme during evening functions, especially in the southern regions of England. It is likely that this trend may spread to other parts of the UK and we can expect more episodes of UFO reports with the UFO lantern trademark occurring in the summer months of 2007.

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

<http://www.skylanterns.com>

Regional newspapers throughout the UK have provided dozens of articles relating to 'UFO Mystery Lights' throughout the summer months of 2006. These local UFO mysteries are generally solved in a couple of days by somebody contacting their local paper and stating that they couldn't believe all the UFO commotion that was generated by their release of Chinese lanterns. However, these newspapers have continued to ignore UK based Ufologists, who have provided the immediate solution to the apparent UFO mystery from the time when the original story was published.

<http://tinyurl.com/zov8e>

British Ufology faces the dilemma of filtering out Chinese lantern UFOs at the cost of ignoring all orange UFO reports. Any current format to the study of UFOs must be updated to accommodate the blatant characteristics of these products and a new chapter must be incorporated in the guidelines of modern UFO research.

British Ufology is in danger of being overwhelmed by the

articles on the "Orange UFO Mysteries" and this will significantly reduce the chance of any genuine UFO report being published in the media. We may well have to create our very own "D Notice" on the reports of UFO related Chinese Lanterns and UFO balloons.

Chris Parr
UK

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Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 19:39:31 +0000
Fwd Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 20:16:56 -0400
Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Kasten

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 06:07:18 +0100
>Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 21:38:05 +0000
>>Subject: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

>>What was the official conclusion of that investigative body that
>>caused them to disband the research/collection of data?

>The disbandment of S4(Air) was part of a wider MOD
>reorganisation. The MOD lead for UFOs subsequently passed to a
>division known as DS8.

Nick:

Yes, you were quite clear in your original message that the unit
was passed on to another division.

In my readings I discovered that agencies that had been
investigating UFOs disbanded with the statement (to the effect)
"They pose no threat."

What evidence was uncovered that illicit that determination -
i.e., "pose no threat."

Thanks, once again,

KK

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Re: Ike And The Aliens? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 19:29:33 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 13:36:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Ike And The Aliens? - Rimmer

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 20:06:13 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Ike And The Aliens?

>List,

>No doubt due to advancing age and general body mould and rot,
>our Chief Pelicanist finds himself unable to lick and paste a
>stamp onto an envelope. That aside, the new issue of Magonia
>- 93 - is remarkable for two reasons:

>1. Its nice about Jerry Clark

Shome mishtake, shurely?

--
John Rimmer

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Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 19:27:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 13:38:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Rimmer

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.miller4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 21:08:33 +0100 (BST)
>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>Eleanor,

>You have no need to defend anything. The fact that both the
>American and Russian intelligence services, for periods each of
>not less than ten years, pursued remote viewing tells you either
>that they had more money than sense (unlikely)

Evidence from elsewhere suggests very likely indeed.

>or that they knew
>something that others aren't prepared to acknowledge.

Yes, that they wasted a shed-load of taxpayers cash

--
John Rimmer
Unrepentant Tax-Cutter

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Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 15:32:00 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 13:40:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Shell

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 16:45:29 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>From: Lyle Michel <courtroomevidence456.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 15:43:01 -0700
>>Subject: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>Why are the extraterrestrials here? I found this thought
>>provoking and I hope you do too!

>>Transcribed from the TV series Taken - the 19th out of the 20
>>hour Spielberg production.

>>It suggests one of the possibilities as to why the
>>extraterrestrials have been involved with the evolution of life
>>on earth. I hope you find it as thought provoking as I did.

><snip>

>>Earthing: Something could have touched one of them Something
>>small and simple Awakened the sense that was missing. Been gone
>>and half remembered!

>>ET: And so our greatest experiment began

>>Earthing: Could they put it back. The thing that had been bred
>>out of them for eons and eons!

>>ET: Your emotional core! Your strength! Your feeling! And our
>>more evolved consciousness!

>>ET: Could we bring these two things together. If we could do
>>this, we would have the...

>>Earthing: ...next step in evolutionary life!

>>(Please note that the earthling finished the sentence started by
>>the ET! It suggests agreement as to an understanding of why the
>>extraterrestrials have been conducting experiments on earth.)

>>ET: The experiment was an unqualified success!

>Thanks for the script notes Lyle. But here's my "Nielsen rating":

>Taken had less to do with truth than with advertising.

>All good story-tellers create an enthralling mystery to hold the
>interest of their audience through all those commercials. We
>humans love mysteries, don't we? Truth be told, that's the real
>draw of this subject. Isn't it?

>But every great mystery does have some niggling bit of truth in
>it. Just as this topic does. For example, there is physical
>evidence and there are victims. But knowing the true intentions
>or agenda of those driving this plot, at best, can only be
>inferred, without at least a little cooperation from them.

>Right?

>That is, unless you really believe Mr. Spielberg knows something
>at which we can now only guess.

Adopting the notion that alien beings would share our basic motivations is comforting, and certainly helps the story make sense when you're putting them in a dramatic fiction and trying to make money from an audience. If the aliens just show up, kill people apparently at random, then leave for no good reason, that's pretty unsatisfying to us. Hey, even the Greeks ascribed human motivations and emotions to their gods.

But looking at the database, and assuming for a moment we're dealing with aliens in some of the more curious cases, we can't really fathom what they're up to, or if it's even possible for us to do so. Even with the nice, Nordic "aliens" who are kind enough to tell us outright that they are here to make us more aware of the environment, or whatever, we can't necessarily believe them. They could be a bunch of big, fat liars. Why? Why not?

If ETs are here, I personally don't have a clue as to why. I'm not egocentric enough to think that in the whole galaxy we have something here that is so wonderful and unique it can't be found anywhere else. My only thought is that life, all life, is directed toward absorbing and ordering all the matter/energy in the universe into one, giant living thing, with enough power and a big enough consciousness to create itself in the past.

But that's just a guess. Dogs happily trotting down the street sure look like they have a definite destination in their little brains. Maybe they do, and maybe they don't. If I can't even tell what is motivating a dumb dog, I don't know how much luck I'd have trying to figure out what motivates an alien.

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Re: That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 19:03:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 13:41:58 -0400
Subject: Re: That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling -

>Source: Center for Science & Medical Journalism at Boston
> University College of Communication, Massachusetts, USA

><http://www.bu.edu/phpbin/news-cms/news/?dept=1127&id=40865>

>10/02/2006

>That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling

<snip>

>If SETI was no more than pointing a radio dish at the sky and
>waiting endlessly for aliens to call, such undying optimism
>might be rightly considered fanatical. After all, scientists
>have scanned the skies since the 1960s, and so far all is erie
>silence.

Why is it that supposedly "unbiased" journalists always assume
that scientists are incapable of lying or covering up?

Eleanor White

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Nick Pope Responds To Cover-Up Allegations

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 00:04:56 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 13:45:11 -0400
Subject: Nick Pope Responds To Cover-Up Allegations

I have responded to some of the cover-up allegations that have been circulating in the media about me and the Defense Intelligence Staff. The following is from Phenomena Magazine and has been widely circulated on the internet:

<http://tinyurl.com/geesn>

Our 'Man from the Ministry', Nick Pope, found himself in the media this week, accused of involvement in a government cover-up. Nick used to run the MOD's UFO project and is the person the media turn to when they want a quote about UFOs. Unfortunately, this time he was in the media's firing line.

The MOD is undertaking a rolling program of disclosure, gradually releasing all of its UFO files under the Freedom of Information Act. There are already hundreds of files available to the public at the National Archives, and more material on the MOD's website. But the most recent batch of documents released by the MOD contained statements about the Defense Intelligence Staff and their involvement in the MOD's UFO investigations.

Nick Pope was featured in a Daily Express expos=E9 about these documents and quizzed about them on BBC World Service. He confirmed his involvement, but denied there was anything overly sinister going on.

"I worked closely with the Defense Intelligence Staff", Nick confirmed, "but while I never discussed my work with them in public, there was nothing unusual about this.

Before the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act it would have been inconceivable to have spoken about such things. It's only because I've been named in some of the officially released documents that I'm now able to confirm this.

The division I worked with most closely was called DI55. They assisted me with my investigations by providing information about scientific and technical intelligence, just as other divisions assisted me by helping me to analyse radar data or by assisting with analysis and enhancement of photographs or videos of UFOs".

Nick's had his say, but he suspects conspiracy theorists will continue to point the finger and accuse him of being the UK's very own 'Man in Black'. Watch this space for further developments.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Psychics - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 21:07:17 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 13:50:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Randle

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 16:35:04 -0400
>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 11:57:55 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

><snip>

Eleanor, List, All -

>>Back in the mid-1990s when I had my radio show in El Paso,
>>Texas, I invited Irene Hughes on. She was one of the leading
>>"psychics" of the time. This was in January and I asked her who
>>was going to win the Super Bowl. There were only four teams left
>>standing and she said something like Green Bay. At the end of
>>the show, when I had let her go, I said, about the Super Bowl,
>>everyone knows it's going to be Dallas over Pittsburgh by ten. I
>>think the final was Dallas over Pittsburgh by 11. Anyway, the
>>point is, Hughes couldn't even tell me which teams would be in
>>and I not only gave the two teams but missed the final margin by
>>a single point... so much for psychics.

>One of the characteristics of psychic events is also what gives
>mainstream scientists their excuse to ridicule psychic events,
>and label them unworthy of their study. That is, psychic
>attempts don't 'work' all the time.

>What the "so much for psychics" declaration, and the ridicule
>from mainstream scientists are totally ignoring is, maybe if
>psychic events were studied seriously, over some serious time,
>enough would be learned so that the practitioners would find
>out how to improve, and maybe be, entirely consistent and
>repeatable.

But psychic events have been studied seriously... when I was
required to spend a great deal of time in the Psych Library at
the University of Iowa, I would often take breaks by searching
the massive database for topics of interest such as UFOs. I
looked at their collection of Parapsychology journals (and will
note that many universities that once had programs in
Parapsychology no longer do). I read some of the articles (and
glanced at others). What I found was that those who studied
Parapsychology at the university level, and who had a rooting
interest in proving that psychic events were real (meaning that
people could predict the future and that ghosts existed and
could be measured scientifically, and that ESP was real) were
finding out that what they had believed about psychic phenomena
wasn't true...

In fact, some of the work (much of it?) of J. B. Rhine has been
discredited, not through anything he had done but because those
who assisted him had been caught cheating. Rhine, to his credit,
exposed this in an article and to his discredit, he refused to
name the names. This, of course, tainted all the work because we
don't know who was cheating in the experimentation and who was

not.

However, Louisa Rhine wrote, in 1983, that James D. MacFarland had consistently falsified his records. Left untainted in this was Hubert Pearce who consistently recorded thirty percent actually in 'guessing' the correct card of five flashed while random choice seemed to level out at about twenty percent. I would be more impressed if he had been correct half the time rather than less than a third.

See, this is the problem, not science. I believe that science has taken a good look at much of the psychic phenomena and when they have attempted to replicate the findings, or when they bring the research into the lab, what they find are attempts to cheat and to hoax. Rhine's work, and what he did to legitimize research into paranormal phenomena was lost because of the cheating of his assistants (four who were caught red-handed) but who were not named. Now we must wonder who they were and what papers they might have written. That taints all the work, not just theirs and it begs the question if these were the only incidents or were there others when the cheating was not discovered. How does that alter the evidence for the existence of the paranormal phenomena?

>It is grossly unfair and unscientific to declare repeated, but >not repeatable-on-demand, phenomena as "didn't work", until a >substantial amount of study, scrupulously done in full >public view, no closed door stuff, has taken place over >substantial time.

Yet it is often those who wish to prove their ability who set conditions that are outside of scientific methodology. Why not allow cameras to record the experimentation as researchers wish? Could it be that the camera might allow discovery on how the cheating was accomplished?

I will also note that on the History Channel they did a documentary on dowsing... One of the dowsers was quite good, finding coins buried in a field (meaning coins that were very old and had been lost years before). Quite impressive until the camera caught him dropping a coin into the mound of excavated dirt for him to find and prove his ability.

>Again, my criterion for selecting psychics to participate in a >Mars face remote viewing is that they have at least one clear->cut forensic success. Verified, of course. And a group, at >least 20, should cover the possibility that the verified success >of one or two psychic candidates didn't come by their forensic >success by chance.

By your definition, I fit the criterion. I can demonstrate that I was able to predict the outcome of three football games, providing the winners in each and in the last, I was even able to give the point spread, missing only by a single point. That prediction was recorded at the time it was made and I have a copy of the dated tape (which is the air date of that show, January 6, 1996, when I said Dallas would beat Pittsburgh by eleven and they did by ten). >Odds are most in that group would not be well known to the >public.

So what? I have kept records of predictions of many psychics and have found that few tell us anything extraordinary. Most of the time they just extrapolate from the news around them. When we look back I see nothing where any of them predicted 9/11 or the destruction of the Challenger (though most did say there would be a major disaster in the space program but hell, when you strap people to high explosives you are eventually going to have a disaster... I would be impressed if they had given some clue about the disaster but that's another argument). The evidence, as it exists today, looked at in a dispassionate way, does not suggest these psychic phenomena are real in a classical sense.

KRandle

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talkSport Radio UFO Feature

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 06:43:09 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 13:56:10 -0400
Subject: talkSport Radio UFO Feature

I'll be on James Whale's show on talkSport radio on Thursday night, between around 11pm and 1am.

I'm a regular guest on the show and the slot is a chance for me to discuss the latest developments in ufology and take calls from the public, expressing opinions or reporting their own UFO sightings.

I'll be talking in particular about the latest UFO documents released by the MOD under the Freedom of Information Act, and addressing the cover-up allegations that have resulted from this.

talkSport broadcasts at 1089/1053 AM and there is the facility to listen to the show online:

<http://www2.talksport.net/index.asp>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope
<http://www.nickpope.net>

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4th Grader's First Published Writing

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Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:04:53 -0400
Subject: 4th Grader's First Published Writing

Source: November Learning Communities - Marblehead, Massachusetts

<http://tinyurl.com/oo5gg>

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

Fourth Grader's First Published Writing
Free write from the first week of school

The Crashed U.F.O.

In Houston, Texas, there was a scientist that did not believe in U.F.Os. But one night that all changed. When he was coming home from work at the corner of his eye he saw a glowing yellow light flying above the ocean. Then he said "it's probably a new Air Force plane." So he went home and forgot all about it.

The next day he went for a walk on the beach. Then all of a sudden he saw a metal piece that wasn't made in America. So he took it to his lab.

He tried all of these tests but he couldn't find out what it is.

The next day he set out on his boat to find anything related to the metal piece. Then all of a sudden a green object floated right above the water. He pulled the specimen out and took it to his lab.

He found out that the green object was an alien from Pluto! He heard news reports that other people saw the U.F.O.

The Governor posted a 25,000 dollar reward for whoever finds out what was the flying object. The scientist brought the alien back to life. The alien said he had to get back home.

It took the scientist 2 years to rebuild the alien space craft. The F.B.I found out that the alien was in his lab. The F.B.I surrounded the area. He and the alien snuck out the back door and the alien got into his ship and took off.

THE END

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

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Did Jimmy Carter Withhold Information?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:10:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:10:58 -0400
Subject: Did Jimmy Carter Withhold Information?

Source: PRLOG - Global Press Release Distribution - Boonton,
New Jersey, USA

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

Released On - Oct 04, 2006
Released By - Temple Productions

Did Jimmy Carter Withhold Information On A 1956 UFO Incident?

Carter's administration hid a UFO incident from the public that is the subject of The Top Secret UFO Project, filmmaker R. J. Thomas' parody of UFO documentaries.

In 1973, Jimmy Carter, then the governor of Georgia, filed a form with the NICAP to report a UFO sighting. Carter said that if he became president, he would make every piece of information this country has about UFO sightings available to the public. But this was not to be. And one of the UFO incidents that the government continued to hold from the American people took place in Jasper, Colorado, in 1956, the subject of "The Top Secret UFO Project," filmmaker R. J. Thomas' parody of UFO documentaries.

"Jimmy Carter was the first president ever to admit that he had seen a UFO," Mr. Thomas said. "Many applauded him for his bravery. He was taking a chance. A man preparing for a presidential bid is in no position to say things that make him sound like a crackpot."

It was 1969, and Governor Carter was in Leary, Georgia, for a meeting with the Lion's Club. Shortly after dark, he saw a bright object in the sky that was as big as the moon and kept changing colors.

After he filed his report in 1973, he said, "If I become president, I'll make every piece of information this country has about UFO sightings available to the public and the scientists."

But after Carter took office in January of 1977, Walter Wurfel, the administration's Deputy Press Secretary, made it clear that this would not be the case.

"There might be some aspects of some sightings that would have defense implications that possibly should be safe-guarded against immediate and full disclosure," Wurfel told the press.

And one of the stories covered up was the Jasper UFO Incident.

According to The Top Secret UFO Project, in the summer of 1956, mysterious occurrences in Jasper forced President Eisenhower to prepare for a showdown with aliens, setting up huge military operations in the little Colorado town south of Denver.

Based on Thomas' 2004 novella of the same name, The Top Secret UFO Project chronicles the UFO-related events experienced by this tiny Colorado hamlet. According to the film, the town dealt

with one unusual event after another. After a farmer spotted a flying saucer zipping over his property, scientists rushed into Jasper to investigate, reporters rushed in looking for stories, and government officials rushed in to keep it a secret from the world.

Billed as "the movie the government does not want you to see," "The Top Secret UFO Project," is a parody of the cheesy UFO documentaries of the 70's like "Overlords of the UFO" and TV programs like "In Search Of."

Mr. Thomas plays a documentary filmmaker who, in 2003, discovered some top secret government films pertaining to the Jasper Incident of 1956. This inspired him to make a documentary about Jasper's UFO story, and to discover the truth behind what really happened that mysterious summer in Colorado.

And as for the former president's sighting?

"Carter looked at that UFO for at least ten minutes," Mr. Thomas said. "He really believes he saw a UFO. Not everybody agreed with him as far as his politics go, but I don't think anybody ever saw him as crazy. But, remember, MacArthur never saw a UFO, and he so firmly believed in them that he was ready to prepare for an invasion from Mars!"

The Top Secret UFO Project is available on DVD at BooksAndSuchMart.com

"The Top Secret UFO Project (DVD Promo)" is available for viewing on [Google Video.com](http://GoogleVideo.com)

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Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Anderson

From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 07:35:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:16:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face - Anderson

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 11:29:09 EDT
>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>Hi Paul,

>I appreciate your enthusiasm and well mannered approach.

>However the issue of FOM and the objects nearby just don't wash.
>You're absolutely right that we should investigate such
>apparencies but as long as we categorize them as such. In the
>case of FOM and the surrounding geological structures, good ol'
>fashioned scientific observation has far too often branched out
>into irresponsible leaps of speculation.

Thanks. Not so much enthusisam as just wanting to stick to facts. I've only ever thought of these as oddities, and make no claims about them. But I've seen people putting out erroneous information such as the new MEX images being the highest resolution ever taken of Cydonia.

Wrong, the previous MGS images were higher resolution.

MRO's will be even better.

Re. your point about leaps of speculation, that is why I always liked Carlotto's work better than Hoagland's. He doesn't make any wild claims, but has found fine-scale features which are interesting. These rarely get mentioned or acknowledged by the outright debunkers though.

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
<http://www.themeridianijournal.blogspot.com>

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Re: That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling -

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 12:26:42 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:17:46 -0400
Subject: Re: That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling -

>Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 08:45:02 -0400
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling

>Source: Center for Science & Medical Journalism at Boston
University College of Communication, Massachusetts, USA

><http://www.bu.edu/phpbin/news-cms/news/?dept=1127&id=40865>

>10/02/2006

>That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling

>By Patrick L. Barry

>In any other pursuit, 40-plus years of consistent disappointment
>might be a sign that it's time to give up and try something new.
>But in the search for intelligent aliens, hope springs eternal.

Try something new? Check out 'Invitation to ETI' at the web page below.

<http://www.ieti.org/>

University of Toronto Professor Emeritus Allen Tough is the founder and chief scientist of 'Invitation to ETI'. If some ETs out there are technologically much more advanced than us they would have detected us first. If the human race on Earth was unique in the universe or exhibited qualities that were of particular interest to them, it is reasonable to assume that the ETs would still be monitoring us today. It was for this reason Prof. Tough issued his invitation to them.

For those of you that can't wait for ET to call us, go to the web site below and build the device that the late Wilbert Smith, electrical engineer and Canadian Government researcher into flying saucers, allegedly used to make contact with the "Boys Topside". They may still be listening...

<http://www.treurniet.ca/Smith/>

>Witness the inauguration this spring of a new telescope in the
>rural town of Harvard, Mass., 45 minutes west of Boston. With a
>72-inch primary mirror, it is the largest optical telescope east
>of the Mississippi, and its sole purpose will be to watch for
>pulses of laser light from intelligent beings hailing us from
>across the galaxy.

<snip>

There is another telescope with a primary mirror bigger than this "largest optical telescope east of the Mississippi". It is the University of Toronto's David Dunlap telescope located in the Town of Richmond Hill, 45 minutes north of Toronto. This telescope was inaugurated back in 1935 and has a 74-inch primary mirror.

Nick Balaskas

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Secrecy News -- 10/05/06

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 12:28:12 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:19:55 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 10/05/06

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INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION SHARING LAGS, OFFICIALS SAY

Five years after September 11, the government's capacity to share intelligence and threat information with state and local officials (not to mention the public) remains sub-optimal, some of those officials complain.

"Much of the needed intelligence information is locked away from those who need it in the field or on the scene because of outdated cold war mentalities regarding classification of intelligence information," said Illinois State Police Col. Kenneth Bouche at a September 7 hearing of the House Homeland Security Committee.

"Critical information must be unclassified and disseminated appropriately if it is to be of any use in preventing domestic terrorism," he said.

"The federal government must work towards a goal of declassifying information to the maximum extent possible," Col. Bouche urged.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/090706bouche.pdf

The Democratic staff of the House Homeland Security Committee issued a report last week proposing seven initiatives aimed at "improving information sharing between the intelligence community and state, local, and tribal law enforcement."

See "LEAP: A Law Enforcement Assistance and Partnership Strategy," September 28:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_rpt/leap.pdf

SENATE BILL WOULD ENABLE GAO TO AID INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT

A bill introduced by Congressional Democrats would empower the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to perform financial audits and other oversight of U.S. intelligence agencies, a function that those agencies have long resisted.

"Since 9/11, effective [intelligence] oversight is needed now more than ever," said Sen. Daniel Akaka (D-HI) in a September 28 floor statement.

"However, now the Congress cannot do its job properly, in part, because its key investigative arm, the Government Accountability Office, is not given adequate access to the intelligence community."

"Unfortunately, the intelligence community stonewalls the GAO when committees of jurisdiction request that GAO investigate problems," Sen. Akaka said.

"If the GAO had been able to conduct basic auditing functions of the CIA, perhaps some of the problems that were so clearly exposed following the terrorist attacks in September 2001 would have been resolved. And yet, it is extraordinary that five years after 9-11 the same problems persist," he said.

He introduced two related Congressional Research Service memoranda into the Congressional Record: one on "Congressional Oversight of Intelligence" and another on "Overview of 'Classified' and 'Sensitive But Unclassified' Information."

See Sen. Akaka's full September 28 statement on "The Intelligence Community Audit Act of 2006":

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_cr/s3968.html

If nothing else, the Akaka bill may provide a clue as to the direction of intelligence oversight in the future, if Democrats take control of Congress.

Under current leadership, intelligence oversight has fractured and decayed. For the second year in a row, Congress failed to pass an intelligence authorization bill this year.

CONGRESS IMPOSES LIMITS ON SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION

Congress adopted legislation that limits the ability of the Department of Homeland Security to withhold so-called "sensitive security information" (SSI), which is a category of restricted information related to transportation security.

The 2007 Homeland Security Appropriations Act would, among other things, require "the release of certain SSI information that is three years old unless the Secretary makes a written determination that identifies a rational reason why the information must remain SSI." See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2006/dhs-ssi.html>

The measure was signed into law by the President on October 4.

Former Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage (R-Idaho), who died this week, once challenged an airport security official who wanted to pat her down before boarding an airliner. She demanded to see the regulation that authorized such an action. The official refused, indicating that it was SSI and could not be shared with a member of the public. Rep. Chenoweth declined to submit, and took a car instead.

I retold this story in "The Secrets of Flight," Slate, November 18, 2004:

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

Whether the government can impose such "secret law" is a question that has recently been presented to the Supreme Court by John Gilmore, who was told that he could not have access to the regulation requiring him to show his identification at the airport. See:

<http://papersplease.org/gilmore/index.html>

DEATH GRATUITIES FOR DEFENSE INTEL OFFICERS KILLED IN ACTION

Family members of U.S. military intelligence personnel who are killed while engaged in clandestine intelligence operations may

be eligible for special monetary gratuities, according to a recently updated Defense Department Instruction.

"A gratuity shall be paid to the dependents of any member of the Armed Forces or of any employee of the Department of Defense assigned to duty with a DoD intelligence component, whose identity is disguised or concealed; or who is within a category of individuals determined by the Secretary of Defense to be engaged in clandestine intelligence activities; and who, after October 14, 1980, dies because of injuries (excluding disease) sustained outside the United States and whose death resulted from hostile or terrorist activities, or occurred in connection with an intelligence activity having a substantial element of risk."

The new policy was issued by Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Stephen A. Cambone.

See "Payment of Death Gratuity to Survivors of Certain DoD Personnel Assigned to Intelligence Duties," DoD Instruction 1341.08, 25 August 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/i1341_08.pdf

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Re: Unidentified Hot Object - Scheldroup

From: **John Scheldroup** <jschel.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 11:49:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:21:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Unidentified Hot Object - Scheldroup

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 00:13:52 -0400
>Subject: Unidentified Hot Object

>Unidentified Hot Object in Florida.

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

"For his own amusement, Mark had made a point of saving the videotapes of the law enforcement operations in which he had participated, so he made a copy of the original videotape.

(Note: he made a VHS copy of the original using the "standard play" option which means that the image resolution is about as good as one could expect for a copy of the original tape, which was reused many years ago.)

Occasionally over the years he would show it to someone who seemed interested, but aside from this he didn't talk about it. Fortunately, within the last year he showed it to a MUFON member (Steve Alexander) who subsequently alerted me. Mark provided me with his video copy for analysis and both he and Jim provided whatever supporting information they could provide."

<http://home.centurytel.net/cty90143/jpeg/anomalous/frame780.jpg>

Frame 780

<http://tinyurl.com/nx4b3>

Corgi Die-Cast Models

<http://tinyurl.com/pw4mc>

Released 2006

John

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Re: Unidentified Hot Object - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 12:48:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:23:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Unidentified Hot Object - Maccabee

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 10:30:08 -0600
>Subject: Re: Unidentified Hot Object

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>>Download UHO.doc

>I know I won't be the first on the list who points out that the
>UHO looks remarkably like the USS Enterprise of Star Trek fame.
>If there are any Trekkies out there with a 3-D model, I'll bet
>you can find an orientation that gives a pretty good match.

>Let me emphasize that I'm not trivializing this case, nor your
>excellent analysis. Can't resist pointing out the resemblance,
>though. It almost makes it seem less likely to be a hoax...
>who would have the gall to use such a recognizable prop?

The witnesses were, after all, policemen and the rest of the
video does show standard police operations.

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Re: Timothy Good And... - Goldstein

From: **Josh Goldstein** <lovolution.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 07:10:52 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:25:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Timothy Good And... - Goldstein

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 10:16:35 -0600
>Subject: Re: Timothy Good And...

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 21:11:17 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>Subject: Re: Timothy Good And...

>><snip>

>>The point I want to make here is, yes, we could very well be a
>>creation of some higher intelligence than simply an accident of
>>nature as is widely believed by this generation. Of course this
>>begs the question, who created our creators? Although "I
>>certainly can't prove that" too, we still cannot rule out what
>>our parents and ancestors once thought was the obvious answer -
>>Genesis 1:1 (i.e. there was one Supreme Creator or God present
>>at the beginning).

>Hi Nick,

>I think the fundamental problem that "this generation" (of
>scientists anyway) has with the creator mythos is not the
>question that it begs (who created the creator?), since an
>analogous question is raised in standard cosmology (from whence
>came the big bang?). What makes the concept so distasteful from
>a scientific standpoint is that it is not falsifiable. It is
>literally true that we cannot rule out Genesis 1:1, and it is
>this very property that makes it scientifically vacuous, even if
>philosophically or intuitively appealing. Kind of like string
>theory.

>Mike

Aloha,

For a fascinating exploration of this subject matter I highly
recommend reading Richard Dawkins' latest book The God Delusion.

Josh

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Re: Psychics - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 13:28:22 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:28:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Shell

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 13:44:59 -0300
>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 08:58:03 EDT
>>Subject: Psychics [was: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face]

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 14:43:05 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

<snip>

>>>My secretary showed me a news article in the newspaper a few
>>>years ago concerning a busload of people being in an accident.
>>>They were attending a convention in Las Vegas and they were all
>>>supposed to be psychics. Her question to me was, "Shouldn't
>>>they know that this was going to happen?" You would think a
>>>least a few of them would.

<snip>

>>I'm sure we've all had those moments when we knew something or
>>were aware of something not yet manifest and sure enough it came
>>to pass. Did we cause it or did we just make a very good high
>>end prediction given on mathematical probabilities from our own
>>equally high end processing abilities below our levels of
>>awareness? Only the eggheads will ever be sure.

<snip>

>I did explain to someone off-List that one psychic I did have
>contact with some years ago said that she never claimed to be
>able to predict the future - that was a Las Vegas trick - but
>would get powerful impressions; vivid, unconnected pictures in
>her mind, of events and places that had already occurred but
>were not public knowledge.

>She also stated that this was more of a curse than anything else
>which, in some respects, had negatively impacted her life. It
>was not a profitable venture. She could not ignore these
>intrusions into her mind, she was burdened with it and that the
>only satisfaction she got from it was being able to, on
>occasion, help someone with this ability.

The problem has always been a very poor signal-to-noise ratio.
But, hey, it's hard enough to concentrate, process and make
sense of the stuff thrown at your conscious mind, much less all
junk that splashes around beneath the surface. I understand
remote viewers do a little better when they're placed in a near
sensory deprivation state. I live in the city, though, and don't
even know of anyplace I can easily go that's relatively sound-
and light-proof. I don't think a Faraday cage would fit in my
apartment.

Whenever I get on a roll and I'm anticipating songs on the radio or TV episodes or signs, I always wonder just what it is I'm picking up. I've read Rupert Sheldrake's stuff, but he doesn't offer any explanation for what it is, only that it consists of "forms" or "morphic fields" of some vague sort. I assume that there's some kind of EM component to it, but probably because that's the energy spectrum with which I'm most familiar. If there's some other spectrum of energy out there that allows for ghosts and thought forms and other things that intrude on my own physical reality, I don't know what it is. But there is some interaction.

Lately, I've been thinking about the concept of "quantum consciousness." That is, our conscious minds exist in a kind of probability cloud that overlaps many different "parallel" universes. What we perceive is a like a statistical average of all the universes in which we exist. Most of the time we perceive our normal, boring, ordinary universe, but occasionally, for some unknown reason, the statistical average shifts one way or the other and we're able to perceive things that are happening in universes we don't wander into too often. And these universes are maybe set up in such a way that maybe ordinary things are shifted in time or space, or things exist in them that don't exist in the usual average universe.

So you get the feeling of deja vu, or have a bit of precognition, or - you get a feeling of "false history," like you remember something happened in the past (a celebrity passing away, for instance), but then the past seems to repeat itself (the celebrity dies "again"). And, getting back on topic, maybe UFO aliens exist in these other universes, but we're only able to see them and film them for a brief period before our statistical average floats back into what we feel is "normal."

It's just a thought. I don't know how such a thing could be tested.

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Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:57:47 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:32:45 -0400
Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Ledger

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 19:39:31 +0000
>Subject: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 06:07:18 +0100
>>Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

<snip>

>>The disbandment of S4(Air) was part of a wider MOD
>>reorganisation. The MOD lead for UFOs subsequently passed to a
>>division known as DS8.

>Nick:

>Yes, you were quite clear in your original message that the unit
>was passed on to another division.

>In my readings I discovered that agencies that had been
>investigating UFOs disbanded with the statement (to the effect)
>"They pose no threat."

>What evidence was uncovered that illicited that determination -
>i.e., "pose no threat."

Nick, Kathy,

Imagine if these objects insisted on travelling the wrong way down busy 4 lane highways, weaving in and out of traffic, causing drivers to swerve out of their lane and into another lane, or travelling in the same direction but uncomfortably close [in the case of automobiles this would be a 1/4 or half inch away] either off to the side or in front of vehicles, the outcry and the police concerns that would ensue. Would they not be of serious concern and be deemed to be as "posing no threat"? If people were killed by these antics, would they still be of no concern?

Now upgrade those speeds of 80 mph or 60 mph by a factor of 8 or 10, however with the human reaction times the same, but the distances increased to twice the wingspan of your airplane, and factor in the aircrafts slower response to control input and physical response time between air and control surfaces movements. Now throw in a couple of hundred people at risk rather than the one, two or perhaps four in an auto. Transpose from highway to the airliners equivalent to a highway called controlled airspace and tell me what's the difference. Explain to me how any government agency could say with a straight face that they "pose no threat" in the face of the evidence.

I'm on record as stating that I think that these agencies look at this phenomenon with a very serious eye and have done so since the getgo. In the UK this has to be SOP. Consider the recent skirmish in Lebanon and the Hezbollah's surprising arsenal of weapons including UAVs. To ignore what are called UFOs at the

detriment to your sovereign airspace without checking out each report is a total disregard of your raison d'ete and a betrayal of your sworn duty.

Not for one moment do I accept that the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada or any other country with an air force and sovereign airspace blows off these reports.

The pose "no serious threat" pronouncements is disingenuous. What is a "no serious threat" anyway as opposed to a serious threat? Does this mean it's a comical threat, an amusing threat? I know that it's not popular among many in this field to support that those in government who determine what is and what isn't real in this world have been shoving this under the mattress for 60 odd years, but it makes perfect sense to me. If you can't do a damn thing about it then you have take the weasle way out rather than admit that you can't do a damn thing about it-that you are powerless and an also-ran when it comes to navigating the skies and near space.

Don Ledger

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Re: That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling -

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 14:00:00 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:34:20 -0400
Subject: Re: That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 19:03:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling

>Source: Center for Science & Medical Journalism at Boston
> University College of Communication, Massachusetts, USA

><http://www.bu.edu/phpbin/news-cms/news/?dept=1127&id=40865>

>10/02/2006

>That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling

<snip>

>If SETI was no more than pointing a radio dish at the sky and
>waiting endlessly for aliens to call, such undying optimism
>might be rightly considered fanatical. After all, scientists
>have scanned the skies since the 1960s, and so far all is eerie
>silence.

List, All -

This statement strikes me as untrue. It is my understanding that there isn't an eerie silence, but there have been signals... some have lead us to astronomical discoveries and others have been signals that were not replicated. I think here of the "WOW" signal that was heard once but not again.

KRandle

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Re: Future's Bleak For UK Ufology - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 13:49:15 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 14:36:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Future's Bleak For UK Ufology - Shell

>From: **Chris Parr** <ChrsP875.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 12:56:40 EDT
>Subject: Future's Bleak For UK Ufology

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>I have just completed a study on the media related UK UFO
>reports from May to September 2006 and an astonishing 70% of
>these sightings can be attributed to witness misinterpretation
>of UFO fire balloon or Chinese lantern releases.

I don't see where this is the death knell of UFO study in the UK. Worldwide, misidentification with or without the hoax element has always been around 70-95 percent (or higher) of UFO reports. Comes with the territory.

>British Ufology is in danger of being overwhelmed by the
>articles on the "Orange UFO Mysteries" and this will
>significantly reduce the chance of any genuine UFO report being
>published in the media. We may well have to create our very own
>"D Notice" on the reports of UFO related Chinese Lanterns and
>UFO balloons.

Probably wouldn't hurt. These things come and go in waves, though, and you're right that some "real" orange UFO reports will probably get lost in the mix. The data is unfortunately messy. But all it needs to get nice and clear is a good, orange UFO that passes the IMPACT test, and the problem is solved.

I - Identification of individuals (no "Mr. Anonymous")
M - Multiple witnesses
P - Photos, videos, etc.
A - Aliens (alive or dead) with artifacts
C - Confirmation by authorities
T - Touchable, personally, by me and you

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An ESA Perspective View Of The Mars Face

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 13:28:25 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 17:12:10 -0400
Subject: An ESA Perspective View Of The Mars Face

An ESA Perspective View Of The Mars Face - Minus The 'Horn'

This, apparently, is a perspective view the main stream media don't want you to see:

http://www.esa.int/esaCP/SEM9WG8LURE_index_1.html#subhead1

There is nothing particularly new or surprising about this image, but it shows the landform has the same symmetry and rough, but face-like, appearance that all the other images of it indicate. Perhaps the MSM are worried that this sort of thing might promote incorrect thinking among the ignorant masses. They prefer showing the landform not how it actually appears, but how its ought to appear according to the conventional wisdom.

A higher-resolution version is at:

<http://tinyurl.com/je6h7>

It seems that the alleged 3-D perspective with which the MSM has favored us is as bogus as NASA's original "Catbox" manipulation of the 1998 image from the Mars Global Surveyor.

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Re: Psychics - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 13:30:02 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 17:16:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Clark

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 21:07:17 EDT
>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 16:35:04 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 11:57:55 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>But psychic events have been studied seriously... when I was
>required to spend a great deal of time in the Psych Library at
>the University of Iowa, I would often take breaks by searching
>the massive database for topics of interest such as UFOs. I
>looked at their collection of Parapsychology journals (and will
>note that many universities that once had programs in
>Parapsychology no longer do). I read some of the articles (and
>glanced at others). What I found was that those who studied
>Parapsychology at the university level, and who had a rooting
>interest in proving that psychic events were real (meaning that
>people could predict the future and that ghosts existed and
>could be measured scientifically, and that ESP was real) were
>finding out that what they had believed about psychic phenomena
>wasn't true...

I'm not sure what you're saying here, Kevin, but your sweeping
assertions about the motivations of parapsychologists are fairly
cartoonish. I would urge all who are interested in what
scientifically oriented parapsychologists do and what they have
concluded to go to the Parapsychological Association website at

<http://www.parapsych.org/>

>In fact, some of the work (much of it?) of J. B. Rhine has been
>discredited, not through anything he had done but because those
>who assisted him had been caught cheating. Rhine, to his credit,
>exposed this in an article and to his discredit, he refused to
>name the names. This, of course, tainted all the work because we
>don't know who was cheating in the experimentation and who was
>not.

I have no particularly brief for parapsychology, which interests
me only in the sense that it is a protoscience like ufology and
cryptozoology (whose contents do interest me) struggling for
acceptance, but I do know enough to understand that you are
exaggerating the fraud problem in parapsychological history.
Fraud is a problem in all of science, the subject of a growing
library of books, papers, and articles. More is made when fraud
occurs in parapsychology, of course, because of vested interest
of many in discrediting the discipline. Moreover, many fraud
charges in parapsychological investigations are themselves
speculative and subject to a massive published controversy. An
allegation of fraud is not always synonymous with a fact of
fraud. If you don't believe me, read C.E.M. Hansel's legion of

critics.

A good primer on parapsychology is Richard S. Broughton's Parapsychology: The Controversial Science (Ballantine, 1991). An excellent scholarly inquiry into Rhine's work and attendant controversies (which focused not on fraud, as you would have it, but on statistical methodology) is Mauskopf's and McVaugh's The Elusive Science: Origins of Experimental Psychical Research (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1980).

The bloviations of professional psychics are of as little interest to academic parapsychologists and lay scholars of the discipline as they are to any other sensible observer. These bloviations tell us us nothing at all, one way or the other, about the legitimacy or otherwise of psi.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Ask An Astrobiologist - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 16:08:23 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 17:22:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Ask An Astrobiologist - Friedman

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 11:13:05 -0400
>Subject: Re: Ask An Astrobiologist

>>Source: NASA Astrobiology Institute

>>http://nai.arc.nasa.gov/astrobio/astrobio_detail.cfm?ID=1606

>>and

>>http://nai.arc.nasa.gov/astrobio/astrobio_detail.cfm?ID=1652

>>02 October 2006

>>Ask An Astrobiologist

>>Question: I know that it's true that Apollo 11 did spot a UFO...
>>Is it true that other hams could pick up the television
>>broadcast that was shut down durring the spotting of the UFOs?
>>If so is it true that the hams could pick up Apollol1 saying
>>that other spacecraft were spotted on the crater edge of the
>>moon and were much more advanced than Apollol1's technology?

>>Answer: I am sorry to disappoint you, but you are repeating
>>stories that are known to be false. No astronauts saw "UFOs".

>><snip>

>>Question: Why is it that Nasa will not admit publicly, that
>>intelligent Extraterrestrial life exists and is visiting earth?
>>I mean, how many pictures and stories does one have to hear
>>until the truth will be let out.

>>Answer: Until there is real evidence, something that is
>>convincing to scientists, there is nothing to admit.
>>Astrobiologists would love to find evidence of extraterrestrial
>>life, but the "pictures and stories" in circulation today
>>wouldn't convince any scientist. For good and entertaining
>>discussion of critical thinking, I recommend Carl Sagan's book
>>The Demon Haunted World. Sagan wanted every citizen to have a
>>"baloney detector" as defense against sham in commerce and
>>politics as well as science. A good place to start is by looking
>>at the various misconceptions and hoaxes that populate the UFO
>>world.

>>David Morrison
>>NAI Senior Scientist

>Uh, oh. Dr Morrison would have the interested person _begin_ his
>investigation/study with the "misconceptions and hoaxes that
>populate the UFO world." What a great way to turn everyone
>off... including veteran ufologists.

>Clearly one should start with the truly puzzling cases to find
>out whether or not there is anything that "populates the UFO
>world" that can't be explained. This is, of course, the approach
>of the classic UFO book writers - present one 'impossible'
>sighting after another. None other than Edward Ruppelt, the first

>director of Project Blue Book, begins his book The Report On
>Unidentified Flying Objects, with an unexplained case.

>Probably Morrison has taken his own advice and concentrated on
>hoaxes and misconceptions and therefore argues that all
>cases/sightings are either hoaxes or misconceptions... and so
>he feels that he is giving the 'newbie' good advice: study the
>hoaxes and misconceptions.

>PJK would have agreed.

I would recommend reading my detailed rebuttals of the foolish
things Carl said about UFOs in Demon Haunted World, in my book
TOP SECRET/MAJIC. His comments are a good example of research by
proclamation.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Friedman

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 16:40:14 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 17:25:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Friedman

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 15:32:00 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 16:45:29 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

<snip>

>Adopting the notion that alien beings would share our basic
>motivations is comforting, and certainly helps the story make
>sense when you're putting them in a dramatic fiction and trying
>to make money from an audience. If the aliens just show up, kill
>people apparently at random, then leave for no good reason,
>that's pretty unsatisfying to us. Hey, even the Greeks ascribed
>human motivations and emotions to their gods.

>But looking at the database, and assuming for a moment we're
>dealing with aliens in some of the more curious cases, we can't
>really fathom what they're up to, or if it's even possible for
>us to do so. Even with the nice, Nordic "aliens" who are kind
>enough to tell us outright that they are here to make us more
>aware of the environment, or whatever, we can't necessarily
>believe them. They could be a bunch of big, fat liars. Why? Why
>not?

>If ETs are here, I personally don't have a clue as to why. I'm
>not egocentric enough to think that in the whole galaxy we have
>something here that is so wonderful and unique it can't be found
>anywhere else. My only thought is that life, all life, is
>directed toward absorbing and ordering all the matter/energy in
>the universe into one, giant living thing, with enough power and
>a big enough consciousness to create itself in the past.

>But that's just a guess. Dogs happily trotting down the street
>sure look like they have a definite destination in their little
>brains. Maybe they do, and maybe they don't. If I can't even
>tell what is motivating a dumb dog, I don't know how much luck
>I'd have trying to figure out what motivates an alien.

My paper The UFO 'Why?' Questions, to be presented at the 4th
Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference in Las Vegas November 10-
12 suggests a number of reasons for Alien visitations... It
will be included in the Proceedings.

There is more detail about the Conference at:

www.ufoconference.com

Stan Friedman

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Re: Future's Bleak For UK Ufology - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 15:43:09 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 17:27:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Future's Bleak For UK Ufology - Boone

>From: **Chris Parr** <ChrsP875.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 12:56:40 EDT
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>"D Notice" on the reports of UFO related Chinese Lanterns and
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Sweet Jesus on ice skates!

UK UFOs on the downside? Doomed?

With the way things work in this universe the next big UFO
sighting will be on a bright sunny day, a rarity I gather from
folks across the pond, and the Queen and Parliament will be
standing there and a big alien spaceship of some sort will end
up hovering over Princess Diana's resting spot and it will start
blaring out 'God Save The Queen'.

Then we'll see how the UK UFO scene fares.

Best,

Greg

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 15:54:09 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 17:28:45 -0400
Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Boone

>Source: The Guardian - London, UK

><http://ufos.about.com/b/a/256755.htm>

>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.

<snip>

Oh will this just stop already!

Who is behind all this nonsense coming out of the UK?

I would be upset and even angry if it weren't for two things.

That being many of us Americans have ancestral ties to the isles
so that anger wouldn't last long. We'd just look at it as a
family thing.

Second and most important the UK gave us all Dame Shirley
Bassegy. Any country that can produce a hottie singer like her
has a right to goof up now and then. She makes up for all the
mistakes the UK can make.

Best,

Greg

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Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 20:59:16 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 17:30:49 -0400
Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs - Pope

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 19:39:31 +0000
>Subject: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 06:07:18 +0100
>>Subject: Re: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 30 Sep 2006 21:38:05 +0000
>>>Subject: How The MoD Hid The Hunt For UFOs

>>>What was the official conclusion of that investigative body that
>>>caused them to disband the research/collection of data?

>>The disbandment of S4(Air) was part of a wider MOD
>>reorganisation. The MOD lead for UFOs subsequently passed to a
>>division known as DS8.

<snip>

>In my readings I discovered that agencies that had been
>investigating UFOs disbanded with the statement (to the effect)
>"They pose no threat."

>What evidence was uncovered that illicit that determination -
>i.e., "pose no threat."

None. It was more the perception that decades of research and investigation had produced no evidence of any hostile intent. And on the basis of this view (expressed in the Condign Report) the Defence Intelligence Staff effectively disengaged from the subject. At the same time and for similar reasons, Sec(AS) - the division with the policy lead for the subject - was also disengaging.

My own view, as stated publicly on many occasions, is that one cannot make any meaningful assessment of potential threat or defence significance in relation to a UFO sighting without undertaking a proper, scientific investigation.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 21:13:14 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 17:33:28 -0400
Subject: Re: That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 19:03:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling

>Source: Center for Science & Medical Journalism at
>Boston University College of Communication, Massachusetts, USA

><http://www.bu.edu/phpbin/news-cms/news/?dept=1127&id=40865>

>10/02/2006

>That Twinkling Star Could Be E.T. Calling

Hi Eleanor,

Robert Jastrow of Mt Wilson Observatory recently said:

"There are uncounted trillions of planets in the observable universe and two-thirds of them are billions of years older than Earth, so any of their inhabitants will have same relationship to humans that humans have with bacteria, or primitive worms".

- in 'Seeing is Believing' video:

<http://tinyurl.com/le76e>

So, SETI is essentially looking for a signal from a tiny minority of a minority: from someone who's only at exactly the same technology level as us - radio and no further - and is also stupid enough to transmit a "come and get me" message.

No chance, I'd say, and am tempted to quote Carl Sagan who spoke some sense on the matter - "A million years is a very long time" [smallest likely technological separation].

But that doesn't mean someone isn't registering our radio output - and smiling.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Psychics - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 16:43:49 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 17:36:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Boone

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 13:28:22 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 13:44:59 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 3 Oct 2006 08:58:03 EDT
>>>Subject: Psychics [was: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face]

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>Lately, I've been thinking about the concept of "quantum
>consciousness." That is, our conscious minds exist in a kind of
>probability cloud that overlaps many different "parallel"
>universes. What we perceive is a like a statistical average of
>all the universes in which we exist. Most of the time we
>perceive our normal, boring, ordinary universe, but
>occasionally, for some unknown reason, the statistical average
>shifts one way or the other and we're able to perceive things
>that are happening in universes we don't wander into too often.
>And these universes are maybe set up in such a way that maybe
>ordinary things are shifted in time or space, or things exist in
>them that don't exist in the usual average universe.

>So you get the feeling of deja vu, or have a bit of
>precognition, or - you get a feeling of "false history," like
>you remember something happened in the past (a celebrity >passing
>away, for instance), but then the past seems to repeat itself
>(the celebrity dies "again"). And, getting back on topic, maybe
>UFO aliens exist in these other universes, but we're only able
>to see them and film them for a brief period before our
>statistical average floats back into what we feel is "normal."

>It's just a thought. I don't know how such a thing could be
>tested.

Badda bam. You got it Tim.

I didn't want to go there yet but since you did.....

We need to step up a big notch and try to comprehend
technologies and abilities far beyond those of mortal men.

Trying to put things into a nutshell here it goes.

Let us try to comprehend that at some point some civilization
somewhere out there reached a point of survival solutions that
they didn't need physical bodies anymore. That they had achieved
a state of beingness where the physical universe's laws could
easily be manipulated. Immortality and the needs of food,
distance no longer a challenge what intellectual pursuits would
these beings engage in? Should we put the shoe on the other foot
and flip the script, what if our natural state of existence is

truly non corporeal? In our true, natural existence we're what the singer Sting says in his song, spirits in a material world?

That's the major leap in science. If someone at sometime qualifies and quantifies the existence of the human spirit.

There are or aren't levels of awareness and ability. Most of if not all of the main religions already state this. If you're a Christian you by default are not even wishy washy in the knowledge that you are a spirit. Buddhism is the same way if I recall correctly. Take away the mysticism and we just have life forms that are life_before_forms.

If someone proved past lives, out of body experiences, remote viewing and it was broadcast on the evening news these things were proven in a lab it would be whole new world wouldn't it?

The UFO arena is the toughest field of research I've ever seen. Anyone who can survive in it whether pro or con should be proud of themselves. It truly challenges the being.

We're dealing with technologies and abilities that are just so outstanding that our present and conventional ways of research and application don't match up... yet. Once in a while we get lucky. One day we'll hit the jackpot. In the meantime all we can do is keep a fair weather eye out and not jump to conclusions. Don't put faces on things you can't put a finger on. Don't 'Krell-Out' as we say in my circles which is a tribute to the film 'Forbidden Planet'. The Krell built a machine that allowed their greatest fantasies to come true but forgot that their unconscious, primitive minds had access as well. Same with us. Whatever we create, our unconscious minds may get access to. There's the big secret.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Timothy Good And... - Balaskas

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Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 07:32:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Timothy Good And... - Balaskas

>From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 07:10:52 -0700
>Subject: Re: Timothy Good And...

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 03 Oct 2006 10:16:35 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Timothy Good And...

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 21:11:17 -0400 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>Subject: Re: Timothy Good And...

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>>>The point I want to make here is, yes, we could very well be a
>>>creation of some higher intelligence than simply an accident of
>>>nature as is widely believed by this generation. Of course this
>>>begs the question, who created our creators? Although "I
>>>certainly can't prove that" too, we still cannot rule out what
>>>our parents and ancestors once thought was the obvious answer -
>>>Genesis 1:1 (i.e. there was one Supreme Creator or God present
>>>at the beginning).

<snip>

>>>I think the fundamental problem that "this generation" (of
>>>scientists anyway) has with the creator mythos is not the
>>>question that it begs (who created the creator?), since an
>>>analogous question is raised in standard cosmology (from whence
>>>came the big bang?). What makes the concept so distasteful from
>>>a scientific standpoint is that it is not falsifiable. It is
>>>literally true that we cannot rule out Genesis 1:1, and it is
>>>this very property that makes it scientifically vacuous, even if
>>>philosophically or intuitively appealing. Kind of like string
>>>theory.

<snip>

>For a fascinating exploration of this subject matter I highly
>recommend reading Richard Dawkins' latest book The God Delusion.

<snip>

Hi Everyone,

We have to accept that for the highly intelligence creatures we are, our understanding of this world is unfortunately limited by our five senses (maybe more for psychics and saints and possibly all women too?) and is restricted to the four dimensions of space and time (at least in our Earthly or "fallen" state). String theory, Wilbert B. Smith's 'The New Science' and even the higher dimensions of reality or truth suggested by the Bible and other holy books, some alleged to be directly inspired by God or ETs, may give us a better feel for our still very mysterious Cosmos and our place in it but like many things in religion and

science, certain things are accepted on faith alone. Everything else is a result of critical thinking and logical debate.

If Richard Dawkins, a devout atheist, is honest enough to know that although we cannot prove God exists or that the universe is the product of a supreme intelligence, he cannot prove that there is no God either. Atheism, including humanism and the study of nature or naturalism, is no different than theism. All are religions that are based on articles of faith and different interpretations of the same facts.

I have enjoyed reading articles by Richard Dawkins because they challenge the way I think and what I believe is true but since there is no consensus among scientists and other thinkers with their own no less compelling rational and articulate counter arguments, we cannot allow such important matters to be decided on the basis of personality or personal biases. Dawkins has the right to voice his opinion, but in the end it is just that, his opinion and not the "gospel truth".

For these reasons I do not think we will ever know, or are even prepared or willing to know, everything about the weird and mysterious world of UFOs and the intelligence behind them.

Thank God for Timothy Good for at least opening up the door to other possibilities in his fascinating new new book which I would highly recommend too.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: An ESA Perspective View Of The Mars Face -

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Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 21:36:36 -0700
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Subject: Re: An ESA Perspective View Of The Mars Face -

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 13:28:25 -0500
>Subject: An ESA Perspective View Of The Mars Face

>An ESA Perspective View Of The Mars Face - Minus The 'Horn'

>This, apparently, is a perspective view the main stream media
>don't want you to see:

>http://www.esa.int/esaCP/SEM9WG8LURE_index_1.html#subhead1

>There is nothing particularly new or surprising about this
>image, but it shows the landform has the same symmetry and
>rough, but face-like, appearance that all the other images of it
>indicate. Perhaps the MSM are worried that this sort of thing
>might promote incorrect thinking among the ignorant masses. They
>prefer showing the landform not how it actually appears, but how
>its ought to appear according to the conventional wisdom.

Thanks for posting this. Much more similar to the previous MGS
images (and no "horn"!). I hope the people who made quick
judgements based only on the other 3-D image will now take these
ones into consideration as well.

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
<http://www.themeridianijournal.blogspot.com>

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Kinross Hoax Fraud Or Real Mystery?

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Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 07:49:26 -0400
Subject: Kinross Hoax Fraud Or Real Mystery?

Source: American Chronicle - Beverly Hills, California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/s7q2x>

October 5, 2006

The Kinross Controversy: Hoax, Fraud, Men-in-Black or Genuine Discovery

Dirk Vander Ploeg

The mystery deepens as summer discoveries fade and questions remain unanswered. Journalists, writers, opportunists and perhaps even men-in-black have contacted or attempted to contact members of The Great Lakes Dive company.

The company has acknowledged the discovery of a 1953 F-89 Scorpion fighter jet and an unknown object, both sitting on the bottom of Lake Superior. Although, new revelations concerning both craft were revealed the dive season ended with the company still waiting Canadian government permission to use remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) to gather additional information including video, photos and artifacts.

During August and September things really started to get interesting as new images were released that utilized side scan sonar suggesting a possible collision between the craft and hinting that the majority of the mystery object still lies below the lake's sand and silt with only the dome exposed.

In the last week or so the company's website, www.greatlakesdive.com has disappeared completely. A "Whois" search confirms that the domain name is owned by Adam Jimenez the company spokesman. The domain name does not expire until 2007.08.09. Also, he has not been returning email or phone messages for the past week or so.

Many, who have been taking a wait and see attitude toward the reported discoveries, are now madly jumping off the band wagon and screaming fraud and hoax!

What surprises me is why the United States Air Force or American Aviation Historical Societies or clubs weren't tripping over each other for the opportunity of confirming the discovery of the almost pristine condition Scorpion lost in 1953. I would have thought that one of these organizations would want to raise the F-89 for historical preservation. The mystery surrounding the plane itself would guarantee increased revenue for the successful organization as thousands of enthusiasts would travel to witness this piece of history.

Next, why have not the U.S. Air Force not requested the bodies of the crew of the F-89 Scorpion - First Lt. Felix Eugene Moncla (USAF) and Pilot and First Lt. Robert L. Wilson (USAF), Radar Information Officer. With reports that the canopy of the jet fighter was still intact after more than 50 years the

possibility exists that the remains of the crewmen are still onboard. Surely, the families would be like the bodies returned and finally interred as per military custom.

The authorities have known for over 50 years where the crash site was located. Why has no one excavated the site or recovered the bodies.

I have had the unique opportunity of corresponding by email and by telephone with Mr. Jimenez during the past few months. From my very first contact with him he stated that the prime goal of his group was the discovery and restoration of Great Lakes shipwrecks. Their members were either engineers or professional divers. They took great pride in their activities and thought of themselves as archaeologists.

I have already told the story about how they were trying to find two French minesweepers when they determined that the dive season would end before they were finished. So they decided to put off this search until the next season and concentrate on locating the lost F-89 Scorpion. They had the general location as provided by the military in 1953 and additional information that had been written by investigators over the years. With modern GPS the general area was easily located and a search pattern drawn up and implemented. Within a relatively short period of time a large metallic signature was discovered and upon further investigation it was concluded that the object was an airplane and was in fact a F-89!

The last thing this group of Michiganders wanted was to get swept up in a 50-year old UFO controversy, but that is exactly what they got.

Strangers started to call offering large amounts of money for partnership and sponsorship opportunities for the recovery and documentation including movie rights on the objects sitting on the lakebed.

I was approached by a group of influential persons, some of which are members of a private UFO and paranormal mailing List. This members of this List are writers, producers, politicians, lecturers and other associated with the field of UFOs and the paranormal. They mentioned claimed that their main objective was to recover the F-89 and the mystery object. They claimed that they were genuinely concerned with the U.S./Canadian governments or some other agency or entity covertly recovering the objects.

This group sounded credible and after a series of emails and phone calls with various members including the president of the group I passed the email onto Adam Jimenez. I simply forwarded the emails to Jimenez leaving it up to him and his partners to contact the party if interested.

Adam and his partners contacted the group and were, to say the least, unimpressed. Apparently, these influential parties were not prepared to accept "let us think about this for a while" and get back to you. This group attempted to scare and intimidate Adam and his partners and shortly thereafter I received an email containing this section:

"I wanted to drop you an email and let you know that we have no interest in working with the group that emailed you about us. Over the past couple of days we have determined that this individual or group have misrepresented who they are and who they are affiliated with. We have received threatening emails and outright lying voice mails from this group or individual. We still value your input and integrity on this project, but please do not forward any contact (email or otherwise) from this group or individual to us."

What's ironic about receiving this email is the fact that I stressed that it was my opinion that any group wanting to work with The Great Lakes Dive company had to be patient and allow them to discover that they needed the group to complete this project and achieve the best results.

So, is the whole thing a hoax, complete with doctored photos and false news reports? Is Adam Jimenez a genius of media exploitation? Were Linda Moulton Howe, Gord Heath and myself fooled into believing that there was a real story here?

Certainly I have doubts. Like you unless I can touch the object or see indisputable video proof of it how can anyone be sure. I honestly don't know the truth, but I do believe in Adam Jimenez. I believe they took their website down for the fall and winter just to give themselves the opportunity to digest what has happened and to create a plan for the future. Hell, they just weren't overwhelmed they were terrified by the attention of the conspiracy whackos and well intentioned investors!

We should all just take one step back and let the story unfold in its own way. The Great Lake Dive company owners are not unsophisticated and they have taken appropriate measures to safeguard and protect their discoveries.

The mystery has remained unsolved for 53 years another few months really shouldn't make any difference.

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

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Nobel Winner Life May Exist On Other Worlds

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10/6/06

Nobel Winner: Life May Exist On Other Worlds

Astrobiologist Baruch Blumberg said we should keep looking, but not hold our breath

Yanik Ruiz-Ramon

There just might be life on other planets, according to one astrobiologist.

Nobel Prize winner Baruch Blumberg spoke about his field in front of a packed auditorium in Steinberg-Dietrich Hall.

Blumberg said that even if life only originated on one planet, it could have moved to others via meteorites.

Organisms that manage to burrow into rocks like meteorites are well protected and can survive the process of re-entry through a planet's atmosphere, he said.

His field, astrobiology, is a broad discipline that studies the origin, evolution and future of life on Earth and in the universe, Blumberg said. It investigates philosophical and religious questions such as the definition of life and death from a scientific point of view.

While scientists have discovered organic compounds that have come from space, Blumberg noted, they have not found actual organisms.

But he added that scientific research has shown that organisms can live in extremely challenging environments such as those that would be found on other planets.

"There are bacteria that can live in the cooling pools of nuclear reactors," he said.

Blumberg also referred to the report yesterday that there are potentially billions of planets in our galaxy.

And, while he would not say whether he believed extraterrestrial life exists, he said that life is possible wherever there is water.

"I think there is a sufficient possibility to keep looking," Blumberg said.

Blumberg said astrobiological research takes multiple generations to be completed.

Research vessels, for instance, take years to reach their destinations and to begin sending data.

"Most of the stuff I've worked on won't be completed until I'm dead," he said.

Blumberg spoke as the inaugural lecturer of the Penn Association of Senior and Emeritus Faculty's annual series.

He teaches medicine and anthropology at Penn and is known for having helped develop a vaccine for Hepatitis B, for which he won the Nobel.

Biochemistry and Biophysics graduate student Carlos Gay-Antaki said he found the lecture interesting.

"I think I was most interested in the philosophical questions they began the lecture with," Gay-Antaki said.

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Abduction Lawyer For Hire

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Subject: Abduction Lawyer For Hire

Source: CNN.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/o2o58>

October 5, 2006

Abducted By Aliens? Lawyer For Hire

BERLIN, Germany (Reuters) -- A German lawyer hopes to drum up more business by pursuing state compensation claims for people who believe they were abducted by aliens.

"There's quite obviously demand for legal advice here", Jens Lorek told Reuters by telephone on Thursday. "The trouble is, people are afraid of making fools of themselves in court."

Lorek, a lawyer based in the eastern city of Dresden who specializes in social and labor law, said he hoped to expand his client base by taking on the unusual work.

He has yet to win any abduction claims, but says there are plenty of potential clients, noting that extra-terrestrial watchdogs report scores of alien assaults every year.

"These people could appeal for therapies or cures," he said.

Lorek, 41, is pinning his hopes for success on a German law which grants kidnap victims the right to state compensation.

Asked if he was worried he might look ridiculous by seeking justice for clients haunted by aliens, Lorek was unfazed.

"Nobody has laughed about it up until now."

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

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Many Witnesses To Greenham Common Lights

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Source: Newbury Weekly News - Newbury, Berkshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/rx2r7>

October 5, 2006

The Truth Is Out There...

By Robert Rowlands, Reporter

MOD and Met Office say they can't account for strange light formations seen over Greenham bunkers

A week may have passed, but there is still no explanation for the mystery lights seen over Greenham Common.

The MOD and the Met Office have been unable to account for the strange light formations, and newburytoday and the Newbury Weekly News have been flooded with calls and emails from readers who saw the lights or think they know what caused them.

Some of the explanations include Chinese lanterns, hoaxers with kites, helicopters and fireworks.

Meanwhile, the Met Office has confirmed that the bright, silent flashes that lit up the sky around the time of the light formations were due to distant lightning.

Fifteen-year-old Declan Geater of Greenham Close was with some friends when he saw 12 orange lights moving soundlessly in a V-shape formation over Greenham Common just after midnight on September 23.

"We were all interested when we saw it in the sky," he said.

"I have never seen anything like it. I thought it was something like a UFO."

One woman, who wished to remain anonymous, was driving from East Ilsley to Streatley with her partner when she saw the lights at 8pm.

"I thought they were like strange helicopters in a triangle formation, very high up. They were there for the whole 20 minute drive. They were very large, and you could not see any other shape."

A hoaxer was the more likely culprit, according to Turnpike Road resident Patrick Painting.

"They are done deliberately to make people confused and to create hysteria. I know that there are people who attach lights to the kites and throw them up, and of course you can't see the kite or the line at all."

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UFO Spotted In Skies Over Norwich

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Subject: UFO Spotted In Skies Over Norwich

Source: Norwich Evening News - Norfolk, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/gkab6>

06 October 2006

UFO Spotted In Skies Over Norwich
by
Naomi Canton

The truth is out there somewhere=85 but people in the city are scratching their heads after more sightings of unidentified flying objects.

Over the past couple of months, baffled readers have contacted the Evening News to say they have spotted strange lights in the sky.

This week a fresh spate of sightings on Tuesday night left families across the city wondering what they had seen.

Barrie Slade, 25, who lives in Clifton Street, said he was stunned to see an unusual orange glow in the sky while out walking his dog down Heigham Street at 10.20pm.

The father-of-one said: "At first I saw one orange light and then it was followed by three more orange lights really close to it and it was moving diagonally in the sky. It was quite slow and then it disappeared in the distance."

He texted a friend in Old Catton, who also saw two lights. Mr Slade, a chef, who went to Broadland High School in Wroxham, added: "They made a triangular shape. I thought it can't be a plane because planes have flashing lights but these were silent and it was just an orange glow. I don't think it was a hot air balloon because they normally send off a flame."

Miles Ward, 26, saw the lights from outside his house in Jex Road at 11pm. He said: "My neighbour told me to look up and then right down towards the city centre. I could see four bright red lights coming in my direction and then they stopped. My wife took a picture but they did not show up."

About 20 minutes later he saw three lights in the same place, which stayed for five minutes and then faded out. He said: "It looked like they were above Heigham Street. They were at the same sort of height as an aeroplane but they stopped for three or four minutes and there was no noise. The way it was moving was eerie."

Heather Allen, who lives in Netherwood Green, Lakenham, saw the lights at 10:40pm above the woods near her house.

The 56-year-old grandmother said: "I saw five or six yellowy-orange bright lights in the sky at the back of the woods. They were floating. They were in a line behind each other. Then they

went out towards Trowse. They were about the height of a helicopter but there was no noise. It just did not seem like anything I could recognise."

John Sayer, treasurer of the Norfolk UFO Society, said he had received two reports. He said one witness from Unthank Road saw three yellowish bright lights at 10.15pm and another person in Lakenham saw four orange lights which stopped and circled a small white light at 10.30pm. "We are collating reports on it and interviewing witnesses. It does sound like a genuine anomalous sighting," he said.

UFO sightings:

- In August this year several witnesses reported sighting a UFO flying over Hellesdon. They said a bright red ball appeared above Low Road, it glowed then turned blue. A triangular black craft then appeared 50ft in the air which pulsed various lights, but there was no sound and it eventually shot off in total silence.

- In September Kerry Neal of Thorpe St Andrew spotted a similar silent hovering aircraft near Acle. She said she saw lights and an object hovering which then disappeared.

- In 1997 David Spoor, from Oulton Broad, filmed several UFOS in the Lowestoft area. On one occasion he was closing the door of his home when he saw a metallic saucer-shaped object in the evening sky and captured it on film. He was later invited on an expenses-paid trip to a UFO convention in the USA to talk about his sightings.

- In April 1996 the Norfolk UFO Society was swamped after sightings of an unusual bright white light in the sky came in from all over the city

Have you spotted a UFO? E-mail naomi.canton.nul or telephone 01603 772418.

If you manage to get a picture of a UFO, please e-mail it to us at news24.nul

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Fred Films A UFO 'Flying Over Town'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 10:27:59 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 10:27:59 -0400
Subject: Fred Films A UFO 'Flying Over Town'

Source: The Burnley Express - Lancashire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/fs35c>

Fri October 6 2006

Fred Films A UFO 'Flying Over Town'

ARE aliens keeping an eye on Burnley?

Well that's certainly the view of Mr Fred Scott (62), who claims to have seen a UFO hovering in the sky near his home in Briercliffe Road, Burnley.

The retired fork-lift truck driver was having a cigarette at his front door at around 9 p.m. last Thursday when he spotted a flashing light in the night sky.

He ran to fetch his camcorder and recorded the object for a few seconds before it disappeared in a flash. Unable to contact Mulder and Scully, Mr Scott got in touch with the Burnley Express to tell of his strange sighting.

He said: "I was just having a quiet cigarette outside my house when I saw this strange object in the sky. I didn't particularly believe in UFOs or aliens before, but now I'm not so sure.

"After I'd been filming it for a few seconds it shot off in a sideways direction. I don't know of any plane that does that."

Mr Scott is the latest in a long line of Burnley people over the years to have spotted "something" in the air. The grandfather of six says his younger relatives were understandably excited when he showed them the film. On seeing the UFO, he cried out to his wife Maureen: "Get the kettle on, they're coming."

The Burnley Express contacted UFO expert, Mr Russell Callaghan, editor of the UFO Data magazine, who described the sighting as "very interesting".

Mr Callaghan, who has been studying UFO sightings for years, said: "The Pennine Corridor in East Lancashire is renowned for UFO sightings, although it is very difficult to ascertain what most of them are.

"It becomes more difficult when something is seen in the night sky as it could be a plane, helicopter or even a heavenly body such as a star.

"However, the fact that this object apparently shoots off to the side very quickly is interesting and very unusual. I would like to see footage of this sighting so I can make a more accurate observation."

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The Alien Situation

From: **Fred Dennis** <etinvestigator1984.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 11:16:42 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 11:51:12 -0400
Subject: The Alien Situation

UFO Summary

1. Extraterrestrial craft have crashed on Earth.
2. Government efforts at acquiring alien technology have been successful.
3. The Government has had in their possession live alien hostages from time to time.
4. The Government has conducted autopsies on alien cadavers.
5. Intelligence, security, and public agencies are actively involved in the cover of facts pertaining to aliens. The CIA and NSA are so deeply involved that exposure would cause the collapse of their overt structure.
6. People have been and are currently abducted, mutilated, murdered, and kidnapped in connection with the UFO situation.
7. There is a current active alien presence on this planet that controls different elements of our society.
8. Alien forces maintain bases on Earth and on the Moon.
9. Our Government has had a working relationship with aliens for some time with the express purpose of gaining technology in gravitational propulsion, beam weaponry, and mind control.
10. Cattle have been killed by aliens for the purpose of acquiring biological materials.
11. The U.S. space program is a cover operation that exists for public relations purposes.
12. Our civilization is just one of many that have existed in the last billion years.

Comments welcome

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Re: talkSport Radio UFO Feature - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 15:32:59 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 11:55:13 -0400
Subject: Re: talkSport Radio UFO Feature - McGonagle

Well, Chris Parr and Russ Kellett didn't let us down (bless their cotton socks).

Russ called in and was distracted by James Whale onto the topic of his own experiences. When Whale became downright insulting, I think Kellett hung up.

Chris called in, and was trying to make the point about fire balloons/Chinese lanterns getting too much media coverage and wasting ufologist's time. Again, Whale went off on a tangent and suggested that the MoD rely on ufologists to take attention away from the real cause of UFO reports (presumably military covert flights).

Nick Pope once again failed to mention the hard work by people who make FoIA requests, declaring that the MoD are in the process of a rolling programme of routine release of information under the FoIA.

While there are some voluntary releases either already made, or in progress, these are generally not the interesting items that are being dredged out by active FoIA requesters - for instance, they couldn't possibly have released the Condign report "routinely", since they didn't even know about it until Dave Clarke and Gary Anthony made specific requests for it!

Joe

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Roswell Museum & UFO Festival Follow-Up

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 17:00:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 17:00:58 -0400
Subject: Roswell Museum & UFO Festival Follow-Up

Source: Dennis Balthaser's Truth Seeker At Roswell Site

<http://www.truthseekeratroswell.com/ed100106.html>

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Searching For The Truth

(Always Telling the Truth, Means Never Having to Remember Anything)

Follow-up:

Is The Roswell UFO Museum & Annual UFO Festival Becoming A Thing Of The Past?

As a follow up to my September 1, 2006 editorial entitled, "Is the Roswell UFO Museum & Annual UFO Festival becoming a thing of the past?" this editorial deals with the inadequate response I received from the President of the Museum's Board of Directors and my reply to him.

In the editorial I mentioned 14 items of concern not only to me as a resident of Roswell and as a serious UFO researcher, (which were not addressed in the Board President's response), but also the views of many in the community.

The city of Roswell has taken over the annual Festival for next July (the 60th anniversary of the Roswell Incident) and preliminary indications indicate it should be well organized and again bring credit to Roswell, unlike the past few years annual event that were disappointing for the community under the control and sanctioning of the UFO Museum. I suggested in my editorial that changes were needed for both the annual Festival and the UFO Museum method of operation. The city of Roswell has initiated one of those changes.

Response from the IUFOMRC

September 14, 2006

Dennis Balthaser
Roswell, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Balthaser,

In regard to our letter to our Board of Directors of September 1, 2006, our opinion of your views will be reflected in the brevity of this reply.

The UFO Museum and Research Center is doing fine, with visitor numbers healthy in a gasoline oriented business; national television interest is high (with a new National Geographic special filmed at the museum last week); and development of plans for a new building on choice downtown Roswell land recently purchased on favorable terms obtained by Director Shuster is in the works.

Since your services at the museum were terminated by a previous board, I can understand your frustration, but please limit communication of your opinions in the future to those who appreciate them- our board does not, nor do we agree with them.

Perhaps you will be good enough to pass along this reply to the other addressees in your letter for them to know our appreciation for Director Shuster and for her magnificent leadership and efforts in the furtherance of the UFO Museum and Research Center.

Yours very truly,

Jack Swickard
President
Board of Directors
International UFO Museum & Research Center

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My Response to the IUFOMRC

September 29, 2006

Jack Swickard and Board of Directors
International UFO Museum and Research Center

Mr. Swickard and Board Members,

Your September 14, 2006 response to my =93editorial=94 which you referred to as =93letter=94 was not only disappointing, but also predictable. Sadly, none of the =9314 items of concern=94 were addressed =93directly or adequately.=94

I=92m aware that several board members are totally unsatisfied with you as the President of the Board, and the actions of the Director, and by you responding to me on UFO Museum stationary and stating =93the Board does not agree with me=94, is erroneous and inaccurate to put it mildly. Was the board advised of your response to me, (since you stated =93our opinion of your views will be reflected in the brevity of this reply=94), and did the board approve the threatening letters to me and other researchers sent by U.S. Mail from the Director during the past few years?

There are many in this community that have also been voicing their dissatisfaction with the Director of the Museum and the way the Board has allowed her to operate, but you have chosen to ignore not only my comments in the editorial, but have also helped to promote that dissatisfaction by your lack of response, which has created an unhealthy atmosphere not only in Roswell, but through out the media and much of the UFO Community.

The editorial was distributed to those that needed to know what is going on in Roswell with the Museum and the Festival, unlike your comment that I should limit my communication. Are you trying to censor me speaking out as a concerned citizen and UFO researcher like the Director has threatened to censor my work? Except for your Director trying to discredit me with documentary film companies and other researchers that posted the editorial, the responses to the editorial have been positive. Change is needed.

As you of all people know Jack, my goal as a recognized and

respected UFO researcher was to promote the museum and the annual Festival until a few years ago. I still maintain the Museum is a vitally needed facility for the public, but the current Director and support of some board members is headed in the wrong direction, and you in your response have refused to acknowledge that.

With the city taking over the Festival next year I will dedicate myself to promoting the Festival again for them, however the Museum under the current leadership will not be promoted by me and many others. The fact that the city decided to take over the Festival speaks volumes about the way it=92s been handled the past few years under the current Museum Director, but the community has yet to hear any comments from the Board about that. After almost 4 months, the Director has not made any figures public about the low attendance at this past July=92s Festival available, even as requested by Jim Mosley of Saucer Smear magazine, in a recent telephone call to the Director.

The lame excuse in your response about gasoline prices being a reason for low attendance is again a total untruth. I like many other people I know made several out of town trips this summer and paid the extra 5-10% for gasoline. National polls do not substantiate your excuse, since people have not reduced their travel because of gas prices, or is that the Director=92s and your way of pacifying the board and the public about the poor attendance numbers.

Jack, as President of the Museum Board were you even in town for this past July=92s Festival, when your Director was sanctioning and not sanctioning everything that took place to add to the failure of the Festival, creating problems for many community organizations as reported in The Roswell Daily Record. Furthermore I=92m curious about how many of the Museum Board members were actively involved during this past July=92s Festival, and would be interested in knowing their reaction to the low attendance at what should be the biggest event of the year.

Your knowledge of what is really going on concerned me when you stated in your response that the National Geographic special was filmed at the Museum. It was also filmed with many researchers around the country, including myself for over 6 hours in front of the camera. Jack are you aware that your Director told the National Geographic crew that =93had she known they were filming me they would not have been allowed to film at the Museum?=94 Are you also aware that on Sept. 25, I filmed with the Canadian History channel for 3 hours and again when the crew went to the Museum the Director told them, =93if your filming certain local researchers you cannot film at the Museum?=94 Additionally the Canadian crew was told =93they should not eat at the Cover-Up Caf=E9 at 2nd and Main because the owner was trying to shut down the Museum.=94 Is this what you and the Board members expect from your Director, by denying film crews that want to help promote the Museum, but can=92t because of a vindictive attitude the Director has towards me and many others. The Canadian film crew gave me permission to pass their information on to you, and was shocked by the attitude of your Director when they visited the Museum.

You stated, =93my services at the Museum were terminated by a previous Board so you can understand my frustration=94. That was in 1998, and like I have, it=92s time for the Museum personnel to get over it, and move on. I was asked to sever my services as a volunteer by an Executive Board, not the Board of Directors. To this day I=92ve not been told why I was supposed to sever my relationship and my \$1000.00 Lifetime membership was returned to me. Looking back leaving the Museum was a positive step in my research career, by not having to deal with the politics currently very evident at the Museum. I have written documentation on file where I earnestly tried to work with the Director when she assumed her position. Now years later, I=92m being threatened, slandered and harassed by her.

I=92m also displeased with the Director referring to Carol Syska and myself as =93ex-employees.=94 Show me any paperwork (including W-2 Forms), or a contract, that indicates I was an employee of the Museum between July 1996 and October 1998. I was a 70 hour-per-week volunteer, so advise your Director to immediately cease referring to me as an ex-employee of the Museum.

You might also ask the Director and Gift Shop manager why my lecture video and cassette tapes were abruptly removed from sale

in the Museum Gift shop after selling them at 100% markup from 1997 until 2 years ago, purchasing 10 of each several times a year during that time period. I have copies of invoices for those sales.

You stated in your response to my editorial, and your Director is taking credit for obtaining property for a new building downtown, when in fact that property was initially negotiated for and eventually acquired by a former Museum Board Member. Can you produce the minutes of the Board meeting where that occurred and quit giving the Director credit for something she didn't do?

Many in the community are also questioning the status of the Museum as a 501(C) 3 organization.

The Director has been spreading accusations against me and to others that my "Interception" video and other lecture videos I've done as a volunteer at the Museum, belong to the Museum. I have tried on numerous occasions to explain to her that all my lectures are copyrighted with the Library of Congress in Washington, DC and in fact the "Interception" lecture (videocassette; BD in.), was registered on September 26, 1997 on the recommendation of Museum co-founder Max Littell, prior to doing the lecture publicly at the Museum on October 11, 1997. The copyright number is PAu-2-238-759. I have written documentation for all the other lectures I copyrighted also. There was no contract or agreement pertaining to the "Interception".

These type accusations and threats are intolerable and shall also cease by the Director. Trying to claim my research 9 years after the fact while profiting from my research during that time will not be tolerated.

While I was a volunteer at the Museum (1996-1998), I initiated the monthly lecture series for the public, which the current Director decided to discontinue, thus taking another benefit away from the community.

I have written documentation to support the concerns I mentioned in the editorial I distributed on September 1, 2006. Many of the statements and concerns expressed above are different and more current than those made in the editorial, and there are more, many more. This harassment, threatening and making untrue statements by the Museum Director have reached a point where if the Museum is to function as intended, changes have to be made, and as President of the Board you are expected and in fact required to do so.

Finally you asked me to pass along your reply to those that received the editorial so they could know of your appreciation for Director Shuster and her magnificent leadership and efforts in the furtherance of the Museum.

I will pass on your inadequate response for all to read, but because I base my research on a quote I use in lectures and on my web site, I'll maintain "Always Telling the Truth Means Never Having to Remember Anything."

Dennis G. Balthaser
Email: truthskr.nul

[Thanks to Frank Warren for the lead]

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Re: Unidentified Hot Object - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 11:57:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 17:03:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Unidentified Hot Object - Maccabee

>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 11:49:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Unidentified Hot Object

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 00:13:52 -0400
>>Subject: Unidentified Hot Object

>>Unidentified Hot Object in Florida.

>>Is this the first 8-14 micron FLIR image of an unknown object?
>>If so, too bad it took so long for us to find out about it. What
>>was it? Read the report at:

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

>"For his own amusement, Mark had made a point of saving the
>videotapes of the law enforcement operations in which he had
>participated, so he made a copy of the original videotape.

>Occasionally over the years he would show it to someone who
>seemed interested, but aside from this he didn't talk about it.
>Fortunately, within the last year he showed it to a MUFON
>member (Steve Alexander) who subsequently alerted me. Mark
>provided me with his video copy for analysis and both he and Jim
>provided whatever supporting information they could provide."

><http://home.centurytel.net/cty90143/jpeg/anomalous/frame780.jpg>

>Frame 780

Your reimagining of frame 780 has "created resolution" where there is none. The two dark images at the right side of the larger dark image are darkened areas of two adjacent (but non-contacting) single line scans of the video image. In a line scan picture such as this there are unscanned regions between the scan lines. These between-line unscanned regions appear white in the picture. If a scan line "passes across" an object emitting radiation the scan line turns dark (in this infrared picture) and the line "fattens" . If an emitting object is large enough so that two adjacent scan lines pass across it, then there will be darkening and "fattenings" of these adjacent scan lines, but there may still be a white unscanned area between. This is the situation with the right side images of the UHO, leading to what looks like two parallel "bars" of darkness. If the radiation source is very bright the scan lines can "fatten" enough to fill in the unscanned region between and thereby make a continuous dark area of the image. This is the situation with the larger round image. Whatever made that was hot enough to cause the scan lines passing across it to "fatten" to the point where they filled in the unscanned areas between the scan lines.

Anyway, aside from the gruesome technical details above, it should have been obvious that the photon propulsion engines- or whatever they are - at the rear of the plastic spaceship are too far apart as compared to the diameter of the passenger portion

(disc shape). I doubt that you can find a proper perspective view to make the Enterprise look exactly like the UFO (in outline).

As I have pointed out before, this video of the UHO is a part of a continuous video of a police operation followed by video of aircraft at an airfield, followed by the appearance of the UHO in the sky (occasionally blocked by a top rotor blade) followed by moving scenery as the pilot turned the helicopter and the copilot tried to find the object again. Other sections of the video show other police operations.

Could a picture like this be created as a hoax? Sure. My estimate of the probability of hoax in this case is very small. One is faced with the "usual suspects": 1) is it possible to find some object that can be filmed videoed) in some way to duplicate the image very closely (I submit that simply videotaping the Starship Enterprise won't do it) 2) is it possible to demonstrate that the image could be electronically created and superimposed onto an actual FLIR - type format or the VHS copy of the flir format and 3) is there any reason, other than the existence of the video, to doubt the credibility of the witnesses ?

><http://tinyurl.com/nx4b3>

>Corgi Die-Cast Models

><http://tinyurl.com/pw4mc>

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Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 12:13:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 17:04:54 -0400
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If this is all true I'd rather be in.... no not Philadelphia... Andromeda. I hear that the zero point fluctuations are more energetic on the other side of the galaxy.

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Re: Psychics - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 12:24:25 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 17:07:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Randle

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 13:30:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 21:07:17 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 16:35:04 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 11:57:55 EDT
>>>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>But psychic events have been studied seriously... when I was
>>required to spend a great deal of time in the Psych Library at
>>the University of Iowa, I would often take breaks by searching
>>the massive database for topics of interest such as UFOs. I
>>looked at their collection of Parapsychology journals (and will
>>note that many universities that once had programs in
>>Parapsychology no longer do). I read some of the articles (and
>>glanced at others). What I found was that those who studied
>>Parapsychology at the university level, and who had a rooting
>>interest in proving that psychic events were real (meaning that
>>people could predict the future and that ghosts existed and
>>could be measured scientifically, and that ESP was real) were
>>finding out that what they had believed about psychic phenomena
>>wasn't true...

>I'm not sure what you're saying here, Kevin, but your sweeping
>assertions about the motivations of parapsychologists are fairly
>cartoonish. I would urge all who are interested in what
>scientifically oriented parapsychologists do and what they have
>concluded to go to the Parapsychological Association website at

><http://www.parapsych.org/>

I mean nothing here, other than parapsychologists study these
areas, as well as others. I meant that those who study
parapsychology were the ones who pointed out that some of the
studies were less than accurate, that some of the claims were
untrue, and that their investigations were not motivated by a
belief that they could save us from ourselves (meaning that a
belief in parapsychology will be the downfall of the world as we
know it and we must therefore convince others not to study it).
These were not studies conducted by an academic world that
wanted to crush belief in the occult and in parapsychology but
by parapsychologists themselves.

>>In fact, some of the work (much of it?) of J. B. Rhine has been
>>discredited, not through anything he had done but because those
>>who assisted him had been caught cheating. Rhine, to his credit,
>>exposed this in an article and to his discredit, he refused to

>>name the names. This, of course, tainted all the work because we
>>don't know who was cheating in the experimentation and who was
>>not.

>I have no particularly brief for parapsychology, which interests
>me only in the sense that it is a protoscience like ufology and
>cryptozoology (whose contents do interest me) struggling for
>acceptance, but I do know enough to understand that you are
>exaggerating the fraud problem in parapsychological history.
>Fraud is a problem in all of science, the subject of a growing
>library of books, papers, and articles. More is made when fraud
>occurs in parapsychology, of course, because of vested interest
>of many in discrediting the discipline. Moreover, many fraud
>charges in parapsychological investigations are themselves
>speculative and subject to a massive published controversy. An
>allegation of fraud is not always synonymous with a fact of
>fraud. If you don't believe me, read C.E.M. Hansel's legion of
>critics.

Yes, fraud is a problem in all science as we have been reminded many times. I mentioned Rhine simply because I knew that those who would leap to the defense of the psychics would cite him and his work as an example and I wanted it understood that I had looked as his work and I understood how allegations of fraud could damage good work, or need I remind you that my work has been tainted by my association with Don Schmitt...

And I mentioned Rhine because he himself exposed the fraud so that we couldn't suggest that it was an unfounded allegation slung at Rhine simply because he engaged in parapsychological research. And I thought it important to point out that he didn't name names and that made all his work suspect because he didn't name names.

>A good primer on parapsychology is Richard S. Broughton's
>Parapsychology: The Controversial Science (Ballantine, 1991).
An >excellent scholarly inquiry into Rhine's work and attendant
>controversies (which focused not on fraud, as you would have
it, >but on statistical methodology) is Mauskopf's and McVaugh's
The >Elusive Science: Origins of Experimental Psychical Research
>(Johns Hopkins University Press, 1980).

Yet in Something Hidden, Louisa Rhine wrote, "Jim [James D. MacFarland] had actually consistently falsified his records... To produce extra hits Jim had to resort to erasures and transpositions in his records..." This smacks of fraud to me and not statistical methodology. That is not to say that we reject all of Rhine's work, but that we be aware that there are problems with it and those problems seem to come from his assistants and not from Rhine. What we don't know is the extent of the fraud here (and yes, I use the word fraud on purpose, knowing full well its pejorative nature).

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Except when the psychics are cited as a way of gathering additional information. I didn't interject psychics into the equation, merely wanted to suggest that this might not be the best path to follow.

KRandle

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Re: An ESA Perspective View Of The Mars Face -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming6.nul>
Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 12:05:36 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 17:08:21 -0400
Subject: Re: An ESA Perspective View Of The Mars Face -

>From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
>Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 21:36:36 -0700
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: An ESA Perspeticve View Of The Mars Face

>>From: Lan Fleming <lflaming6.nul>
>>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 05 Oct 2006 13:28:25 -0500
>>Subject: An ESA Perspeticve View Of The Mars Face

>>An ESA Perspeticve View Of The Mars Face - Minus The 'Horn'

>>This, apparently, is a perspective view the main stream media
>>don't want you to see:

>>http://www.esa.int/esaCP/SEM9WG8LURE_index_1.html#subhead1

>>There is nothing particularly new or surprising about this
>>image, but it shows the landform has the same symmetry and
>>rough, but face-like, appearance that all the other images of it
>>indicate. Perhaps the MSM are worried that this sort of thing
>>might promote incorrect thinking among the ignorant masses. They
>>prefer showing the landform not how it actually appears, but how
>>its ought to appear according to the conventional wisdom.

>Thanks for posting this. Much more similar to the previous MGS
>images (and no "horn"!)). I hope the people who made quick
>judgements based only on the other 3-D image will now take these
>ones into consideration as well.

Unfortunately, few of the millions of people who were probably
misled by MSM articles showing the dubious 'Horned Face' image
will see the more accurate 3-D model buried on the ESA web site.

The mass media sure aren't going to tell them about it.

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Re: Psychics - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 15:04:30 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 17:12:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Ledger

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 13:28:22 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 04 Oct 2006 13:44:59 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Psychics

<snip>

>>I did explain to someone off-List that one psychic I did
>>have contact with some years ago said that she never claimed
>>to be able to predict the future - that was a Las Vegas
>>trick - but would get powerful impressions; vivid,
>>unconnected pictures in her mind, of events and places that
>>had already occurred but were not public knowledge.

>>She also stated that this was more of a curse than anything
>>else which, in some respects, had negatively impacted her
>>life. It was not a profitable venture. She could not ignore
>>these intrusions into her mind, she was burdened with it and
>>that the only satisfaction she got from it was being able
>>to, on occasion, help someone with this ability.

>The problem has always been a very poor signal-to-noise
>ratio.

>But, hey, it's hard enough to concentrate, process and make
>sense of the stuff thrown at your conscious mind, much less
>all junk that splashes around beneath the surface. I
>understand remote viewers do a little better when they're
>placed in a near sensory deprivation state. I live in the
>city, though, and don't even know of anyplace I can easily go
>that's relatively sound- and light-proof. I don't think a
>Faraday cage would fit in my apartment.

>Whenever I get on a roll and I'm anticipating songs on the
>radio or TV episodes or signs, I always wonder just what it is
>I'm picking up. I've read Rupert Sheldrake's stuff, but he
>doesn't offer any explanation for what it is, only that it
>consists of "forms" or "morphic fields" of some vague sort. I
>assume that there's some kind of EM component to it, but
>probably because that's the energy spectrum with which I'm
>most familiar. If there's some other spectrum of energy out
>there that allows for ghosts and thought forms and other
>things that intrude on my own physical reality, I don't know
>what it is. But there is some interaction.

>Lately, I've been thinking about the concept of "quantum
>consciousness." That is, our conscious minds exist in a kind
>of probability cloud that overlaps many different "parallel"
>universes. What we perceive is a like a statistical average of
>all the universes in which we exist. Most of the time we
>perceive our normal, boring, ordinary universe, but
>occasionally, for some unknown reason, the statistical
>average shifts one way or the other and we're able to perceive
>things that are happening in universes we don't wander into

>too often. And these universes are maybe set up in such a way
>that maybe ordinary things are shifted in time or space, or
>things exist in them that don't exist in the usual average
>universe.

>So you get the feeling of deja vu, or have a bit of
>precognition, or - you get a feeling of "false history," like
>you remember something happened in the past (a celebrity
>passing away, for instance), but then the past seems to repeat
>itself (the celebrity dies "again"). And, getting back on
>topic, maybe UFO aliens exist in these other universes, but
>we're only able to see them and film them for a brief period
>before our statistical average floats back into what we feel
>is "normal."

>It's just a thought. I don't know how such a thing could be
>tested.

Too early to know. Perhaps in a hundred years it will be
commonplace because we will know how to switch it on or off, or
at least those who might be predetermined by genetics to do so,
will have the ability.

We are just coming out of the semi-enlightened dark ages, with a
large percentage of the world still in the pre industrial stage
and embracing tribalism.

There is the tendency for this supposed ability to be described
or explained as some electrical state; vibrations, energy and
frequencies are often mentioned. But If I had to make a guess as
to the origin of this "gift" it would be connected with that
other quasi state, Quantum Physics.

Don Ledger

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Re: Psychics - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 18:05:07 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 17:17:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Kasten

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 13:28:22 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Psychics

<snip>

>It's just a thought. I don't know how such a thing could be
>tested.

Based on my investigative research, I would have to say that the Russians have focused their research into this phenomena - into the technical side - i.e., how does it work. The Russian military/government has spent money on this research. It would appear they are farther ahead in understanding how the mind works, the soul/mind connection, and such.

Every once in a while something will get translated into English. Lucky the person who can read Russian, and has access to a wide range of papers on the research.

KK

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Re: Psychics - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 18:12:23 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 17:20:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Kasten

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 13:30:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Psychics

<snip>

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>interest to academic parapsychologists and lay scholars of the
>discipline as they are to any other sensible observer. These
>bloviations tell us us nothing at all, one way or the other,
>about the legitimacy or otherwise of psi.

Jerry:

Uhhh... Dean Radin's work - for example - is to be blown off.

I live down the road from the University of Arizona - Tucson. A quantity of well researched papers coming out of that facility.

What to do with all of that research into the invisible "natural" world these guys are looking into?

Maybe you based your opinion on outdated material?

KK

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Re: talkSport Radio UFO Feature - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 20:14:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 17:22:45 -0400
Subject: Re: talkSport Radio UFO Feature - Pope

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 15:32:59 +0100
>Subject: Re: talkSport Radio UFO Feature

>Well, Chris Parr and Russ Kellett didn't let us down (bless
>their cotton socks).

>Russ called in and was distracted by James Whale onto the topic
>of his own experiences. When Whale became downright insulting, I
>think Kellett hung up.

>Chris called in, and was trying to make the point about fire
>balloons/Chinese lanterns getting too much media coverage and
>wasting ufologist's time. Again, Whale went off on a tangent and
>suggested that the MoD rely on ufologists to take attention away
>from the real cause of UFO reports (presumably military covert
>flights).

James was a little hard with some of the callers, but he's a
'shock jock' so it's to be expected. I was on Russell Brand's TV
show earlier this week and he was equally irreverant at times.

To my mind, the key point is to get ufology discussed on TV,
radio and in the newspapers, to get people to take an interest,
ask questions and get involved. I work hard on this and have had
considerable success.

>Nick Pope once again failed to mention the hard work by people
>who make FoIA requests, declaring that the MoD are in the
>process of a rolling programme of routine release of information
>under the FoIA.

<snip>

Hundreds of people are making FOIA requests, but I wasn't asked
on the show to discuss ufologists.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: The Alien Situation - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 16:07:50 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 17:25:18 -0400
Subject: Re: The Alien Situation - Shell

>From: Fred Dennis <etinvestigator1984.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 11:16:42 -0400
>Subject: The Alien Situation

>UFO Summary

>1. Extraterrestrial craft have crashed on Earth.

<snip>

>Comments welcome

Great! Show us some good, solid evidence of any of this stuff, evidence that that everyone from the the dumbest to the smartest person on Earth would agree with (I figure I'm right about in the middle of that spread) and I'll gladly agree with you.

Here's my take on it:

- 1) Extraterrestrials might exist, but we still don't have that one little piece of evidence that makes it undeniable.
- 2) If they exist (and that's a super-colossal "IF"), and the government is keeping it on the Q.T., it's because:
 - a) the government doesn't have a clue as to what they are, where they're from, or what they're doing, and
 - b) the government doesn't like to let on what it doesn't know.

Comments grudgingly read, rarely acknowledged.

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Re: Psychics - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 17:00:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 07:59:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Clark

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 12:24:25 EDT
>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 13:30:02 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 21:07:17 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Mon, 02 Oct 2006 16:35:04 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

>>>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>>Date: Mon, 2 Oct 2006 11:57:55 EDT
>>>>>Subject: Re: Much Ado Over The New ESA Mars Face

Kevin and Listfolk:

>And I mentioned Rhine because he himself exposed the fraud so
>that we couldn't suggest that it was an unfounded allegation
>slung at Rhine simply because he engaged in parapsychological
>research. And I thought it important to point out that he didn't
>name names and that made all his work suspect because he didn't
>name names.

The major fraud case occurred late in J. B. Rhine's career. Here is the essence of it, from Arthur S. Berger's Lives and Letters in American Parapsychology (McFarland, 1988), pp. 225-26:

"At last, at 78 years of age, Rhine found a bright, energetic youth to whom to turn over the reins, Walter J. Levy, Jr., who was so devoted to parapsychology that he left medical school to work with Rhine. For three years, the young man conducted PK and precognition experiments with mice and birds at Rhine's laboratory. The positive results of these experiments were published in the Journal of Parapsychology. Levy showed not only competence as an experimenter but as an administrator as well. So in 1973, Rhine made him the director of his laboratory and retired officially - he thought. Unfortunately, Levy's competence included the ability to write a whole new chapter in the long story of fraud that began with the Fox Sisters and Eusapia Palladino to Margery - new because this time it was not the fraud of mediums but of an experimenter. For only a year after his appointment, and while using a computer and random event generator to test PK abilities in animals, members of the staff observed Levy doctoring data. The positive scores he had been reporting were the results of hits he had falsified. When Rhine was told[,] he was 'stunned.' It was, said Rhine, 'the most distressing jolt I have had in many years.' Without

hesitation, Rhine summoned Levy to his office. After he confronted Levy with the evidence which the latter was not able to refute, Levy resigned and left. Feeling great guilt at having put too much trust in his successor, Rhine forthrightly told the parapsychological community what had happened and disclaimed the scientific validity, not merely of those in which he had been caught, but of all the experiments in which Levy had been involved."

The early debates concerning Rhine's work focused on questions of statistical methodology. When statisticians backed Rhine's methods, critics of his work turned their attempts at debunking to charges of fraud, essentially having nothing else to work with. Many of these charges were and are speculative, and some certainly wrong.

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I didn't mean to paint with too wide a brush. I should have said "supermarket psychics," the ones whose silly predictions fill the pages of tabloids and serve no function beyond mindless entertainment. The utility of psychics in things like, for one prominent example, police investigations is an immensely complicated subject which does not reduce to simplistic formulations and conclusions, as Marcello Truzzi and Arthur Lyons documented in their thorough examination of the matter in *The Blue Sense* (Mysterious Press, 1991).

Jerry Clark

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Re: The Alien Situation - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <jrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 18:54:30 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 08:01:42 -0400
Subject: Re: The Alien Situation - Rimmer

>From: Fred Dennis <etinvestigator1984.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 11:16:42 -0400
>Subject: The Alien Situation

>UFO Summary

<snip>

>12. Our civilization is just one of many that have existed in
>the last billion years.

>Comments welcome

1/12, if point twelve doesn't refer just to Earth

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John Rimmer

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Sci-Fi Channel Launches A New Paranormal Series

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 19:50:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 08:03:57 -0400
Subject: Sci-Fi Channel Launches A New Paranormal Series

The Sci-Fi Channel has been working on a new series that will provide a look at a number of paranormal topics, which sounds a bit like a 'reality' documentary show to me. Larry Landsman forwarded an announcement and asks for feedback. Maybe we'll at least get an idea of what they found in the boxes of material they collected during the Roswell dig.

Announcement

On Wednesday, October 11, SCI FI Channel will launch the series premiere of SCI FI INVESTIGATES at 10pm ET/PT. Check out the website at www.scifi.com/investigates!

As you may know, SCI FI Investigates is a new investigative/reality series that explores the sweeping and eclectic mysteries and legends that pervade our world. This six-part, one hour weekly series aggressively explores the unexplained.

Investigations will be led by an array of subject-specific authorities including author/historian Rich Dolan (author of UFOs and the National Security State), archaeologist Dr. Bill Doleman (principal investigator of the first archaeological dig at Roswell), crime scene investigator Deborah Dobrydney (works for the police in a forensic unit in Connecticut), as well as jack of all trades "Boston Rob Mariano" (of "Survivor" and "The Amazing Race" fame).

Topics to be explored over the six weeks include Life After Death, Mothman, Voodoo, Roswell, Paranormal Hotspots and Bigfoot.

We're anxious to get your feedback. Please logon to www.scifi.com/investigates and let us know what you think of the show. What topics would YOU like to see us explore in future investigations?

Thanks!

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Re: The Alien Situation - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 19:14:36 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 08:06:40 -0400
Subject: Re: The Alien Situation - Nielsen

>From: Fred Dennis <etininvestigator1984.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 11:16:42 -0400
>Subject: The Alien Situation

>UFO Summary

- >1. Extraterrestrial craft have crashed on Earth.
- >2. Government efforts at acquiring alien technology have been successful.
- >3. The Government has had in their possession live alien hostages from time to time.
- >4. The Government has conducted autopsies on alien cadavers.
- >5. Intelligence, security, and public agencies are actively involved in the cover of facts pertaining to aliens. The CIA and NSA are so deeply involved that exposure would cause the collapse of their overt structure.
- >6. People have been and are currently abducted, mutilated, murdered, and kidnapped in connection with the UFO situation.
- >7. There is a current active alien presence on this planet that controls different elements of our society.
- >8. Alien forces maintain bases on Earth and on the Moon.
- >9. Our Government has had a working relationship with aliens for some time with the express purpose of gaining technology in gravitational propulsion, beam weaponry, and mind control.
- >10. Cattle have been killed by aliens for the purpose of acquiring biological materials.
- >11. The U.S. space program is a cover operation that exists for public relations purposes.
- >12. Our civilization is just one of many that have existed in the last billion years.

>Comments welcome

Thanks Fred! I like summaries like yours. They are at least points of discussion. Let's hope they don't become points of contention! With that in mind, I offer my comments item by item:

- 1 - According to the best research I've seen on the UFO topics, research comparable to the best there is in any field of study, this one stands up to decades of scrutiny as true.
- 2 - A review of the apparent anti-gravity and electro-magnetic traits of UFOs and of magneto-aerodynamics in the latest allied aircraft, including the SR-71, F-117, and B-2, indicates similar dynamics in both. This suggests at least similar design, componentry and construction methods.

3 - This point does not carry the same weight of abundant witness testimony that the previous items have.

4 - Like item 3 above.

5 - This item has two parts: 1) Active involvement of space and intelligence agencies is indicated by current research conclusions. But let's not forget the military contractors, Ike's military-industrial complex, they exist without the oversight and disclosure requirements of public agencies. 2) Collapse of agency overt structure is not inevitable.

6 - The ET hypothesis for these victimizations is the only one that readily makes sense, when compared to other theories extant. Unfortunately, our human desire to make sense of or give purpose to these assaults, makes us at best frustrated since the ones who could provide "the" answer, don't.

7 through 9 - These are like number 3 above.

10 - This one is like item 6.

11 and 12 - These are also similar to item 3.

I hope this helps your research. But remember, these are only my opinions! I have no standing like those giants who frequent this List.

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UFO Group To Discuss Unusual Indiana Sightings

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 08:47:25 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 08:47:25 -0400
Subject: UFO Group To Discuss Unusual Indiana Sightings

Source: The Courier & Press - Evansville, Indiana, USA

<http://tinyurl.co.uk/k6g0>

Friday, October 6, 2006

UFO Group To Discuss Unusual Sightings In Indiana

By Jacob Bennett
Courier & Press staff writer

There's no explanation, but it's been a busy year in the Indiana skies.

Huntingburg had the nation's first confirmed crop circles of the year, a complex configuration in David Ring's wheat.

There were more UFO sightings in the state than anywhere else except California in March.

There was even a reported sighting in January over Bristol-Myers Squibb in Mount Vernon, Ind.

"When I started, we were all just chasing lights in the sky," said Jerry Sievers of Vincennes, the director of the Mutual UFO Network of Indiana.

"Now there's been landings with traces left. There's been abductions, if you listen to the witnesses; implants that have been removed surgically, and they can't figure out what it is. It just keeps growing."

State UFO investigators will gather Saturday at the Monroe City (Ind.) Blue Jeans Center to talk about these developments and other facets of unidentified flying objects.

The last time they had a state meeting, in April, there were maybe 20 people there, some of whom go into the fields and investigate, others who have just read many books.

Saturday, they will talk about encounters with Men In Black (none from personal experience), and on happenings in Indiana, including what appeared to observers to be a shootout over the Wabash River.

Answers in that case are hard, probably impossible, to come by. A man and three friends in a canoe north of Peru, Ind., saw a large, silvery triangle shape at 20,000 feet being pursued - and possibly shot at - by two F-16 fighters. This was at 10:38 a.m. June 28, the men said. Military contacts haven't been that helpful, said Roger Sugden, a Mutual UFO Network field investigator from Fort Wayne, Ind.

"There's lots of questions about it," Sievers said.

Even less is known about the alleged sighting at Bristol-Myers,

which occurred Jan. 28 and was reported by an anonymous caller to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

The caller said several other people pulled over and watched as one large object - roughly the size of half a football field - hovered around Indiana 62 with two or three smaller, oblong objects.

Although Ring had already cut down the wheat in which the crop circle appeared, Sugden said he was able to take samples of what was left and determine that the crop circle was legitimate.

(For some, you can tell just by looking from the air that the circles were man-made. Several in Ohio this year were clearly made by people driving around in a truck.)

Sugden said that tests on Ring's crops showed that nodes inside the wheat stem had been elongated, a key sign that the circles were not a hoax.

Many Internet sites have step-by-step instructions on how to make your own crop circles. But as to how to make the ones that paranormal investigators deem legitimate is anyone's guess, Sugden said.

"There are all kinds of theories. It could be Earth energy. It could be plasma vortexes in the air. It could be an aerial phenomenon that interacts with the ground.

"It could be some other intelligence using the forces of nature to create these designs and watch us run around in circles and try to figure them out."

Many investigators are surprised that the mystery of UFOs hasn't been solved, said James Delehanty of Jeffersonville, Ind., who will give the presentation "Men In Black."

"Every year we get closer," he said. "I guess until one lands on the lawn of the White House or in Times Square, not everybody's going to believe it."

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

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Re: Psychics - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 7 Oct 2006 05:49:39 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 09:22:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Clark

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 18:12:23 +0000
>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 13:30:02 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>The bloviations of professional psychics are of as little
>>interest to academic parapsychologists and lay scholars of the
>>discipline as they are to any other sensible observer. These
>>bloviations tell us us nothing at all, one way or the other,
>>about the legitimacy or otherwise of psi.

>Uhhh... Dean Radin's work - for example - is to be blown off.

>I live down the road from the University of Arizona - Tucson. A
>quantity of well researched papers coming out of that facility.

>What to do with all of that research into the invisible
>"natural" world these guys are looking into?

Umm... please reread what I wrote. Surely you have misread my
words. I don't know of any other explanation for the gulf
between my defense of the good sense of serious
parapsychologists and your remarks above.

Jerry Clark

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Mexican Pilot Reports UFO

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Sat, 7 Oct 2006 07:39:35 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 09:24:47 -0400
Subject: Mexican Pilot Reports UFO

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 7, 2006

Source: www.analuisacid.com
Date: 10.06.06

Mexico: Pilot Reports UFO

According to a report by Mexican researcher Alfonso Salazar, Captain Luis Guillermo Cruz, first officer of a Boeing 737-200, registration XA-MAR, reported a tubular unidentified flying object with a metallic appearance directly over Lake Tequesquitengo in the Mexican state of Morelos.

The sighting occurred on September 16, 2006 at 14:00 hrs. during a flight from Huatulco to Mexico City along air corridor L-47. Weather conditions were clear with some clouds.

According to the witness, he was alerted by an intense reflection visible four miles away from the airline, toward the right side of the cabin. At first he thought it could be a glider, but as they approached, he had a clear observation of an unknown object.

He added that the tubular flying object crossed at the same altitude the airliner was flying but in the opposite direction and with a north/south trajectory, remaining a mile and a half distant from the airliner.

The object vanished 4 minutes later.

Translation (c) 2006, S. Corrales, IHU
Special thanks to Ana Luisa Cid

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Re: talkSport Radio UFO Feature - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 12:58:29 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 09:26:37 -0400
Subject: Re: talkSport Radio UFO Feature - McGonagle

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 20:14:23 +0100
>Subject: Re: talkSport Radio UFO Feature

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 15:32:59 +0100
>>Subject: Re: talkSport Radio UFO Feature

Hello Nick, List,

<snip>

>>Nick Pope once again failed to mention the hard work by people who make FoIA requests, declaring that the MoD are in the process of a rolling programme of routine release of information under the FoIA.

><snip>

>Hundreds of people are making FOIA requests, but I wasn't asked >on the show to discuss ufologists.

I don't recall you being asked to talk about FoIA at all. My point wasn't that you didn't name individual ufologists who made requests (though that may have been nice), but that you gave the impression that the MoD are deliberately and systematically releasing all of the information about UFOs that they hold, without any prompting by people making requests.

Certainly they have and are releasing some material routinely, but the nature of such material is generally low-grade (though sometimes useful). If you think otherwise, please direct me to an example of information released by them as part of a systematic and routine rolling programme which you think was significant (remember, the FSWP and Rendlesham files were only released following pressure under the Code of Practice).

The Condrign report was not an example of a routine release. It is to the MoD's credit that they waived the =A3600 limit on the grounds of public interest when they processed Dave and Gary's requests, but the information would not have been released routinely were it not requested (it couldn't have been, DAS were unaware that it existed).

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Unidentified Hot Object - Olmos

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Sat, 7 Oct 2006 19:58:32 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 07:29:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Unidentified Hot Object - Olmos

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 00:13:52 -0400
>>Subject: Unidentified Hot Object

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>>Download UHO.doc

>>I look forward to your comments.

Bruce, cannot Mark retrieve the exact date and time from the
Police files? It would be nice to have it well placed in terms
of date and hour.

Regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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Re: Roswell Museum & UFO Festival Follow-Up -

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 20:02:32 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 07:31:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Museum & UFO Festival Follow-Up -

>Source: Dennis Balthaser's Truth Seeker At Roswell Site

><http://www.truthseekeratroswell.com/ed100106.html>

>10/01/06

>Searching For The Truth

>(Always Telling the Truth, Means Never Having to Remember Anything)

Universal Law: The smaller the turf, the bigger the egos
involved.

KK

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Re: Psychics - Ledger

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 18:12:15 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 07:33:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Ledger

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 15:04:30 -0300
>Subject: Re: Psychics

<snip>

>There is the tendency for this supposed ability to be described
>or explained as some electrical state; vibrations, energy and
>frequencies are often mentioned. But If I had to make a guess as
>to the origin of this "gift" it would be connected with that
>other quasi state, Quantum Physics.

Amen to that. Psychic phenomena, as well as those phenomena
experienced by harass-ees, don't behave like conventional
electromagnetic phenomena.

Eleanor White

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Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Freeman

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Sat, 7 Oct 2006 19:17:14 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 07:36:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Freeman

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 15:32:00 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

<snip>

>But that's just a guess. Dogs happily trotting down the street
>sure look like they have a definite destination in their little
>brains. Maybe they do, and maybe they don't. If I can't even
>tell what is motivating a dumb dog, I don't know who much luck
>I'd have trying to figure out what motivates an alien.

Hello Tim,

Must take issue with you. What makes you think our canine
friends have "little brains"? How would you know any dog is
trotting "happily" down a street?

More importantly, how would you know any dog is dumb? They have
a keener sense of smell and their hearing is superior to members
of the human race. They are only victims, or benefactors, of the
human who cares for them...if anyone cares for them at all.
Survival is the more obvious motivation for "trotting down the
street".

Perhaps the "alien" presence is to point out our own flaws in
the perceptions that infiltrate the thoughts of those of us who
just plain don't know better, or on the negative side, to
exacerbate the problems that detract us from realizing our own
potential.

I doubt the average human being knows the motivations/thoughts
of any member of the animal kingdom. Do you think maybe they are
as alien to us, as the aliens are to us?

Reality is the key. Truth is the answer.

Peace is out there... really,

Kelly

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X-48B Cause Of UFO Sightings?

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 07 Oct 2006 23:58:37 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 07:43:29 -0400
Subject: X-48B Cause Of UFO Sightings?

Could either the X-48A or X-48B be causing UFO sighting reports?

<http://www.dfrc.nasa.gov/Gallery/Photo/X-48B/Small/ED06-0070-1.jpg>

Move Over Stealth: The Shape Of Things To Come?

Eye Spy; #43, 2006, pages 42-43

Quotes from article by Mark Birdsall

It looks like a huge bird perched atop three utility poles inside a massive NASA wind tunnel - a 21-foot-wingspan prototype of what may be the shape of some aeroplanes in the future. The aircraft is the X-48B, an advanced concept, fuel-efficient blended wing body or BWB. It's called a blended wing body because it looks more like a modified triangular-shaped wing than the traditional aircraft, which is a tube and wing with a tail.

<snip>

"The biggest difference between this aircraft and the traditional tube and wing aircraft is that this does not have a tail," said Dan Vicroy, senior research engineer at NASA Langley. "The whole reason you have a tail is for stability and control. So what we want to do with this wind tunnel test is to look at how different multiple control surfaces can be used to control this particular vehicle."

The combined team has produced two high-tech prototypes of the BWB, built to Boeing specifications by Cranfield Aerospace in England, for wind tunnel and flight-testing. The Air Force has designated the vehicles as the X-48B based on its interesting in the design's potential as a multi-role, long-range, high-capacity military aircraft.

<snip>

The testing was completed in May 2006 at NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base, CA. It is scheduled to be used "in remotely-piloted" flight testing. The closing sentence claims that it will not be in service for another 10 to 15 years. Could that be taken to mean it is not being used on the battlefield, but still being flown for test flights?

KK

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Re: Psychics - Shell

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Sat, 7 Oct 2006 20:14:06 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 07:44:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Psychics - Shell

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 13:28:22 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re:Psychics

<snip>

>Lately, I've been thinking about the concept of "quantum
>consciousness." That is, our conscious minds exist in a kind of
>probability cloud that overlaps many different "parallel"
>universities in which we exist. Most of the time we
>perceive our normal, boring, ordinary universe, but
>occasionally, for some unknown reason, the statistical average
>shifts one way or the other and we're able to perceive things
>that are happening in universes we don't wander into too often.
>And these universes are maybe set up in such a way that maybe
>ordinary things are shifted in time or space, or things exist in
>them that don't exist in the usual average universe.

Hello Tim,

Far out thought... and what about those brain/minds in the other
parallel universes?

Kelly

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2004 UFO Congress DVDs Now Available

From: Nicole <nicole.nul>
Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 07:27:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 07:56:02 -0400
Subject: 2004 UFO Congress DVDs Now Available

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Russell Callaghan (U.K.) - Hot new footage out of Europe

George Filer - "Filers Files" - cases George has researched, plus his own experiences.

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Leah Haley -Author of "Unlocking Alien Closets: Abductions, Mind Control & Spirituality"

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Col. Wendelle Stevens - The new case of Martin Wiesengrun of E. Germany.

Michael Horn - The Meier Contacts: The key to our future and our

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Dr. Norman Bergrun - Evidence of ET Intelligence (visual evidence from Voyager & Apollo)

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Re: Unidentified Hot Object - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 8 Oct 2006 11:05:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Oct 2006 19:49:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Unidentified Hot Object - Maccabee

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 7 Oct 2006 19:58:32 +0200 (CEST)
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>of date and hour.

I asked him to look up the records and he said they were quite inaccessible now. There is still a possibility that he might take the time to find the records of his flight some 15 years ago. I posted the report without the date because I had already waited 4 months for him to find the date. I decided that the exact date was not as important as the unique information about the sighting.

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Re: X-48B Cause Of UFO Sightings? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 12:31:55 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Oct 2006 19:52:17 -0400
Subject: Re: X-48B Cause Of UFO Sightings? - Ledger

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>15 years. Could that be taken to mean it is not being used on
>the battlefield, but still being flown for test flights?

No it means it's not ready for flight yet and hasn't been tested
in the air; it's being vetted in a wind tunnel then will be
built and flown in areas well away from prying eyes during its
test program.

But no doubt like all top secret aircraft it will be tested in
highly populated areas at low levels [unlike regular aircraft]
so it can endanger the lives of the locals who can then have the
fun of reporting it as a UFO.

There are a lot of aircraft out there right now that some of the
less discerning can report as UFOs; what would make this delta
wing any different when it finally flies?

Don

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Reason For Discrepancy Between ESA 'Face' Images?

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 10:45:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Oct 2006 19:54:37 -0400
Subject: Reason For Discrepancy Between ESA 'Face' Images?

I have been wondering why the "Horned Face" preferred by the news media was so different from the 3-D reconstruction sans "horn," since both were produced by the same organization. So I looked at the image credits for both.

What evidently is the more accurate enhancement without the "horn" is at:

http://www.esa.int/esaCP/SEM9WG8LURE_index_1.html#subhead1

The "Horned Face" is at:

http://www.esa.int/SPECIALS/Mars_Express/SEM09F8LURE_1.html

The credit printed on the more accurate reconstruction is:

ESA/DLR/FU Berlin (G. Neukum)

But for the Horned Face, the credit printed on the image is:

ESA/DLR/FU Berlin (G. Neukum). MOC (Malin Space Science Systems).

It looks like Dr. Malin or his colleagues might have "helped" ESA create a 3-D reconstruction that looks the way he wants it to look while the ESA people, without his expert assistance, merely created a reconstruction that shows the landform the way it really looks.

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Re: Roswell Museum & UFO Festival Follow-Up -

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 15:53:42 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 09 Oct 2006 20:01:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Museum & UFO Festival Follow-Up -

Listarians,

A Canadian documentary filmmaker recently visited the Roswell UFO Museum and Research Center to seek permission to film there, as dozens before had done, but was denied access.

Why?

Because the museum's director, Julie Shuster, wouldn't allow any person who interviews Dennis Balthaser or myself, access to the museum.

Tells a lot about the calibre of the museum's Board of Directors and the competence of Ms. Shuster.

The IUFORC is nothing but a tourist trap run by incompetents and discriminates against researchers. Not exactly a paragon of research facilities.

Roswell's citizenry should be proud of Ms. Shuster's mission to protect them!

Wendy Connors
www.fadeddiscs.com

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Some Animals Like Reticulians Can Plan Ahead

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Subject: Some Animals Like Reticulians Can Plan Ahead

It is possible that later this week or if not, then not long after, the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany will issue a major paper on the DNA of Neanderthals which may very likely pose significant questions about the origins of Man and may further raise the spectre once again of alleged DNA interference in the development of the human species with attending issues of Intelligent Design and so on. Could be a rough ride. So, just to get you in the right frame of mind, and just to get a little perspective.....

Learning by experience is a natural trait of animals that have a brain. But the learning process has many aspects and is often a challenge for scientists to study. Recent research provided evidence that some nonreticulian animals can plan for the future in a very deliberate manner.

Selecting an item in anticipation of using it later is something Reticulians do every day. Before you get in the airtran, you pick up the airtran keys. Before you leave the shelter, you grab your wallet or purse. Are any other animals able to deliberately select an item for future use? According to a series of experiments by Nicorgi J. Mulcahy and Losep Calt of the Reticulian Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Arpsog, Ushtala, the answer is yes. At least some animals other than Rets can plan ahead.

Human are an endangered species native to the planet known as Earth. The species, one of a group of animals known as the great apes, has achieved a degree of notoriety because the DNA of humans has a 98 percent overlap in similarity to that of Reticulians. This is scientific fact, so it should come as no surprise that these animals have learning capabilities that exceed those of other nonreticulian animals. Colonies of humans are kept in facilities at the Reticulian Institute for testing to learn more about the biology of these fascinating creatures.

Because the great apes are known for their intelligence, the researchers designed tests to see if humans could learn to select and transport tools to be used at a later time. In other words, could they anticipate that a particular tool would be useful in the future, even though there was no use for it at the moment?

A group of humans were led into a test room where they learned to use a plastic tool to dislodge a reward of fresh food. After the learning session, they were taken to a waiting room with a window where they could watch as the scientists removed the tools but left intact the reward apparatus that held the food. Each human being tested was kept in the waiting room for one hour and then led back into the test room, where it was unable to get the reward because the correct tool was no longer present. But before the human was returned to the waiting room, several tools were placed in the test room. Some of the tools were suitable for getting the food and some were unsuitable. The only way for a human to get the reward of food on future trips to the test room was to pick up the proper tool when leaving, carry it to the waiting room, and then return with it to the

test room.

Of six humans tested in the first experiment, all learned within seven trials to pick the correct tool and return with it to the test room. In 16 trials, one human left and returned with the correct tool 15 times. The six experimental animals left the room with a tool 70 percent of the time, and the choice of a correct tool, compared to an inappropriate tool, was made a statistically significant proportion of the time. In another experiment, one of the test animals was placed in a waiting room for 14 hours between access to the tools and its return to the feeding apparatus. This means that they would have to select a tool and keep up with it for several hours before it would be useful.

Once again, the apes excelled. Two test animals successfully carried proper tools when they left the test room in 19 of 24 trials and returned with the correct tool 15 times. Demonstrably, humans can choose, keep, and return with a tool appropriate for future use. The researchers conclude that a propensity for planning for future needs evolved at least 14 million years ago, a time when humans had a common ancestor.

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Trackstick Useful For Repeat Abductees?

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Subject: Trackstick Useful For Repeat Abductees?

John Velez recently stated on Errol's program Strange Days...
Indeed that abductions are currently at a very low rate of
occurrence. However, this gadget advertised below looks like the
ideal item for an abductee to carry if the abductee anticipates
more abductions:

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

The item itself is not the pic at the top left, but rather the
small unit roughly 4" x 1" x 1" pictured lower on the page.

Recalling the recording GPS active during the abduction of not
only a fishermen but his boat, the recording of which showed the
boat tracked over land for a bit. This unit is touted as able to
track not only horizontal but vertical movement, and speed as
well. Software furnished with the unit converts the raw readings
into a visual display of the journey.

Here are some specs from that web page:

Dimensions: 4.10" X 1.20" X 0.87"
Weight: 1.5 oz.
Capacity: 1.0 Mb
Duration: 24 hours (full power)
5-7 days (low power)
Connectivity: USB 1.1/2.0
Max. # of satellites: 12
Receiving Signal: L1 (1575.42 MHz)
Horiz. Accuracy: 15 meters
Vertical Accuracy: 22 meters
Power: 2 AAA batteries
Consumption: <5mAH in Low Power Mode

Eleanor White

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Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Shell

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>From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 15:32:00 -0500 (CDT)
>>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

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>>But that's just a guess. Dogs happily trotting down the street
>>sure look like they have a definite destination in their little
>>brains. Maybe they do, and maybe they don't. If I can't even
>>tell what is motivating a dumb dog, I don't know who much luck
>>I'd have trying to figure out what motivates an alien.

>Must take issue with you. What makes you think our canine
>friends have "little brains"? How would you know any dog is is
>trotting "happily" down a street?

Well, I know that the average size of a dog brain is smaller
than the average human brain. It's in all the textbooks. As for
their particular emotional state, I've been around enough dogs
over the decades to know that their range of emotions is roughly
equivalent to our own, and that of most mammals. Not like
chickens or lizards.

>More importantly, how would you know any dog is dumb? They have
>a keener sense of smell and their hearing is superior to members
>of the human race. They are only victims, or benefactors, of the
>human who cares for them...if anyone cares for them at all.
>Survival is the more obvious motivation for "trotting down the
>street".

Dogs are not as intelligent as we are, although they certainly
have traits which have allowed them to thrive and survive along
with humans. Pack mentality, in particular. Other animals that
never developed that mentality certainly haven't fared as well
in a human-dominate world.

>Perhaps the "alien" presence is to point out our own flaws in
>the perceptions that infiltrate the thoughts of those of us who
>just plain don't know better, or on the negative side, to
>exacerbate the problems that detract us from realizing our own
>potential.

Nah. I don't think so. If there is life on planets other than on
Earth, perhaps it's evolved by the same "eat or be eaten" rules
of nature found on this planet. I guess we won't know until we
find some.

>I doubt the average human being knows the motivations/thoughts
>of any member of the animal kingdom. Do you think maybe they are
>as alien to us, as the aliens are to us?

I think that our basic thought processes as mammals, since dogs
and cats and wombats and elephants and tigers and badgers all

basically evolved from the same kind of little hairy lizards 65 million years ago, we share certain basic traits and perceptions of our world. We like the taste of fresh water. We've comfortable in roughly the same range of temperatures. Some of their senses might have evolved to be a little sharper than ours, but I'm guessing there aren't any that can do anything really unusual, like clearly seeing the future or different dimensions something. A dog is a lot more similar to us than a sea urchin.

I don't know what thoughts might go through the multiple heads of an alien that may have evolved as an intelligent creature in a sea of liquid methane, but I imagine it's probably not going to be very similar to what I think. It probably won't appreciate a scratch behind the ears in the same way a dog does.

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Re: Psychics - Shell

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>Subject: Re: Psychics

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>>Date: Thu, 5 Oct 2006 13:28:22 -0500 (CDT)
>>Subject: Re:Psychics

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>>Lately, I've been thinking about the concept of "quantum
>>consciousness."

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>Far out thought... and what about those brain/minds in the other
>parallel universes?

My guess? Some of them overlap with our own minds, and we share some of the same universes. Even your consciousness might contain a few million parallel universes in which I don't even exist. But you and I apparently share enough universes to communicate and agree on some of the basic workings of the universes we share. And the result of the sharing and overlap between us and all the other consciousnesses on the planet - from every whale to every blood cell and bacterium - is that the universe as we know it gains a nice kind of consistency, so that if I die (for instance) before you, chances are pretty good that you'll continue to experience your batch of universes in much the same you always have. Which is nice. Keeps everything nice and tidy.

All consciousness apparently works to collapse a wave function and choose between indeterminate quantum states. The more life there is, the more reality you have. If there are minds way out there that don't overlap our own versions of the universe, then their universes might be quite different. But we don't know if there are any of those extra-universal minds out there, though, because by definition, our various universes aren't overlapping, so theirs don't technically exist for us. We sit in our little cluster of universes, and they sit in theirs, where the speed of light is 1,239 miles per hour, and gravity pulls things at a nice steady rate of 74 ft/s/s².

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Orange Light Hovers Over Grenada Spain

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Spain: Orange Light Flies Over Granada

It was seen at midnight over Avenida de la Constitucion by a dozen people. Astrophysicists believe that it is not a meteorite. Defense sources claim that no vehicle belonging to the Ejercito del Aire flew over the city's airspace at that time.

The object seen was shiny and rounded: "It was fixed in the sky and then began moving to the right." These are the words of one of the people who, at 12 midnight yesterday, were astounded as they looked skyward from Avenida de la Constitucion.

A round, shiny orange light remained overhead for five minutes. It later adopted a triangular shape and went away until it vanished. Dozens of Granadans viewed the event in astonishment. After a while, one witness saw and heard the transit of a jet airplane flying at low altitude. "It flew by twice."

However, neither Granada Airport nor the Instituto de Astrofisica de Andalucia, headquartered in Granada, are aware of this event. Pablo Santos, a scientist with the aforementioned institute, has examined the images sent to "20 Minutos" by one witness and believes the phenomenon could be an atmospheric reflection. The expert dismisses the possibility that it could be a meteor shower or a meteorite. Antonio Salinas of the Sociedad de Investigaciones Biofisicas in Granada, agrees with this perception: "A meteorite does not remain static for several minutes," adding: "In military circles, interceptors are immediately put on alert whenever an unidentified aircraft is sighted within the air space."

"It was nothing known; not even an airplane," declared Eva Martin cuttingly. She was one of the persons who witnessed on Tuesday midnight how an orange light stopped in front of home's terrace, changed shape and vanished. Other readers have advised "20 Minutos" of having had similar sightings elsewhere in the city.

"The fact that the orange light remained in the same spot for some minutes and then moved is a sign that we are facing a genuine UFO." These are the words of Rafael Casares, an expert in this type of phenomena, who describes the province as being a "sightings hot spot."

"Perhaps what concerns me more than the light is the fact that we heard a military aircraft and that no one explained to us what we saw," says Martin, who was in the company of four other individuals who witnessed "how the light vanished over Torres Bermejas."

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UFO Over Santa Lucia Uruguay

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and Montevideo Portal

<http://www.montevideo.com.uy>

Date: October 3, 2006

Uruguay: Family Sees UFO Over Santa Lucia

Mystery - "It was a round structure, silent and suspended in the air," recalls the young man, who now finds it hard to sleep

It was August 7 at 1:30 a.m. - Nico, as he is called by everyone, was returning from downtown Santa Lucia along Rodo Street on his bicycle. When Nicolas Diaz reached the railroad tracks and was about to cross them, he saw some strange lights in the field and thought they belonged to a patrol car. "I thought they were running someone down," he said.

However, when he came within 100 meters of the apparition, he found an object he had never seen before. A round structure, with lights, suspended a meter over the ground and completely silent.

Nicolas had a fright, but phoned his parents to share the experience and above all, so he wouldn't be dismissed as insane the next day.

From the roof of his house, the parents were able to see the UFO for some twenty minutes. "First it was still and then it started moving into the fields like this," explained the boy, making sliding gestures.

Some time later, he was the only one who was willing to tell his story to the press. He says the fear is still with him and that he has visions of the craft whenever he falls asleep. "If I see a shooting star, I already think its a UFO."

He is much more calm now, because he learned that others had already had UFO experiences in that field. "There are fishermen who work the river and have seen them."

In any event, he laments not having been able to take a picture of it with his cellphone or having phoned the local cable company. That will be the next time he steps into Santa Lucia's unknown dimension.

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Re: Psychics - Randle

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>Subject: Re: Psychics

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>>Subject: Re: Psychics

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Hello Jerry, List, All -

>>And I mentioned Rhine because he himself exposed the fraud so
>>that we couldn't suggest that it was an unfounded allegation
>>slung at Rhine simply because he engaged in parapsychological
>>research. And I thought it important to point out that he didn't
>>name names and that made all his work suspect because he didn't
>>name names.

>The major fraud case occurred late in J. B. Rhine's career. Here
>is the essence of it, from Arthur S. Berger's Lives and Letters
>in American Parapsychology (McFarland, 1988), pp. 225-26:
>"At last, at 78 years of age, Rhine found a bright, energetic
>youth to whom to turn over the reins, Walter J. Levy, Jr., who
>was so devoted to parapsychology that he left medical school to
>work with Rhine. For three years, the young man conducted PK and
>precognition experiments with mice and birds at Rhine's
>laboratory. The positive results of these experiments were
>published in the Journal of Parapsychology. Levy showed not only
>competence as an experimenter but as an administrator as well.
>So in 1973, Rhine made him the directory of his laboratory and
>retired officially - he thought. Unfortunately, Levy's
>competence included the ability to write a whole new chapter in
>the long story of fraud that began with the Fox Sisters and
>Eusapia Palladino to Margery - new because this time it was not
>the fraud of mediums but of an experimenter. For only a year
>after his appointment, and while using a computer and random
>event generator to test PK abilities in animals, members of the
>staff observed Levy doctoring data. The positive scores he had
>been reporting were the results of hits he had falsified. When
>Rhine was told[,] he was 'stunned.' It was, said Rhine, 'the
>most distressing jolt I have had in many years.' Without
>hesitation, Rhine summoned Levy to his office. After he
>confronted Levy with the evidence which the latter was not able
>to refute, Levy resigned and left. Feeling great guilt at having
>put too much trust in his successor, Rhine forthrightly told the
>parapsychological community what had happened and disclaimed the
>scientific validity, not merely of those in which he had been
>caught, but of all the experiments in which Levy had been
>involved."

>The early debates concerning Rhine's work focused on questions
>of statistical methodology. When statisticians backed Rhine's
>methods, critics of his work turned their attempts at debunking
>to charges of fraud, essentially having nothing else to work
>with. Many of these charges were and are speculative, and some

>certainly wrong.

This seems, to me, to be a discussion over semantics rather than accusations that Rhine engaged in fraud. The survey of the literature suggests that there were several instances where Rhine's assistants and proteges were caught "massaging" the data. If that reflects poorly on Rhine, it is only because he trusted his colleagues to be honest in their work and I certainly understand that.

However, I note that Irving Langmuir (a Nobel Laureate in Chemistry) visited Rhine's laboratory and learned that Rhine was not counting all his data. He was leaving out the scores of those that he (Rhine) believed were guessing wrong on purpose. Langmuir wrote, "Rhine believed that persons who disliked him guessed wrong to spite him. Therefore he felt it would be misleading to include those scores." Rhine determined that some of his subjects were deliberately guessing wrong because their scores were too low to have occurred by chance.

This, of course leads to a couple of thoughts... The first is that if they could deliberately guess wrong, then they must be manifesting some psychic ability because if they didn't, they couldn't guess wrong. These too low scores, in this case, could be seen as evidence of psychic ability...

It also strikes me there could have been collusion between the researcher (meaning Rhine's assistants) and the subject. Otherwise the subject should hit about 20% of the time... and this would be true unless one or more of the assistants were interested in sabotaging Rhine's work.

Or, it could be that some of the subjects were able, through other means, to figure out which card was being shown to them... one suggestion that I found (and no, I don't think it likely) was that the subject was somehow seeing the card reflected in the glossy table, or the researchers glasses before it was laid face down.

Or, finally, since we sometimes refer to it as extrasensory perception, it could be that the researcher was providing subliminal clues about the card that the subject was picking up. I think here of a poker player who sees the "tells" of another player... tells that he or she might not even realized were being transmitted. So the first player now has a hunch that the second player is bluffing... or not, and acts on that subliminal information... a sort of extrasensory guess or hunch.

The real point here is that I believe that Rhine attempted to do his research in a proper scientific framework and that he was confronted by colleagues who knew that ESP didn't exist so his results must be, somehow in error, and that some of his colleagues were so enthusiastic about the work that they fudged the numbers (committed fraud) to boost the significance of the findings... and finally that we have no solid evidence that ESP as described in the popular literature exists and that much of what many of us believe about it is the result of anecdotal observation, misinterpretation, and in many cases, outright fraud, which, again, isn't to say it doesn't exist, only that it is unproven.

For a lark, I thought I would see what I could find about other sciences and fraud. I found a Japanese archaeologist (though I believe he was an "amateur") who was very successful in finding earlier traces of habitation in Japan. He was caught burying artifacts so that they would appear in a lower strata making them appear older. I found a German scientist who had discovered a way of "growing" microprocessors that would allow them to be smaller than those made using silicon. No one could duplicate his work... eventually it was found that he had been faking his results. They even stripped him of his Ph.D although no one showed that he had faked the research for that. The point here, as I'm sure Jerry would agree, is that there has always been fakery in scientific research.

>>>The bloviations of professional psychics are of as little
>>>interest to academic parapsychologists and lay scholars of the
>>>discipline as they are to any other sensible observer. These
>>>bloviations tell us us nothing at all, one way or the other,
>>about the legitimacy or otherwise of psi.
>>Except when the psychics are cited as a way of gathering

>>additional information. I didn't interject psychics into the
>>equation, merely wanted to suggest that this might not be the
>>best path to follow.

>I didn't mean to paint with too wide a brush. I should have said
>"supermarket psychics," the ones whose silly predictions fill
>the pages of tabloids and serve no function beyond mindless
>entertainment. The utility of psychics in things like, for one
>prominent example, police investigations is an immensely
>complicated subject which does not reduce to simplistic
>formulations and conclusions, as Marcello Truzzi and Arthur
>Lyons documented in their thorough examination of the matter in
>The Blue Sense (Mysterious Press, 1991).

Yes, and I'm quite ambivalent about the use of psychics in
police investigations because I have seen evidence that their
information is so vague as to be of little value and in some
cases, is so precise as to be of overwhelming value. In the case
of the Boston Strangler, it seems that Peter Hurkos bombed
completely, unless of course De Salvo didn't do it (and a
growing body of evidence suggests that he didn't).

KRandle

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Scientists Who've Been Abducted? [was: Psychics]

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>Subject: Re: Psychics

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 06 Oct 2006 15:04:30 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Psychics

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>>There is the tendency for this supposed ability to be
>>described or explained as some electrical state; vibrations,
>>energy and frequencies are often mentioned. But If I had to make
>>a guess as to the origin of this "gift" it would be connected
>>with that other quasi state, Quantum Physics.

>Amen to that. Psychic phenomena, as well as those phenomena
>experienced by harass-ees, don't behave like conventional
>electromagnetic phenomena.

It occurs to me that somewhere out there there must be an
abductee who is [or are] a physicist or a scientist from some
other persuasion that would be not only affected by his or her
experience but be looking hard from a scientific standpoint at
what they had experienced.

If there aren't any then why not? Even "if" the abduction
experience could be explained as some naturally occurring
phenomenon as yet undetermined, a certain percentage of
scientists should have experienced this phenomenon.

Do Jacobs and Hopkins have a measurable cross section of them in
their data?

When Clancey came out with her book I asked Dave Jacobs at a
conference whether he had any psychologists or psychiatrists in
his group of abductees. He said, "Lots.!" This leads me to think
that there are other scientists who are experiencing abduction
as well.

Realising of course that the ratio of scientists to the general
population is very low and would knock down the percentages of
scientists being abducted, still there should be an impressive
amount of theoretical and physical scientists showing up at
these researcher's doors.

I can't believe that such an experiences would not influence
their research, their work or steer them into areas they hadn't
originally planned. Makes me wonder about the interest in
Quantum Mechanics, String Theory and M-branes, etc.

Don Ledger

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>>sure look like they have a definite destination in their little
>>brains. Maybe they do, and maybe they don't. If I can't even
>>tell what is motivating a dumb dog, I don't know who much luck
>>I'd have trying to figure out what motivates an alien.

>Hello Tim,

>Must take issue with you. What makes you think our canine
>friends have "little brains"? How would you know_any_dog is is
>trotting "happily" down a street?

>More importantly, how would you know any dog is dumb? They have
>a keener sense of smell and their hearing is superior to members
>of the human race. They are only victims, or benefactors, of the
>human who cares for them...if anyone cares for them at all.
>Survival is the more obvious motivation for "trotting down the
>street".

>Perhaps the "alien" presence is to point out our own flaws in
>the perceptions that infiltrate the thoughts of those of us who
>just plain don't know better, or on the negative side, to
>exacerbate the problems that detract us from realizing our own
>potential.

>I doubt the average human being knows the motivations/thoughts
>of any member of the animal kingdom. Do you think maybe they are
>as alien to us, as the aliens are to us?

>Reality is the key. Truth is the answer.

A few issues/comments...

1. Man is not continuously intelligent. If we pay attention to
our selves the we realize that we often operate on 'auto-pilot',
which is the exact same thing as non-consciousness. The same
applies to dogs, let alone other mammals.

If we pay attention to dogs, we realize that they respond
seemingly intelligently when they direct attention our way, to
our activities. This would indicate, but no prove, that they are
aware of the fact that they don't understand what we are doing,
thus paving a road to some sort of possible future
understanding.

2. With regard to the purpose of ET visitation, we all our

turning a blind eye toward what is actually taking place. We are all guilty of either filling in information that was never there or guilty of operating under preconcieved ideas or assumptions.

I have stated this before and I will state it now. If UFOs are extraterrestrial then they are representitives of an Artificial Intelligence, A.I. for short.

They have a plan and a goal in mind. We do not have enough information yet as to fully understand such.

-Jason Gammon

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>4 months for him to find the date. I decided that the exact date
>was not as important as the unique information about the
>sighting.

Good, Bruce. I just hope he is luckier in finding criminals than
he is in finding a date in the police files.

V-J

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I propose NASA send a new spacecraft to Mars.

It should be about 1,000 miles long and shaped like a fork.

It would target the Cydonia region and especially the former
Face On Mars. Once the craft breaks through the pink Martian
atmosphere it would embed itself square into the forehead of the
rock formation formerly known as the Face On Mars.

We would then rename the region to:

Put A Fork In It Already, Mars.

A great soon to be tourist attraction.

Okay, away from the funny stuff. Let's just wait for solid
evidence and proof gathered from our instruments from now on.
Not our imaginations. Reason being that when we can't get that
hands on data we get the 'long distance runaround' and the next
thing you know that part of our minds that turn the unknown into
religions and start charging people an arm and a leg shows up.
Don't put down as gospel what you can't put down in a lab when
it comes to science.

If at some time one of our instruments finds nails or hammers or

anything we can identify through thorough analysis then fine.
Right now the public doesn't need anymore mysteries that some
nut can turn into a profit at their expense.

I'm sure as we progress in our analysis we'll find other wonders
about Mars, most likely in the geological and biological arenas.

Let's make sure we've got an eye peeled for the real wonders.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Trackstick Useful For Repeat Abductees? - Boone

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Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 08:23:09 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 12:20:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Trackstick Useful For Repeat Abductees? - Boone

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 16:40:50 -0400
>Subject: Trackstick Useful For Repeat Abductees?

>John Velez recently stated on Errol's program Strange Days...
>Indeed that abductions are currently at a very low rate of
>occurrence. However, this gadget advertised below looks like >the
>ideal item for an abductee to carry if the abductee anticipates
>more abductions:

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

<snip>

>Eleanor White

Cool!

I've always wondered if there were ways or experiments that tracked repeat abductees. I've read and investigated accounts where people were abducted carrying all sorts of stuff from money to guns. A device like this might come in handy!

I also heard John Velez's analysis about the rate of abductions. If he's correct and this decrease becomes a standard and even falls to lower levels its of concern to me for one reason:

The abductors have gone from 'practical' to 'application'.

It's taken them 50 years of kidnapping and experimenting to finish up the job. Now they're going to go onto putting the gathered data to some use. Could be they're going to upgrade us genetically to something like Homo Sapiens 4.0 or some such thing. Could be they've now got all our biological weaknesses. Could go into all sorts of speculative things.

It's fun to imagine.

Best,

Greg

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City Of Roswell Takes Over UFO Festival

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Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 12:25:54 -0400
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Source: The Roswell Daily Record - New Mexico, USA

<http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/101006/news05.html>

10-10-06

City To Plan UFO Festival

A.J. Dickman
Record Staff Writer

In an attempt to end the turf wars that come with planning a city-wide event during the week of July 4, the City of Roswell will coordinate the 2007 UFO Festival.

The 2007 event marks the 60th anniversary of the Roswell Incident and the 10-year anniversary of the festival itself.

According to a press release from the city, it is the mission of the City of Roswell to unite the citizens of Roswell by attracting international visitors to an all-inclusive, entertaining and family-oriented event that celebrates the Roswell Incident of 1947.

Jack Swickard, president of the International UFO Museum and Research Center Board of Directors, said the board is happy about the city's decision to step up to the plate.

"It has been our hope at the museum that the city would take command of the festival," said Swickard. "We met with (Mayor Sam LaGrone) right after this year's festival and he indicated that he wanted to get involved."

Swickard said the museum took over coordinating the festival three years ago and it has not been profitable during that time.

"The museum has lost money on the festival over the years," said Swickard. "It's appropriate that the city organize it because the community has to back it 100 percent for it to be a success."

Swickard said the museum staff can now focus on their role in the festival, rather than trying to organize the entire event alone.

"We will continue to provide the more serious side of the festival, such as guest speakers and discussion panels," he said.

Swickard said the museum was preparing to launch an international fund-raising drive for the new museum, which will be built at the southeast corner of Main and Eighth.

"We have our fingers crossed and hope to break ground during the next festival," he said.

A festival committee has been formed to lead planning efforts, with LaGrone serving as chairman.

The committee is currently accepting written proposals for festival activities, vendors, exhibitors, speakers and other entertainment. Proposals can be submitted by mail to P.O. Box 3234 in Roswell or via email at festival.nul

The deadline for activity, exhibitor, speaker and entertainment proposals is Oct. 25. The deadline for vendor proposals is May 23, 2007.

[Thanks to Frank Warren for the lead]

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Re: Roswell Museum & UFO Festival Follow-Up -

From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 04:14:45 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 12:29:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Museum & UFO Festival Follow-Up -

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO [UpDates](#).nul (UFO UPDATES)
>Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 15:53:42 +0000
>Subject: Re: Roswell Museum & UFO Festival Follow-Up

>A Canadian documentary filmmaker recently visited the Roswell
>UFO Museum and Research Center to seek permission to film
>there, as dozens before had done, but was denied access.

>Why?

>Because the museum's director, Julie Shuster, wouldn't allow any
>person who interviews Dennis Balthaser or myself, access to the
>museum.

>Tells a lot about the calibre of the museum's Board of Directors
>and the competence of Ms. Shuster.

>The IUFORC is nothing but a tourist trap run by incompetents and
>discriminates against researchers. Not exactly a paragon of
>research facilities.

>Roswell's citizenry should be proud of Ms. Shuster's mission to
>protect them!

Aloha Wendy,

I am sorry that things in Roswell have deteriorated down to what
they seem to be today. We have heard from Dennis Balthaser.

What is the museum's beef against you after all the good things
you hhave done in this field? Please let me know offlist if you
would not want it to be public knowledge.

Thank you,

Josh Goldstein

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AN ASSERTIVE NEW NATIONAL SPACE POLICY

The Bush Administration has issued a new National Space Policy that stresses unilateral American freedom of action in space. The new policy is intended to "enable unhindered U.S. operations in and through space to defend our interests there."

The policy affirms "the use of outer space by all nations for peaceful purposes, and for the benefit of all humanity."

But it declares that the United States will "take those actions necessary to protect its space capabilities; respond to interference; and deny, if necessary, adversaries the use of space capabilities hostile to U.S. national interests."

The policy, which supersedes a 1996 Presidential Decision Directive, was almost certainly promulgated in a National Security Presidential Directive (NSPD), which has not been publicly disclosed. Instead, a ten page unclassified summary was released late last week.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nspd/space.html>

In large part, the new policy tracks closely with the previous Clinton policy. But it also departs from it in significant and surprising ways.

The previous policy prudently reserved judgment "on the feasibility and desirability of conducting further human exploration activities" beyond the International Space Station in Earth orbit.

But in a rhetorical flight of fancy, the new Bush policy purports to adopt a new national "objective of extending human presence across the solar system," no less.

Like the earlier policy, the new policy continues to authorize the sometimes controversial use of nuclear power sources in space, but it also goes on to prescribe approval procedures for the extremely improbable scenario of "non-government spacecraft utilizing nuclear power sources."

The 1996 policy stated that "Space nuclear reactors will not be

used in Earth orbit without specific approval by the President or his designee." This provision seemed to embrace a 1989 proposal by the Federation of American Scientists and others to ban nuclear reactors in orbit as a means of forestalling deployment of high-power orbital space weapons.

The new policy rejects that or any other infringement on unilateral U.S. freedom of action.

"The United States will oppose the development of new legal regimes or other restrictions that seek to prohibit or limit U.S. access to or use of space," the Bush policy warns.

The new policy also addresses the problem of space debris, and the classification and declassification of space-related defense and intelligence information, among other important topics.

The text of the 1996 National Space Policy may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/military/docops/national/nstc-8.htm>

A September 26 NASA Notice on the development of Advanced Radioisotope Power Systems may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2006/09/fr092606.html>

The FAS proposal to ban nuclear reactors in Earth orbit was introduced in "Space Reactor Arms Control" by Joel Primack, et al, in Science and Global Security, Volume 1 (1989):

http://www.princeton.edu/~globsec/publications/pdf/1_1-2Primack.pdf

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With the failure to stop and reverse the spread of nuclear weapons, military planners do not have the luxury of ignoring the possibility that such weapons might be used against military or civilian targets, abroad or at home.

A new Department of Defense doctrinal publication defines policies and procedures for managing "the consequences from all deliberate and inadvertent releases of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear agents or substances, and high-yield explosives with potential to cause mass casualties and large levels of destruction."

See "Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosives Consequence Management," Joint Publication 3-41, Joint Chiefs of Staff, October 2, 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3_41.pdf

Another new DoD policy addresses protection of military installations "against terrorist use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high explosive weapons."

See "DoD AntiTerrorism Standards," DoD Instruction 2000.16, October 2, 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/i2000_16.pdf

And a recent DoD Directive offers a new glimpse of the organization of U.S. nuclear command and control.

See "U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Support Staff," DoD Directive 3150.06, August 25, 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/d3150_06.pdf

SOME RANDOM CRS REPORTS

Some recent reports of the Congressional Research Service, not readily available to the public, include the following.

"Border Security: Barriers Along the U.S. International Border," September 21, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homsec/RL33659.pdf>

"The European Union's Energy Security Challenges," September 11, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL33636.pdf>

"Iraqi Civilian, Police, and Security Forces Casualty Estimates," updated September 14, 2006:

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Bruce,

The pilot's log [if you know where he is] would still have the
date and times [time off and time down] with the times being
being bracketed at about 3 hours endurance and probably less
than that. The book value (specs) says 3.2 hours -in cruise - but
that's under ideal conditions. During an operation the endurance
quickly suffers due to acceleration and deceleration during the
operation. It is like going from highway performance to city
driving performance in an automobile. At any rate, were you to
find the pilot's log, you could get in the ballpark re the
actual time of the incident. He might have even put in a short
note of the contact in the log.

Additionally, if that Jet Ranger is still in service somewhere,
the FAA will have its owner and location. The aircraft's journey
logs might have gone with the aircraft or are still being held
by one of its previous owners. There are also the Tech Logs
which is the airframe and engine logs. They contain the
maintenance history of the aircraft. They are not to be

destroyed.

I find it hard to believe that the pilot's logs would be quite inaccessible after only 15 years has passed - unless he lost them in a fire or something like that. You don't throw them away. A pilot's log book is required for any number of reasons including being employed at another workplace, getting another endorsement to his/her license, proof of pilot-in-command time on certain aircraft and when. The 'when' would indicate to another pilot whether you needed a check ride on a "type" of aircraft before you would be allowed to fly said aircraft.

Don Ledger

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Why the unfunny attempt at humor? Does it help you cope with
your having based your previous ridicule of the Mars Face issue
in part on what is almost certainly an inaccurate (and possibly
intentionally so) 3-D reconstruction of the landform?

Why is it so difficult to acknowledge you might have made a
mistake in accepting it as genuine? That sort of thing happens
to everyone, but it seems many people will stick to an opinion
long after its basis in fact has been shown to be wanting.

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>Let's just wait for solid evidence and proof gathered from our
>instruments from now on.

That would make sense if we had an independent group of
researchers equipped to receive the raw data independently of
NASA.

Eleanor White

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Re: X-48B Cause Of UFO Sightings? - Kimball

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Before getting too far astray with this subject, just a few facts:

That wind tunnel model is nothing more than a typical 1/12 scale model being used to determine basic data such as lift, drag, roll pitch and yaw moments, etc., which will be used to design a full-scale flying aircraft should it be feasible, and funding from NASA or the USAF will pay for it under contract to Boeing.

The prototype 2 scale model will merely be a radio-controlled flight test unit to verify the wind tunnel data.

The 'lift body' concept itself is nothing new. Similar to a Horton wing XIII, an XF5U/V-173, and more specifically to Vincent Burnelli's original concept of a lifting body aircraft, such as his RB-1 built in 1921, and his CBY-3 'Lifting Fuselage Transport', now housed at the Connecticut Air Museum.

Hollis Kimball

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Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 11:54:06 -0400
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>It looks like a huge bird perched atop three utility poles
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>of what may be the shape of some aeroplanes in the future.y The
>aircraft is the X-48B, an advanced concept, fuel-efficient
>blended wing body or BWB. It's called a blended wing body
>because it looks more like a modified triangular-shaped wing
>than the traditional aircraft, which is a tube and wing with a
>tail.

Hi Kathy!

No, the X-48B cannot be the cause of any UFO sightings but the saucer-shaped Avrocar that was also tested at the NASA Ames-Dryden wind tunnels in California half a century earlier most certainly was!

The X-48B in the wind tunnel (its tail is hidden) very closely resembles the proposed Boeing 797 1000 passenger jet airliner which also is a blended wing design (which also resemblances somewhat Boeing's large wing Sonic Cruiser that is expected to be built and compete against Europe's Airbus A380).

The United States Army and later the U.S. Air Force originally funded the research of saucer-shaped aircraft under contract with Avro Canada which also including Project Y, Project Y2 and Weapon System 606A. The USAF continued this research in the U.S. in secret after Avro's demise in 1959 which some believe evolved to a still secret nuclear powered manned spacecraft armed with nuclear missiles (see Popular Mechanics November 2000 account below).

<http://tinyurl.com/l2gew>

Yesterday at The Hanger, at Canadian Forces Base Downsview, now Downsview Park, here in Toronto, was a pre-rollout event of a replica of the Avro Arrow for Toronto Aerospace Museum members and ex-AVRO employees. There I met authors Randall Whitcomb and Bill Zuk. They both have written books on Avro Canada, including the secret and proposed vehicles that Avro had designed to be built before the company went out of business - as the U.S. wished, and who quickly offered jobs to Avro's best engineers and

trades people to work in its aerospace industry.

Bill Zuk confirmed to me the good news, subject to the costs of moving the saucer, that one of the two existing Avrocars, the one at the Smithsonian, will be coming back to Canada and will be put on public display at Toronto Aerospace Museum next to the replica of the Avro Arrow (and possibly next to one of the engines of another flying saucer, Weapon System 606A, which is already part of Toronto Aerospace Museum's collection). Bill also told me that the Museum is still interested and trying to get the full size engineering model of Avro's secret Project Y saucer which exists and is in private hands just outside of Toronto.

This secret VTOL saucer designed under Avro's John Frost and his team of engineers could very well have beaten the Avro Arrow team under Jim Floyd as the world's first greater than Mach 2 interceptor. There were plans for the Project Y saucer and the more conventional Arrow jet fighter interceptor, both well ahead of their times, to reach such high speeds and extremes altitudes that the first in space would have been a Canadian (possibly even Polish born Avro test pilot and aviation legend, Janusz Zurakowski).

I purchased two signed prints at Toronto Aerospace Museum by Randall, who is also an artist. One of these depicts an Avro Arrow flying through the darkness at the edge of the Earth's atmosphere which has just fired an anti-ICBM missile at an incoming Soviet missile.

The second print depicts Avro Canada's Space Threshold Vehicle which resembles the USAF's X-15 rocketplane and pre-dates the proposed USAF manned X-20 Dyna-Soar spaceplane which evolved into NASA's manned Space Shuttle. The big difference was, according to Avro documents from the 1950s, that the Canadian built Arrows were to be upgraded with advance propulsion systems which included ram-jets, nuclear-hydrogen plasma drives, ion thrusters and even anti-gravitic technology!

In the first half of hundred years of manned powered flight, we went from the Wright Brothers to subsonic jet passenger travel and rocket powered spaceflight. During the second half we are still flying in subsonic jets and using chemical rockets for spaceflights just barely above Earth's atmosphere. When other areas of science and technology have evolved in large quantum steps in over the same second half of the hundred years of manned power flight, one cannot help to wonder why we the public still travel in much the same jet planes as our grandparents travelled when we should be travelling instead like Buck Rogers. The advanced propulsion technologies that Avro Canada was going to incorporate in its next generation aerospace vehicles were well known back then. Why have we not developed and used these advanced propulsion technologies? Maybe we have (and paid for them too!) but have been kept in the dark for some good reason.

I suspect that one of these reasons is that private industry was provided with alien technology (from crashed UFOs?) to develop and use for the benefit of the people but under the condition that it be kept secret from potential enemies. Unfortunately, the secrecy has prevented us, the ones who paid the bills for these amazing technologies, from reaping any of the benefits.

Nick Balaskas

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Hi Kathy,

The X-48 is a prototype by Boeing for a blended wing body {BWB} for a concept airliner of the future. A 17 foot BWB was the original model. The UAV aspect of it was a 35 foot prototype which was be used for testing in 2004. The wind tunnel tests on an 8.5 percent scale UAV model X-48B Ship #1 would show up snags that will be attended to. Once all of those are out of the way a second 8.5 percent scale UAV model X-48B #2 will fly remotely operated for performance tests at Dryden AFB and probably already is being tested at Dryden.

Quote: "In mid-May 2006, the research team successfully completed 250 hours of wind tunnel tests on the X-48B Ship No. 1, at the historic Langley Full Scale Wind Tunnel at NASA's Langley Research Center, Langley Air Force Base, Va. The prototype was then shipped to NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., where it would serve as a backup to Ship No. 2, which will be used for planned remotely piloted flight tests at Edwards. Ship No. 2 had been scheduled to be used in remotely-piloted flight testing at Dryden."

It's a cheap way to get around a proposed 1,000 seat airliner that will be "very big".

This will be secret only in the sense that Boeing doesn't want their designs getting into the hands of competitors, meaning Airbus, but for safety's sake its going to be tested in areas where most people aren't. I don't expect that many UFO reports will come out of it.

Don

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Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 12:23:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Reason For Discrepancy Between ESA 'Face' -

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 12:35:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Reason For Discrepancy Between ESA 'Face'

>Why the unfunny attempt at humor? Does it help you cope with
>your having based your previous ridicule of the Mars Face issue
>in part on what is almost certainly an inaccurate (and possibly
>intentionally so) 3-D reconstruction of the landform?

>Why is it so difficult to acknowledge you might have made a
>mistake in accepting it as genuine? That sort of thing happens
>to everyone, but it seems many people will stick to an opinion
>long after its basis in fact has been shown to be wanting.

Well said, Lan. Also, it was noted on another forum that the
ESA's 3-D face images were probably vertically exaggerated at
least 2x. This may explain the 'horn' then, but still gives a
distorted view of the face to the public and media, most of whom
wouldn't know of the exaggeration-effect - not mentioned in
the ESA articles.

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
<http://www.themeridianijournal.blogspot.com>

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Unusual Light Reported Over Santa Rosa Argentina

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Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 12:27:10 -0400
Subject: Unusual Light Reported Over Santa Rosa Argentina

Argentina: Unusual Light Reported over Santa Rosa

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 11, 2006

Source: CIUFOS-LA PAMPA
Date: October 10, 2006

At 21:05 hours on October 10, 2006, residents of the Quintas Sur Sector, located between Santa Rosa and Toay, reported seeing a great light which vanished unexpectedly.

According to witnesses, upon leaving their home and remaining outside, chatting on the sidewalk, they saw how "a luminous spot appeared suddenly out of nowhere" appearing static for several minutes. It then "increased its size gradually until it reached a dimension or volume 10 times greater than the planet Venus at that hour."

The witnesses also noted that after having reached that size, "the luminosity began to contract, initiating a slow movement in a south-southeastern direction until it vanished."

The sighting had a duration of 10-15 seconds and the luminosity was "orange/yellow in color, with irregular borders like waves" and was located some 75 degrees over the horizon. Witnesses added that the light source "gave the impression of having rotated and aimed its light toward where they [the witnesses] were standing, prior to beginning its movement."

The witnesses (a man and a woman) are competent adults, living in the aforementioned sector of the capital city of La Pampa.

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Tue Oct 10, 2006

Time Capsule To Be Beamed From Mexican Pyramid
By Cyntia Barrera Diaz

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) -- Mexico's Teotihuacan, once the center of a sprawling pre-Hispanic empire, is set to become the launch pad for an attempt to communicate with extraterrestrial life.

Starting on Tuesday, enthusiasts from around the world will have a chance to submit text, images, video and sounds that reflect human nature to be included in the message.

Those contributions - part of media company Yahoo's "Time Capsule" project - will be digitalized and beamed with a laser into space on October 25 from the Pyramid of the Sun at Teotihuacan, now an archeological site near Mexico City.

Archeologists say a culture centered in Teotihuacan, known as the City of the Gods, dominated Mesoamerica for hundreds of years during the first millennium. It is unclear what led to the society's collapse.

"We have this incredible ancient site and from that site we can project contemporary content," Srinija Srinivasan, Yahoo's editor in chief, told Reuters. "What is new is the ability to capture this information in such scale."

In the 1970s, astronomer Carl Sagan compiled a record with sounds and images, including a mariachi band and greetings in an ancient Sumerian language, to portray the diversity of life and culture on Earth.

His record was sent out with the Voyager spacecraft in the hope that extraterrestrial life forms would eventually find it.

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>I have stated this before and I will state it now. If UFOs are
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We first have to get a hold of one. And if that ever happens and we figure it out, it might turn out that you're on the right track. Although at a certain technological point, the line between a living being and an "artificial" life form really starts to blur. Even we humans are well on our way toward merging with our machines and even creating living, thinking, self replicating machines machines. Hey, we ourselves are a kind of greasy machine, built and partially programmed via DNA. In another 5,000 years, we ought to be smart enough to create all kinds of life out of a variety of elements. And in the grand scope of things, 5,000 years is just a wink and a blink.

>They have a plan and a goal in mind. We do not have enough
>information yet as to fully understand such.

Jacques Vallee looked at the way they always only seem to be maybe a few hundred years ahead of us, technologically, and thought they might be part of some kind of "teaching" construct, helping to guide us into the future. I don't know. As humans, we like to have things "make sense," but some things just might not make sense in any way we can understand.

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>>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 4 Oct 2006 15:32:00 -0500 (CDT)
>>>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

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>>>But that's just a guess. Dogs happily trotting down the street
>>>sure look like they have a definite destination in their little
>>>brains. Maybe they do, and maybe they don't. If I can't even
>>>tell what is motivating a dumb dog, I don't know who much luck
>>>I'd have trying to figure out what motivates an alien.

>>Must take issue with you. What makes you think our canine
>>friends have "little brains"? How would you know_any_dog is is
>>trotting "happily" down a street?

>>More importantly, how would you know any dog is dumb? They have
>>a keener sense of smell and their hearing is superior to members
>>of the human race. They are only victims, or benefactors, of the
>>human who cares for them...if anyone cares for them at all.
>>Survival is the more obvious motivation for "trotting down the
>>street".

>>Perhaps the "alien" presence is to point out our own flaws in
>>the perceptions that infiltrate the thoughts of those of us who
>>just plain don't know better, or on the negative side, to
>>exacerbate the problems that detract us from realizing our own
>>potential.

>>I doubt the average human being knows the motivations/thoughts
>>of any member of the animal kingdom. Do you think maybe they are
>>as alien to us, as the aliens are to us?

>>Reality is the key. Truth is the answer.

>A few issues/comments...

>1. Man is not continuously intelligent. If we pay attention to
>our selves the we realize that we often operate on 'auto-pilot',
>which is the exact same thing as non-consciousness. The same
>applies to dogs, let alone other mammals.

>If we pay attention to dogs, we realize that they respond
>seemingly intelligently when they direct attention our way, to
>our activities. This would indicate, but no prove, that they are
>aware of the fact that they don't understand what we are doing,
>thus paving a road to some sort of possible future understanding.

>2. With regard to the purpose of ET visitation, we all our
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Aloha Earthlings,

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and mutidimensional reality beyond that of humans. It was told
through her purrs. They are really an advanced way to
communicate huge data in a code that has taken me years to
hardly begin to understand.

But being a mere human I do not have the processor to fully
understand. That is why I am waiting for an alien with an
advanced processor to appear to translate it down to the human
level for me.

Josh Goldstein

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Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Ledger

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

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Well we dream of things then try and make them happen. Star Trek
was a good example of this, even the transporter concept is
beginning to work out, though in a very limited way-so far.

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Re: Reason For Discrepancy Between ESA 'Face' -

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Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 13:08:46 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 14:48:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Reason For Discrepancy Between ESA 'Face' -

>From: Paul Anderson <paulanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 20:26:11 -0700
>Subject: Re: Reason For Discrepancy Between ESA 'Face'

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfl Fleming6.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 12:35:02 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Reason For Discrepancy Between ESA 'Face'

>>Why the unfunny attempt at humor? Does it help you cope with
>>your having based your previous ridicule of the Mars Face issue
>>in part on what is almost certainly an inaccurate (and possibly
>>intentionally so) 3-D reconstruction of the landform?

>>Why is it so difficult to acknowledge you might have made a
>>mistake in accepting it as genuine? That sort of thing happens
>>to everyone, but it seems many people will stick to an opinion
>>long after its basis in fact has been shown to be wanting.

>Well said, Lan. Also, it was noted on another forum that the
>ESA's 3-D face images were probably vertically exaggerated at
>least 2x. This may explain the 'horn' then, but still gives a
>distorted view of the face to the public and media, most of whom
>wouldn't know of the exaggeration-effect - not mentioned in
>the ESA articles.

That probably is what happened, although it looks like the
vertical dimensions were exaggerated considerably more than 2X,
maybe more like 5X.

It wouldn't bother me in the least if the Face actually looked
like this. What is disturbing is that the public was once again
misled as they have in the past with images released by NASA and
now by ESA, although with the kind assistance of Malin Space
Science Systems, according to the image credits. I wonder what
it was exactly that Malin contributed to this alleged 3-D
reconstruction, other than his prejudices?

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Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 13:32:48 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 14:52:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Reason For Discrepancy Between ESA 'Face' -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 16:12:16 -0400
>Subject: Re: Reason For Discrepancy Between ESA 'Face' Images?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 10 Oct 2006 08:15:24 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Reason For Discrepancy Between ESA 'Face' Images?

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>>Let's just wait for solid evidence and proof gathered from our
>>instruments from now on.

>That would make sense if we had an independent group of
>researchers equipped to receive the raw data independently of
>NASA.

That's a very good point. People who are interested in seeing
'solid evidence' about microbial life on Mars, even if they care
nothing about the Face on Mars, should be concerned about how
the data on the Face released to the public has been routinely
manipulated in a misleading way.

There are many in the scientific community who are as violently
opposed to even primitive life on Mars as they are to the notion
that the Face might be artificial. Gil Levin could attest to
that based on his unpleasant experiences after championing a
biological interpretation of the results of his Labeled Release
experiment on the Viking landers. Levin says he's been treated
like a "non-person" by his colleagues, as were political
dissidents in the former Soviet Union.

Pretending these extreme biases don't exist despite all the
evidence to the contrary won't make them go away. Scientific
bias could well pose a bigger obstacle to the scientific "search
for life on Mars" that NASA supposedly wants to conduct than any
budgetary or technological constraints. Bias in favor of life on
Mars would, of course, be an equally valid concern, but as far
as I know, there is little evidence of that sort of bias.

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Review UFO Data Magazine

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Source: UFO Research Queensland - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

<http://www.uforq.asn.au/articles/ufodata.html>

05 July 2006

UFO Data Magazine
Editor: Russel Callaghan
Features Editor: Philip Mantle
www.ufodata.co.uk

Review: Lee Earle

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UFO Data is a new UK magazine being produced by Russel Callaghan, who those in the UFO community may remember from his association with Graham Birdsall and the long-running and highly successful UFO Magazine. It may be that UFO Data neatly fills the gap left behind by the loss of UFO Magazine, but it is doing so in a totally unique manner.

At 48 pages and in a clean and compact A5 size, UFO Data is literally crammed with information. Full colour and illustrated throughout, no topic is exempted from this magazine no matter how tenuously related to Ufology it may at first appear, for as any serious researcher knows the UFO phenomenon encompasses a wide and unexpected range of peripheral phenomena. Within the pages of UFO Data new information is presented, old accounts are re-explored, and the contributors to UFO Data provide an intelligent and logical approach while keeping an open mind, all of which is apparent in the quality content. UFO Data is also imbued with a strong sense of community, a sense that Ufologists are working together to try and solve one of our planet's last great mysteries.

UFO Data has an online component (www.ufodata.co.uk) where you can subscribe to the magazine and receive news and updates, and it also provides forums for a global interactive interface between the readers and the magazine's producers. The only potential drawback for international readers would be the fact that UFO Data can only be obtained by subscription, and there are no current plans for retail distribution. Still, at ?4.50 (around \$11.00 AUD) per issue for overseas subscriptions it is certainly value for money, particularly when some issues are also accompanied by a DVD that can contain anything from raw UFO footage to mini interviews.

It is exciting to have a new magazine that is as adventurous and open-minded as UFO Data is, and not bogged down by politics or a rigid and fixed belief system. The fact that its editors are unbiased professionals with many years of experience in the UFO field ensures that quality information is presented to the reader, and that contributions are timely and up-to-date. With the increasing popularity of the Internet as a source of

information (a source that is unmoderated and unmonitored, it must be remembered) and the decline of reputable UFO magazines, UFO Data admirably fills a niche, providing regular and legitimate information flow and a valuable forum for the field of UFO research.

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Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Shell

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Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Oct 2006 08:40:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Shell

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Hard to say. Bacteria is a nice little Von Neumann machine, though. DNA, all wrapped up in a neat little package, durable enough for space travel, and can sprout pretty much anywhere there's a bit of heat and enough raw materials for it to divide. Give it a few billion years and it can evolve into all kinds of critters. Unless our planet is sterilized in the next few millennia, if someone else out there isn't already in the panspermia business, we sure will be.

I think we ought to start right now with Venus. Drop some genetically modified bacteria into that nasty atmosphere to bust up the greenhouse, cool it off, and make us a little water, nitrogen, oxygen, etc. It would be comparatively cheap to accomplish. A few rockets with high-altitude seeding gliders. And the sooner we start, the sooner it'll become a halfway decent place to live. If not for us, then at least for whatever evolves out of the bugs.

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Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Friedman

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Jason is correct that he has made the claim about A.I. before.
He still has provided no evidence to support the claim. Has any
turned up? I can't buy the notion that research should be
conducted by proclamation as opposed to investigation.

Stan Friedman

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The Welsh Triangle

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'Answers to Correspondents'
compiled by James Black and Charles Legge

Question: Was a logical explanation ever given for the mysterious events which took place in and around Broad Haven, Pembrokeshire in 1977? What do the children involved at Broad Haven Primary School now think in retrospect?

Answer: The West Wales 'flap' of 1977 is second only to the Warminster "Thing" in British UFO history. Documents released following a Freedom of Information request I made in 2005 revealed how a secret investigation by the RAF Police was launched into claims that alien craft and their tall humanoid occupants were taking a particular interest in the Welsh coastline. The media of the time dubbed the area the Welsh Traingle.

During lunchtime on 4 February 15 schoolchildren at Broad Haven Primary School said they watched a silver cigar-shaped UFO in fields behind their school. Some of the group, aged from nine to 11 years, claimed they saw a silver man with pointed ears emerge from the craft. Their stories were dismissed as fantasy but the children were so adamant they had seen something unusual they handed in a petition to the police station. Their head teacher later asked them to draw the UFO and was amazed at how similar their pictures were.

Journalists and TV crews flocked to the Welsh coast from all corners of the UK. Flying saucers were soon the main topic of conversation in the principality. By May straightforward lights in the sky had been replaced by stories of giant humanoid figures in spacesuits, similar to those used by astronauts, seen prowling around remote countryside late at night.

One outbreak of strange phenomena appeared to cluster around the Coombs family at Ripperston Farm. Here a dairyman, Billy Coombs, his wife Pauline and their five children told of repeated close encounters with UFOs and their occupants which left a trail of burned out cars and TV sets and spiralling electricity bills. Pauline had a sighting almost every month and one occasion the car she was using to drive her children along a country lane was pursued by a fiery object shaped like a rugby football. Later the couple claimed a herd of cows were inexplicably teleported from a locked field into to an adjacent farmyard. But the most terrifying incident of all happened in the early hours of 23 April as the couple watched a late movie. Suddenly they were terrified by the appearance of a 7ft tall figure in a spacesuit, whose blank face was framed in the window of their sitting room. While later investigators were sceptical of some of the more sensational claims, others were impressed by the genuine terror displayed by the couple at the time.

Indeed the policeman who responded to their 999 call said in 1996 that in all his 26 years service "that was the most frightened family I have ever been to see." There was no doubt the couple had seen something unusual, but what?

In 1977 the Ministry of Defence asked the RAF Police to quietly make their own inquiries into the 'sightings' and their report suggested a prankster had been at work in West Wales. The jokers got their idea from the newspaper headlines about the Broadhaven school sighting. They 'borrowed' asbestos suits manufactured by a local firm for use by fire crews at the Milford Haven oil refineries nearby which, with their inbuilt helmets and dark visors, gave them a monstrous appearance.

In 1996 BBC presenter Ray Gosling tracked down one of the 'spacemen' for a Radio 4 documentary on the West Wales flap. Shortly afterwards Glyn Edwards, a member of Milford Haven's Round Table confessed his part to the Western Mail. He described the spaceman outfit as having: '. a solid in-built helmet so I would have looked about 7ft tall. Alien sightings were all the rage, so I took a stroll around for a bit of fun. I remember when I visited the garden of a certain lady, who later called the police, that I had to dive into a hedge because she appeared to be aiming a rifle or a shotgun at me.'

But despite all Ray Gosling's attempts to persuade the witnesses from Broad Haven school to confess, the boys - now in their forties - stuck doggedly by their story. One of them, David Davies, told him: 'I did see something unexplained that day and I will stick to that story for the rest of my life.' The Welsh Triangle may hold onto its secrets for some years to come.

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A UFO or A.I.? Waiting until civilian researchers gain access
to a UFO is like camping out on the porch and waiting for 'judgement
day.' We both know it's not going to happen anytime soon.

However, gaining access to evidence pointing to an extraterrestrial
A.I. is, in my opinion, far easier.

For one, we have abductees who claim to have recieved implants.
I personally believe these implants are primarily for communicative
purposes. As such, I feel that such implants must be recieving
signals from somewhere and also sending signals to somewhere. Is
there anyone investigating if recovered implants are transmitting any form
of signal, either of radio, microwave, electro-magnetism, or even laser?

Has any investigator ever checked to see if an abductee's body is
producing such a signal, prior to the removal of the implant? I have
suspicions that such implants would 'die' quickly after removal from the
body.

The point I am trying to make is that if an extraterrestrial A.I. is
behind UFO's, then it most likely has agents working for it within
human society. Such individuals might not realize they are even hosts
for an A.I. as it's quite possible that an A.I. may prefer to not completely
take over a host's body, opting merely to eavesdrop instead.

It may also be that an A.I. might take over control of the host's body
only during certain times. Such individuals may have no memories of
what has occured during such episodes.

If abductees describe such horrid details during encounters, why do
they then often 'help' or go along with the alien's plans? Why do
abductees report getting urges to perform actions that seem to fascilitate
an abduction? Could such behavior imply that there is more than one
intelligence inhabiting their bodies?

Perhaps we all are infected with an alien A.I. For example, the unconcious
mind is the part of our psyche that truly controls the body. Our concious
minds are only allowed to 'steer' when it's motives do not interfere with the
motives of the Unconscious mind. For example, a while back I was folding
laundry and needed to use the bathroom. I decided to force myself to wait
until I had finished folding and putting the laundry up in the other room before

I relieved myself. Instead of executing the will of my conscious mind, I found myself carrying a pile of folded laundry straight into the bathroom and not the bedroom closet. It seems my unconscious mind had decided to rear itself, thus reminding me who is truly in charge.

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Yes. A truly advanced form of A.I. may be indistinguishable from an organic organism.

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This reminds me of the 'nanobot' craze. To me, the creation of a nanobot is nothing more than the creation of an artificial virus or bacteria.

Also keep in mind that many of the perceived attributes of nanobots are incorrect.

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Unfortunately, Jacques Vallee veered off the path of Science a long time ago. I admit some of his writings are intriguing, however, opting for 'magic' as an explanation to a mystery is never a good decision.

Who was it that said that an advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic?

You mentioned the belief of Vallee, in which UFOs may be part of a 'teaching' construct, helping to guide us into the future. Now, combine this with the theory that UFOs are alien A.I.s. Do you follow?

Imagine Roswell as a 'trojan horse', meant to increase our primitive technology to a more advanced form and one that may support an assimilation-type scenario.

We may currently be involved in an assimilation process, similar to that of the Borg from Star Trek fame, only one that is occurring on a far more subtle basis.

There is a plan. There is a goal.

We are all pawns in a chess game we don't even realize is being played.

-Jason Gammon

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Dreams Or Interrogations?

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Subject: Dreams Or Interrogations?

Hello List,

For some years, as a sort of science project, I've been collecting info plus anecdotes on 'consciousness' - which often comes with similar details of 'unconscious' and 'dream' states, mostly for comparison or contrast.

The 'consciousness' stuff has been useful, even if a precise definition seems to be impossible for science just now. That leaves me with the other stuff, to which I've added some solicited reports from ordinary stable well-educated folk - to avoid exaggeration or bias from compulsive dream reporters. Like all of us?

Amongst the confused mass of dream-types one seems to stand out: apparent interrogation dreams. Here's an example or two:-

1) A long 'situational dream' with many happenings, involving known people-types (sometimes even specific individuals), that the dreamer feels is a 'test' of intelligence and even of morality. Dreamer can report feeling a bit guilty if 'failing' too many times.

1a) A sub-set seems almost identical except that small segments get replayed in 'fast-forward' several times as if giving dreamer a set of multiple choices on certain questions. Dreamer is somehow aware that these segments are 'dreams within a dream'.

2) A cine-review or slide-show moving across field of view - many complex, high detail pictures, charts or diagrams, some richly color-coded and all with dense intellectual content - almost all known to the dreamer but some just out of knowledge or comprehension. Again, dreamer can report feeling elated or guilty if they think they've 'passed' or 'failed'.

What do you think? Do these represent only internal mind-states? Or could they be, as they seem, externally sourced tests or interrogations?

Cheers

Ray D

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Neanderthal DNA Illuminates Split With Humans

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Neanderthal DNA Illuminates Split With Humans
by Roxanne Khamsi

The first comparison of human and Neanderthal DNA shows that the two lineages diverged about 400,000 years ago and that Neanderthals may have had more DNA in common with chimps than with modern humans.

There is ongoing debate over whether the Neanderthals were a separate species, *Homo neanderthalensis*, or a subspecies of *Homo sapiens*. The first Neanderthals are thought to have emerged about 350,000 years ago, so the new findings from this DNA analysis strongly favour the theory that modern humans and Neanderthals share a common ancestor but are not more closely related than that.

Genetic analysis of Neanderthals is very tricky because mere fragments of nuclear DNA have been recoverable from fossils. Previous analyses have focused on mitochondrial DNA samples, which survive better.

James Noonan at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California, US, and colleagues compared human, chimpanzee and Neanderthal nuclear DNA samples. The newly compiled DNA dataset was derived from the remains of a 45,000-year-old Neanderthal fossil.

No contribution

From the enriched dataset, the researchers calculated that humans and Neanderthals diverged approximately 400,000 years ago. And the new data promise to reveal more about the genetic basis of differences between humans and Neanderthals. The 96 differences that presumably resulted in the success of modern humans as a species, the researchers say.

"This is a hint of exciting things to come as more Neanderthal sequence is produced," says David Haussler at the University of California, Santa Cruz, US.

The researchers say the findings strengthen the argument that Neanderthals did not contribute substantially to the modern human genome. "Were there Neanderthals in our lineage? All of the genetics seems to be going in the direction that there weren't," says Richard Potts, head of the Smithsonian Institution's Human Origins Program in Washington DC, US.

Noonan will present the findings at the American Society of Human Genetics conference in New Orleans, US, this week.

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David Grinspoon Rocket Man

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Oct 2006 09:21:42 -0400
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Source: Denver Westword - Colorado, USA

<http://www.westword.com/Issues/2006-10-12/news/news.html>

Oct 12, 2006

Rocket Man

David Grinspoon is popularizing science, one alien joke at a time.
By Mark Dragotta

David Grinspoon is looking for something. Usually he's searching for aliens, but today it's for a biography of his thirteen-year-old self printed in the now-defunct Kids Magazine. "It reads something like, 'In addition to writing and drawing, David, who is thirteen, enjoys playing the guitar, reading science fiction and building model rockets,'" Grinspoon says, laughing. "I'm struck by how apt the description is still."

As he rummages through the filing cabinets and swollen bookshelves lining his office at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, the curator of astrobiology passes by a picture of Keith Richards tacked to the bulletin board behind his desk. It's right next to a photo of his wife of eleven years, Tory Read, and a hand-drawn picture of an alien butterfly on a pin, which a colleague from Southwestern Research Institute in Boulder dreamed up as a tongue-in-cheek call sign/mascot for him when he took the museum post in January. There's also a bumpersticker on his door that reads "Honk if Pluto Is Still a Planet," and under an inflatable alien in the back corner of the room is the yellowing electric guitar from his junior-high band, Liquid Earth. (He still plays the instrument.)

Just a few months earlier, sitting here immersed in these quirks of his personality, Grinspoon learned that on October 12, the American Astronomical Society's Division for Planetary Sciences would reward him with the famed Carl Sagan Medal for success in popularizing science. Considering his life, it was written in the stars.

The oldest son of a Harvard psychiatry professor, Grinspoon grew up in Wellesley, Massachusetts, a "sterile suburb" that he and his friends abandoned for Boston as often as possible. Like most children, he had his share of idols, including sci-fi writer Isaac Asimov and popular science writer and personality Carl Sagan. However, unlike most kids, he was inspired around the dinner table by Asimov and "Uncle Carl," who were family friends. "I remember [Asimov] as the kind of adult that kids loved to be around because he was very funny and he always made you feel like you were in on the joke, maybe in some conspiracy against the rest of the adults..... The guy knew everything about everything. Maybe he was a robot, but if so, he was a quirky and lovable one."

As he reminisces, Grinspoon's computer surfs his iTunes, which is about forty gigs full. The songs are eclectic, a random

sampling from his brain that ranges from obscure underground hip-hop to Zimbabwean guitar. A song from the new Blackalicious album, The Craft, comes on, then some Turkish music that he picked up in March while chasing a solar eclipse to the Mediterranean coast. "An eclipse is more powerful than you'd ever expect," he says. "Everything changes - the light, the air. It's a very trippy experience."

Again the music changes, this time to the Grateful Dead. "I've been way into the Dead since, like, the '70s," he says. Starting after his freshman year at Brown University - where he dual-majored in planetary science and philosophy of science and played in a band called the Geeks - he assisted the Voyager camera team at the Jet Propulsion Lab at the California Institute of Technology. That was 1979, the summer of Voyager's encounter with Jupiter, and he was a fixture at JPL between trips up the coast to see Dead shows.

He was also there in '80 for the buzz run of Saturn and '86 for Uranus and '89 for Neptune. Over the years, he's seen about a hundred Dead shows and followed the Voyagers to the outer limits of the solar system. "There was this feeling of traveling along with the Voyagers as they reached farther from the sun, encountering the giant outer planets over the years as we got older and moved on with our lives."

In 1989, he received his Ph.D. in planetary science from the University of Arizona at Tucson and then took a post-doctoral research job at the NASA AMES Research Facility in Silicon Valley, which he left in 1991 for a professorship in the Astrophysical and Planetary Science Department at the University of Colorado at Boulder. After spending seven years teaching at the university, Grinspoon left academia for the Southwestern Research Institute, where he found his niche studying the climate and evolution of Earth-like planets with the hope of better understanding both our own climate and what it would take to survive on others.

But in the late 1990s, he surrendered to the wormhole of scientific events - such as Galileo's discovery of possible oceans under the ice of Jupiter's moons - and started focusing on astrobiology, an up-and-coming area of scientific study that blends evolution, biology and astronomy with a focus on the possibility of extraterrestrial life in the universe. He published a paper with Dirk Schulze-Makuch in the Journal of Astrobiology called "Biologically Enhanced Energy and Carbon Cycling on Titan" that laid out the case for possible life under Titan's ice cap.

Of course, he says, these little green men would look nothing like the green inflatable alien hanging in a corner of his office at the DMNS, or the alien knickknacks on top of his filing cabinet.

After seven years, Grinspoon left SRI - which he calls "probably the most intellectually stimulating place in the country for planetary research" - to become the DMNS's (and possibly the world's) first curator of astrobiology last January. "The difference between Southwestern Research and the museum is that the museum position is defined as half research, half outreach, which seems to fit my personality better," he says.

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Yahoo Cancels Mexican Time Capsule Ceremony

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Subject: Yahoo Cancels Mexican Time Capsule Ceremony

Source: DNA Evolutions - Mumbai, India

<http://www.dnaindia.com/report.asp?NewsID=1057970>

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Yahoo Cancels Mexican Time Capsule Ceremony
AFP

SAN FRANCISCO: Yahoo has cancelled plans for a "time capsule" ceremony at pyramids in Mexico, citing concerns regarding possible damage to the ancient site.

Yahoo continued collecting pictures, videos, songs, ideas, drawings or anything else they could digitize for a "first-ever electronic anthropology project" to document human life.

Submissions could be uploaded via the Internet to regionalise "Yahoo Time Capsule" websites. Yahoo said it would choose another location for a grand ceremony to celebrate the project.

The Sunnyvale, California, online search engine had planned a time capsule event at the Pyramid of the Sun in Teotihuacan, about 40 kilometres from Mexico City, later this month.

Yahoo said the decision, made yesterday to cancel the ceremony came as it worked with Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) to ensure that the pyramids in Teotihuacan would be "respected and not adversely affected."

"The position of INAH is that after evaluating all the technical and operational aspects, it would be very difficult to move forward with this endeavour," Yahoo said in a release.

"Therefore, we have decided to move the location of the event. For now, we are focused on collecting as many unique and interesting contributions as possible from around the globe."

Submissions will be accepted through November 8.

Yahoo said time capsule contents would be archived on data storing hardware and buried at a secret spot on its campus in Sunnyvale, California.

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UFO Reported Over Potrero de los Funes Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Oct 2006 08:04:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Oct 2006 09:45:29 -0400
Subject: UFO Reported Over Potrero de los Funes Argentina

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 12, 2006

Source: Cuyo Noticias

<http://tinyurl.com/wr7ux>

Date: October 10, 2006

Argentina: UFO Reported Over Potrero De Los Funes
by Pablo Oro

The event occurred on Sunday around 21:00 hours and was seen by a group of people that included employees from the Hotel Potrero de los Funes. They claim having seen a large silver light the size of a car over Quebrada de los Condores. A couple who owns a crafts shop in the Hotel was the first to see the object. They later informed everyone else in the lodging and the sighting was shared by all.

"They all saw it - the reception desk crew and some people who were also staying at the hotel," said the man named Juan Torres.

According to the report, the UFO "was over the mountain for over 20 minutes and since the night was clear, it was easily seen."

They initially speculated that it was an airplane, but given the object's passivity and its light, they realized they were looking at something else.

"A light appeared suddenly and was surrounded by other lights. It seemed to head toward the hotel, but it remained stationary and then began turning on and off. Its intensity increased and decreased until it extinguished itself, leaving only a mark in the sky," said another hotel employee.

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Re: Trackstick Useful For Repeat Abductees? -

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Oct 2006 09:15:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Oct 2006 09:49:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Trackstick Useful For Repeat Abductees? -

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 08 Oct 2006 16:40:50 -0400
>Subject: Trackstick Useful For Repeat Abductees?

>John Velez recently stated on Errol's program Strange Days...
>Indeed that abductions are currently at a very low rate of
>occurrence. However, this gadget advertised below looks like the
>ideal item for an abductee to carry if the abductee anticipates
>more abductions:

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

>The item itself is not the pic at the top left, but rather the
>small unit roughly 4" x 1" x 1" pictured lower on the page.

>Recalling the recording GPS active during the abduction of not
>only a fishermen but his boat, the recording of which showed the
>boat tracked over land for a bit. This unit is touted as able to
>track not only horizontal but vertical movement, and speed as
>well. Software furnished with the unit converts the raw readings
>into a visual display of the journey.

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

'Trackstick' (not the one with the 12 volt car lighter adapter)
is a slim portable device powered by two AAA batteries that will
allow one to easily display the route on a map that they covered
(software provided free) anytime later on their home computer.

With a price of about \$250 U.S., I don't see many people using
the 'Trackstick' anytime soon. Since cell phones are now popular
(nearly every student where I work has a cell phone), with the
thousands of kids that are abducted or disappear every year, I
can see a need for a similar device described in the URL below.
This wristwatch cellphone/GPS tracking device at less than \$50
is about 1/5 the cost of the 'Trackstick'.

<http://www.hop-on.com/kidsphone.html>

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Oct 2006 10:47:59 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 12 Oct 2006 19:26:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Kaeser

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 16:17:24 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 14:01:28 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>As to A.I., I think that that will progress to the point where
>>we will return to the biological concept and grow our A.I.
>>rather than construct it. Come to think of it, maybe others
>>already have.

>Hard to say. Bacteria is a nice little Von Neumann machine,
>though. DNA, all wrapped up in a neat little package, durable
>enough for space travel, and can sprout pretty much anywhere
>there's a bit of heat and enough raw materials for it to divide.
>Give it a few billion years and it can evolve into all kinds of
>critters. Unless our planet is sterilized in the next few
>millennia, if someone else out there isn't already in the
>panspermia business, we sure will be.

>I think we ought to start right now with Venus. Drop some
>genetically modified bacteria into that nasty atmosphere to bust
>up the greenhouse, cool it off, and make us a little water,
>nitrogen, oxygen, etc. It would be comparatively cheap to
>accomplish. A few rockets with high-altitude seeding gliders.
>And the sooner we start, the sooner it'll become a halfway
>decent place to live. If not for us, then at least for whatever
>evolves out of the bugs.

Hi Tim,

Maybe that was the thought that the Martians had before they
decided to begin seeding the third planet from the Sun.

Hmmmmmm.

Steve

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HOW DO EDITORS DECIDE TO PUBLISH CLASSIFIED INFO?

Actual or purported national security secrets are routinely published not only by mainstream news organizations and best-selling authors but also by journals of opinion on the political left and right and the occasional blog. The ability to freely traverse the boundaries of classified government information, with only rare and isolated limitations, is practically a defining characteristic of American journalism.

But how do reporters and editors decide to publish classified information? How do they assess and respond to the concerns of government officials? What are the consequences?

These questions are explored in depth in a long article in the latest issue of American Journalism Review.

See "Judgment Calls" by Rachel Smolkin, AJR, October/November 2006:

<http://www.ajr.org/Article.asp?id=4185>

THE STEALTH SATELLITE MYSTERY

The use of stealth techniques and technologies to reduce the signatures of intelligence or military satellites a subject that seems to be properly classified, for the most part. But it has also left discernable traces in the public domain.

Those traces were assembled by Allen Thomson in his Stealth Satellite Sourcebook, which has been recently updated (148 pages, 7 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/track/stealth.pdf>

See also "Stealth satellites: Cold War myth or operational reality?" by John Croft, C4ISR Journal, October 4, 2006:

<http://www.c4isrjournal.com/story.php?F34471>

CRS ON FFATA, CTBT

A newly enacted law requires the creation of a publicly searchable online database of government grants and contracts. The implications of that law and the challenges ahead were explored by the Congressional Research Service in a new report.

See "The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act: Background, Overview, and Implementation Issues," October 6, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RL33680.pdf>

An impressive prototype of such a public database was unveiled this week by the public interest group OMB Watch. See:

<http://www.fedspending.org/>

Also new from CRS is "Nuclear Weapons: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," updated October 3, 2006 (prior to the North Korean nuclear test):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL33548.pdf>

NEW MILITARY DOCTRINE

The steady stream of new military doctrinal and other publications includes several items which will be of interest and importance to some Secrecy News readers.

"Counterland Operations," Air Force Doctrine Document 2-1.3, 11 September 2006, refers to the use of U.S. air and space assets against enemy land-based forces. See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/afdd2-1-3.pdf>

Security for U.S. ships crossing the Panama Canal is the subject of a new Navy Instruction. "Vessels transiting the Panama Canal encounter situations in which they are isolated from any forces of the United States which could provide additional security if required. These instances provide an opportunity for unfriendly agents to harass or damage a vessel, or potentially embarrass the United States."

See "Definition and Security Requirements for High Value Transits of the Panama Canal," OPNAV Instruction 3100.9A, October 2, 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/opnavinst/3100_9a.pdf

The U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's "Operational Law Handbook" has recently been updated (August 2006). The Handbook "provides references and describes tactics and techniques for the practice of operational law...[and is intended to] help judge advocates recognize, analyze, and resolve the problems they will encounter in the operational context." See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/law0806.pdf>

NEW MILITARY DICTIONARIES

"If you would converse with me," Voltaire is supposed to have said, "define your terms!"

Several new military dictionaries make it easier to define elusive or obscure military terms.

The Department of Defense has updated (for the second time this year) its massive "Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms," Joint Publication 1-02, through 17 September 2006 (752 pages, 2.2 MB PDF file):

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp1_02.pdf

It explains that a "blast wave," for example, is "a sharply defined wave of increased pressure rapidly propagated through a surrounding medium from a center of detonation or similar disturbance."

But what is it in French?

For that one must turn to another new dictionary prepared by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which not only defines thousands of military terms ("blowback," "laser guided weapon," etc.) but also provides translations into Voltaire's language.

So, one learns, "blast wave" is "onde de souffle."

See "NATO Glossary of Terms and Definitions (English and French)," North Atlantic Treaty Organization, 2006 (344 pages, 3.5 MB):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/other/nato2006.pdf>

And for good measure there is also a new "NATO Glossary of Abbreviations Used in NATO Documents and Publications," 2006 (432 pages, 1.4 MB):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/other/nato2006a.pdf>

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Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Oct 2006 12:53:59 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Oct 2006 07:34:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Shell

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 12 Oct 2006 01:43:05 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

<snip>

>Is there anyone investigating if recovered implants are transmitting
>any form of signal, either of radio, microwave, electro-magnetism,
>or even laser?

From what I understand, all implants thusfar removed have been inert and non-structured, so they're incapable of receiving or broadcasting in any way with which we're familiar.

>The point I am trying to make is that if an extraterrestrial A.I. is
>behind UFO's, then it most likely has agents working for it within
>human society. Such individuals might not realize they are even hosts
>for an A.I. as it's quite possible that an A.I. may prefer to not
>completely take over a host's body, opting merely to eavesdrop
>instead.

To find out what, exactly? That seems like a very clumsy way to learn about humanity, since you can get all the information you need by just logging into the Internet (particularly the reproductive information).

>It may also be that an A.I. might take over control of the
>host's body only during certain times. Such individuals may
>have no memories of what has occurred during such episodes.

Again, what would be the point?

<snip>

>Imagine Roswell as a 'trojan horse', meant to increase our
>primitive technology to a more advance form and one that may
>support an assimilation-type scenario.

>We may currently be involved in an assimilation process, similar
>to that of the Borg from Star Trek fame, only one that is
>occurring on a far more subtle basis.

We are involved in a long and complicated process that will probably quickly mean our demise as a species. It's called evolution, accelerated by technological advancement. Nothing alien about it, though.

>There is a plan. There is a goal.

>We are all pawns in a chess game we don't even realize is being
>played.

Well, after all of his haphazard "investigations," Charles Fort came to the conclusion that "we are property." Maybe he was right. However, there's no consensus that there's even so much as a living microbe anywhere other than right here on Earth. So maybe we're doing what human beings do best - connecting the dots, even though they might just be a lot of unconnected dots.

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Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Rudiak

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>And the sooner we start, the sooner it'll become a halfway
>decent place to live. If not for us, then at least for whatever
>evolves out of the bugs.

Even if the terraforming of the atmosphere worked, Venus still
would not be a nice place to live. Problem is Venus hardly
spins anymore, with a day equal to 243 Earth days. Thus, even
with an Earth-like atmosphere, it is going to be freezing cold
or hellishly hot everywhere except at maybe the poles and the
constantly shifting terminator between night and day.

Getting Venus spinning at an Earth-like rate is quite out of the
question. It would take more energy than in a trillion Arabias
to do that.

In contrast, Mars already has a very Earthlike day. The problem
here would be substantially thickening the atmosphere to make it
more liveable and provide protection from cosmic radiation.

David Rudiak

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Re: Dreams Or Interrogations? - Shell

From: **Tim Shell** <tshell.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Oct 2006 13:16:31 -0500 (CDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Oct 2006 07:37:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Dreams Or Interrogations? - Shell

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 Oct 2006 07:00:04 +0100
>Subject: Dreams Or Interrogations?

<snip>

>What do you think? Do these represent only internal mind-states?
>Or could they be, as they seem, externally sourced tests or
>interrogations?

Since we spend so much of our time in school while we're growing up, where we're actually tested frequently, my guess is that states of heightened physiological arousal during sleep are sometimes associated with test anxiety. So we dream about showing up naked or in our underwear for a test in a class we haven't been coming to. Symbolically "exposed" as lazy and dumb.

If some alien critters have the technology to invade my dreams, then they would probably be able to monitor my waking thoughts just as easily to find out whatever it is they want to know.

However, I'm just a regular person. One out of 6.5 billion. I'm not egotistical enough to think I have any special knowledge or abilities that would be of any use to them. So why would they even bother?

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Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Oct 2006 07:43:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Ledger

>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 16:17:24 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 14:01:28 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>As to A.I., I think that that will progress to the point where
>>we will return to the biological concept and grow our A.I.
>>rather than construct it. Come to think of it, maybe others
>>already have.

>Hard to say. Bacteria is a nice little Von Neumann machine,
>though. DNA, all wrapped up in a neat little package, durable
>enough for space travel, and can sprout pretty much anywhere
>there's a bit of heat and enough raw materials for it to divide.
>Give it a few billion years and it can evolve into all kinds of
>critters. Unless our planet is sterilized in the next few
>millennia, if someone else out there isn't already in the
>panspermia business, we sure will be.

>I think we ought to start right now with Venus. Drop some
>genetically modified bacteria into that nasty atmosphere to bust
>up the greenhouse, cool it off, and make us a little water,
>nitrogen, oxygen, etc. It would be comparatively cheap to
>accomplish. A few rockets with high-altitude seeding gliders.
>And the sooner we start, the sooner it'll become a halfway
>decent place to live. If not for us, then at least for whatever
>evolves out of the bugs.

And thereby fulfilling a genetically encoded plan begun millions
of years ago elsewhere. This urge we have to explore and occupy
might be part of some ancient programming which brings me to,
Junk DNA. Any thoughts about that?

Political inertia seems to be getting in the way. Fascinating
that more than one political process is in play which will
probably enforce this [in my opinion] directive to move on into
space-to explore and to change other environments at all costs.

Once we start moving asteroids and comets around and terra-
forming other planets what would we be then in the eyes of our
ancestors and the intelligences inhabiting these newly formed
planets whose ancient beginnings have long since been forgotten
and only vague stories of super beings having given them life,
laws and a place to live.

A.I. might already be in play but the programming is defective-
or selective, nature used to have a way of strengthening the
gene pool but science has been bucking that process-evidenced by
the many internal flaws in each of us that can short circuit our
life spans whatever that approximate limit is supposed to be.
That keeps changing too-but not always because of advances in
medicine.

Don Ledger

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Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 13 Oct 2006 07:47:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here? - Gammon

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 17:56:26 -0300
>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 01:06:30 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 8 Oct 2006 12:38:18 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>>I have stated this before and I will state it now. If UFOs are
>>>extraterrestrial then they are representatives of an Artificial
>>>Intelligence, A.I. for short.

>>We first have to get a hold of one. And if that ever happens
>>and we figure it out, it might turn out that you're on the right
>>track. Although at a certain technological point, the line
>>between a living being and an "artificial" life form really
>>starts to blur. Even we humans are well on our way toward
>>merging with our machines and even creating living, thinking,
>>self replicating machines machines. Hey, we ourselves are a
>>kind of greasy machine, built and partially programmed via DNA.
>>In another 5,000 years, we ought to be smart enough to create
>>all kinds of life out of a variety of elements. And in the
>>grand scope of things, 5,000 years is just a wink and a blink.

>>>They have a plan and a goal in mind. We do not have enough
>>>information yet as to fully understand such.

>>Jacques Vallee looked at the way they always only seem to be
>>maybe a few hundred years ahead of us, technologically, and
>>thought they might be part of some kind of "teaching" construct,
>>helping to guide us into the future. I don't know. As humans,
>>we like to have things "make sense," but some things just might
>>not make sense in any way we can understand.

>>Jason is correct that he has made the claim about A.I. before.
>>He still has provided no evidence to support the claim. Has any
>>turned up? I can't buy the notion that research should be
>>conducted by proclamation as opposed to investigation.

Stan, I don't recall you returning from the deserts near
Roswell, towing a crashed disk behind you in your trusty radio
flyer. Therefore, I conclude we are in the same boat.

- Jason Gammon

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Re: The Alien Situation - Nielsen

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>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 19:14:36 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: The Alien Situation

>>From: Fred Dennis <etinvestigator1984.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2006 11:16:42 -0400
>>Subject: The Alien Situation

>>UFO Summary

- >>1. Extraterrestrial craft have crashed on Earth.
- >>2. Government efforts at acquiring alien technology have been >>successful.
- >>3. The Government has had in their possession live alien >>hostages from time to time.
- >>4. The Government has conducted autopsies on alien cadavers.
- >>5. Intelligence, security, and public agencies are actively >>involved in the cover of facts pertaining to aliens. The CIA and >>NSA are so deeply involved that exposure would cause the >>collapse of their overt structure.
- >>6. People have been and are currently abducted, mutilated, >>murdered, and kidnapped in connection with the UFO situation.
- >>7. There is a current active alien presence on this planet that >>controls different elements of our society.
- >>8. Alien forces maintain bases on Earth and on the Moon.
- >>9. Our Government has had a working relationship with aliens for >>some time with the express purpose of gaining technology in >>gravitational propulsion, beam weaponry, and mind control.
- >>10. Cattle have been killed by aliens for the purpose of >>acquiring biological materials.
- >>11. The U.S. space program is a cover operation that exists for >>public relations purposes.
- >>12. Our civilization is just one of many that have existed in >>the last billion years.

>>Comments welcome

>Thanks Fred! I like summaries like yours. They are at least >points of discussion. Let's hope they don't become points of >contention! With that in mind, I offer my comments item by item:

>1 - According to the best research I've seen on the UFO topics, >research comparable to the best there is in any field of study, >this one stands up to decades of scrutiny as true.

>2 - A review of the apparent anti-gravity and electro-magnetic

>traits of UFOs and of magneto-aerodynamics in the latest allied
>aircraft, including the SR-71, F-117, and B-2, indicates similar
>dynamics in both. This suggests at least similar design,
>componentry and construction methods.

>3 - This point does not carry the same weight of abundant
>witness testimony that the previous items have.

>4 - Like item 3 above.

>5 - This item has two parts: 1) Active involvement of space and
>intelligence agencies is indicated by current research
>conclusions. But let's not forget the military contractors,
>Ike's military-industrial complex, they exist without the
>oversight and disclosure requirements of public agencies. 2)
>Collapse of agency overt structure is not inevitable.

>6 - The ET hypothesis for these victimizations is the only one
>that readily makes sense, when compared to other theories
>extant. Unfortunately, our human desire to make sense of or give
>purpose to these assaults, makes us at best frustrated since the
>ones who could provide "the" answer, don't.

>7 through 9 - These are like number 3 above.

>10 - This one is like item 6.

>11 and 12 - These are also similar to item 3.

>I hope this helps your research. But remember, these are only my
>opinions! I have no standing like those giants who frequent this
>List.

Fred & List:

Since I wrote that post above, I've received and responded to
several comments from several List members off-List. I feel its
time to summarize that recent exchange here in an attempt to
bring the commentary back to the List for all to participate.

Several recent off-List conversations with me have centered on
measuring sticks for the data supporting this study which we
call ufology. These have led to commentary and response on the
intrinsic values of ideas. For example, questions considered
have come as the following:

- "What exactly is data?"
- "What is proof?"
- "What is credible?"
- "What is real?"
- Even, "What is truth?"

Although I don't consider myself or anyone else really qualified
to answer these, in relation to any topic, let alone this one, I
have.

But before I attempt to summarize the conversations and
conclusions, let me state the obvious that these concerns would
not even be considered if the topic was commonly experienced,
like day and night. These questions are not limited to those
without firsthand experience. They are things that both the
victims and the experienced think about. And this really gets to
the heart of the matter.

It's one thing to define terms, it's another to understand. We
humans like to attach meaning to experience. When we don't have
enough information, we still try to "connect the dots." But some
things we can't explain because we lack the capacity. And that's
okay.

Here we go:

What exactly is data? Beyond the dictionary description, data is
experience. As it is accepted into our minds, it is added to any
related experiences and interpretations already there. This is
how we store information. There is no objective or "raw data" in
us. It is always stored and interpreted, from the beginning,

based on the relationships it has with prior information.

What is proof? Proof is what always works "that way", meaning whatever way we're used to. Proof has more to do with an expected cause and effect than most folks admit. Flip a light switch to the "On" position and the lights go on, unless the light's burned out or the switch or the wiring or the power source is faulty. If we lack a common level of experience, then proof to me is different than proof to you.

What is credible? Is credibility found only from those with advanced academic degrees, lengthy genealogies, or reputable references and resources? Can it only come with contrived consensus from common consent? Or, isn't it just a degree of acceptance among associates? I think it is that. But that's still a dynamic thing. My own measuring stick for credibility goes up and down, based on current beliefs. That's really what keeps life interesting for me. How about you?

What is real? If we all knew the answer to that, there'd be no need for neuroses. My reality is not your reality. Someone smarter than me has said, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9, Holy Bible, King James Version) To the degree that the set of my reality coexists with the set of your reality, we have shared reality in that subset. Common sense also has to do with that subset of shared reality, and nothing else.

What is truth? The word "verify" comes from "verus" which some say is the basis for the word "truth". By inference, truth is something that can be verified, or "made true". Let's say corroborated or agreed upon. Here's where the scales of justice come in. Most justice systems have "preponderance of evidence" and "beyond reasonable doubt" standards for measuring evidence. Preponderance refers to the evidence making the scale of justice begin to tip one way or the other. The "reasonable" part of beyond reasonable doubt has to do with "the average person". All these have to do with consensus. Make no mistake, courts function to preserve rights, not find truth. But the preponderance and reasonable doubt measures have been adopted by many other systems of consideration, including this one.

Not much help, is it? So, where does all this leave us? Confused at a higher level? I hope not. T.S. Eliot said:

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

--T.S. Eliot, Little Gidding, Pt. 5, Four Quartets, 1942

So, the questions and answers that started it all remain:

- What is that? A UFO.
- Are they real? Yes.
- Are they extra-terrestrial in origin? Some are.
- Are the extra-terrestrials abducting humans? Yes.
- To what end? I don't know for sure. And thus our mystery endures.

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Hundreds Of UFOs In UK Skies

By Online Reporter

More than 700 UFOs have been reported to the Ministry of Defence in the past six years, it emerged today.

The ministry has received 714 reports of mysterious flying objects since January 2001.

But junior defence minister Derek Twigg said only 12 of them "worthy of further consideration".

None were thought to be a "threat" to the UK.

His comments came in a Commons written reply to Liberal Democrat Lynne Featherstone.

"Reports [of UFOs] are analysed solely to consider whether there is any reason to believe UK airspace has been compromised by the reported activity," Mr Twigg said.

[Thanks to Philip Mantle for the lead]

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On the Trail of Other Earths

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On the Trail of Other Earths

A Conversation with Navigator Chief Scientist Wesley Traub

Where Are The Other Earths?

Answering that question is just the first step in NASA's long-range quest to look for life around stars beyond our solar system, according to Dr. Wesley Traub. And to answer it, he says, we have to go into space.

Traub was recently named chief scientist for the Navigator Program, a series of interrelated missions that will discover and characterize nearby planetary systems. The program will kick into high gear with SIM PlanetQuest, scheduled to launch within the next decade. SIM PlanetQuest will identify Earthlike targets for the follow-on Terrestrial Planet Finder observatories, which will use remote sensing capabilities to characterize the planets and determine which are habitable, or even inhabited.

Previously a senior physicist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Traub received his Ph.D. in physics from University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1968. He was the project scientist for Infrared-Optical Telescope Array (IOTA) and the principal investigator for Far-Infrared Spectrometer (FIRS-2). His research fields include extrasolar planets, high angular resolution astrophysics and stratospheric physics and chemistry.

Traub was recently interviewed at JPL.

PlanetQuest: Briefly, what are NASA's planet-finding goals over the next decade?

Wesley Traub: Well, NASA has been in the planet-finding business for a long time. This is not something new. So the plan for NASA in the coming decade is basically to follow up on the recent discoveries of about 200 planets we know about today. The main thing we'd like to know is, are there any other planets out there that look like Earth?

PQ: How will a mission like SIM PlanetQuest be unique in terms of trying to locate some of these planets?

Traub: SIM will tell us whether there are Earthlike planets around nearby stars, and that will be a big step. It will tell us two crucial things: the mass of the planet, and where it's located with respect to the star. SIM will tell us whether or not the planet is in the right range from the star -- in the habitable zone -- to have liquid water on the surface.

PQ: How does SIM PlanetQuest set the stage for more advanced planet-finders in the future?

Traub: The purpose of SIM PlanetQuest is to look for all sizes of planets around nearby stars, and the range goes all the way out to these heavy Jupiters, all the way down to single-Earth mass. Nearby stars are of interest because we can follow up with later missions that will focus on these stars, and isolate the really bright light of the star from the faint light of the planet so we can characterize these planets and see if there's life.

PQ: So SIM PlanetQuest is going to act as a precursor and look for planets where we could then narrow in and find something that could be truly Earthlike.

Traub: Absolutely. We'll know exactly where and when to look with two succeeding missions planned after SIM -- the Terrestrial Planet Finder Coronagraph, and the Terrestrial Planet Finder Interferometer. These two missions will check whether SIM gave the right info, find planets SIM couldn't find, and will characterize the planets. They will tell us whether or not the light that comes from a planet is similar to the light from Earth.

PQ: What is the most important question that you hope will be answered by these missions?

Traub: I think the most important thing would be to answer the question of whether there's life on other planets. I know this sounds like it's beginning to edge into the territory of material you see in the supermarket checkout line ...

Actually, just 10 years ago, when I went to my first meeting that was going to discuss searching for planets I was a little embarrassed about it. I didn't tell my colleagues I was going, and then I realized there were other people there that I respected, and I thought, well, maybe this isn't so bad. So it edges on asking questions that are outside the realm of traditional astronomy, but I think this is the kind of thing that we are able to do and that people are really interested in. And I think, technically, we can do it today.

PQ: Speaking as an individual, and not as a scientist, do you think there is a planet out there with intelligent life?

Traub: I guess at heart I believe there are planets with life on them. I don't know about intelligent life. The usual argument is that there are billions of stars out there, and today we think the chances of planets being around each one of them are pretty high, which we didn't used to think. And we think that life formed very quickly, as soon as it was possible on Earth. But out of the billions of stars in our galaxy, we only have a chance of looking at about 200 stars that are nearby. The chances of intelligent life being there on one of those, right now, are pretty small.

PQ: It must strike you once and awhile that you have a really interesting job -- looking for life on other planets and coming up with missions to find those planets. Is there anything boring about it?

Traub: Oh, there's nothing boring about it. When I came here to JPL from Boston about a year ago, people said, why are you moving? I explained, you know, this is the most exciting thing I could think of to do with my life. Even in three lifetimes. There is going to be no other point in history where we can discover the first Earthlike planet and tell if there's life on it -- this will never happen again. I just hope it happens when I'm working on it.

For more information about NASA's search for new worlds, visit the PlanetQuest Web site at <http://planetquest.jpl.nasa.gov>.

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

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Investigating Things That Go Bump In The Night

By: Kathryn Caggianelli
The Record

Whether you're the superstitious type or not, UFOs and things that go bump in the night may be worth a closer look.

Conspiracy theories aside, moving lights in the sky that aren't aircraft, satellites, stars or planets and ethereal creatures that reportedly visit people while they are sleeping may be more than products of over-active imaginations, say two local detectives of unexplained phenomena.

A healthy dose of skepticism is important to bring to the job but so is an open mind, Niskayuna resident Raymond Cecot said.

Cecot is co-founder of Independent Researchers Association for Anomalous Phenomena in Niskayuna.

This time of year, the most common sightings are reported by people who mistake stationary stars or planets as moving objects.

"Right now the night skies are crystal clear. Low stars or planets will appear to twinkle from radiational cooling from the Earth. I ask them if they saw the light the night before or the following night, and if they answer yes to either we can pretty much rule out a UFO," he said.

IRAAP is a non-profit organization founded in 1997 that investigates a variety of phenomena, including Unidentified Flying Objects, crop formations, cattle mutilations, Big Foot and others.

While there are cases of sightings and close encounters that Cecot and his colleagues have easily dismissed, there are also those they have not.

Cecot, a former member of the Mutual UFO Network, a national organization based in Maryland, worked closely with state MUFON director Jim Bouck for many years.

If the truth is out there they want to find it.

A rash of UFO sightings in Stillwater in Saratoga County and Cairo in Greene County were called into MUFON in the early 1990s. Cecot and Bouck conducted interviews and made some startling findings.

"There were many sightings of moving lights in the sky over Stillwater and in Greene County around that time. One person in particular was so terrified by his experience that he and his wife moved out of their home in Cairo the following day," Cecot said.

The man reportedly was walking his dog on farmland one night when he saw what he thought was a small plane flying over a mountain in the distance. The object then made an abrupt turn and came toward him. When it was about 100 feet away and 25 feet off the ground, it exploded, lighting up the entire field. He and his dog ran home and called MUFON to report the incident.

Cecot arrived at the scene that same night only to find that the man, his wife and their family pet had sought refuge elsewhere. He met up with them the following day and learned that they intended to move out of the area because of the incident.

There was no physical evidence of anything extra-terrestrial. If there had been, Cecot and Bouck would have sent it away for analysis.

"We use scientific methods when we conduct an investigation. If there are physical traces we gather the evidence and submit it to a lab for analysis," he said.

Bouck recalls another incident in Stillwater on Oct. 7, 1994. At 10 p.m. a teenaged girl called to report seeing as many as 12 UFOs over her home and said they were still there. Bouck and Cecot hurried to the site to find more than a dozen people standing on the girl's lawn staring at the sky. They appeared to be looking at nothing more than stars, but when interviewed, they revealed that the pinpoints of light had danced through the sky, joining in triangular formations and then melting out of sight.

By the time the investigation was completed - more than two weeks later - Cecot and Bouck had spoken to 30 witnesses from across the area.

"These were all credible witnesses. Though we didn't see what they did that night, we didn't discount their accounts," he said.

Interestingly, a neighbor's cat had frantically scratched at the girl's front door earlier that evening, begging to come inside. It got the girl's attention and brought her outside and that's when she spied the unusual moving lights in the sky directly overhead, Bouck said.

In December 1998, Bouck and Cecot received a call from a family in Schenectady about a ghostly nighttime visitor.

The woman woke up at 3 a.m. to find a short, black silhouette standing beside her bed. When interviewed she couldn't recall anything more about the incident. But what really caught the attention of Bouck and Cecot was the fact that later that night her son ran into his parents' bedroom visibly shaken. He said he'd seen a small, black man walk out of his closet through the closed door. The boy had no way of knowing about his mother's similar experience.

"That association for me calls to mind 'the greys,' or three-foot-tall, dark-skinned aliens that are mentioned in alien abductions," Bouck said.

Bouck reportedly has gotten calls from staff at Albany International Airport about strange sightings on radar, he said.

Meteorologists have had their share of unusual calls, National Weather Service Meteorologist Bob Kilpatrick said.

Over the years he has been asked to check out sightings on Doppler radar. The technology that meteorologists use is designed to register reflectivity in the atmosphere, not unusual air traffic, he said.

The possibility that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is a logical assumption to make, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Professor of Physics and Applied Astronomy Heidi Newberg said.

"I don't think they've landed here yet, though," she said.

Newberg admitted that it's important to keep an open mind. Her own colleagues doubted she could accurately measure the rate at which the universe was expanding when she set out to do that in graduate school.

"We expected to find it was decelerating and it turned out that the universe is expanding at a faster and faster rate," Newberg said.

She used Dark Energy Physics to prove her findings, which defied the laws of existing physics models.

"I think mainstream science is concerned about whether the processes that are being used to investigate UFOs are truly scientific. I think there are legitimate researchers out there looking into this," she said.

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The List From Outer Space

By Dean Lisk
The Daily News

Paul Kimball says the truth can be stranger than fiction - especially when it comes to unidentified flying objects.

"I like mysteries," said the Halifax filmmaker, who is working on a documentary chronicling the top 10 sighting of flying saucers. "A UFO mystery is still a mystery."

Kimball, whose Redstar Film and Television Productions has made a number of documentaries for the Space channel, thought it would be fun to marry serious UFO case studies with a non-serious top ten list.

"Hey, everyone loves a wacky top 10 list," he said about Best Evidence: Top 10 UFO Cases, which were selected by some of the leading UFO experts in North America.

The hour-long documentary includes cases from the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Germany.

While the documentary airs later in the season Kimball will present five of the cases at a talk he'll give tomorrow at St. Mary's University. It is part of a day-long symposium attended by UFOlogists and space historians from around the world.

Kimball said people might be in for a surprise when they watch the program, especially those who think the UFO phenomenon started in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. That case involves the reported recovery of a flying saucer and aliens near the desert town.

"These cases have been with us for an awful lot longer than that, just described in different ways," he said. "The German case is from 1561."

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Combing The Cosmos At High Speed: The Allen Telescope Array

By Seth Shostak
SETI Institute

Remember studying the (heavy chords) Scientific Method in middle school? According to your dour-faced science teacher, this was the secret formula by which legions of clipboard-carrying, lab coat-attired researchers pushed back the frontiers of knowledge. The scheme was simple: Scientists sat around dreaming up hypotheses=97possible new truths=97which they torture-tested in the lab or in the field. Experiment would arbitrate, either by validating the truth of a hypothesis, or by sending the scientist back to the blackboard to think again.

Indeed, some research is done like that; investigations that proceed by testing a falsifiable premise. But there=92s another way to learn about the world which you might call =93discovery=94 science. Consider X-rays or penicillin. They weren=92t first hypothesized by tweedy academics; they were simply found, and their nature and significance worked out after the fact. The same is true for quasars, pulsars, dark matter, dark energy, and nearly every object you=92ll find described in an astronomy textbook.

SETI is akin to discovery science, despite its obvious presumption that the extraterrestrials exist, because that hypothesis is not falsifiable. A failure to receive a radio beacon from space doesn=92t say a whole lot about whether aliens do, or do not inhabit the =91hood. But while we can=92t prove that aliens are not there, we can prove they are. We just have to find a signal.

Four decades ago we might have imagined that tripping across an extraterrestrial broadcast would be an easy matter, but all the searches since then tell us it=92s not. The sky isn=92t cluttered with honking signals that anyone with a backyard satellite dish, a crystal set, and abundant spare time can find. If we hope to discover ET in the near future, we=92re going to need highly sensitive antenna systems that can check out large expanses of cosmic real estate quickly. That=92s simply the consequence of doing a discovery experiment with a universe of possible search locales.

The need for speed is a major impetus for the Allen Telescope Array (ATA), a specialized radio telescope now under construction by the SETI Institute and the University of California Berkeley=97and the first such instrument designed with SETI in mind. Sure, making a search with someone else=92s telescope spares you the bother of building one, and using a

loaner instrument is a modus operandi that has given SETI scientists access to some of the largest antennas in the world.

But frankly, it's mightily inefficient: comparable to doing medical research with borrowed microscopes. Usually only a few weeks per year of a big telescope's observing schedule will be devoted to SETI, and some of that precious time is inevitably lost in the ritual of repeatedly setting up and turning on specialized hardware that has been dormant for months.

The ATA, however, will be available 24/7. That's a factor of ten more search time per year than was available for the SETI Institute's Project Phoenix, which ran on telescopes in Australia, West Virginia, and Puerto Rico.

In addition, the ATA benefits from startling new developments in receiver design. Most receivers used for radio telescopes can tune a band that's a few hundred megahertz wide. That beats the heck out of your AM radio, but it's still a pretty small chunk of the radio spectrum—which means that if you want to search for ET's transmission, but don't know where on the dial to listen, then you have to keep changing out receivers to cover different frequency ranges.

The Allen Telescope Array's MMIC (Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuit) receiver simultaneously picks up all cosmic static between 0.5 and 11.2 gigahertz—a spectral range equivalent to two thousand TV channels, side-by-side on the dial. In its first incarnation, only four selected sections of that spectrum will be examined. Nonetheless, that's a several-fold improvement over past SETI experiments. In a decade or two, as digital electronics become cheaper and more powerful, even these modest bandwidth limitations will seem quaint.

Finally, and undoubtedly most importantly, the ATA is an imaging telescope. In contrast, a single-dish instrument such as the Arecibo antenna in Puerto Rico is basically a one-pixel radio camera, its metal eye stares at a single spot on the heavens. Yes, you can bolt multibeam receivers to the focus of such a scope and get a dozen or so pixels in place of that one spot beam, but those dozen are tightly clustered and in a fixed pattern. But an array of small antennas, such as the ATA, is able to simultaneously create pixels at arbitrary positions over many square degrees of sky. Again, the initial configuration of the ATA is modest: three pixels will be its limit. Still, that's three times better than for earlier SETI experiments, which had to look at star systems one at a time. But as processing power becomes cheaper, those three pixels will eventually blossom to ten, a hundred, a thousand, or more. The speed of the search will increase accordingly.

In sum, when the ATA is completed, it will be about a hundred times faster than any previous radio search. And that's just its opening gambit, since its speed will only increase.

Of course, if there's nothing to be found—if nowhere in the Galaxy are other beings stabbing the darkness of space with their radio beacons—then the capabilities of our telescopes won't matter. But if—as many think reasonable and likely—intelligent life is a phenomenon that is something less than miraculous, then a discovery experiment will benefit from the increased speed of new instrumentation. SETI scientists are combing the cosmos for a signal, and the ATA will be the mother of all combs.

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>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
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>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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>>>From: Tim Shell <tshell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 11 Oct 2006 01:06:30 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>>>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sun, 8 Oct 2006 12:38:18 EDT
>>>>Subject: Re: Why Are The ETs Here?

>>>>I have stated this before and I will state it now. If UFOs are
>>>>extraterrestrial then they are representatives of an Artificial
>>>>Intelligence, A.I. for short.

>>>>We first have to get a hold of one. And if that ever happens
>>>>and we figure it out, it might turn out that you're on the right
>>>>track. Although at a certain technological point, the line
>>>>between a living being and an "artificial" life form really
>>>>starts to blur. Even we humans are well on our way toward
>>>>merging with our machines and even creating living, thinking,
>>>>self replicating machines machines. Hey, we ourselves are a
>>>>kind of greasy machine, built and partially programmed via DNA.
>>>>In another 5,000 years, we ought to be smart enough to create
>>>>all kinds of life out of a variety of elements. And in the
>>>>grand scope of things, 5,000 years is just a wink and a blink.

>>>>They have a plan and a goal in mind. We do not have enough
>>>>information yet as to fully understand such.

>>>>Jacques Vallee looked at the way they always only seem to be
>>>>maybe a few hundred years ahead of us, technologically, and
>>>>thought they might be part of some kind of "teaching" construct,
>>>>helping to guide us into the future. I don't know. As humans,
>>>>we like to have things "make sense," but some things just might
>>>>not make sense in any way we can understand.

>>>>Jason is correct that he has made the claim about A.I. before.
>>>>He still has provided no evidence to support the claim. Has any
>>>>turned up? I can't buy the notion that research should be
>>>>conducted by proclamation as opposed to investigation.

>>Stan, I don't recall you returning from the deserts near
>>Roswell, towing a crashed disk behind you in your trusty radio
>>flyer. Therefore, I conclude we are in the same boat.

That is an enormous stretch Jason. I and others have located and
talked to many first-hand witnesses, reviewed the contemporary
press coverage, examined files and log books, etc, etc, etc. We
have direct oral and written testimony.

Is there a lot of garbage out there, too? Of course. So what?

Check out David Rudiak's website to get some good examples of evidence. I still have seen no evidence of the A.I. Connection... now off to Halifax for a New Frontiers Symposium.

Stan Friedman

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Was This A UFO Sighting Above Moel Famau Or Just A Military Aircraft?

It could easily be a scene from the Spielberg fantasy Close Encounters of the Third Kind with strange bright lights, too large to be car lights, suddenly appearing above a mountain side and then disappear just as quickly.

But this isn't Hollywood =96 it's the latest in a string of UFO sightings in Denbighshire.

On October 4 Sally Gavin of Llanynys was spending an evening with her boyfriend watching a film when they spotted a very bright white flashing light just above Moel Famau Country Park.

According to Sally: "It grew wider and wider and consisted of three lights which flashed on and off like Christmas tree lights before disappearing. I called a friend who lives in Gellifor and would have a better view and he confirmed that he, too, could see the red light."

Sally saw the strange phenomena a month ago when it was hovering just above the mountain.

Five people, including Sally's brother in law, saw the strange light and reported the details to North Wales Police who told them it might have been caused by the Army or someone out hunting. But Sally is sure this wasn't the case.

"It definitely wasn't a plane or a helicopter. The lights were far to big and bright," she said.

The sighting is only the latest in a long history of reported UFOs that have been spotted across Denbighshire over the last 50 years.

The BBC has even set up a web page called "Weird Wales" to document each sighting and where possible provide visual evidence.

In one of the earliest recorded incidents in 1964 a women allowed her dog out on to the grass near Denbigh Castle only to hear it yelp as if in pain minutes later

"The woman said she saw a beam of light focused on the dog and as she picked up the animal she said she received a burning sensation on her arm which had come into contact with the light."

In March 2004 pictures were taken of strange white swirling objects in the sky over the Vale of Clwyd which the contributor photographer described as a very bright light in the night sky. In another incident two friends had an unnerving ride from Bodelwyddan to St Asaph when they saw a UFO which approached as they shone a torch at it. The object, which was described as being shaped like a biscuit tin, hovered silently over the car before moving on to Berwyn Mountain in complete silence.

Maragret Fry, a member of the Welsh Federation of Independent Ufologists and expert adviser on BBC weird wales said with regard to UFO sightings, said: "Everyone seems to see something different. It can be bright lights or something more familiar like the classic saucer shape objects. I think that they are spacecraft from other planets. I've been seeing them since the 1950's. to say that we are the only inhabited planet in the universe is ridiculous."

Anyone with a suspected UFO sighting can contact Maragret on 01745 833310.

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