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Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 18:58:43 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Mar 2007 07:08:11 -0500
Subject: Re: UK Mod Remote Viewing Study News Feature - Pope

>From: Chris Parr <ChrsP875.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 19:42:00 EST
>Subject: Re: UK Mod Remote Viewing Study News Feature

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2007 14:07:48 -0000
>>Subject: UK MoD Remote Viewing Study News Feature

>>BBC2's prestigious Newsnight ran a feature on the MoD's remote
>>viewing study on Friday night

>Newsnight has manifested into the Oprah Winfrey Show. Your
>feature was interesting, but Newsnight is a shadow of its former
>self.

<snip>

Maybe, but it was still interesting that a BBC news programme
ran a feature on RV at all. I hope it generates some serious
interest in the subject.

>A scientific venture by the British govt with a funding of
>=A318,000 is not exactly an operation based on conviction.

<snip>

It was a toe in the water. The key quote is near the bottom of
page 2, where it states "It is conceivable that the trial could
be conducted in two phases: the first phase could be to recruit
and assess the individuals and to perform some Remote Viewing
(RV) tasks which are not subject sensitive. The second phase
could involve the selection of one or more individuals who it is
felt can be 'trusted' to be used for the sensitive targets". The
failure to persuade people claiming to have RV abilities to take
part suggests that the second phase wasn't undertaken at all and
that the first phase wasn't completed, despite the hope
expressed on page 94 that the novices "would act as the control
group against which experienced practitioners would subsequently
be assessed".

Incidentally, I've been challenged to justify my views that the
"sensitive targets" might have included Osama Bin Laden and
Iraqi WMD. Based on my experience, the Defence Intelligence
Staff would have regarded RV as just another potential means of
gathering intelligence, and like any intelligence-gathering
capability, the issue is how best to focus your capability on
current requirements.

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>chances of 'Hard Spun' winning the 2007 Kentucky Derby? I am on
>at 12/1 since early January, so no UFO mutilations near those
>stables please.

You need RI not RV :-)

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Secrecy News -- 02/28/07

From: **Steven Aftergood** <saftergood.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 15:15:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Mar 2007 07:15:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 02/28/07

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SENATE PROPOSAL TO CRIMINALIZE LEAKS SPARKS OPPOSITION

A legislative proposal by Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ) that would criminalize the unauthorized disclosure or publication of classified information "concerning efforts by the United States to identify, investigate, or prevent terrorist activity" is drawing strong opposition even before it has been formally introduced.

The Kyl proposal, which would amend the espionage statute at 18 U.S.C. 798, is to be offered as an amendment to an unrelated bill on data mining that will be marked up by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday, March 1. The text of the Kyl amendment is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/02/kylamend.pdf>

Classified information on U.S. counterterror efforts appears in the press with some frequency and often serves as a stimulus to intense public deliberation. Today, for example, the Washington Post reported new information on controversial and possibly illegal CIA "black sites" where an unknown number of prisoners are held incommunicado for interrogation.

Under the sweeping Kyl proposal, disclosure or publication of such information could be punishable by up to twenty years in prison.

"The proposal seeks to stifle, with the threat of criminal prosecution, informed public debate about the most serious matters of the effectiveness of government counterterrorism efforts," wrote dozens of public interest, first amendment and civil liberties advocacy groups (including FAS) in a February 27 letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"We strongly reject you to reject the proposed amendment," they wrote in a letter coordinated by the coalition OpenTheGovernment.org, directed by Patrice McDermott.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/02/otg022707.pdf>

When a bill to criminalize the unauthorized disclosure of any classified information was introduced in 2000, it passed both

houses of Congress before it encountered effective opposition (and it was subsequently vetoed by President Clinton).

In remarkable contrast, the present proposal by Senator Kyl has elicited organized opposition before it has even been formally introduced.

In addition to the OpenTheGovernment.org letter, a coalition of media organizations known as the Sunshine in Government Initiative (www.sunshineingovernment.org), directed by Rick Blum, issued its own critique of the bill.

The Kyl proposal was previously reported by Rebecca Carr of Cox News and also by the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

NEW MILITARY DOCTRINE

A new U.S. Air Force directive "provides policies for managing nuclear weapons and weapon systems, and for protecting personnel, property, and the environment from hazardous exposure to radioactive materials."

See Air Force Policy Directive 91-1, "Nuclear Weapons and Systems Surety," 13 February 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/afpd91-1.pdf>

Another new Air Force document on combating the threat or use of weapons of mass destruction "provides guidance for understanding, planning, and executing counter-chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear operations to enable US forces to survive and operate effectively in this deadly environment."

See Air Force Doctrine Document 2-1.8, "Counter-Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Operations," 26 January 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/afdd2-1-8.pdf>

Army doctrine on the use of attack helicopters to locate and destroy enemy forces and to gather or confirm intelligence is presented in a new field manual.

See "Attack Reconnaissance Helicopter Operations," Field Manual FM 3-04.126, February 16, 2007 (320 pages, 9.5 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-04-126.pdf>

The new manual notes that it has been reviewed for operations security considerations and approved for public release.

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Analysts at the Congressional Research Service continue to churn out reports for Congress faster than they can reasonably be digested. Not all of them are of broad interest, nor do they consistently offer original content or significant analytical insight.

But as long as Congress refuses to make them available online to the general public, there seems to be value in our helping to do so.

Recent CRS products that are not already available in other online public collections such as OpenCRS (www.opencrs.com) and the State Department's Foreign Press Center (fpc.state.gov/fpc/c4763.htm) include the following.

"Is China a Threat to the U.S. Economy?," updated January 23, 2007:

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

"China's Trade with the United States and the World," updated January 4, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL31403.pdf>

"Yemen: Current Conditions and U.S. Relations," updated January 4, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RS21808.pdf>

"State and Urban Area Homeland Security Plans and Exercises: Issues for the 110th Congress," updated January 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homsec/RS22393.pdf>

"The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development," updated January 19, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RS21128.pdf>

"Environmental Activities of the U.S. Coast Guard," updated January 16, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RS22145.pdf>

"The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA): A Summary," updated January 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL32683.pdf>

"Countries of the World and International Organizations: Sources of Information," updated January 8, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/96-816.pdf>

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Re: UK Mod Remote Viewing Study News Feature -

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 20:41:59 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Mar 2007 07:17:53 -0500
Subject: Re: UK Mod Remote Viewing Study News Feature -

>From: Chris Parr <ChrsP875.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 19:42:00 EST
>Subject: Re: UK Mod Remote Viewing Study News Feature

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 25 Feb 2007 14:07:48 -0000
>>Subject: UK MoD Remote Viewing Study News Feature

Chris,

>>BBC2's prestigious Newsnight ran a feature on the MoD's remote
>>viewing study on Friday night

>Newsnight has manifested into the Oprah Winfrey Show. Your
>feature was interesting, but Newsnight is a shadow of its former
>self.

>Jeremy Paxman is embarrassed with the total folly of news topics
>and current format on the programme. I really expect him to quit
>in mid interview in the near future and rid himself of the sheer
>frustration that has taken the clout of a once serious news
>programme.

>A scientific venture by the British govt with a funding of
>=A318,000 is not exactly an operation based on conviction. Going
>back to the BBC, these corporate muppets pay unfunny and
>untalented Jonathan Ross more than =A318,000 a day, based on his
>annual salary for ripping off the Letterman format. Yet his
>marvellously sculptured wife 'did' actually write a book about
>the X-Files, so I can just sneak in here as topical.

The combination of irrelevant observations about the BBC's
flagship political programme, a rant about the pay of one of its
presenters, and an ill concealed lustful reference to the
mammalian delights of his wife should not prevent you from
congratulating the MoD for its bravery and courage in belatedly
stepping off the metaphysical diving board, unaware exactly of
the nature of the substance they might find themselves falling
into. For an organisation profoundly paranoid of both public
ridicule and public hysteria, this was a most courageous act.
The fact that the remote viewing effort was at least 15 years
too late and a farce is neither here nor there.

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>chances of 'Hard Spun' winning the 2007 Kentucky Derby? I am on
>at 12/1 since early January, so no UFO mutilations near those
>stables please.

Far be it for me Chris to offer judgemental advice about the
evils of gambling or how you choose to spend your money... but,
mark my words; no good will come of it and any winnings are but
the ill gotten gains of the sinful and the misguided.

Stuart

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Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 17:32:05 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Mar 2007 07:19:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Ledger

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 08:04:31 -0500
>Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 18:32:17 -0600
>>Subject: Major Server Meltdowns

>>In just a few days the Rense site had a major costly outage, the
>>Virtually Strange Network went down, UFO Review effort has
>>ongoing problems and the ufologyinuk email list has imploded...

>>Excuse me... isn't this just a _mite_ odd?

>>Oh, BTW, my site was down for a period of days too...

>>Anybody else?

>What do you expect? Mercury is in retrograde!

>Seriously, though, Yahoo and other networks have had serious
>problems last week and this week. No one seems to know why.

Solar flares. The world is going to end Sunday at 11:00 AM
Eastern, 10:00 central. There will be just time for church. But
it will be rain-dated for the following Sunday if the weather in
inclement.

I have reason to believe that this event will happen because I
had a vision after over-dosing on chocolate chip cookies,
Tuesday evening.

Don

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Ufologyinuk Mail List Crash

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 23:35:18 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Mar 2007 07:24:21 -0500
Subject: Ufologyinuk Mail List Crash

[Was: Major Server Meltdowns]

I think that I can explain the ufologyinuk situation.

At 18:51 on 10th February, I removed two attempted registrants from the List as they appeared to be spammers attempting to gain access to either harvest email addresses or send spam to the List. I emailed both addresses directing them to an FAQ setting out several reasons why spammers were wasting their time on the ufologyinuk List.

Shortly before 05:00 on the 11th February, I was working on the site when it suddenly crashed. Initially I thought it was just a software or hardware glitch, but on further investigation, it is clear that it was a malicious hacker.

No doubt one of the spamming swine decided to take the site down in a fit of spite because I wouldn't let them get their way.

Due to the nature of the attack, there was a possibility that a trojan had been embedded on the server. This meant that we had to migrate to another server and carry out a total rebuild of the List software in order to ensure that any trojan would not remain on the system and present a risk to List-member confidentiality.

The List software is a blending of two popular packages, a mail-List, and a forum to enable on-line posting and reading of messages. Although these are standard packages, there is a large amount of customisation required to integrate the features and improve user security. An additional complication is that the new server is running a later version of the operating system, and we are coming across some issues related to that.

I estimate that Dan Bright (my volunteer IT guru) has spent in the order of 40 hours on this already, and I have contributed over 10 hours just trying to identify the attacker with only limited success. The attack has resulted in over 200 emails between me, Dan, the ISP, and ISPs hosting the possible attacker.

We seem to be taking 2 steps forward and 1 step back, having been on the threshold of opening the List only to uncover another technical problem and having to start again. There is a backup service at:

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/ufologyinuk/>

and a few members have found their way there. The current expectation is that it will be at least another week before service is restored on the main List, but that will depend on a resolution to a current problem and the non-occurrence of any further problems.

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 19:29:43 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Mar 2007 07:28:15 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Maccabee

>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 15:18:21 -0000
>Subject: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>During the evening of 13th March 1997, a series of incidents
>took place which was to become known as

>The Phoenix Lights Incident.

>At approximately 7-50p.m. a 'V-shaped' formation of bright
>blue/yellow-white orbs was observed leaving the Las Vegas
>(Nevada) area and flying at speed over the boarder into Arizona.
>This formation of lights was then witnessed by hundreds if not
>thousands of people as it flew over Phoenix and on to Tucson -- a
>total journey of some 300 hundred miles.

>The Phoenix Lights incident has become one of the most
>controversial events in the history of Ufology.

>Dr. Lynne Kitei, a physician, witnessed multiple events which
>occurred in the skies over Phoenix leading up to and including
>the night of 13th March, 1997 and successfully documented a
>number of sightings of orbs and V-shaped craft.

<snip>

Too bad she asserts that the lights videotaped at 10 PM that
night were on a large UFO hovering over Phoenix. As I have
pointed out numerous times over the last 10 years (!)
triangulation shows the lights were a long distance away. The
triangulation is based on the same videos (Lynn, Krzysten,
Rairdon) that show the lights which these three witnesses claim
were over Phoenix.

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UFO Landing And Humanoids In Poland

From: Dave Haith <visions.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 00:48:19 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Mar 2007 07:32:20 -0500
Subject: UFO Landing And Humanoids In Poland

UFO Landing and Humanoids in Poland - Nancy Talbott investigation

Crop circle investigator Nancy Talbott has a report on her website:

<http://www.blresearch.com/eyewitness5.html>

about an alleged UFO landing and her interview with the witness of the event.

Below is an excerpt from her report:

Lech Chacinski is a truck driver who lives in Wierzchowo, Poland with his wife and children.

On the morning of August 11, 2003 he left for work at 4:20 am, but as he approached a bridge near Szczecinek he observed three figures (standing in a triangular configuration relative to one-another, one in front and the other two behind) on the road in front of him - the figure in front with his hand raised as if in greeting.

As he brought his car to a stop, the trio walked toward him and he at first assumed they were men, dressed in uniforms similar to astronaut's space-suits. However, as they came closer to the driver's side window he realized there was something disturbingly "extraordinary" about them...

Dave Haith

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Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 21:55:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Mar 2007 07:37:26 -0500
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 17:07:35 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 11:56:11 -0600
>>Subject: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

<snip>

>>If the panels were traveling at a speed of 2.5 m/s relative to
>>the Apollo spacecraft, the distance between the panels and the
>>spacecraft would have been about 517 km, or 320 miles after
>>that amount of time.

>I don't think its so easy to deduce anything like this.

True. That's why I made it a conditional statement, not a deduction.

>The panels are jettisoned while the spacecraft is still close enough
>to Earth to have the effects of the atmosphere enter into it. So
>you need to account for that.

I doubt atmospheric drag was a factor. The panels and the spacecraft were traveling at escape velocity. The Apollo 9 mission never left Earth orbit, which is why the panels fell back to Earth. I'm sure that the SLA panels on the Apollo 11 mission traveled roughly in the same direction as the spacecraft, although at a different speed that could have (but not necessarily did) put them far away from the spacecraft at the time of the object's sighting.

>Then there is the matter of midcourse correction. How does that
>affect the position of the panels? Maybe it improves it or maybe
>worsens it.

Yes, but I haven't seen anything to suggest that NASA or anyone else knows for sure.

As I said before, what I find most interesting about this case is that Aldrin changed his story. During the debriefing after the return to Earth, he seems to have ruled out the possibility that the object was one of the SLA panels for the very logical reason that their shape didn't match the shape of the object he saw.

There are photos of tumbling SLA panels showing them from various angles on this web page:

<http://www.ehartwell.com/Apollo17/BlueMarblePhotoTimeline.htm>

None of these views match the description of the L-shaped object that Aldrin described or the "open suitcase" that Armstrong described it.

The Science program can be rightly faulted for not mentioning that Aldrin identified the object as an SLA panel. But it seems to me that Aldrin can be equally faulted for failing to

mention his reversal of opinion and for not giving any reason for it. The same goes for Armstrong, who didn't disagree with Aldrin's dismissal of the SLA panel as an explanation during the debriefing, but acted as if he and the other two astronauts knew all along that the object was an SLA panel by the time he was interviewed for his biography _First Man_. To me this is duplicitous. While doubting the veracity of astronuat is often treated as treasonous and un-American, this seems to prove that there may be good reason for such doubts.

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From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 12:34:49 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Mar 2007 12:02:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Miller

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 18:32:17 -0600
>Subject: Major Server Meltdowns

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ABC Anchor Woodruff Reports OBE

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 09:23:27 EST
Fwd Date: Thu, 01 Mar 2007 12:23:58 -0500
Subject: ABC Anchor Woodruff Reports OBE

<http://tinyurl.com/2zr22l>

For anyone not up on this story about ABC News anchorman Bob Woodruff, you're really missing out on one of the miracle stories I've ever read.

He was reporting in Iraq and his tank ran over a roadside bomb. He was severely injured, lost the parts of his brain where speech is said to be processed and not only lived but has made a recovery that has scientists and the public in awe.

In addition to this he reported an out of body experience which is surprising since the mainstream news is so stodgy about such issues yet here is one of their own one of the bravest and smartest men in the field, reporting something that isn't conventional.

What happened? He was on the Oprah Winfrey Show and again mentioned his OBE.

I'm sure Woodruff will pursue this as to him he stated how startled and amazed he was.

A man who was not supposed to live not only beat death but has recovered enough to go back to his job!

It may just open the door a wee bit more so that the paranormal can be looked at with more objectivity it deserves.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Weber

From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 12:27:49 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 07:53:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Weber

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 12:34:49 +0000
>Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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Stuart,

I (we) knew what he meant.

Bill

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Re: UFO Landing And Humanoids In Poland - Haith

From: Dave Haith visions.nul
Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 18:06:31 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 07:58:59 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Landing And Humanoids In Poland - Haith

>From: Dave Haith <visions.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007
>Subject: UFO Landing And Humanoids Poland

>Crop circle investigator Nancy Talbott has a report on her
>website on this page:

<http://www.blresearch.com/eyewitness5.html>

>about an alleged UFO landing and her interview with the witness
>of the event.

Further to this I have had an e-mail from Nancy Talbott saying
she is utterly convinced about the genuiness of the witness.

She asked me my opinion of the case and I thought Llisters might
be interested in my reply and comment further. Here's my
response to Nancy:

Like you I suspect, I am utterly bemused and baffled by these
kind of reports.

These characters appear looking all the world like a kid's SF
comic or movie would portray aliens with coloured lights on
their chests and lights on their hats. They are telepathic -
which presumably means they can tune into any earthfolks'
thoughts - but don't seem to have telepathed a clue about how
our vehicles work and they are fascinated by details like
clothing and belts! Then they give us an eco 'warning' as if
they don't know we know all that stuff already but never give
us any advice about how to avoid these catastrophes - or tips
like how we can ditch oil and pollution and build the kind of
free energy machines which bring them half way across the
galaxy!

Maybe - space travel is so normal to them that they do drop off
at random planets to exchange a few homilies with the natives,
(as we might get out of our cars while driving thro an African
village)....but it all seems so bizarre somehow.

I have no doubt your witness was telling the truth as he
perceived it - but somehow I think there must be more to it all
than this.

Maybe their thoughts trigger some confusion in humans and we
trot out some achetypal claptrap from our subconscious believing
that this is what they told us, when the real communication is
more complex.

UFO lore is full of all sorts of oddballs popping in for trivial
chats or giving people pancakes.....

The guy's earlier experience in the room is fascinating too but
I have no idea what to make of it - did it mean he was being
singled out for contact and his roadside encounter was

preplanned?

Alice in Wonderland doesn't get any curiouser..... As for the crop circles... were they really similar to our UK ones with the same swirls etc?

And did the shapes correspond with the reported design or landing gear of the UFO or were they just somehow created by the object's energy field?

Dave Haith

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Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 12:16:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 08:01:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Lehmberg

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 12:34:49 +0000
>Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns

>>From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 18:32:17 -0600
>>Subject: Major Server Meltdowns

>>In just a few days the Rense site had a major costly outage,
>>the Virtually Strange Network went down, UFO Review effort has
>>ongoing problems

><snip>

>"Effort"? What kind of talk is that? Don't you mean monumentally
>supreme example of news reporting across a wide and varied range
>of manifestly intriguing subjects? Of course you do.

No mea culpa here, even as your humble and certainly self-effacing
self-description maintains unerring accuracy. Your 'effort'
certainly contains that which you describe with such economy and
humility. As were the 'efforts' of Leonardo, the revered 'efforts'
of Amadeus... yea and verily even the immanent and auspicious
'efforts' of Abraham, n'est ce-pas, Mon fr=E8re?

Seriously, you sell yourself short. Your efforts are much
respected, visited every day, and plagiarized by many I'm sure.
Your homocentricity has not consumed you, you do not appear to
suspect yourself a jewel in the crown of creation, moreover you
appear to question, as any true skeptic does, the price of
ceremony's horn of plenty! You cross nonplussed arms at the
guile implied by custom's laurel tree, eh? You are a mench! Your
effort is much appreciated.

Hell, knock Rich Reynolds off your marquee (whose corrosive
'efforts' are thoughtlessly egregious crimes against humanity)
and your 'effort' would be a hole in one, for my money...
perfect in every way, even if a little understated.

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Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 17:01:57 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 09:02:05 -0500
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 21:55:24 -0600
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 17:07:35 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 11:56:11 -0600
>>>Subject: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

><snip>

>>>If the panels were traveling at a speed of 2.5 m/s relative to
>>>the Apollo spacecraft, the distance between the panels and the
>>>spacecraft would have been about 517 km, or 320 miles after
>>>that amount of time.

>>I don't think its so easy to deduce anything like this.

>True. That's why I made it a conditional statement, not a deduction.

>>The panels are jettisoned while the spacecraft is still close enough
>>to Earth to have the effects of the atmosphere enter into it. So
>>you need to account for that.

>I doubt atmospheric drag was a factor. The panels and the
>spacecraft were traveling at escape velocity. The Apollo 9
>mission never left Earth orbit, which is why the panels fell
>back to Earth. I'm sure that the SLA panels on the Apollo 11
>mission traveled roughly in the same direction as the
>spacecraft, although at a different speed that could have (but
>not necessarily did) put them far away from the spacecraft at
>the time of the object's sighting.

I agree about the atmospheric drag not being a major effect. You
are right about Apollo 9, I don't know how I missed that it was
an Earth-only flight. However, the reason I was misled was that
in reading the Apollo 10 recontact analysis document it
mentioned that the analysis for the Apollo 9 SLA panels was
applicable for Apollo 10, which was not really right.

>>Then there is the matter of midcourse correction. How does that
>>affect the position of the panels? Maybe it improves it or maybe
>>worsens it.

>Yes, but I haven't seen anything to suggest that NASA or anyone
>else knows for sure.

The Apollo 11 mission report states that the midcourse
correction occurred at 26 hr 45 min and was an increase of
velocity of 20.9 ft/sec. This appears to be fairly close to the
direction of motion (velocity change along X axis = -14.19
ft/sec, Y axis = +13.17 ft/sec, Z axis = +7.56 ft/sec in the earth
centered interial coordinate system). So we can basically assume

that the spacecraft sped up by 20.9 ft/sec. The crew sighted the UFO at 60 hr 49 min. So the total time which the SLA and CSM diverge from the midcourse correction is about 34 hr and 4 min or 122640 seconds. 20.9 ft/sec over this time period gives 2563176 ft or 421 nautical miles/485 statute miles/781 km.

This does not include the divergence due to the jettison velocity which at best is supposed to be 8 ft/sec. The SLA panel jettison occurs at roughly 3 hr 17 min giving 57 hr and 32 min of travel time (207120 sec). For 8ft/sec over this time period gives 1656960 ft/272nautical miles/314 statute miles/505km.

Combining the two axes/dimensions of divergence provides a total distance of the SLA panels from the CSM of 577 statute miles/930km!

So it was far behind them. Now given the size of 22 m² area, it would likely have a visual magnitude well within the human eye's ability to see (3-4) so would have appeared as a bright dot with the eye (similar to rocket bodies seen from the ground by sky watchers). Yet the crew debrief clearly states, "Aldrin: Of course, we were seeing all sorts of little objects GOING BY at the various dumps and then we happened to see THIS ONE BRIGHTER OBJECT GOING BY (my emphasis). We couldn't think of anything else it could be other than the S-IVB. We looked at it through the monocular and it seemed to have a bit of an L-shape to it."

So this really completely rules out the SLA panels because there was no way for the panels to PASS the command module (in either direction). The panels, due to the midcourse correction have caused the panels to be left far behind. Their jettison speed could never match/exceed the mid course velocity change.

I also checked the S-IVB distance (I found the trajectory coordinates in a publication) and it is about 9000 miles away (and behind) the command module at the sighting time.

Therefore, the UFO sighting remains an unknown, although I think it is likely the same kind of debris seen around Shuttles/ISS, namely tiny stuff. I have watched alot of the video of Apollo and they had alot of debris during parts of the missions.

>As I said before, what I find most interesting about this case is
>that Aldrin changed his story. During the debriefing after the
>return to Earth, he seems to have ruled out the possibility that
>the object was one of the SLA panels for the very logical reason
>that their shape didn't match the shape of the object he saw.

>None of these views match the description of the L-shaped object
>that Aldrin described or the "open suitcase" that Armstrong
>described it.

Yes, I agree it is unlikely an SLA panel on these grounds too.

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Re: Japanese Video Game Company Visits Roswell -

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 18:33:39 EST
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 09:10:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Japanese Video Game Company Visits Roswell -

<http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/030107/news06.html>

This story is about the video game "Destroy All Humans".

I was just about to buy it the other day at the store but chose Disney's "Chicken Little: Ace In Action" instead.

These video games are just astounding nowadays and it's good to see the makers of "Destroy All Humans" using the game to bridge the gap between U.S. and Japanese ufologists.

I wonder if the Japanese are having the same problems we are with blurry photos, no government participation etc.

Best,

Greg

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UFO Meeting - Leeds UK

From: **Steven Johnson - UFOData** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 18:22:44 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 09:11:20 -0500
Subject: UFO Meeting - Leeds UK

UFOData Magazine's Sacha Christie has organised a meeting for anybody interested in UFOs.

It will be held at the Wrens Public House, New Briggate, Leeds, West Yorkshire, UK on Sunday 4th March, 2007 at 5pm.

<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?q=LS2+8JD&spn=0.005,0.02&hl=en>

"We have a projector and screen we can set up to watch some footage. I have secured us the no smoking room which is lovely and very comfortable. The bar serves food and has tea and coffee as well as the usual array of boozy stuff." - Sacha

I look forward to seeing you there...

Steve Johnson

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Mysterious Circles Found In Rio Grande

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: Mysterious Circles Found In Rio Grande

Source: The El Paso Times - Texas, USA

http://origin.elpasotimes.com/breakingnews/ci_5333735

03/01/2007

[Image & Video at site]

Mysterious Circles Found In Rio Grande
By Daniel Borunda
El Paso Times

Unexplained sand circles - kind of like crop circles without the crops - have been found in the middle of a dry Rio Grande in the Upper Valley.

"It's pretty weird," Antonio Padilla of Sunland Park said while looking over the series of circles on a sand bed.

At least one man claimed to have seen a mysterious light in the sky land in the area and take off on Tuesday night, Padilla said.

The largest circle is about 35-feet wide contains three other circles made by an 8-inch deep trenches in sand bed in the middle of the river bed between Artcraft and Borderland roads.

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Eastlake Man Defends UFO Video

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 10:57:18 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 10:57:18 -0500
Subject: Eastlake Man Defends UFO Video

Source: The Cleveland Plain Dealer - Ohio, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2ou2we>

March 01, 2007

Eastlake Man Defends UFO Video
by Michael K. McIntyre

It was a beautiful summer night, and Michael Lee Hill went to the water, as he often does, carrying a camcorder and a quest: Record the UFOs.

The aliens send messages to the Eastlake resident, sometimes through weird coincidences or just by urges he feels. Yeah, yeah, he knows it sounds crazy. But he gets a "feeling" about where the UFOs will be, and he shows up with his recorder and there they are.

"I'm positive that they know I'm filming them," he said.

So one evening last August, he and his friend Chris Miheli stood at the Lake Erie shore at Willowick Lakefront Park as night fell, in a spot not far from a famous 1988 sighting chronicled in a Coast Guard report.

And there they waited until, in the black sky, two objects appeared, pulsing brilliant, multicolor lights. One hovered above the other, then zipped away. Hill switched his camcorder to night mode to prove that these were not ships' lights -- the objects appeared to be airborne over the water.

For Hill, the video was further evidence that aliens visit Earth. He thought his fellow believers would see it and welcome it as a weapon in their struggle for credibility.

California filmmaker David Sereda certainly did. Sereda already had used some of Hill's clips in his film Dan Aykroyd Unplugged On UFOs, in which the comic actor described his views on the existence of UFOs and the possibility of another dimension.

Now, Sereda had video of another sighting that would fit nicely in his new film, From Here To Andromeda, due out on video April 15. Hill, a gifted guitarist, got work as the co-producer of the film, allowing him to quit his job selling guitars at Sam Ash.

Sereda recently appeared on Fox News Channel's "Heartland" show to talk about his upcoming film. He brought with him the Lake Erie UFO clip, which Hill then posted in its entirety on YouTube (view it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Njo7TWFoZgs).

And that's when Hill learned that, when it comes to skeptics, no one is tougher than the true believers.

"Good try stoners, but yer [sic] 'Whoa, man!' every five seconds

gave you away," writes one visitor to the message board the UFO News Web site (ufonews.tv).

"While UFOs may very well exist, it doesn't help to get all amped up over obvious frauds," writes another.

"I'm impressed that an alien would equip his craft with red and green navigation lights, just like our boats and planes here on earth. Very considerate of them. Oh wait, maybe they didn't do it on purpose and it's a coincidence they just happen to use the same red = port, green = starboard that we use. What are the odds? Dude?" wrote a man identifying himself as a pilot.

It didn't help that on the video, Hill and Miheli sound like they were filming, "Dude, Where's My UFO?"

"Dude, it's beautiful... I'm filming it, dude," says Hill, 38, the crashing Lake Erie waves providing a backdrop as he works the camera.

"Dude, we just saw something amazing," says Miheli.

Another doubter posted his own video on YouTube showing similar-looking lights that turned out to be a plane, which passed overhead.

Skeptics variously claimed Hill's video was of planes or ships. Those unfamiliar with that area of Lake Erie claimed the lights were those of police cars on a distant hill or bridge.

"How can you watch this video and not see that you have been fooled?" wrote one skeptic.

"Michael Lee Hill or Pinocchio," wrote another.

Hill, who has not filmed much lately because of cold weather and his work producing the "Andromeda" movie soundtrack, takes it in stride.

"I don't really care," he said. "I know what I seen. I've learned to separate myself from other people's energy. It doesn't really affect me."

He has defended himself online, posting the opinions of those who believe him, such as the proprietors of the UFO News site and Sereda.

"Cars don't float in the air and landing aircraft eventually 'land.' These UFOs never leave the immediate scene," reads the UFO News post. "Let's stop hating each other and start trying to find out what the heck is going on in our skies!"

Said Sereda: "What amazes me about this footage is that there is no noise from jet aircraft, helicopters, etc., and a UFO comes so closely by to hover right on top of the other UFO and then flies back out the way it came in. No airplane could do this. Also, when the video camera switches to night-shot mode, we can see the UFOs are not boats on the lake. They are hovering a good 50 to 100 feet above the water."

The video has people talking, which is a good thing. The fact that some of that talk is attacking Hill makes no difference.

"You know... whatever," he said. "Sooner or later, everyone is going to see them with their own two eyes, and it won't matter if they believe me or not."

Hill knows this: Aliens are out there. They have visited. They mean good. They may even want to help us save our planet. He has video of multicolor single orbs; what appear to be flamelike flickers on Lake Erie; and a purplish blob hovering in the night sky.

"I think the universe is teeming with life," he said. He can't explain the night he believes he was drugged and possibly examined by aliens. It's all a blur. He woke up in his bathroom with his jaw broken in three places.

"We are on the verge of becoming a galactic society that is on the verge of joining the cosmic community," he said. "When first contact happens, it won't be a question. It will be apparent

that they are here. I've got a new phrase I've been telling people, 'Just look up!'"

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

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Pilot Debunks Old UFO Report

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Subject: Pilot Debunks Old UFO Report

Source: The Detroit Free Press - Michigan, USA

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March 1, 2007

A Pilot Debunks Old UFO Report
1997 lights were flares, he insists

By Scott Craven
The Arizona Republic

On a mild springlike evening, the string of amber orbs appeared as if by magic, a celestial sleight of hand that would in the coming weeks make headlines across the nation.

Although little more than an atmospheric curiosity at the time, the hovering balls of light soon would become known as the Phoenix Lights, an event that 10 years later continues to spark debate over just what was seen that night.

In the ensuing decade, the Phoenix Lights would change outlooks, minds and even a few lives. What hasn't changed is this: the mystery that still hovers above March 13, 1997.

It is agreed that at about 10 p.m. on that date, under a clear sky with no breeze, a string of lights appeared in the southwest sky.

Officials at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz., would report that no military maneuvers were taking place that night at the Barry M. Goldwater Range to the west. (Air Force officials would change their story two months later, saying the person on duty that night failed to look at the proper logbook.)

The lights were flares, said the Air National Guard, dropped during nighttime exercises at the Barry M. Goldwater Range.

That's what they were, insists Lt. Col. Ed Jones, who piloted one of the four A10s in the squadron that he says launched the flares.

Jones, in his first interview with the news media concerning the night 10 years ago, says he can't believe a decision to eject a few leftover flares turned into a UFO furor that continues to this day.

He now is assistant director of operations for the 104th Fighter Squadron of the Maryland National Guard.

On the way back to Tucson, not far from Gila Bend, Jones says, he reminded pilots to eject their leftover parachute flares.

Jones and the crew returned to Maryland. Several weeks later, Jones says, "All this stuff just blew up."

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Grantham UFO Report On Canadian Website

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Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 11:06:21 -0500
Subject: Grantham UFO Report On Canadian Website

Source: The Grantham Journal, Lincolnshire, UK

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

March 1st 2007

Town UFO Report On Canadian Website

Witness reports of a UFO sighting over Grantham in 1978 have been published on a Canadian website.

HBCC UFO Research, based in Houston, British Colombia, has published details of the incident sent by an anonymous witness.

According to the report, a glowing object was seen moving across the sky at very high speed at 10pm.

The witness wrote: "Judging from the time it took to go from one end of the sky to the other, it was going at supersonic speeds.

"The object itself was circular, red and looked like it was on fire. It was also trailing beautiful golden sparks and looked like the best firework I had seen."

Did you see the 1978 UFO or any other strange sights? Have you been abducted by aliens and made the subject of weird experimentation?

Send us an e-mail: comment.nul

You can read the article at:

<http://www.hbccufo.org/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=2116>

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Re: Pilot Debunks Old UFO Report - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 15:49:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Pilot Debunks Old UFO Report - Ledger

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Boy, talk about locking the gate after the horse has bolted,
escaped to the grassy plains, raised a bunch of little horses,
been attacked by wolves and now resides in tins in the pet food
section of your local super market.

Don

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Secrecy News -- 03/02/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2007 12:24:38 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 15:55:55 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 03/02/07

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** KYL AMENDMENT ON LEAKS IS WITHDRAWN, AMENDED, REINTRODUCED
** WHITE HOUSE "STRONGLY OPPOSES" INTEL BUDGET DISCLOSURE
** ARMY CASUALTY PROGRAM

KYL AMENDMENT ON LEAKS IS WITHDRAWN, AMENDED, REINTRODUCED

A sweeping proposal by Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ) to criminalize the unauthorized disclosure or publication of classified information about U.S. Government activities relating to terrorism was abruptly withdrawn on February 28 in the face of vigorous protests by public interest, press and First Amendment advocacy groups.

But then a modified, more narrowly focused version was reintroduced on the Senate floor on March 2 as an amendment to S.4, the pending bill on enacting the remaining recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

The new Kyl amendment would penalize employees of the House or Senate or other authorized personnel who knowingly disclose classified information that is contained in a report to Congress. See the text of the amendment here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/03/kylamend3.pdf>

"Singling out employees of Congress for criminal sanctions would be virtually unprecedented," said Kate Martin, director of the Center for National Security Studies.

It also "raises serious separation of powers concerns," she said, since classification criteria and practices are dictated by the executive branch. "And it would demonstrate a lack of confidence by the Congress that it can police its own house."

WHITE HOUSE "STRONGLY OPPOSES" INTEL BUDGET DISCLOSURE

The Bush Administration formally notified the Senate this week that it objects to a provision in a pending bill on homeland security that would require publication of the annual intelligence budget total.

"The Administration strongly opposes the requirement in the bill to publicly disclose sensitive information about the intelligence budget."

"Disclosure, including disclosure to the Nation's enemies and

adversaries in a time of war, of the amounts requested by the President and provided by the Congress for the conduct of the Nation's intelligence activities would provide no meaningful information to the general American public, but would provide significant intelligence to America's adversaries and could cause damage to the national security interests of the United States," the White House statement said.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/02/sap022807.pdf>

It is hard to find a serious intelligence professional who agrees with this White House view.

Because the intelligence budget total is a high-level aggregate of spending levels in more than a dozen different agencies, its intelligence value to U.S. adversaries is practically nil, since funding for any particular program is insulated many layers beneath the enormous top-line figure. On the other hand, disclosure of the total figure would provide the public with a reliable index of the magnitude of intelligence spending to compare with spending on other national priorities.

To critics and other observers, intelligence budget secrecy is the preeminent example of unnecessary and inappropriate classification.

For that reason, the 9/11 Commission recommended that budget disclosure is the best way to begin reversing the spread of bureaucratic secrecy that has undermined the performance of U.S. intelligence agencies. The 9/11 Commission recommendation was incorporated into the Senate bill (S.4), which is expected to pass the Senate next week.

In other important disputes, the new White House statement also took sharp exception to provisions in the bill that would strengthen the Public Interest Declassification Board, enhance whistleblower protections for intelligence community employees, and require increased intelligence and information sharing with state and local officials.

ARMY CASUALTY PROGRAM

The somber duties associated with official reporting of U.S. Army casualties, including notification of survivors, are spelled out in exhaustive detail in a new Army regulation.

"Generally, casualty matters are unclassified," the regulation states (obliquely admitting the possibility of classified casualties), "but they are assigned the protective marking of For Official Use Only" until after notification of next of kin.

The new regulation provides "notification scripts" for use in informing family members of their loss in various circumstances including, for example, suspected friendly fire cases:

"The Secretary of the Army has asked me to express his deep regret that your (relationship) (died/was killed in action) in (country) on (date). (State the circumstances). His/her death is a result of suspected friendly fire. A formal investigation is being conducted...."

"The CNO [casualty notification officer] will internalize the script ... before proceeding to make notification and will relay the information orally and in person in a calm and sensitive manner to the person being notified," the regulation states.

"The CNO team members should not have alcohol on their breath or be inebriated."

See "Army Casualty Program," Army Regulation AR 600-8-1, February 28, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar600-8-1.pdf>

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Artist Takes Credit For Sand Circles

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Source: The El Paso Times - Texas, USA

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03/02/2007

Human, Not E.T., Takes Credit For Sand Circles
By Louie Gilot
El Paso Times

The sand circles discovered in the Rio Grande in the Upper Valley are not the work of aliens after all but of a local artist named Michael Alford.

Alford said he spent a month and a half digging up the concentric circles with the help of students from the El Paso Country Day School.

"Art is a mystery, but this mystery is man-made, not alien-made," Alford said.

This afternoon, dozens of people went out to the site to see the circles for themselves.

The set of previously unexplained circles was found this week in the middle of a dry Rio Grande. The largest circle contains three other circles, each made by 8-inch deep trenches on a sand berm between Artcraft and Borderland roads in the Upper Valley.

Yesterday, Antonio Padilla, of Sunland Park, said he first learned of the circles from a co-worker at a plant in nearby Santa Teresa.

Padilla said he is not a believer in UFOs, but the set of unexplained circles found this week had him wondering.

He added that a friend of a friend claimed to be walking in the area Tuesday night when he saw a mysterious light. The friend could not be reached for comment.

"This guy was saying all day that he had seen something land and take off right away. We thought it was bull ...", Padilla said.

To settle the argument, the group went to the supposed landing site during their lunch break and discovered the circles. El Paso police spokesman Javier Sambrano said there were no reports to police of strange lights.

The largest circle contains three other circles, each made by 8-inch deep trenches on a sand berm between Artcraft and Borderland roads in the Upper Valley.

The sand circles -- no crops involved -- could of been a sign of aliens in the borderland or a not-so-elaborate hoax in a spot of dry riverbed in the Upper Valley of El Paso, until today when Alford explained its creation.

They are next to a subdivision under construction, and bicyclists ride along the river levee as ducks frolic. A stiff dead cat lay on a levee road.

In either case, the majority (36.82 percent) of the people who voted in The El Paso Times poll about this issue, believed it to be a hoax. But, people who believed the circles to be UFO related were right behind the skeptics in the poll with 32.38 percent.

Tales of strange lights in the sky and bizarre occurrences are not uncommon in the vast lands of West Texas and New Mexico, which is home to the most-famous UFO incident in the purported UFO crash site near Roswell. The Roswell incident celebrates its 60th anniversary this year.

Local UFO investigator Yolica Stone was skeptical yesterday.

Stone hasn't seen the Rio Grande sand circles yet but she has seen her share of hoaxes. Stone used to be a member of the now-dissolved El Paso chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON.

The only UFO sighting in El Paso listed on the MUFON Web site was on Sept. 9, 2001, when a person leaving the Sam's Club on North Mesa spotted an object that looked like a "bucket or cylinder hanging in the sky and it glowed and appeared to have flames from the top."

There haven't been any recent UFO reports, but they are not uncommon along the fields and farms roads of Upper Valley. "There are a lot of sightings over there," Stone said.

Louie Gilot and Daniel Borunda contributed to this story may be reached at [lgilot](mailto:lgilot@546-6131); 546-6131 and [dborunda](mailto:dborunda@546-6102); 546-6102.

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UFO Institute Has Chapter In Colorado Springs

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Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2007 09:10:27 -0500
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Source: KXRM-TV FOX21 - Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA

<http://fox21news.com/Global/story.asp?S=6155711>

2-27-07

UFO Institute Has Chapter In Colorado Springs

Reported by Rachel Regalado

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Unidentified Flying Objects, or UFOs and their alien pioneers have been a popular topic of discussion for thousands of years. The mystery and wonder that surrounds them has left many wondering if they really exist. And there is one place in southern Colorado that is exploring the options.

Talent, science-fiction movies, books, and comics were extremely popular 50 years ago. But now with modern technology and space travel it has become harder to believe in the existence of another life form living in the stars. Not everyone is ready to give up on the existence of aliens and one international organization is coming to Colorado Springs to help keep the mystery alive.

A few believers share their thoughts and stories with FOX21 News.

"What I saw was not a helicopter. It was to far away to tell what it really was."

"It's pretty unexplainable. It's just one of things you have to experience it."

"It's that fascinating mystery, the big answer we all want to get solved."

"It's one of those things, you never will be ready for it, it will just happen to you."

"I think there is something out there, I do. I am convinced of it."

On a quiet Tuesday night UFO enthusiasts and curious on-lookers gather to talk about the "unknown." UFOs, aliens, extra-terrestrials, flying saucers, and crop circles are the topics of discussion. These are members of the UFO Institute. Lieutenant Colonel Steve Alexander is the founder and leader of this Colorado Springs chapter. He said, "We are international and much bigger than a club in Colorado Springs."

Originally founded in the early 90's, Alexander is back from his military duties and is ready to once again night watch and star gaze. He said, "I was always fascinated with life on Mars, the

War of the Worlds thing and it just stayed with me." On this clear night members wear their UFO Institute hats proudly as they discuss recent UFO sightings and personal experiences with "unidentified flying objects." For many this is more than fact versus fiction. Scott Leedye is also with the UFO Institute International. He said, "There was green and red lights in the sky and no it wasn't the echo of police cars coming after us. So it was pretty unexplainable."

Others share similar stories of UFO sightings and encounters, but not all believe. The United States Air Force conducted a study from 1947 to 1969 called project blue Book. For 22 years over 12,000 UFO sightings were studied and analyzed. 700 of which were deemed un-identified. The project closed its doors in 1969. Their conclusions were as follows: "There has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extraterrestrial vehicles."

Many do not agree. "I would like to know what NORAD sees each night at 200,000 feet above the planet going on." NORAD could not comment on the project or UFOs in general. Some of the analysis and data from the study can be found on the Federal Bureau of Investigations website. Some of which is blacked out from public view. "Unless someone is sneaking out information in full camo, belly crawling all the way I doubt they will get us any information any time soon."

So the mystery remains open, although Alexander said for some it is not a mystery. "There will be people in our group who believe they have been abducted." Fact or fiction, UFOs remain a popular topic of interest and discussion. All that is left to ask is do you believe?

Alexander said everyone is welcome to join the UFO Institute. For more information you can e-mail Steve at ufoinstituteinternational.nul

The group meets at the Police Operations Center on the third Tuesday of every month.

For more information on Project Blue Book click on the link below....

<http://foia.fbi.gov/foiaindex/bluebook.htm>

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Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 20:04:47 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2007 12:26:26 -0500
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 17:01:57 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

<snip>

>The Apollo 11 mission report states that the midcourse
>correction occurred at 26 hr 45 min and was an increase of
>velocity of 20.9 ft/sec. This appears to be fairly close to the
>direction of motion (velocity change along X axis =-14.19
>ft/sec, Y axis= +13.17 ft/sec, Z axis=+7.56 ft/sec in the earth
>centered interial coordinate system). So we can basically assume
>that the spacecraft sped up by 20.9 ft/sec. The crew sighted the
>UFO at 60 hr 49 min. So the total time which the SLA and CSM
>diverge from the midcourse correction is about 34 hr and 4 min
>or 122640 seconds. 20.9 ft/sec over this time period gives
>2563176 ft or 421 nautical miles/485 statute miles/781 km.

>This does not include the divergence due to the jettison
>velocity which at best is supposed to be 8 ft/sec. The SLA
>panel jettison occurs at roughly 3 hr 17 min giving 57 hr and
>32 min of travel time (207120 sec). For 8ft/sec over this time
>period gives 1656960 ft/272nautical miles/314 statute miles/
>505km.

>Combining the two axes/dimensions of divergence provides
>a total distance of the SLA panels from the CSM of 577 statute
>miles/930km!

I was kind of surprised that you computed a distance that large.
But I see that the Apollo 9 document implies that the panels
were jettisoned at an angle of about 90 degrees from the booster
axis, which would give the distance you cited. The Apollo 15
article I referenced indicated that the panels were jettisoned
when they were rotated on their hinges 45 degrees from the
booster axis, so I assumed that they were ejected at that same
angle to avoid a large part of the force of the springs just
causing the panels to tumble rather than move away from the
spacecraft. If the panels were ejected at a 45 degree angle,
they would have had a forward velocity component. Even if that
assumption is correct, the panels would still have ended up
about 265 miles downtrack from the spacecraft due to the
midcourse correction maneuver. And they would have been at a
cross-track distance 221 miles away from the spacecraft for a
total distance of about 340 miles. That's still a bit more than
my original guesstimate. It would also put the panels behind the
spacecraft, while the UFO was sighted in the forward direction.

>Therefore, the UFO sighting remains an unknown, although I think
>it is likely the same kind of debris seen around Shuttles/ISS,
>namely tiny stuff. I have watched alot of the video of Apollo
>and they had alot of debris during parts of the missions.

I agree that that possibility can't be ruled out. This incident
seems to be a lot less than a "high strangeness" UFO but still,
something more interesting than just routine "space dandruff"

from water dumps and so forth. Too bad they didn't get the
object on film.

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Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Ulmer

From: Dale Ulmer <dale200499.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2007 22:00:55 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2007 12:42:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Ulmer

>From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 12:16:21 -0600
>Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 12:34:49 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns

<snip>

I listen to the Kevin Smith Show and he too has had some weird problems which are under investigation.

It appears someone is targeting UFO websites and not telling what else. Its like someone is trying to keep information from the public on the subject of UFOs or perhaps some computer genius who thinks he/she is playing practical joke, but in any case this is serious business.

If I were you I'd contact several paranormal websites and ask if they have experienced problems and perhaps you all can find a common denominator at all websites.

Dale

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Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Kitei

From: Lynne Kitei <drlynn@nullo.net>
Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2007 00:40:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2007 12:56:02 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Kitei

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac@nullo.net>
>To: <ufoupdates@nullo.net>
>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 19:29:43 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff@nullo.net>
>>To: <ufoupdates@nullo.net>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 15:18:21 -0000
>>Subject: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

<snip>

>>Dr. Lynne Kitei, a physician, witnessed multiple events which
>>occurred in the skies over Phoenix leading up to and including
>>the night of 13th March, 1997 and successfully documented a
>>number of sightings of orbs and V-shaped craft.

><snip>

>Too bad she asserts that the lights videotaped at 10 PM that
>night were on a large UFO hovering over Phoenix. As I have
>pointed out numerous times over the last 10 years (!)
>triangulation shows the lights were a long distance away. The
>triangulation is based on the same videos (Lynn, Krzysten,
>Rairdon) that show the lights which these three witnesses claim
>were over Phoenix.

I have never said _what_ 'they' are... only that 'they' are and
it is time we get this topic out in the open - address it,
accept it and study it.

I trust that it is also time to ask what triangulation Dr.
Maccabee has been referring to all these years? He is a gifted
scientist and dedicated researcher to be sure, but I was quite
surprised when he professed to have triangulated the mass
sighting videos when I had in fact contacted Dr. Maccabee myself
to attempt a triangulation of a January 1998 sighting, an event
that was very different from the March 13, 1997 sighting. And
just because the 1998 lights 'seemed to be at a distance to Dr.
Maccabee', that revelation didn't confirm anything.

In the 10 years since our historic mass sighting, _no_ one has
reported seeing the anomalous formation of lights behind the
mountain range around the 10 o'clock hour, but there were
definitely reports of strange lights and craft on this side of
the mountain.

Even more compelling and important to note, I learned fairly
quickly after the mass sighting that _no_ one could triangulate
the March 13, 1997 10 pm videos, because the hand full of
videographers took footage over a 30-40 minute span from
different directions.

If you remember, I even tried to procure University based
scientists, including a senior geologist professor from Arizona
State University and others to triangulate our videos and they
all stated that a triangulation of the footage taken during the
mass sighting was impossible.

Another key point, two months before the mass sighting I captured six 35 mm pictures in a row of the same anomalous and mile wide phenomena of 6 equidistant orbs "that seemed to be attached to something" head-on, turning into a V shape, in the same location.

This sighting [and exact time] was confirm to me the next morning by Sky Harbor International Airport Air traffic Controllers who witnessed the same hovering lights in RESTRICTED AIRSPACE - in _front_ of South Mountain - and slowly moving in tandem [in a rock solid, mile wide, equidistant array of six orbs] behind South Mountain [out of sight from their vantage point in the tower].

The same Air traffic Controllers confirmed the day after the mass sighting that what we all saw on March 13 at 10 pm was the SAME phenomena - in the _same_ location once again. Therefore, since the morning after our mysterious statewide event, we have had professional verification that the three lights I captured on video at 10 pm on March 13, 1997, were not behind South Mountain, but in _front_ of South Mountain, _over_ Phoenix.

I documented these details in my book, but for some reason, they have been ignored or dismissed through the years.

Besides this curious omission of data that occurred two months _before_ the mass sighting and 2 months before the Maryland ANG were in town allegedly sending off flares during Operation Snowbird while a mile-wide, traveling V-shaped formation of lights or craft silently and slowly traversed the State at low altitude for many hours.

Bruce has never addressed the _same_ distant formation of lights in the _same_ location in the photos I captured of our near sighting of three amber orbs in a pyramid formation in 1995 [which he presented at the 1999 MUFON International Symposium in Wash., D.C. as true unknowns].

I know what I saw up close and personal, hovering over our private, gated, nestled in the mountainside community... and they definitely were not flares. With all due respect to Dr. Maccabee, it just doesn't compute.

I will always be grateful for Dr. Maccabee's kindness when I was overwhelmed by what I had experienced and for taking so much time with the case. But when he originally released his findings concerning triangulation, I was saddened that they just added to the muddy waters that had already been polluted by the military announcement of flare deployment that night, five long months after denial that anything was in the air.

I don't doubt that flares might have been sent off to divert attention away from the true unknowns, but that's not what we witnessed or photographed. Just take a look at Bill Hamilton and Tom King's 'arrowhead' footage from around 9:45 pm. Those lights _are_ attached to something. Again, the data speaks for itself.

As a scientist and experienter, I have tried diligently to do my homework and share the data as it has unfolded. I have never found it productive or in good taste to argue about confusing and irrelevant pronouncements. I just hope the time is near when we can move forward in a mature fashion and address the important issue of what _really_ happened throughout Arizona for many hours, 10 years ago this March 13th.

As we know...there is much more to the story!

Respectfully,

Lynne D. Kitei, M.D.
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US F-15s Have UFO Encounter Over UK

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Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2007 12:58:11 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2007 13:04:21 -0500
Subject: US F-15s Have UFO Encounter Over UK

F-15s And Possible UFO Encounter

On Friday, January 12th 2007, London Military Air Traffic Control contacted a flight of US Air Force F-15s out of RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk, UK, to intercept an unknown target they had picked up on radar at 3000 to 4000ft altitude.

The F-15s callsign Gator, went to investigate, and got a solid radar-lock on the unidentified target.

They made two passes, passed the object which was at 17,000ft on the first pass, and then 17,700ft on the second pass. They described it as black in colour, and stated that it was not a bird, and unlike any aircraft they had ever seen.

One pilot was heard to say to another: "Did you see that." and the other replied: "Yes, but I don't want to talk about it."

An audio file is being analysed by UFO Monitors East Kent, and UFO Data Magazine, from the air to air communications by the crew of the F-15s. And UFO Data Magazine hope to have a copy of the file on their website for researchers and other interested parties to listen to.

UFO Monitors East Kent, here in Kent, England, along with UFO Data Magazine are making enquiries into the incident, and are hoping to make representations under the US and UK Freedom of Information.

If anyone feels that they can help out in anyway, please do get in contact with myself at ufomek

This looks like an intriguing case, especially as the incident was recorded by radio monitors here in the UK.

Chris Rolfe
UFO Monitors East Kent
Folkestone, Kent UK.

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Source: The Northern Echo - Darlington, County Durham, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/36rt7x>

Friday 2nd March 2007

Is It A Bird... Is It A Plane?

People who believe in aliens have inundated an airport switchboard to report seeing strange lights in the sky - not realising the UFO is a futuristic new control tower.

Newcastle International Airport chiefs are receiving weekly calls from superstitious folk who have spotted something strange in the sky.

Many of the calls have actually turned out to be the airport's very own new air-traffic control tower, beginning to take shape after work began in May last year.

Callers, bemused by the stylish, twisting lattice building have called airport chiefs to report it as a UFO.

However, they are quickly reassured that it is the new 8.2m air-traffic control tower which upon completion will be 45-metres high.

Others are easily explained away by police helicopter activity or military operations in the area.

Newcastle International's head of operations Chris Davis said: "We do provide an explanation to every person who contacts us, usually by examining radar data from the time of the sighting.

Airport spokeswoman Wendy Dawley said: "The vast majority of people who contact us are not suggesting that the sighting is a UFO in the sense of it being from another world, but more often than not it's just puzzled them as to what the object could be.

"Serious claims of a UFO sighting are few and far between - the last one was off the coast at Tynemouth back in August last year.

"The latest enquiry, just last week, was from a lady who said - I'm sure it's nothing, but I've just seen a bright light above my house, it spun round, got brighter, fizzed and emitted strange blue smoke before disappearing.

"We checked it out and it turned out to have been the police helicopter.

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

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Teenager's Shock After 'UFO' Spot

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Source: The Whitby Today, Lincolnshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3czccf>

02 March 2007

Teenager's Shock After 'UFO' Spot

An unidentified flying object was seen hovering over a field near Staithes on Monday night by a teenager returning home.

Steven Dye (18) who lives in Staithes, says he saw the phenomenon, silently shining close to where he was driving towards the village from Boulby at around 8pm.

He said: "I saw something floating in between Staithes and Hinderwell from where I was looking."

"It had about eight lights, red and orange coloured and it just stayed in the same place for about 10 or 20 seconds before fading away."

"It is the first time I have seen something like that."

"I told my mam and we went back down there later on but there was nothing there."

If anyone else saw something they can't explain call Whitby Gazette reporter Carl Gavaghan on (01947) 829907.

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

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Close Encounters Of The Unbelievable Kind

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2007 14:08:42 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2007 14:08:42 -0500
Subject: Close Encounters Of The Unbelievable Kind

Source: The Las Vegas Sun - Nevada, USA

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March 03, 2007 at 7:7:1 PST

Convention Crashing: International UFO Congress

Close encounters of the unbelievable kind

By Brendan Buhler
Las Vegas Sun

It's because of the vortex that Cynthia T. Crawford sculpts clay aliens. That and the portal.

See, the vortex comes down into her Arizona house near the Superstition Mountains, and the beings, including the Ant People, come out of it. Sometimes a portal opens up and she goes and visits them and then comes back in a rush of blue light. Freaks the dogs out.

The beings found her through her spiritual frequency, she says, and they told her that one of her missions on this planet is to make people comfortable with the beings so that we're not afraid, when the time comes. So she sculpts clay busts of almond-noggined beings (the ones with the pipe-cleaner antennae are the Ant People) and little silver baby beings.

"But I cannot take credit for these. My beings make them through me, they use my hands, my eyes", Crawford says. "They make me tell people that so no one thinks I'm some great sculptor."

Crawford is cagey on price, saying she'll sell only to people who feel a "true resonance."

That's why she was in the sales pavilion Thursday at the 16th annual International UFO Congress Convention and Film Festival at the Aquarius Hotel in Laughlin. Also there was a numerologist who says she's bad at math, a self-proclaimed "Alien Hunter", tarot card readers, crystal hawkers, pyramid petters, booksellers and DVD vendors. Oh, the DVDs. Films about aliens, of course, but also the 9/11 conspiracies, the Illuminati, international banking, how the moon landings were faked, chupacabras, unknown powers ("You Have Them, Too") and dolphins ("Healers of the Sea").

And of course, Lloyd Pye, who has a deformed skull (not his, but one he has). He calls it Starchild, because the simplest, most plausible explanation for a swollen, flattened skull is that it's an alien-human hybrid. Pye used to be a Bigfoot researcher and is author of a book that claims the Earth has no crust under its oceans. He considers himself the most serious scientific guy at the convention.

Anyhow, back to Starchild. Pye says he'll have DNA tests done on

it, if he can just raise the money through book and DVD sales (he asked if the Sun would like to buy a DVD), though he's really hoping for a financial angel.

"Maybe one of the movie stars will step forward", he says.

Like maybe Martin Sheen. Why not? He did a movie about Roswell. He's the narrator on a DVD for sale at the convention about government weather-control death rays. But before you make some joke about nutty actors, remember this is Martin Sheen. He used to be our fake president. He knows things.

We also picked up a handy pamphlet entitled "Alien Abduction Resistance" by Maurice Osborn. The first thing you have to do is figure out if you're being abducted, which is harder than you would think. Important signs are if you have "feelings of not being socially ordinary" or, if you're a woman, yeast infections.

Once you know they're coming for you, you can be ready for them. Good news: They disappear if you wave or shoot a gun at them.

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Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2007 12:10:04 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2007 14:10:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Scheldroup

>From: Dale Ulmer <dale200499.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2007 22:00:55 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns

<snip>

>I listen to the Kevin Smith Show and he too has had some weird
>problems which are under investigation.

>It appears someone is targeting UFO websites and no telling what
>else. Its like someone is trying to keep information from the
>public on the subject of UFOs or perhaps some computer genius
>who thinks he/she is playing pratical joke, but in any case this
>is serious business.

Have you checked into non-UFO related website ? I have
discovered a few with recent stand-alone client machine having
flukey hard-disk problems; thinking these were new viral
infection, this not the case.

John

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Re: US F-15s Have UFO Encounter Over UK -

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2007 13:25:08 -0600
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Mar 2007 09:31:09 -0500
Subject: Re: US F-15s Have UFO Encounter Over UK -

>From: Chris Rolfe <chrisr.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2007 12:58:11 -0000
>Subject: US F-15s Have UFO Encounter Over UK

>F-15s And Possible UFO Encounter

>On Friday, January 12th 2007, London Military Air Traffic
>Control contacted a flight of US Air Force F-15s out of RAF
>Lakenheath, Suffolk, UK, to intercept an unknown target they had
>picked up on radar at 3000 to 4000ft altitude.

"February 10, 2005

The US has more than 100 nuclear weapons at its Lakenheath base in Suffolk, three times the number previously thought, a respected US research agency said yesterday."

<http://www.nrdc.org/nuclear/euro/contents.asp>

RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom (March 27, 2003)

<http://tinyurl.com/2o3au3>

Locations of U.S. Nuclear Weapons in Europe

<http://tinyurl.com/2tzso3>

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Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Mar 2007 14:28:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Mar 2007 09:32:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns - Kaeser

>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2007 12:10:04 -0600
>Subject: Re: Major Server Meltdowns

<snip>

>Have you checked into non-UFO related website ? I have
>discovered a few with recent stand-alone client machine having
>flukey hard-disk problems; thinking these were new viral
>infection, this not the case.

From the service provider perspective, there are threats attacking your systems on a constant basis. The Federal entity that I work for keeps track of "attacks" that are blocked and issues reports by their region of origin. The source can be tracked to an IP, but usually it ends there in many foreign countries. These "attacks" are measured in the tens of thousands per month.

One site that system administrators use to gather information is the Internet Storm Center:

<http://isc.sans.org/>

This gets technical very quickly, but this discussion needed to take into account the general threat level involved.

Steve

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Unbelievable Kind -

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2007 14:57:08 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Mar 2007 09:35:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Unbelievable Kind -

>Source: The Las Vegas Sun - Nevada, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/35lkqt>

>March 03, 2007 at 7:7:1 PST

>Convention Crashing: International UFO Congress

>Close encounters of the unbelievable kind

>By Brendan Buhler
>Las Vegas Sun

This is the scariest UFO story I've read in years.

I expect at any moment the government to come crashing through the doors of everyone on this List and in ufology in general (except the wolves in the fold) and declare us all insane and incarcerate us.

Why? Not because we delve into the unconventional but because we delve. It seems that delving is becoming an unpopular practice and _thorn_in_the_side of certain institutions and schools of thought.

I believe the term is domination through humiliation. It's a control mechanism based on fear.

UFO conventions have always been fun to attend even with the new agers and spiritualists etc. There would always be a fun conversation and rare collectible to be had. I used to go to get the hard to find toy model kits of the sci-fi movies and vintage NASA spacecraft and WWII aircraft. Someone would always have that dusty set of models that I wish I'd kept in-box as I could have made a mint on Ebay.

The mystery still surrounding UFOs is a money maker for many, small timer and big corporations alike. As long as the mystery remains, there'll be money to be made, controls to be implemented, and blarney to be laid down.

Best,

Greg

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Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2007 16:15:35 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Mar 2007 09:39:03 -0500
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2007 20:04:47 -0600
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 17:01:57 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

><snip>

>>The Apollo 11 mission report states that the midcourse
>>correction occurred at 26 hr 45 min and was an increase of
>>velocity of 20.9 ft/sec. This appears to be fairly close to the
>>direction of motion (velocity change along X axis =-14.19
>>ft/sec, Y axis= +13.17 ft/sec, Z axis=+7.56 ft/sec in the earth
>>centered interial coordinate system). So we can basically assume
>>that the spacecraft sped up by 20.9 ft/sec. The crew sighted the
>>UFO at 60 hr 49 min. So the total time which the SLA and CSM
>>diverge from the midcourse correction is about 34 hr and 4 min
>>or 122640 seconds. 20.9 ft/sec over this time period gives
>>2563176 ft or 421 nautical miles/485 statute miles/781 km.

>>This does not include the divergence due to the jettison
>>velocity which at best is supposed to be 8 ft/sec. The SLA
>>panel jettison occurs at roughly 3 hr 17 min giving 57 hr and
>>32 min of travel time (207120 sec). For 8ft/sec over this time
>>period gives 1656960 ft/272nautical miles/314 statute miles/
>>505km.

>>Combining the two axes/dimensions of divergence provides
>>a total distance of the SLA panels from the CSM of 577 statute
>>miles/930km!

>I was kind of surprised that you computed a distance that large.
>But I see that the Apollo 9 document implies that the panels
>were jettisoned at an angle of about 90 degrees from the booster
>axis, which would give the distance you cited.

Yes, this is what I assumed, although I do not find anywhere in
the Apollo 11 papers what angle they jettisoned it at.

>The Apollo 15
>article I referenced indicated that the panels were jettisoned
>when they were rotated on their hinges 45 degrees from the
>booster axis, so I assumed that they were ejected at that same
>angle to avoid a large part of the force of the springs just
>causing the panels to tumble rather than move away from the
>spacecraft. If the panels were ejected at a 45 degree angle,
>they would have had a forward velocity component. Even if that
>assumption is correct, the panels would still have ended up
>about 265 miles downtrack from the spacecraft due to the
>midcourse correction maneuver. And they would have been at a
>cross-track distance 221 miles away from the spacecraft for a
>total distance of about 340 miles. That's still a bit more than
>my original guesstimate. It would also put the panels behind the
>spacecraft, while the UFO was sighted in the forward direction.

I do not see where it is stated that the UFO was sighted in the forward direction. They said it was tumbling and that it was "going by".

But the odd thing I just noticed in the Mission report is that during the time the object was sighted, the spacecraft was in passive thermal control mode. This meant that the positive longitudinal axis of the spacecraft was pointed toward the ecliptic north Pole and spinning along the axis at a rate of 0.3 deg/sec. So they could see an object behind them.

But the problem is now the interpretation of "going by". If the object is behind them then it can surely appear to be going by since the spacecraft is rolling on its x axis slowly.

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Human Mutilations The Sum of All Fears

From: Dirk Vander Ploeg <publisher.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2007 15:37:06 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Mar 2007 09:41:29 -0500
Subject: Human Mutilations The Sum of All Fears

Thought the members would be interested in a new article by
Scott Corrales concerning Human Mutilations: The Sum of All
Fears:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0307/mutilate.html>

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Re: he Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2007 17:14:42 EST
Fwd Date: Sun, 04 Mar 2007 09:46:09 -0500
Subject: Re: he Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Gates

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 19:29:43 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 15:18:21 -0000
>>Subject: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>>During the evening of 13th March 1997, a series of incidents
>>took place which was to become known as

>>The Phoenix Lights Incident.

>>At approximately 7-50p.m. a 'V-shaped' formation of bright
>>blue/yellow-white orbs was observed leaving the Las Vegas
>>(Nevada) area and flying at speed over the boarder into Arizona.
>>This formation of lights was then witnessed by hundreds if not
>>thousands of people as it flew over Phoenix and on to Tucson -- a
>>total journey of some 300 hundred miles.

>>The Phoenix Lights incident has become one of the most
>>controversial events in the history of Ufology.

>>Dr. Lynne Kitei, a physician, witnessed multiple events which
>>occurred in the skies over Phoenix leading up to and including
>>the night of 13th March, 1997 and successfully documented a
>>number of sightings of orbs and V-shaped craft.

<snip>

>Too bad she asserts that the lights videotaped at 10 PM that
>night were on a large UFO hovering over Phoenix. As I have
>pointed out numerous times over the last 10 years (!)
>triangulation shows the lights were a long distance away. The
>triangulation is based on the same videos (Lynn, Krzysten,
>Rairdon) that show the lights which these three witnesses claim
>were over Phoenix.

Bruce, Listers,

As the saying goes 'I don't have a dog in this hunt' however I
would like to make an observation about the night sky in
general.

When we see things in the night sky, the 'actual' distance may
be much further then what we believe it to be. Several years ago
I was looking out my back door and saw a fire out West of me, I
estimated that it was on the west side of town perhaps 9- 12
miles away.

I could clearly see the glow of the flames, a smoke plume etc
etc. I pulled out my set of binoculars and saw what appeared to
be flames. My wife and I got into the car and thought we would
take a ride out to see this as it appeared to be fairly close. We
got to the west side of town and low and behold no fire, but it didn't
appear to be very far away so we continued to drive.

We got out about 25 additional miles and found the fire... It was a rather large brush fire. We watched it awhile and went home. I spoke to a firefighter that worked it later on and he told me at one point flames were 150 feet high.

So the lesson learned is it may in fact be 10 miles away or it may be 40 miles away further investigation is always warranted.

As an aside to the flare controversery, the military drops flares probably weekly in certain training areas , meaning that flares are not an uncommon occurance. Has anybody done any spade work and staked out a flare drop at night, at the right distances? More then once?

Just curious.

Cheers,

Robert

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U.K. M.O.D. Reveal Interest In Remote Viewing

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Mar 2007 15:32:19 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Mar 2007 07:31:38 -0500
Subject: U.K. M.O.D. Reveal Interest In Remote Viewing

The U.K. Ministry of Defence has recently released documents under the FOIA which reveal that the M.O.D. has shown an interest in "Remote Viewing", see:

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/rv.html>

Geoff Richardson
www.thewhyfiles.net

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From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Sun, 04 Mar 2007 10:59:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Mar 2007 07:33:42 -0500
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2007 16:15:35 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

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>Yes, this is what I assumed, although I do not find anywhere in
>the Apollo 11 papers what angle they jettisoned it at.

They may have decided on the 45-degree angle after Apollo 9 and before Apollo 11, since they did a lot of experimenting during the program. The panels weren't detached from the booster at all during Apollo 7, but Wally Schirra complained that the panels were flexing too much, posing a danger to the spacecraft when it docked with the LEM during the transposition maneuver.

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>>article I referenced indicated that the panels were jettisoned
>>when they were rotated on their hinges 45 degrees from the
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>forward direction. They said it was tumbling and that it was
>"going by".

In the book *First Man* Neil Armstrong gave his own version of the panel explanation. He said one of the panels was off to one side but had gotten slightly ahead of the spacecraft at a position where it would reflect a large amount of sunlight. But Armstrong was speaking from memory years after the mission. He was also recollecting how they knew at the time the object was probably one of the SLA panels but didn't want to say anything that would excite the "UFO nuts" at the time. That seems to be a rather odd explanation, since if they knew it was a booster panel and had just told that to mission control, the UFO nuts wouldn't have gotten terribly excited. In any case, the debriefing transcript indicated that Aldrin had already considered and rejected the SLA panel explanation at the time and that Armstrong didn't object, so he seems to have misremembered what they knew and didn't know at the time. So perhaps Armstrong's memory was inaccurate on the position of the object relative to the spacecraft, too.

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>during the time the object was sighted, the spacecraft was in
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>But the problem is now the interpretation of "going by". If the
>object is behind them then it can surely appear to be going by
>since the spacecraft is rolling on its x axis slowly.

>I wonder if someone can ask them this.

That's an interesting point. If the spacecraft had been rotating
a full 360 every 20 minutes, it seems to me if it were a piece
of debris from the spacecraft itself, they should have been able
to observe its progress as it moved away from them and concluded
it had originated from the spacecraft. They also should have
been able to discern its shape without using the telescop when
it was closer to them. I'm not saying that proves anything,
though, since they just might not have been paying enough
attention to have noticed a piece of debris when it was closer
to the spacecraft.

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Mar 2007 12:33:39 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Mar 2007 07:36:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 11:32:41 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 18:14:02 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2007 12:59:11 -0500 (EST)
>>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>>I can't see any indication that in parallel with our growth and
>>>development over the past 10 thousand years, other unknown to
>>>us, very advanced civilizations have developed in secret with
>>>incredible technology completely divorced from our known world.

>>I have not put forth that proposition. My theory is that another
>>highly advanced technological civilization of non-humans evolved
>>on Earth millions of years before humans. Similarities would not
>>be because they developed in parallel with us, but would result
>>from convergent evolution at different times in the planet's
>>history.

>>They did not develop in secret, since no one was around to
>>secret themselves from.

>>Planets are probably a "larval" stage that really advanced
>>civilizations forsake due to their instability. Just because
>>they evolved here does not mean they are still living here as a
>>group. Maybe they have outposts somewhere on Earth, maybe not.
>>Maybe they live on mother ships now and just hang around this
>>unstable old rock out of nostalgia. Who knows? I certainly
>>don't.

>>All I have been trying to do is put forth the proposal that the
>>ETH is not the only possible answer, and perhaps not the most
>>probable one.

>The proposal of "highly advanced technological civilization
>of non-humans evolved on Earth millions of years before
>humans" has some appeal to me (although I don't think we
>need to force the "non-human" aspect, why can't it be
>humans?)

James, Bob, List, EBK,

Advanced human civilizations could have developed space travel,
since there is some indication from ancient manuscripts, myths
and poems that India had vemanas, flying machines of some type,
that used heated mercury as a motor force. The heated mercury
created a vortex, which the flying machine was somehow able to
control. The creatures who seem to be visiting us are by-in-
large not humans, but short, big-headed, large eyed humanoids.

>But human or not, I would expect that their technology would

>have developed more or less like ours. To go from stone knives
>to nanotechnology cannot be done in one step, a certain pathway
>of technology/inventions/societal evolution is required. This
>almost forces a large society/large cities/impact on
>terrain/chemical deposits. Given enough time nuclear
>development, damage of coexistent species, venturing out into
>space, inhabiting nearby space seems inevitable for any
>civilization that has had the initiative to wallow up from the
>swamps.

Tesla was able visualize the designs of his inventions. His mind operated differently from that of an ordinary human so he didn't need to follow the step by step process we're all familiar with. Humanoids might also think in a different way from us and not need all the foreplay you've mentioned above. Monotremes, for example, have evolved a method of searching for prey by the use of what is called Electrotception.

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If monotremes were to evolve humanoid characteristics and still retain this power, their thinking and conceptualizing might lead to other ways of solving problems.

>If these civilizations developed space travel, they must have
>had a phase (part of the logical progression of technological
>progress) of Earth-orbiting satellite building/Moon colonizing.
>For geostationary orbits, such satellites/constellations should
>still be orbiting, even given a vast period of time, but we
>don't see evidence of such a constellation. Also, despite the
>vague evidence of Hoagland/company, the ancient Moon does not
>reveal vast cities, even though there should not have been time
>enough to wipe them off its surface.

After a certain point of technological advance, like what is envisioned for nanotechnology, avoiding detection would not be a serious problem until the folks you were hiding from became technologically sophisticated themselves. Maybe nanotechnology is as far as we are, or they were, able to progress.

>Did they purposely wipe any trace of existence of themselves
>from the Moon, Earth orbit and Earth surface?

What if they prefer to live underground for protection and comfort? If they possess nanotechnology, they could live anywhere they wanted and we wouldn't notice unless they made mistakes or developed engine trouble.

>They certainly don't seem to make themselves invisible (UFOs) to
>cameras, video, witnesses, radar, ground traces, etc. Sure there
>are many anomalies on/in the Earth, but nothing obviously
>hypertech (giant carbon/diamond fiber buildings made with
>obvious nanotechnology). Was everything that was advanced
>"disassembled" after they were done with it?

Maybe, or they don't build structures like we do and their needs are different from ours. All average folk have seen are their flying machines and a few humanoid stragglers.

>In the end, it doesn't seem to matter too much where they are
>from. A crypto can mimic an ET and visa versa and there is no
>way to determine absolutely one from the other. All that really
>matters is that these guys (assuming they exist) seem to have
>some pretty sweet tech we would surely like to get our hands on
>and we need to figure a way to track them down and at minimum
>deduce how they work via sensor data.

There's plenty of evidence to convince me that an alien craft and its occupants were recovered at Roswell so our government has already tracked them down and knows exactly what UFO are and where they came from but fears our reaction to this knowledge. I've been in Hawaii for the last ten days so when I returned yesterday, I was able to read this Updates thread all at once. What a disappointment! Perhaps Margaret was correct: "You can't tell the people!"

Ed

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MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find'

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Source: BJ Booth's UFO Casebook Site

<http://www.ufocasebook.com/kinrossupdate.html>

March 3rd, 2007

Update On The 1953 Kinross UFO Event

James Carrion, MUFON International Director to B J Booth

The recent claim by the 'Great Lakes Dive Company' (GLDC) to have found the U.S. Air Force F89C Scorpion Jet that disappeared in 1953 over Lake Superior while in pursuit of a UFO, created quite a stir of excitement in the UFO community, as reported last month in the Journal. Unfortunately, based on an in-depth investigation conducted by MUFON investigators, Great Lakes Dive's claims cannot be substantiated.

MUFON's investigation began with attempting to answer the basic questions =96 Is GLDC a valid company? Who are the principals of the company? What is their corporate history?

Since GLDC claimed to be a Michigan-based corporation, our inquiry began with a telephone call to the Michigan Division of Corporations which did not have any record of a company incorporated under or operating under the name "Great Lakes Dive Company." When GLDC spokesperson Adam Jimenez was questioned about this, he said in an email sent on September 19, 2006:

"GLDC is in the process of switching from an incorporated company to an LLC organization. We began as just a group of divers who would get together with our sonar equipment and sweep locations in the great lakes. As it became apparent that we would need to develop a business entity to interact with museums, obtain grants etc, we formed a company early on. Once the group downsized and became more focused with regards to who was involved, the main group members decided to form GLDC LLC, to better manage the direction of the company. This entity is still pending, and not yet available to public records."

However, in an earlier email sent on September 6, 2006 to MUFON investigator David Watson, Mr. Jimenez contradicted his later statement by saying:

"Incidentally our company name is Great Lakes Dive Company (not Inc.) we are technically an LLC. (just for accuracy sake). We are in the process of putting together a "formal" office, and will give you the mailing address when available."

Mr. Jimenez also refused to reveal who the principals of the company were, the company's operating structure, or the types of marine vessels used in their search, citing recent security threats made against them. When asked about the nature of these threats, Mr. Jimenez stated:

"Threats were made regarding the salvage of the object, essentially =9ltell us where it's at or else...' The individuals represented themselves as producers for the Discovery Channel. We made a few calls, found out the group was fraudulent and told them we no longer were interested in any future dealings with them...that's when the threats started. As a security precaution we changed all phone numbers associated with GLDC and have not included any company or personal information (like background info on the team) on any interviews. Until this situation (returning to the object) is resolved we will not be providing any further information on the project or the team."

MUFON later discovered that Mr. Jimenez had provided a cell phone number to various film makers and researchers, but switched to a new cell phone number soon after the threats were made. When MUFON tried to trace either phone number through Intelius.com, both phone numbers proved to be untraceable.

Since trying to confirm GLDC's corporate identity led to a dead end, MUFON then attempted to corroborate some of the other claims made by GLDC.

Mr. Jimenez claimed that GLDC was founded in 2001 for the purpose of shipwreck exploration and discovery and with the goal of solving the enduring mysteries of lost vessels in Lake Superior. In addition to the F89 find, GLDC claimed that they were searching for the French minesweepers Cerisoles and Inkermann, and that they were interested in filming in high definition the wreck of the Gunilda. Mr. Jimenez was quoted in an August 29, 2006 article in the American Chronicle:

"2006 began as an ambitious project season for us, we were looking forward to further work at the F-89 site", said Jimenez. He added, "Then we received some bad news. The Canadian government refused to allow us to use our ROV at the wreck site without first providing them the GPS coordinates of the site and allow either a Coast Guard escort or government official to accompany the expedition. We were stuck, we don't want to give up the site (especially because of the object, and it's potentially huge significance) but we need to stay on the good side of the Canadians due to our Gunilda project which involves a lot of other contributors."

MUFON contacted the Ontario Ministry of Culture and spoke with Mr. Michael Johnson, manager of the ministry's Heritage Operations Unit, whose office issues work permits for survey or exploration work in Lake Superior. Mr. Johnson told MUFON that no one had requested a permit for exploring or surveying the F89 jet or "mystery object," nor had his office received any related correspondence. Mr. Johnson further revealed that the Ministry would not require a coast guard vessel or government official to accompany any expedition, but would allow the licensee to work under their own cognizance, and that the wreck's GPS coordinates did not have to be provided up front as long as they were included in a final survey report.

On Coast to Coast with George Noory, Linda Moulton Howe played an interview she recorded with Adam Jimenez where he stated that Canada automatically claims ownership of any wrecks in Canadian territorial waters. However, Mr. Putt from the office of the Ontario Receiver of Wrecks told MUFON that the original owner of the wreck (ship, plane, etc.) maintains ownership and would have to grant salvage permission--the F89 would therefore still be considered U.S. Air Force property. Mr. Putt elaborated by stating that if a wreck's owner is not known, which would possibly be the case for the "mystery object," then the Ontario Provincial Government would become the custodian for a year, and if the original owner could not be found, then the Ontario Receiver of Wrecks could sell it to the salvor or to the public.

In the same Coast to Coast interview, Linda Moulton Howe stated that Adam Jimenez graduated in 1990 from Kettering Technical School (run by General Motors) with a degree in Computer Engineering. MUFON contacted the registrar's office at Kettering University (which had changed its name in 1998) and Becky Ibbotson, registrar assistant, related that no one by the name of Adam Jimenez had ever attended Kettering.

Giving GLDC the benefit of the doubt, MUFON posted messages to the public message boards on Scubaboard.com asking if anyone from the Ontario dive community knew GLDC or of any of the

exploration work they had performed prior to 2006. After hundreds of viewings, no one could provide any information to shed light on GLDC's claims.

MUFON also contacted Tom Farnquist, CEO of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, whose organization has been actively searching for the Cerisoles and Inkermann. Mr. Farnquist heard of GLDC's F89 claims from a local newspaper article, but had not heard of any of their other exploration work.

The Soo Evening News wrote an article on GLDC's claims, and mistakenly attributed the F89 find to the Great Lakes Diving Company of Rockford, Michigan. MUFON verified with the Rockford company owner that his company has no connection with GLDC.

MUFON sent copies of GLDC's F89 side scan sonar images to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and a Woods Hole scientist, who wishes to remain anonymous, offered his professional opinion that they do not appear to be side scan sonar images but photographs that were altered with computer software to look like side scan sonar images. MUFON also contacted a professor at Michigan Tech University, who also wishes to remain anonymous, who stated that although the GLDC images looked to him like genuine side scan sonar images, they could have been fabricated by a dedicated person.

When Mr. Jimenez was asked whether a ROV was deployed and how GLDC was able to confirm that the mystery object was not radioactive, he responded via email with:

"We did lower the ROV on the initial discovery (because we knew the risk existed that we may not be able to return to the site). We haven't been able to use the ROV on the site since (or return to the site at all for that matter) this season...we had hoped to use the ROV to further explore the site in 2006. Weather issues in 2005 prevented us from thoroughly exploring the wreck(s). The confusion is that the accounts are talking about two different dive seasons.

We used a DX-1 hand held Geiger counter that was placed into a sealed chamber within the ROV and the speaker output was patched into the audio input of the digital camera on the ROV. We had to get the ROV close to the object to make sure the reading was accurate...however the efficiency rating of the DX-1 is not 100%, but we were satisfied that it was not radiation causing our electronic problems. We made the metallic determination based on visual evidence from the ROV."

Mr. Jimenez's statement alludes to GLDC illegally operating their ROV in Canadian waters without a properly issued license and contradicts his previous assertion that "we need to stay on the good side of the Canadians due to our Gunilda project".

It is not clear as to how the Geiger counter was "patched" to the audio-input on the ROV's camera, as DX-1 Geiger counters do not have an audio-out jack, but only an internal speaker.

In a recent Journal of UFO History article on GLDC's claims, editor Dick Hall writes that:

"In answer to questions from editor, Adam Jimenez of Great Lakes Dive Company said that they had not yet found any positive identification such as a serial number" (on the F89).

However, in a September 11, 2006 email to MUFON International Director James Carrion, Mr. Jimenez contradicted this statement to Dick Hall by saying:

"The ROV confirmed that the canopy is intact, but we were unable to see inside due to silt and the translucent nature of the canopy. One would assume the crew is still inside. Yes the aircraft tail number is visible on the F-89c...this is how we were able to confirm that we had found the actual F-89 and not some other aircraft." MUFON then investigated how and when GLDC's claims were first made public. The earliest known account MUFON could find was an Aug. 22, 2006, posting to the UFO Updates mailing list where a certain "Preston Miller" forwarded to Francis Ridge what appeared to be a Port Huron, MI, Associated Press (AP) news article on GLDC's claims.

Francis told MUFON that he does not know who Preston Miller is. Checking with the Port Huron Times Herald, an authorized AP news source in Port Huron, managing editor Judith McClean told MUFON that her newspaper did not originate the article.

MUFON also contacted the Associated Press Michigan Bureau in Detroit and spoke with Joe Altman. Mr. Altman looked at the UFO Update article online and said that it was not written in the characteristic style of an AP press report, as it lacked any date references. Mr. Altman also searched all AP news feeds and could not find any information that would indicate AP was the source for the article.

On September 26, GLDC's web site content at www.greatlakesdive.com was removed and is no longer available. A week later, the GLDC message board that was hosted by excoboard.com was also unavailable.

Performing an Internet Whois query of the greatlakesdive.com Internet domain name revealed that the domain name registrar is Melbourne IT Ltd, a company based in Australia. Thinking that GLDC's claims may be related to the recent Australian UFO wave videos that were revealed to be a hoax, MUFON contacted the UFO wave perpetrator, Chris Kentworthy, who denied any involvement or knowledge of GLDC.

Searching the Internet revealed various security bulletins warning that some fraudulent web sites use this same Melbourne IT Ltd registrar and the related myprivateregistration.com service.

Mr. Jimenez is currently not responding to emails or phone calls.

In summary, MUFON after many hours of investigation by a number of our dedicated field investigators has not been able to substantiate any of GLDC's claims. Until GLDC personnel resurface with more information and definitive proof of the F89 discovery, their claims remain doubtful at this time. MUFON will continue its investigation and update our readers as further developments unfold.

James P Carrion
MUFON International Director
in response to B J Booth, webmaster,
www.ufocasebook.com

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: **Dennis Oliver** <deo.nul>
Date: Sun, 04 Mar 2007 16:36:56 -0800
Fwd Date: Mon, 05 Mar 2007 07:50:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

Greetings List:

I have been a List-lurker for several years and appreciate this service. I learn much from the collected wisdom of the Listers and their referrals to various sources but am troubled by what seemed like omissions in the recent thread Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life.

I saw little reference to the records of the Vedas and Upanishads, which, (at least in translation) read like science fiction comic books but, as sacred literature, are unlikely to be much less historic than, say the Old Testament or the Gnostic Gospels. Then there are the Annukai references to spacefaring in Sumer literature. Museum drawers may be deeper than we imagine.

The Antikythera Device Is a mechanical analog computer that could predict the movements of the sun, moon, probably five planets, and kept track of the moon's phases. It was recovered from a Greek shipwreck in 1900 and was made in the 2nd century BC! Modern technology did not accomplish this until the 15 century with the development of clockmaking. It is a fascinating story:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antikythera_mechanism#Discovery

The point is that WE, our own western technology thread that we are riding into the global future DID forget and lose a very valuable and important technology and , as important, we did not even know we had lost it. It was 1200 years to repeat the feat and we are just now realizing the fact. What navigation would have been saved, what history rewritten? What other technology have we lost?

Pushing further back than the present era of 10,000 or so years (since the end of the last ice age and the beginning of "recorded" history) makes guessing their technology virtually impossible. Unknown or barely remembered early myths of cultures and peoples flooded by sea-rise and tsunami, earthquake, Mt .Toba, Yellowstone, asteroid, or their own stupidity - all these stories at least hint that the history of our technology is much more complicated than we think.

Respectfully,

Dennis

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2007 08:46:23 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Mar 2007 07:13:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Shell

Apropos this ongoing discussion, I have just stumbled onto this interesting website about intelligent dinosaurs.

<http://tinyurl.com/yp5rug>

Could the author's Anthroposaurus sapiens explain a few things?

Bob Shell

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Mar 2007 07:18:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Dennis Oliver <deo.nul>
>Date: Sun, 04 Mar 2007 16:36:56 -0800
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Dennis and the List,

In the Vedas, there were two sorts of vehicles described, it
seems to me : first, the Vimanas operated with a mysterious
source of power using mercury; and then even more mysterious
vehicles which have been often compared to modern UFOs. So, the
classical question has been since many years, that of supposed
ancient space visitors.

In a way, I am more intrigued by the description of Vimanas
using mercury. If there were such man made craft, known by
Indian civilization thousands of years ago, I wonder why, even
if that technology has been lost, it has not been found again,
during the 20th century, when many countries were scrambling for
new aeronautical technologies. And why is there no known project
of that kind now?

Let me guess.

Perhaps there was no such technology in ancient India, but there
were craft of non-human origin, and this Vimana model with
mercury was just an effort of imagination to try to explain at
least some of them.

I would like to read any comment on this.

As for the hypothesis of a very ancient and advanced human
civilization, I stick to the idea that any civilization more
advanced than ours today would have been so huge, in terms of
industrial and scientific development, that it would have left
very important, visible traces, even millions of years after it
has ceased to exist. This would be the case, in turn, for our
present civilization, even after millions of years. Just think
that we find fossils embedded in rocks hundred of millions
years old.

Gildas Bourdais

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Seek The Truth Says UFO Expert

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<http://www.roswell-record.com/archives/030507/news08.html>

March 5th 2007

Seek The Truth Says UFO Expert

Richard Jacques
Record Staff Writer

In the not so direct world of ufology, Dennis Balthaser is about as straight forward as they come.

From the back den of his Roswell home, filled with books, awards, pictures and memorabilia from a life about as diverse the universe, Balthaser calls it like he sees it.

"Always telling the truth means you never have to remember anything," says the well-known UFO investigator. But for a guy who prides himself on getting to the truth, he sure remembers a lot.

A certified UFO investigator with the Mutual UFO Network, an editorial writer for 22 Web sites and magazines, and recently appointed to the advisory board for the Great Pyramid of Giza Research Association, he said he doesn't try to convince anybody about his research, "I show them and let people decide."

Literally starting from scratch, the former Texas Department of Transportation worker of 33 years turned a one-time UFO hobby into a full-time passion.

He said his fascination with UFOs began after reading a book written by Jacques Vallee about 20 years ago. "I would lay in the backyard and wonder what was out there."

Now a full-time researcher of 11 years, Balthaser has done over 350 radio and television interviews and his award-winning Web site, www.truthseekeratroswell.com has had over one million visitors since 1998.

He said one of the hardest things about his ongoing research is sifting through the growing number of untruths to get to the facts.

"There are a lot of woo-woo's in the field of ufology," he said, again, to the point.

When not battling Internet fraud, Balthaser remains extremely busy and continues to gain respect along the way.

Featured in dozens of documentaries, including such projects as the Sci-Fi Channel's Roswell excavation, a guest internationally on a number of radio and television talk shows, and a frequent lecturer on UFOs, he said he believes that finding the truth is

important.

Also important is his determination to return the International UFO Festival to its former glory. Recently appointed by Roswell Mayor Sam LaGrone to the event's planning committee, the UFO expert said emphasis on community involvement will be stressed this year.

Remaining firm in his conviction that the government isn't telling all about the incident that put Roswell on the map in 1947, Balthaser said he continues to document the living histories of Roswell incident witnesses before they are all gone.

Actively involved in the First Baptist Church in Roswell, he said people sometimes question how such a person with strong religious conviction could believe in the existence of UFOs.

For the straight-talking Balthaser, it's easy to explain.

"They respect what I do and how I do it. I was a Christian before I started my research, and I'll be a Christian after I'm finished."

An who's to argue. Some of his largest crowds can be found at his UFO lectures at the church.

[Thanks to Frank Warren for the lead]

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Ally

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 Mar 2007 12:39:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Mar 2007 07:28:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Ally

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 Mar 2007 12:33:39 -0800
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

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>If monotremes were to evolve humanoid characteristics and still
>retain this power, their thinking and conceptualizing might lead
>to other ways of solving problems.

The phenomenon you describe is related to sensory perception, not to the animal's cognitive faculties. Certainly, the ability to perceive prey due to its electrical potential might very well affect "the way one thinks" but that's quite different than, say, how Mr. Tesla approached an engineering problem. I'd imagine it's closer to the difference between seeing in colour and shades of grey.

I do agree with you, though, that ET (or whatever) might not think anything at all like us. We could be dealing with colony-inhabiting creatures which 'share' their thoughts, for instance. An organism with those characteristics might well make great leaps in technological know-how.

>After a certain point of technological advance, like what is
>envisioned for nanotechnology, avoiding detection would not be a
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>comfort? If they possess nanotechnology, they could live
>anywhere they wanted and we wouldn't notice unless they made
>mistakes or developed engine trouble.

But to arrive _at_ nanotechnology, one must assume a certain period of technological development. Unless there's some 'magic' that we have yet to uncover - and i'm talking about the mother of all forehead-slappers - that could have enabled us to develop nanotechnology thousands of years ago, I'm very skeptical of your proposition.

>There's plenty of evidence to convince me that an alien craft
>and its occupants were recovered at Roswell so our government
>has already tracked them down and knows exactly what UFO are and
>where they came from but fears our reaction to this knowledge.

Personally, I don't assume that anyone who might be in

possession of any craft (or other devices) would necessarily understand how it works, nor its origin.

Brian

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Secrecy News -- 03/05/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2007 12:45:31 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Mar 2007 07:30:14 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 03/05/07

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A federal appeals court ruled last week that the overriding need to protect "state secrets" makes it impossible to litigate claims by a German citizen named Khaled el-Masri that he was illegally detained and abused by the Central Intelligence Agency in a case of "extraordinary rendition." The appeals court upheld a lower court's earlier dismissal of the proceeding.

In a March 2 decision, the court rehearsed the allegations at issue as well as the relevant case law on the state secrets privilege.

El-Masri would not be able to make his case, the court concluded, except by using "[privileged] evidence that exposes how the CIA organizes, staffs, and supervises its most sensitive intelligence operations."

Similarly, said the court, the CIA could not defend itself against the allegations "without using privileged evidence."

"The main avenues of defense available [to CIA] in this matter are to show that El-Masri was not subject to the treatment that he alleges; that, if he was subject to such treatment, the defendants were not involved in it; or that, if they were involved, the nature of their involvement does not give rise to liability. Any of those three showings would require disclosure of information regarding the means and methods by which the CIA gathers intelligence."

The court rejected the contention by the defense that by yielding to the government's state secrets claims, the judiciary had abdicated jurisdiction over a case of egregious governmental abuse.

"Contrary to El-Masri's assertion, the state secrets doctrine does not represent a surrender of judicial control over access to the courts," the court said.

"As we have explained, it is the court, not the Executive, that determines whether the state secrets privilege has been properly invoked. In order to successfully claim the state secrets privilege, the Executive must satisfy the court that disclosure

of the information sought to be protected would expose matters that, in the interest of national security, ought to remain secret," the court ruling stated.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/statesec/elmasri030207.pdf>

"Today the appeals court gave the CIA complete immunity for even its most shameful conduct," said ACLU attorney Ben Wizner, who represented El-Masri. "Depriving Khaled El-Masri of his day in court on the ground that the government cannot disclose facts that the whole world already knows only compounds the brutal treatment he endured."

<http://www.aclu.org/safefree/torture/rendition.html>

Under current legal conditions, there is no disincentive for the government to invoke the state secrets privilege, which often terminates litigation in its favor. But a pending bill introduced by Rep. Henry Waxman and several House colleagues would change that calculation in the case of whistleblower lawsuits.

Under the provisions of the Whistleblower Protection Act of 2007, "the court shall resolve the disputed issue of fact or law in favor of the plaintiff," if the government's use of the state secrets privilege prevents the plaintiff from making his case and there is independent support for his argument from an Inspector General investigation.

And whenever the state secrets privilege is asserted, the bill would also require the agency head to submit a report to Congress "describing the reasons for the assertion, explaining why the court hearing the matter does not have the ability to maintain the protection of classified information related to the assertion," and providing other relevant information. See section 10 of HR 985:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2007/hr985.html>

DOE MARKING HANDBOOK FOR CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

A reference manual to assist government employees and contractors in correctly marking classified Department of Energy records has recently been published and distributed by DOE.

See "DOE Marking Handbook: How to Mark Matter Containing Classified Information and Unclassified Controlled Information," September 26, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/marking.pdf>

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Some recent products of the Congressional Research Service obtained by Secrecy News that have not previously been made readily available in the public domain include the following.

"Congressional Oversight of Intelligence: Current Structure and Alternatives," updated February 15, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL32525.pdf>

"Intelligence Spending: Public Disclosure Issues," updated February 15, 2007:

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

"The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act: An Overview of the Statutory Framework and U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review Decisions," updated February 15, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL30465.pdf>

"Polygraph Use by the Department of Energy: Issues for Congress," updated February 14, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL31988.pdf>

"Data Mining and Homeland Security: An Overview," updated January 18, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homesecc/RL31798.pdf>

"Abu Sayyaf: Target of Philippine-U.S. Anti-Terrorism Cooperation," updated January 24, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL31265.pdf>

"Airport Improvement Program: Issues for Congress," February 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33891.pdf>

"Tracking Current Federal Legislation and Regulations: A Guide to Resources," February 28, 2007:

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Boone

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2007 13:26:14 EST
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Mar 2007 07:34:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life - Boone

>From: Dennis Oliver <deo.nul>
>Date: Sun, 04 Mar 2007 16:36:56 -0800
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>I have been a List-lurker for several years and appreciate this
>service. I learn much from the collected wisdom of the Listers
>and their referrals to various sources but am troubled by what
>seemed like omissions in the recent thread Great Debate About
>Frequency Of ET Life.

>I saw little reference to the records of the Vedas and
>Upanishads, which, (at least in translation) read like science
>fiction comic books but, as sacred literature, are unlikely to
>be much less historic than, say the Old Testament or the Gnostic
>Gospels. Then there are the Annukai references to spacefaring in
>Sumer literature. Museum drawers may be deeper than we imagine.

>The Antikythera Device Is a mechanical analog computer that
>could predict the movements of the sun, moon, probably five
>planets, and kept track of the moon's phases. It was recovered
>from a Greek shipwreck in 1900 and was made in the 2nd century
>BC! Modern technology did not accomplish this until the 15
>century with the development of clockmaking. It is a fascinating
>story:

>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antikythera_mechanism#Discovery

>The point is that WE, our own western technology thread that we
>are riding into the global future DID forget and lose a very
>valuable and important technology and , as important, we did not
>even know we had lost it. It was 1200 years to repeat the feat
>and we are just now realizing the fact. What navigation would
>have been saved, what history rewritten? What other technology
>have we lost?

>Pushing further back than the present era of 10,000 or so years
>(since the end of the last ice age and the beginning of
>"recorded" history) makes guessing their technology virtually
>impossible. Unknown or barely remembered early myths of cultures
>and peoples flooded by sea-rise and tsunami, earthquake, Mt
>.Toba, Yellowstone, asteroid, or their own stupidity - all these
>stories at least hint that the history of our technology is much
>more complicated than we think.

Good for you Dennis!

Well said all!

The theories of ancient advanced technologies and even
civilizations is often ridiculed because of the limit of the
ridiculer's level of awareness and irresponsibility.

Sometimes you'll get a guy who'll stand on a soapbox claiming
that Bigfoot is an extraterrestrial emissary yet then call
anyone else's theories 'absurd' or 'ridiculous'. You'll even run
into ufologists with about as much proof of ETs as Luckey Charms
Cereal has about leprechauns, but will call anyone else with any

other theory 'absurd' or 'ridiculous'.

I grew up around the best in archaeology, history, theology. One thing that they instilled in me was to always take a second and third look at conventional data as one must be aware of the fact that it may not be the full truth. Keep on keeping on. When I grew up and worked in the news business I got to see just how true that was. What I learned in college about the hominids has now had to be re-written several times. Even when I told my anthropology professors that I had seen chimps fashioning tools for weapons they would get hot under the collar but now we've learned I and others who had seen this may well be correct. All I did was asked the people who lived near the chimps what they did and there were stories that went back for generations.

When mining company experts as would talk about hushed up findings I thought they were off their rockers. I have several top professors right now who have sworn to me about thousands of artifacts and documents etc. which irrefutably point to the existence of earlier human and humanoid civilizations yet they've been sworn to secrecy of such items as should they come to light it would upend our social structures.

In a nutshell, our present civilization is built upon crimes against our fellow human beings based on justifications to do so based on the corruption of religious and social beliefs. As long as that illusion is maintained we don't have to look and feel guilty for the murders and thefts. Let it be known otherwise and it all falls apart.

Bottom line is we don't know everything about physics, this planet, ourselves. We don't have the manpower to do so yet. What we need to do is just sit tight and face what is discovered and presented and let it go at that. I'm certain Earth has been imaged to depths of at least several miles and there's some things that have yet to be disclosed publicly. Look at it from a strategic point of view. Let us say we did discover a buried ancient civilization. We don't want our enemies to start digging it up first now do we? Who knows what ultimate death ray or some such gizmo would do in the wrong hands.

Did humans of the past employ technologies we can't duplicate yet? Sure! Did these technologies come from aliens etc? We have no way of knowing. Best bet is that Earth has had some very, very smart people on it from time to time. Nutrition, peaceful weather patterns, all the good things going in tandem for several thousand years could cause any number of good things and people to spring up.

What happened to them? Who says anything happened to them? :)

The skeptics would say, "Well where are their cities and factories and why don't we see remnants etc.?".

Keep digging.

Best,

Greg

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BLT & John Burke's New Book

From: **Nancy Talbott** <bltresearch.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2007 15:04:32 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Mar 2007 07:44:06 -0500
Subject: BLT & John Burke's New Book

Dear All

Seed Of Knowledge Stone Of Plenty
by John Burke

John Burke, the 'B' in BLT Research Team, has published an interesting new theory regarding a possible reason why ancient engineers built the mysterious stone pyramids, henges, rock chambers, etc.

Called a "groundbreaking approach" by Boston University geology professor, Dr. Robert Schoch (the man who re-dated the Sphinx by determining that the weathering of it's stone was caused by water - rather than sand - erosion), Seed of Knowledge, Stone of Plenty presents scientific evidence that these massive structures were regularly built over local geologic anomalies which magnified naturally-occurring EM fluctuations in the earth's crust.

Of particular interest to people interested in the crop circle phenomenon is the additional discovery that seeds from indigenous plants were significantly affected when placed in and on these monuments - producing the same enhanced growth, yield and resistance to plant stressors as documented by the BLT Team in germination studies on seeds taken from crop circle plants (when the crop circles occur later on in the season, and the seeds are fully formed).

Photos from the book, and additional info, can be found on the BLT web-site, on Updates page

www.bltresearch.com/updates.html

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Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2007 15:05:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Mar 2007 07:48:27 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Maccabee

>From: Lynne Kitei <drlynne.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2007 00:40:04 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 19:29:43 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>>>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 15:18:21 -0000
>>>Subject: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

<snip>

>>>Dr. Lynne Kitei, a physician, witnessed multiple events which
>>>occurred in the skies over Phoenix leading up to and including
>>>the night of 13th March, 1997 and successfully documented a
>>>number of sightings of orbs and V-shaped craft.

>><snip>

>>Too bad she asserts that the lights videotaped at 10 PM that
>>night were on a large UFO hovering over Phoenix. As I have
>>pointed out numerous times over the last 10 years (!)

Actually I should have written "last 8.5 years"

>>triangulation shows the lights were a long distance away. The
>>triangulation is based on the same videos (Lynn, Krzysten,
>>Rairdon) that show the lights which these three witnesses claim
>>were over Phoenix.

>I have never said _what_ 'they' are...only that 'they' are and
>it is time we get this topic out in the open - address it,
>accept it and study it.

>I trust that it is also time to ask what triangulation Dr.
>Maccabee has been referring to all these years?

My analysis has been publicly available at my web site since the
summer of 2000. I sent my analysis to her (and several others,
with a shortened version to MUFON) in the fall of 1998. In my
report I triangulated lights videotaped in early 1998 and also
March 13, 1997. See <http://brumac.8k.com/phoenixlights1.html> for
the original report and supplements.

>He is a gifted
>scientist and dedicated researcher to be sure, but I was quite
>surprised when he professed to have triangulated the mass
>sighting videos when I had in fact contacted Dr. Maccabee myself
>to attempt a triangulation of a January 1998 sighting, an event
>that was very different from the March 13, 1997 sighting.

At the time she led me to believe that she thought the January
1998 sightings were of the same type of lights as the 1997 sighting.

>And
>ust because the 1998 lights 'seemed to be at a distance to Dr.
>Maccabee', that revelation didn't confirm anything.

I triangulated the 1998 lights first because in those sightings it was clear that several videographers with a wide separation had videotaped the same lights. I used this triangulation to confirm the validity of the technique for determining the distances of these lights.

Here are the basics of a triangulation: one goes to the location of a video and determines the direction of the sighting line. Then one goes to the location of a second video and again determines the sighting line. Finally, one plots the sighting lines on a good map and find out where the lines cross. This is "triangulation" because the sighting lines combined with a line between the sighting locations form a triangle.

Having completed the triangulations of 1998 lights I applied the same technique to the March 13, 1997 lights. See the above web page for the numerical results.

>In the 10 years since our historic mass sighting, no one has
>reported seeing the anomalous formation of lights behind the
>mountain range around the 10 o'clock hour, but there were
>definitely reports of strange lights and craft on this side of
>the mountain.

>Even more compelling and important to note, I learned fairly
>quickly after the mass sighting that no one could triangulate
>the March 13, 1997 10 pm videos, because the hand full of
>videographers took footage over a 30-40 minute span from
>different directions.

The two most important (for triangulation) videos were taken within minutes of one another at 10 PM (Krzysten and Rairdon). The "shape" of the light array is almost identical (difference due to different viewing directions). It has been suggested that the videos show two different arrays or that a single array moved and that the two videos were taken at different times, in which case it would not be possible to perform a triangulation. However, the problem with this idea is that there is only a slight motion during the time of the lights (a slight leftward drift of the lights as they drop downward slowly). There is no evidence of large motion of the lights. (In fact, the seeming motionlessness of the lights was one of the reasons given for them being "unusual."

>If you remember, I even tried to procure University based
>scientists, including a senior geologist professor from Arizona
>State University and others to triangulate our videos and they
>all stated that a triangulation of the footage taken during the
>mass sighting was impossible.

I don't know that they even tried. Also, they may not have wanted to get involved in a big controversy. (When I agreed to analyze Lynne's video and the other videos I knew I was entering a "hornet's nest" of publicized conclusions regarding the lights.)

>Another key point, two months before the mass sighting I
>captured six 35 mm pictures in a row of the same anomalous and
>mile wide phenomena of 6 equidistant orbs "that seemed to be
>attached to something" head-on, turning into a V shape, in the
>same location.

>This sighting [and exact time] was confirm to me the next
>morning by Sky Harbor International Airport Air traffic
>Controllers who witnessed the same hovering lights in RESTRICTED
>AIRSPACE - in front of South Mountain - and slowly moving in
>tandem [in a rock solid, mile wide, equidistant array of six
>orbs] behind South Mountain [out of sight from their vantage
>point in the tower].

>The same Air traffic Controllers confirmed the day after the
>mass sighting that what we all saw on March 13 at 10 pm was the
>SAME phenomena - in the same location once again. Therefore,
>since the morning after our mysterious statewide event, we have
>had professional verification that the three lights I captured
>on video at 10 pm on March 13, 1997, were not behind South

>Mountain, but in _front_ of South Mountain, _over_ Phoenix.

She is referring to the January 23 photo (in her book). Comparison with daytime shots and fixed ground reference points shows that the sighting line to the lights was at a higher elevation than the mountain ridgeline. Thus the lights could have been many miles away.

>I documented these details in my book, but for some reason, they >have been ignored or dismissed through the years.

>Besides this curious omission of data that occurred two months >_before_ the mass sighting and 2 months before the Maryland ANG >were in town allegedly sending off flares during Operation >Snowbird while a mile-wide, traveling V-shaped formation of >lights or craft silently and slowly traversed the State at low >altitude for many hours.

>Bruce has never addressed the _same_ distant formation of lights >in the _same_ location in the photos I captured of our near >sighting of three amber orbs in a pyramid formation in 1995 >[which he presented at the 1999 MUFON International Symposium in >Wash., D.C. as true unknowns].

I determined many years ago that the lights above the city skyline in her Feb 6, 1995 photos are at an angular elevation greater than the mountain ridgeline. I don't recall whether or not I told her this.

>I know what I saw up close and personal, hovering over our >private, gated, nestled in the mountainside community... and >they definitely were not flares. With all due respect to Dr. >Maccabee, it just doesn't compute.

I agree that the lights which appear well below the city skyline and which were apparently within several thousand feet of her location are anomalous. Not only that, but the astute photo analyst will realize that there is another anomaly: comparing the skylines in the two photos in her book one will see that the city lights changed considerably between the two photos, which she thought at the time were taken about 3 minutes apart. She is well aware of that fact and its implications.

>I will always be grateful for Dr. Maccabee's kindness when I was >overwhelmed by what I had experienced and for taking so much >time with the case. But when he originally released his findings >concerning triangulation, I was saddened that they just added to >the muddy waters that had already been polluted by the military >announcement of flare deployment that night, five long months >after denial that anything was in the air.

The military explanation for the delay was similar to the "right hand not knowing what the left hand was doing." It is easy to accuse the military of covering up or trying to muddy the waters. But then the question is whether or not it is possible to prove that. I think not. And now we have yet another military witnesses providing information after ten long years. Is there any proof that his story is an addition to the cover up or conspiracy? I think not.

>I don't doubt that flares might have been sent off to divert >attention away from the true unknowns, but that's not what we >witnessed or photographed. Just take a look at Bill Hamilton and >Tom King's 'arrowhead' footage from around 9:45 pm. Those lights >_are_ attached to something. Again, the data speaks for itself.

If I recall correctly, Tom has changed his opinion on the lights he videotaped.

>As a scientist and experimenter, I have tried diligently to do my >homework and share the data as it has unfolded. I have never >found it productive or in good taste to argue about confusing >and irrelevant pronouncements. I just hope the time is near when >we can move forward in a mature fashion and address the >important issue of what _really_ happened throughout Arizona for >many hours, 10 years ago this March 13th.

The objective here is to identify correctly that which can be identified and to discover that which can't be explained. There were many sightings during the night of March 13 and there were sightings before and many since. Many of these are explainable

but perhaps some aren't. We should be concentrating on finding those unexplainables.

Lynne has done a good job in collecting evidence and creating a convincing presentation. She has alerted many people to begin treating this seriously instead of sweeping the whole thing under the rug. It is unfortunate that the videotapes of lights, whatever they may be, has taken attention away from the much more widely witnessed phenomenon or object that was seen over Phoenix at 8:30 PM March 13, 1997.

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From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2007 22:14:53 +0000
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>more complicated than we think.

Dennis,

I hope you will excuse me if I do not address you directly but
instead address my remarks to the List.

This post presents some of us, people like me at least, with a
problem. Probably like most of you, over a period of time I have
read and listened to the various countless theories and ideas
about ET, grays, ancient civilizations, the hollow earth,
abductions, ESP, ghosts, bigfoot, and so on and so forth, and
like the spam filters on my email, my own personal filtering
system has fallen into place and developed its own way of
letting through some things and keeping out others. Over recent

times in fact its really been going at it overtime to the extent that these days I pretty much consider myself a variant sceptic.

Ancient civilizations were one of those topics that never cleared the spam filter. They weren't steadfastly barred, they just never really seriously tried to get into the Inbox. Yes, certainly the concept was a possibility, the earth has been here a very, very long time so who knows? However, it might have been nice to have seen a bit more evidence of some sort to at least give some credence to the idea that there have been some developed civilizations prior to ours that have been and gone. Would that be asking too much?

Dennis above mentions The Antikythera Device and I can tell you from my "I might not even believe it even if you could prove it" perch that in fact this not only really exists but is a genuine archaeological anomaly that is fully deserving of the most profound investigation. It is a staggering enigma and poses some very serious questions, none of which I can even begin to remotely answer.

I'm not a convert yet. But the ears have pricked up.

Stuart

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Jill Tarter In Waterloo Ontario Wednesday

From: David Galvin <d.galvin.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Mar 2007 03:58:21 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Mar 2007 08:29:08 -0500
Subject: Jill Tarter In Waterloo Ontario Wednesday

Hi List,

I am advising everybody that the Perimeter Institute monthly public lecture for March 7, tomorrow, at 7 pm is by Jill Tarter of SETI at Waterloo Collegiate Institute in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Tickets are free but 'sell-out' very quickly. However if you get to WCI by 6 pm Wednesday and ask to be put on the waiting list it is highly likely you will get in.

For information on the Perimeter Institute and its public lectures check out:

www.perimeterinstitute.ca

Regards,

David Galvin

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Re: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find' - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
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<http://tinyurl.com/3xyufn>

6th March 2007

Man Claims He Saw UFO
By Mikarla Marsden

A man has claimed he saw a UFO while driving through Basildon early yesterday morning.

Graham Hearson said: "I saw flashing red lights in the sky. It was literally above my head."

Mr Hearson said the mystery object looked like a triangle or a square that had its sides pushed on.

He had been driving home from work in London to Southend about 5am when he claims the craft hovered silently past, just after the A130 turn-off to Wickford, and continued on to Benfleet.

Police had not received any other sightings.

A spokesman for London Southend Airport said no flights had been operating at that time and no unusual aircraft were in the area.

If you think you saw the UFO, contact The Echo on 01268 469 409.

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

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Fwd Date: Tue, 06 Mar 2007 10:47:47 -0500
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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Hi Robert,

Myself and Frank Warren exchanged quite a few emails about this
claim. I kept getting shot down on this list when I said it
didn't look like a F-89C but the nose of a P-51 though when I
received better resolution "photos" from a different angle the

tail appeared to be that of a T-tail F-89.

I emailed 6 different dive and salvage companies in that region and no one had heard of the Great Lakes Dive Company which I thought indicative of some fraudulent claims by the GLDC since diving companies are close knit from my experience. The divers move around and might work for two or three over a period of months since much of the work is seasonal.

I questioned the side-scan sonar equipment which GLDC was claiming to be state of the art but which in fact-according to professionals-was of Canadian Tire quality [Wal-Mart for you Americans].

I checked around re the responsibility for the rights - archeologically and financially - to wrecks on the bottom with some of my diver friends while Frank Warren contacted the deputy minister in Ontario to see what the law was concerning salvage.

Jimenez had the wrong name and level of government and the wrong minister in his answers to various inquiries. It's different in each affected province, BTW with only Nova Scotia having strict laws regarding salvage. There are thousands of wrecks off this Province.

I'd stated that the United States would retain their original salvage rights over the F-89 not only for the artifacts but because it's a military gravesite. I might be wrong about this but some of the work Frank Warren was doing on the GLDC hoax might have been associated with MUFON's investigation.

Either way James Carrion was arriving at some of the same sources and conclusions but provided a heck of a lot of additional detail.

It floors me as to what kind of sick thrill these malcontents get out of these hoaxes particularly in this case where there is family involved which wants answers and closure to a mystery that goes back nearly 54 years.

Because detail doesn't show up on this or other lists does not mean that nothing is being done.

Best,

Don

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>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 05 Mar 2007 16:56:04 +0100
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Dennis Oliver <deo.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 04 Mar 2007 16:36:56 -0800
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>I saw little reference to the records of the Vedas and
>>Upanishads, which, (at least in translation) read like science
>>fiction comic books but, as sacred literature, are unlikely to
>>be much less historic than, say the Old Testament or the Gnostic
>>Gospels. Then there are the Annukai references to spacefaring in
>>Sumer literature. Museum drawers may be deeper than we imagine.

>In the Vedas, there were two sorts of vehicles described, it
>seems to me : first, the Vimanas operated with a mysterious
>source of power using mercury; and then even more mysterious
>vehicles which have been often compared to modern UFOs. So, the
>classical question has been since many years, that of supposed
>ancient space visitors.

>In a way, I am more intrigued by the description of Vimanas
>using mercury. If there were such man made craft, known by
>Indian civilization thousands of years ago, I wonder why, even
>if that technology has been lost, it has not been found again,
>during the 20th century, when many countries were scrambling for
>new aeronautical technologies. And why is there no known project
>of that kind now?

Gildas, Dennis, List, EBK,

The Mercury connection to Vimana has been discussed several
times on the List. Ivan Sanderson, in his book Invisible
Residents, brilliantly connects mercury, Vimanas, and an
experiment by a then unknown scientist: Gerald Schubert.

<http://www2.ess.ucla.edu/~schubert/>

The God known as Mercury is the only god who can fly. He is
represented in a winged hat that often is similar in shape to
the classic UFO and by shoes with wings.

The Vimanas are described in the Daiva, translated by Dr. Ranjee
Shahani:

"Strong and durable must the body be made, like a great flying
bird, of light material. Inside it one must place the mercury-
engine with its iron heating apparatus beneath. By means of the
power latent in the mercury which sets the driving whirlwind in
motion, a man sitting inside may travel a great distance in the
sky in a most marvelous manner."

In 1969 Gerald Schubert and J.A. Whitehead, discovered that when
mercury, in a circular dish, is subjected to a slowly rotating

heat source, the mercury begins to rotate as a vortex in the opposite direction of the heat and often dramatically exceeds the speed of the heat source.

I contacted Dr. Schubert several years ago and asked if we could discuss this experiment; he replied asking why I wanted the information.

I replied that he and the experiment were mentioned in a book exploring the possibility that ancient civilizations were responsible for UFO and could we discuss the experiment in relation to that possibility. I never received a reply.

Is his research already in use as the motor for the TR3b [flying triangle--ebk]?

<http://www.mufonla.com/tr3b.htm>

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1998/aug/m31-005.shtml>

Ed

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Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Olson

From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2007 14:23:39 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 07:32:40 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Olson

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2007 15:05:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>>From: Lynne Kitei <drlynne.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2007 00:40:04 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

<snip>

>I triangulated the 1998 lights first because in those sightings
>it was clear that several videographers with a wide separation
>had videotaped the same lights. I used this triangulation to
>confirm the validity of the technique for determining the
>distances of these lights.

<snip>

Perhaps I'm being dense, but what exactly are the implications
of your triangulated distances, Bruce? Does this have a bearing
on whether the lights are flares or true unidentified flying
objects?

Best,

Jeff

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>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 04 Mar 2007 10:59:21 -0600
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 3 Mar 2007 16:15:35 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

><snip>

>>>I was kind of surprised that you computed a distance that large.
>>>But I see that the Apollo 9 document implies that the panels
>>>were jettisoned at an angle of about 90 degrees from the booster
>>>axis, which would give the distance you cited.

>>Yes, this is what I assumed, although I do not find anywhere in
>>the Apollo 11 papers what angle they jettisoned it at.

>They may have decided on the 45-degree angle after Apollo 9 and
>before Apollo 11, since they did a lot of experimenting during
>the program. The panels weren't detached from the booster at all
>during Apollo 7, but Wally Schirra complained that the panels
>were flexing too much, posing a danger to the spacecraft when it
>docked with the LEM during the transposition maneuver.

Apollo 7 did not have a lunar module. They just pretended it was
there to simulate docking. They had been planning on jettisoning
the panels prior to Apollo 7 (March 1968).

>>>The Apollo 15
>>>article I referenced indicated that the panels were jettisoned
>>>when they were rotated on their hinges 45 degrees from the
>>>booster axis, so I assumed that they were ejected at that same
>>>angle to avoid a large part of the force of the springs just
>>>causing the panels to tumble rather than move away from the
>>>spacecraft. If the panels were ejected at a 45 degree angle,
>>>they would have had a forward velocity component. Even if that
>>>assumption is correct, the panels would still have ended up
>>>about 265 miles downtrack from the spacecraft due to the
>>>midcourse correction maneuver. And they would have been at a
>>>cross-track distance 221 miles away from the spacecraft for a
>>>total distance of about 340 miles. That's still a bit more than
>>>my original guesstimate. It would also put the panels behind the
>>>spacecraft, while the UFO was sighted in the forward direction.

I don't know about the Apollo 15 reference, but the standard
method was to release the panels at 90 degrees. Later, it showed
that up to 130 degrees from the x axis of the S-IVB was
possible. But certainly 45 degrees was not a desired or planned
angle to jettison them. Now if the S-IVB was pitched at an angle
then you may get some forward velocity on some panels depending
on the pitch angle and the panel angle.

>>I do not see where it is stated that the UFO was sighted in the
>>forward direction. They said it was tumbling and that it was
>>"going by".

>In the book First Man Neil Armstrong gave his own version of
>the panel explanation. He said one of the panels was off to one
>side but had gotten slightly ahead of the spacecraft at a
>position where it would reflect a large amount of sunlight. But
>Armstrong was speaking from memory years after the mission. He
>was also recollecting how they knew at the time the object was
>probably one of the SLA panels but didn't want to say anything
>that would excite the "UFO nuts" at the time. That seems to be a
>rather odd explanation, since if they knew it was a booster
>panel and had just told that to mission control, the UFO nuts
>wouldn't have gotten terribly excited. In any case, the
>debriefing transcript indicated that Aldrin had already
>considered and rejected the SLA panel explanation at the time
>and that Armstrong didn't object, so he seems to have
>misremembered what they knew and didn't know at the time. So
>perhaps Armstrong's memory was inaccurate on the position of
>the object relative to the spacecraft, too.

No way could it be ahead of the spacecraft after midcourse
correction.

>>But the odd thing I just noticed in the Mission report is that
>>during the time the object was sighted, the spacecraft was in
>>passive thermal control mode. This meant that the positive
>>longitudinal axis of the spacecraft was pointed toward the
>>ecliptic north Pole and spinning along the axis at a rate of 0.3
>>deg/sec. So they could see an object behind them.
>>But the problem is now the interpretation of "going by". If the
>>object is behind them then it can surely appear to be going by
>>since the spacecraft is rolling on its x axis slowly.

>That's an interesting point. If the spacecraft had been rotating
>a full 360 every 20 minutes, it seems to me if it were a piece
>of debris from the spacecraft itself, they should have been able
>to observe its progress as it moved away from them and concluded
>it had originated from the spacecraft. They also should have
>been able to discern its shape without using the telescope when
>it was closer to them. I'm not saying that proves anything,
>though, since they just might not have been paying enough
>attention to have noticed a piece of debris when it was closer
>to the spacecraft.

Depending on the size/mass of the debris, wouldn't centrifugal
motion move it away from the CSM? It would certainly help if the
astronauts could have given better data on where the object was
(toward Earth or toward the Moon, which axis the apparent
movement of the object was going..along the CSM rotation axis or
along the direction of motion axis). Without these, it is hard
to get too excited about this astronaut observation.

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List, EBK,

Jerry disagrees with me; I know that. But he has never offered
any evidence to back up his proclamations or vexations. We've
discussed things off-List but Jerry has to be the authority and
facts mean very little. He doesn't follow an argument that
closely and often has predetermined opinions.

We disagree on Corso and polygraphs, voice stress analysis, the
Alien Autopsy, and now the topic under discussion, ancient

hominoid civilizations as the genesis of UFO. But I never realized that any of these issues had ever been declared "indefensible" and I really don't understand what is meant by "ear-splitting rhetorical volume". Don't you think he should provide an example?

Ed

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>>Date: Sun, 4 Mar 2007 12:33:39 -0800
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>>Tesla was able visualize the designs of his inventions. His mind
>>operated differently from that of an ordinary human so he didn't
>>need to follow the step by step process we're all familiar with.
>>Humanoids might also think in a different way from us and not
>>need all the foreplay you've mentioned above. Monotremes, for
>>example, have evolved a method of searching for prey by the use
>>of what is called Electoreception.

>><http://tinyurl.com/32xjoo>

>>If monotremes were to evolve humanoid characteristics and still
>>retain this power, their thinking and conceptualizing might lead
>>to other ways of solving problems.

>The phenomenon you describe is related to sensory perception,
>not to the animal's cognitive faculties. Certainly, the ability
>to perceive prey due to its electrical potential might very well
>affect "the way one thinks" but that's quite different than,
>say, how Mr. Tesla approached an engineering problem. I'd
>imagine it's closer to the difference between seeing in colour
>and shades of grey.

Hi Brian,

If Electoreception had survival value, it would be retained.
But I understand your thinking regarding Tesla's powers; he was
only an example of idiosyncratic thinking styles.

>I do agree with you, though, that ET (or whatever) might not
>think anything at all like us. We could be dealing with colony-
>inhabiting creatures which 'share' their thoughts, for
>instance. An organism with those characteristics might well make
>great leaps in technological know-how.

Exactly!

>>After a certain point of technological advance, like what is
>>envisioned for nanotechnology, avoiding detection would not be a
>>serious problem until the folks you were hiding from became
>>technologically sophisticated themselves. Maybe nanotechnology
>>is as far as we are, or they were, able to progress.

><snip>

>>What if they prefer to live underground for protection and
>>comfort? If they possess nanotechnology, they could live
>>anywhere they wanted and we wouldn't notice unless they made
>>mistakes or developed engine trouble.

>But to arrive _at_ nanotechnology, one must assume a certain
>period of technological development.

Maybe, but we're trying to expand that view into the past. This
could have happened many times over one hundred million years
ago.

You know there wouldn't be a record. There have been so many
changes to the world since then that we would never notice their
footprints.

Look at the progress we've made in the last ten thousand years,
or last one hundred.

>Unless there's some 'magic'
>that we have yet to uncover - and i'm talking about the mother
>of all forehead-slappers -

You mean like alternating current?

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>your proposition.

Once the idea is there, the solution isn't far behind, or what
is heaven for?

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>>where they came from but fears our reaction to this knowledge.

>Personally, I don't assume that anyone who might be in
>possession of any craft (or other devices) would necessarily
>understand how it works, nor its origin.

I think you should assume that the folks in charge knew what was
up and who they were dealing with, and how the world would react
if the knowledge were revealed.

Ed

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Global Warming On Mars

From: **Kevin Randle** <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2007 22:30:13 EST
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 08:58:20 -0500
Subject: Global Warming On Mars

Heard this over the weekend by saw little in the coverage of the various news organizations. I thought it was interesting enough to let others know... that is, that there is evidence of global warming on Mars. The main source of the information is National Geographic which can be found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2p2gha>

or, just Google National Geographic Mars Global Warming and you get a number of different articles to look at, though most are based on the National Geographic.

KRandle

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Re: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find' - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2007 08:45:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 08:59:55 -0500
Subject: Re: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find' - Shell

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2007 15:22:52 -0800
>Subject: Re: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find'

>But I never
>realized that any of these issues had ever been declared
>"indefensible" and I really don't understand what is meant by
>"ear-splitting rhetorical volume". Don't you think he should
>provide an example?

So far the only "ear-splitting rhetorical volume" that I have
heard has emanated from Jerry himself in his attempts to shout
us down.

Bob Shell

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From: **Dennis Oliver** <deo.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Mar 2007 19:57:32 -0800
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 09:07:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

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Thank you for your response.

The Blombos Cave tally stones from South Africa have been dated at 77,000 years old: they are the oldest example of recorded counting yet found. The catastrophic Mt. Toba event did not happen for another 5 or 6 thousand years, about as long as it has taken us to go from Sumer to the Moon.

The Toba event buried the entire Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia under several meters of ash, bringing our species to the tipping point with an estimated (from genetic data) mere 10,000 survivors left to spawn the rest of us.

We have little evidence of what cultures and technologies were lost but we do know that during some earlier epoch when sea-levels were lower an unknown people built a causeway between India and Sri Lanka, visible in spectacular orbital photos.

We have found submerged cities claimed by rising sea-levels, have found Harappa devolving from a metropolitan rectangular grid with covered sewers into a shanty-town jumble while Machu-Picchu and Baalbeck still defy our technical imagination.

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Traces of tobacco and cocaine found in Ramses II (and other mummies) and depictions of maize and pineapples in Egyptian inscriptions prove regular commerce between South America and Egypt. The Baghdad Battery from pre-Christian Mesopotamia is a voltaic cell used to generate electricity, whether for electroplating jewelry (examples found), religious experience, or medical treatment is uncertain.

Is the battery another example of the Antikythera Phenomena, the loss of technology from a cultural memory?

What does it mean when technical skills like sword-making in Japan, Damascus and Toledo or building astronomical/navigational instruments are closely controlled by a guild or power elite?

I think I am making an argument in favor of open software and systems.

I share many spam filters with Stuart and attempt to reason only from what is known, but from all that is known. Bob's timely reference to *Anthroposaurus sapiens* is a reminder of how vast is the question and how varied the possibilities. We stand on the shoulders of the Sphinx peering into the ash-covered, flooded past.

Respectfully,

Dennis

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Re: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find' - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2007 07:55:14 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 09:11:15 -0500
Subject: Re: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find' - Clark

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2007 15:22:52 -0800
>Subject: Re: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find'

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2007 08:55:51 -0600
>>Subject: Re: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find'

>>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2007 23:25:38 EST
>>>Subject: Re: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find'

>It would be much cleaner if you directed your anger at specific
>people on the List, by name, who have aroused your indignation
>and then make it clear to them where they have transgressed and
>how they might atone for their sins.

What "anger"? It's been a long time since anything about ufologists seemed remotely worth the effort that is required to sustain that particular energy-consuming emotion. In these days of war, official criminality, and rampant venality, I have plenty of other targets for my anger, and so should you. Stop imagining things, Ed. If you keep that up, next thing we know, you'll be accusing me of being a cryptoterrestrial who's trying to cover up the existence of his tribe.

What I do feel where some self-identified ufologists are concerned is impatience, accompanied by a larger boredom and a growing sense that, in spite of the best efforts of some, ufology is essentially going nowhere. I guess that's the sort of thing that comes with having been around as long as I have been, seeing the same foolishness come round and round again. (I realized that some nadir had been reached when I was attacked recently for being too concerned about the requirements of science and scientific inquiry.)

My colleagues who've been around for a while - and those who haven't but who know their ufological history - know exactly what I'm talking about. And those who don't are welcome, if they care to make the effort, to read my books or other writings, where I lay out all the reasons why some approaches to ufology and anomalistics appear sensible, others flawed, and the rest either outright counter-productive or just plain crazy.

I have no obligation to waste a whole lot of time repeating myself on this List for your benefit, just so that you can demonstrate once again that nothing will ever change your mind. My original remarks were addressed to those who may be reachable and thus not to you.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

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My personal answer is that, even after the most devastating cataclysms, any visitor in a million years would not need to dig deep to find ruins and remnants showing without a doubt our present scientific and industrial development. What about the huge underground accelerator at CERN, for instance? None of the examples you give is of that kind.

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UK Woman Spots UFO Headed For Spurs

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Date: Thu, 08 Mar 2007 12:09:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Mar 2007 12:09:59 -0500
Subject: UK Woman Spots UFO Headed For Spurs

Source: North London Journal - UK

<http://tinyurl.com/25tqdd>

07 March 2007

Woman Spots UFO Headed For Spurs

nlnews.nul

An unidentified flying object was spotted over Tottenham this week.

A resident watched gobsmacked from a window of her home off the High Road as a scarlet coloured oval object with flashing red lights soared across the sky.

The woman, who did not want to be named, said: "I've never made a call like this in my life. I've never seen anything like that. I may be barking but was it a visit from one of our friends from another place?"

The mysterious object was spotted last Friday (March 2) at around 10.40am heading in the direction of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

"I thought it looked like a bit of red tin foil, then as it came a bit closer I thought it was balloons and then I saw that in fact it was an oval object, which seemed to be flying totally unlike a helicopter but with red lights flashing on the side," said the woman, who has lived in the area for four years.

"It went toward Spurs, then it disappeared. I don't know what it was. The whole thing was all metal and shiny red with red lights.

"You do think of aliens and think that is mad but it didn't fit in with anything - helicopters, planes, the things we use."

The report follows feverish speculation about the origin of 15 orange glowing lights spotted above Archway last month.

Video footage posted on sister paper the Islington Gazette's website sparked a massive response from all over the world.

While some are convinced the lights were UFOs, others believe there were in fact sky lanterns released from a private gathering in Waterlow Park, Highgate.

The mini hot air balloons can rise as high as 1,000 metres.

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Tuesday, March 6, 2007

[Video & Links at site]

Taking On The Alien Invasion

By Saint Bryan
Evening Magazine

According to recent polls, almost 50 percent of Americans and millions of people around the world believe that UFOs are real.

An alien race invading planet Earth and taking over =96 it's an idea so powerful, it has drawn millions into movie theaters.

But isn't that kind of stuff pure fantasy?

Not to Seattle inventor Michael Menkin.

"We are being invaded right now," he said. "And they're taking children as well as adults."

Menkin, a brilliant technical writer who's worked for Boeing and NASA, has spent much of his life gathering evidence of alien abductions.

Among the most disturbing are dozens of drawings by a 9-year-old Texas girl named Ariel who first began drawing aliens five years ago.

Ariel has tried to illustrate telepathic communications and she has drawn pictures of herself on an examination table, aliens coming for her brother, and she playing with little alien babies.

Her mother Joni felt afraid, because she too she says has been frequently abducted by aliens.

"This may sound crazy, but I also have memories and I have memories of this baby being removed from me, being taken more than once," she cried.

What's going on? It's a mystery only science can resolve and yet remains largely unexamined.

What we do know is that there are as many as 3 million Americans who believe they've encountered aliens and among hard-core believers, one frightening theory for these visits comes up over and over again.

"What the aliens are planning to do is put their own race on our planet, so their process now is to create that race that uses

some human genes mixed with their genes, as fantastic as the story sounds," said Menkin.

The babies Ariel drew, Menkin says, are all hybrids =96 part human, part alien.

"They start taking children when they're a very young age," he continued. "They actually have these children play with their hybrid children to teach these hybrids how to be humans."

Because mainstream science has scoffed at such ideas, Michael Menkin has decided to take the aliens on himself.

His weapons: a hair dryer, leather helmets and \$200 rolls of an antistatic product called Velostat.

"Right now the Thought Screen Helmet is the only thing the entire human race has to stop the aliens," he said.

The secret is in the Velostat. Menkin says it jams alien telepathic communication.

"People wear this and when they wear it, the aliens cannot communicate with them and it actually works better than I thought it would," he said. "I found that in a lot of cases the aliens don't even come down when they wear the hat."

To date, Menkin has sent more than 50 thought screen helmets around the world. He says they're free.

"I'm not making any money off this," he said.

Joni also wears one of the hats. She says she no longer feels afraid.

Ariel also wears a helmet.

Menkin says he gets ridiculed a lot.

"My strategy is, if I keep making more hats and keep finding more abductees with hats, then I get more evidence and that's exactly what's happening," he said.

Menkin isn't giving up.

"I'm 100 percent convinced," he said. "I work almost every weekend either making baseball caps or leather hats, so I must be convinced."

Ever since Close Encounters enchanted moviegoers in the 1970s, scientists and UFO-believers alike have been dreaming of the contact experience.

Menkin came by his fascination with "things interplanetary" at a young age.

"My father was the creator of Captain Video, which was the first science fiction television show which ran from 1949 to 1956," he said.

At its peak, more than 125 stations carried the program.

He also read science fiction. In fact, it was Doc Smith's 1951 classic "Gray Lensman" that gave Menkin the idea to develop thought screen helmets.

Michael Menkin wants to wake up the world. He says it's already happening.

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

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Steve, Jeff, Bruce.

Something that bothers me is that it's never been made clear why they were dropping flares in the first place and at such a high altitude as to make them visible in Phoenix. Was there a ground exercise in play that night? Were they then dropping flares at altitudes that would then cause the flares to ignite at between 500 to 1,500 feet above the ground which would NOT then have been visible in Phoenix.

There is no reason to ignite flares at high level, certainly not as an illumination tool and certainly not to train the pilots how to release them. Their training would be in their ability to lay the flares at an altitude that would aid ground troops in seeing enemy troops and assets which they could target and destroy. Igniting flares at 5,000-25,000 feet would provide no more illumination than would the stars.

The flares are either preset-on the ground-to ignite at certain

levels or are preset to ignite a preset distance below the airplane which must then fly at a certain altitude and release them so they can ignite at the distances of 1,500 feet or below. For the purposes of ground exercises, any flares illuminating above 1,500 feet are useless as the light they cast is minimal and ineffective.

And 500 feet AGL is the optimum according to the specifications.

There are two weak reasons given why these were released at high level that I know of and these are 1] because it is dangerous to land with them onboard. This is nonsense. 2] The ordinance officer didn't want to have to re-stock them so they were ordered to dump them.

If there was no ground exercise going on in the first place why did these A-10s have flares on board and why were they dropping them at such a high altitude?

There seems to be only one reason to have dropped these flares at such a high level and that was so that they would be seen in Phoenix.

Don Ledger

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CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT IN JEOPARDY

In a "shocking and inexcusable" action that may threaten the institution of congressional intelligence oversight, an anonymous Senator yesterday blocked Senate consideration of the pending Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2007. No intelligence authorization bill has been passed by Congress for the past two years.

If Congress remains unable to legislate an intelligence authorization act, which is the principal product of the intelligence oversight committees each year, then the committees themselves could be rendered irrelevant, officials say.

"The Senate's failure to pass this critical national security legislation for the past 2 years is remarkably shocking and inexcusable," said an angry Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), who chairs the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

"The result of this continued obstruction will be diminished authority for intelligence agencies to do their job in protecting America. I hope the [anonymous] Senator involved takes satisfaction in that," Senator Rockefeller said. See his March 6 floor statement:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/s030607.html

The Senator who is holding up the bill is Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC), according to Tim Starks of Congressional Quarterly.

Sen. DeMint "is said to be concerned about provisions of the bill that require the Bush administration to report to Congress on its detention policies, such as those pertaining to its secret CIA prisons, as well as a provision to declassify the total intelligence budget," CQ reported on March 6.

CIA UNLAWFULLY IMPOSED PRIOR RESTRAINT, LAWSUIT ALLEGES

The Central Intelligence Agency improperly blocked a former CIA employee from disseminating unclassified information about what

he considered illicit CIA contacts with a foreign national suspected of criminal acts, according to a lawsuit filed this week in DC District Court.

Franz Boening, who was employed by CIA from 1980 to 2005, contended that "the CIA maintained a special relationship with a foreign individual who committed unlawful human rights violations and criminal acts with the knowledge of the CIA." He further alleged that he has suffered retaliation for expressing his concerns.

According to Mr. Boening, "CIA may have violated US laws during its 10+ year relationship with [name redacted]."

As required by his non-disclosure agreement, Mr. Boening submitted his proposed disclosures to the CIA Publication Review Board, which refused to authorize their release.

"Although the entire analysis and factual recitation of the CIA's involvement with this individual was based purely on publicly available nongovernmental (including newspaper articles) and unclassified government websites, the CIA 'classified' more than a dozen pages of publicly available newspaper, radio, and television information, a practice that was commonly assumed to have been discontinued by the CIA years ago," according to the complaint, filed by attorney Mark S. Zaid on March 5.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/boening.pdf>

Two former CIA officials contacted by Secrecy News declined to comment on the case. Another official said that the handling of the Boening matter over the last couple of years coincided with a loss of autonomy at the CIA Publication Review Board in favor of increased control by agency Information Review Officers (IROs). That trend may now be reversing, the official said, under the current DCIA Michael Hayden.

Mr. Boening appears to have been the first and perhaps the only government official ever to take advantage of a provision of the executive order on classification that encourages authorized holders of classified information to challenge its classification if they believe it is improper (executive order 13292, section 1.8).

In order to deflect his challenge, the new complaint says, the CIA argued that he was not technically an "authorized holder" of the information in question and therefore did not have standing to challenge its classification status.

A MEMORABLE LEAK CASE

In the course of an urgent search for the sources who were providing classified information to journalist Jack Anderson in 1971, the Nixon Administration discovered a surprising culprit.

A Navy yeoman in the National Security Council named Charles Radford was not only the "almost certain source" of the Jack Anderson leaks, but he was also in the habit of routinely copying classified documents in the briefcases of Henry Kissinger, Alexander Haig, and other senior Administration officials, and forwarding the documents to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In effect, the Joint Chiefs were spying on the Nixon White House.

"The P[resident] was quite shocked, naturally, by the whole situation," according to the diary of Nixon aide H.R. Haldeman.

The whole episode, which has been previously described in various memoirs and historical studies, was recalled in a recent edition of Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS), which also published some newly transcribed Presidential discussions of the case.

Admiral Welander, yeoman Radford's boss, said that the yeoman should be put in jail for his actions, Haldeman wrote.

Admiral Moorer, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, said that

Admiral Welander should be put in jail.

Kissinger said, "I think Moorer should be in jail."

In the end, nobody went to jail.

"Our best interests are served by not, you know, raising holy hell," concluded President Nixon.

See the relevant excerpts on the Radford-Joint Chiefs spying case (documents 164-166) here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2007/03/radford.pdf>

The full text of the source volume of FRUS is here:

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

A controversial proposal by Sen. Jon Kyl to criminalize leaks of classified information contained in certain reports to Congress may be considered by the Senate today or tomorrow.

CONSERVATIVE LEADER URGES PUBLIC ACCESS TO CRS REPORTS

Paul M. Weyrich, the influential culture warrior who leads the arch-conservative Free Congress Foundation, has called upon Congress to grant public access to products of the Congressional Research Service.

"It seems to me that it is time to end the foolishness and just make the CRS website available to the general public," Mr. Weyrich wrote in a new commentary.

<http://www.freecongress.org/commentaries/2007/070305.aspx>

Does Mr. Weyrich's endorsement of public access to CRS reports imply that continued restrictions on such access might actually be desirable? Of course not.

Here are some recent CRS acquisitions.

"The Executive Office of the President: An Historical Overview," updated November 28, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/98-606.pdf>

"Radioactive Tank Waste from the Past Production of Nuclear Weapons: Background and Issues for Congress," updated January 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/nuke/RS21988.pdf>

"United Nations Reform: U.S. Policy and International Perspectives," January 22, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL33848.pdf>

SUNSHINE WEEK

Sunshine Week, which falls this year on March 11-17, is an annual effort by news organizations, libraries and public interest groups to focus public attention on the importance of open government.

Next week, dozens of programs across the country will explore the costs of secrecy, the virtues of openness, and the path forward.

See the calendar of events and other information here:

<http://www.sunshineweek.org/sunshineweek/calendar07>

Next week may also see House action on three open government bills that have been advanced by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee under the leadership of Rep. Henry Waxman.

The pending bills include one on Freedom of Information Act amendments, one on amendments to the Presidential Records Act,

and one on disclosure of donations to Presidential libraries.
Markup of the bills will take place on March 8, and House floor
action is expected next week.

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Phoenix Lights Celebration Weekend In Arizona

From: Lynne Kitei <drlynn@nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2007 11:27:35 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Mar 2007 12:27:37 -0500
Subject: Phoenix Lights Celebration Weekend In Arizona

Please join us for one of our exciting events to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our historic and still unexplained arizona mass sighting of March 13, 1997!

New information, new photographs, new sightings & more

March 8 at Arizona State University exhibit featuring The Phoenix Lights

ASU Anthropology Museum
Anthropology Bld.,
Cady & Tyler Mall,
ASU Tempe Campus

Contact: Scott Murphy, Exhibit Curator
480-965-6224
[anthro.museum @ asu.edu](mailto:anthro.museum@asu.edu)
Free

March 10 at 7 pm

Phoenix Lights Presentation, book signing and Q & A by Lynne D. Kitei, M.D.

Mustang Library

10101 North 90th Street [between Shea & Via Linda Blvd]

Sponsored by Barnes & Noble
Contact: Larry Siegel
480-391-0048 crm2680@nul
Free

March 11 at 1 pm, 4 pm & 7 pm

Scottsdale's Harkins Shea Cinema 10th anniversary screenings of the NEW "93Phoenix Lights Documentary", book signing and Q & A by author and Executive Producer, Dr. Lynne

Harkins Shea 14 Theatre

[Scottsdale Rd & Shea Blvd]
7354 E. Shea Blvd
Scottsdale, AZ

Contact: 480-948-6555
www.harkinstheatres.com
Regular movie ticket prices

March 28 at 7 pm

Phoenix Lights presentation, book signing and Q & A by

Lynne D. Kitei, M.D.

Paradise Valley Community College =96
Center for the Performing Arts [CPA]
18401 N. 32nd Street,
Phoenix, AZ 85032

Contact: Dr. Ed Rosenthal

ed.rosenthal.nul

\$8.00 General

\$5.00 Students/seniors

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Smolin On Physics

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2007 01:33:29 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Mar 2007 12:57:33 -0500
Subject: Smolin On Physics

Hello List,

Last night Lee Smolin was interviewed on Radio 3 (BBC 21:45 programme) about his book The Trouble With Physics and, despite the setting he got two points across.

a - Physics is still in a Newtonian mind-set. E.g 'atoms of any given element are identical and self-defined' - that's a Newtonian concept still held by most physicists today;

b - He then said "We know no more than we did in 1975 - and that's not good" - implying physics is stuck in a dead-end.

Or maybe that real physics is now secret?

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2007 22:17:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Mar 2007 13:00:31 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Maccabee

>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2007 14:23:39 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2007 15:05:56 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

<snip>

>>I triangulated the 1998 lights first because in those sightings
>>it was clear that several videographers with a wide separation
>>had videotaped the same lights. I used this triangulation to
>>confirm the validity of the technique for determining the
>>distances of these lights.

<snip>

>Perhaps I'm being dense, but what exactly are the implications
>of your triangulated distances, Bruce? Does this have a bearing
>on whether the lights are flares or true unidentified flying
>objects?

Certainly does have bearing on whether UFO or misidentification.
See:

<http://brumac.8k.com/phoenixlights1.html>

Also see the supplementary information added several years after
the initial paper was posted on my web site:

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

Download "supplementary discussion.doc" this is a Word document.

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Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 21:50:48 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Mar 2007 13:01:35 -0500
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2007 16:51:23 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

<snip>

>Depending on the size/mass of the debris, wouldn't centrifugal
>motion move it away from the CSM? It would certainly help if the
>astronauts could have given better data on where the object was
>(toward Earth or toward the Moon, which axis the apparent
>movement of the object was going..along the CSM rotation axis or
>along the direction of motion axis). Without these, it is hard
>to get too excited about this astronaut observation.

It seems to have been exciting enough for the Apollo astronauts
to have seized upon the SLA panel explanation for public
consumption long after they had correctly rejected it in private
during the debriefing immediately after their mission. If this
incident doesn't tell us much about whether astronauts ever have
witnessed "true" UFOs while in space, it does tell a lot about
how astronauts feel compelled to deal with such questions. And
it gives no reason for confidence in their denials.

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Re: Propulsion Systems - Oliver

From: **Dennis Oliver** <doliver.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2007 22:47:01 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Mar 2007 13:04:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Propulsion Systems - Oliver

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2007 11:27:32 -0800
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 05 Mar 2007 16:56:04 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

<snip>

>>In a way, I am more intrigued by the description of Vimanas
>>using mercury. If there were such man made craft, known by
>>Indian civilization thousands of years ago, I wonder why, even
>>if that technology has been lost, it has not been found again,
>>during the 20th century, when many countries were scrambling for
>>new aeronautical technologies. And why is there no known project
>>of that kind now?

>The Mercury connection to Vimana has been discussed several
>times on the List. Ivan Sanderson, in his book Invisible
>Residents, brilliantly connects mercury, Vimanas, and an
>experiment by a then unknown scientist: Gerald Schubert.

<snip>

>In 1969 Gerald Schubert and J.A. Whitehead, discovered that when
>mercury, in a circular dish, is subjected to a slowly rotating
>heat source, the mercury begins to rotate as a vortex in the
>opposite direction of the heat and often dramatically exceeds
>the speed of the heat source.

>I contacted Dr. Schubert several years ago and asked if we could
>discuss this experiment; he replied asking why I wanted the
>information.

>I replied that he and the experiment were mentioned in a book
>exploring the possibility that ancient civilizations were
>responsible for UFO and could we discuss the experiment in
>relation to that possibility. I never received a reply.

>Is his research already in use as the motor for the TR3b [flying
>triangle--ebk]?

><http://www.mufonla.com/tr3b.htm>

><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1998/aug/m31-005.shtml>

Ed, Gildas, List

An interesting speculation Ed, it would certainly answer
Gildas's question. If I remember correctly there are also
descriptions of vehicles using solar power to generate the heat
and could only operate during daylight. The plans and
instructions for building these things use words that can not be
translated, the meanings have been lost, maybe another example
of the Antikythera Phenomena?

With this kind of detailed description of locally produced spacecraft from a previous civilization it would be premature to discount a non-ET origin for at least some UFO observations.

Dennis

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Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Olson

From: Jeff Olson <jloolson.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2007 11:43:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Mar 2007 13:07:41 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Olson

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 14:17:43 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 08:40:15 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

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>Something that bothers me is that it's never been made clear why
>they were dropping flares in the first place and at such a high
>altitude as to make them visible in Phoenix. Was there a ground
>exercise in play that night? Were they then dropping flares at
>altitudes that would then cause the flares to ignite at between
>500 to 1,500 feet above the ground which would NOT then have
>been visible in Phoenix.

>There is no reason to ignite flares at high level, certainly not
>as an illumination tool and certainly not to train the pilots
>how to release them. Their training would be in their ability to
>play the flares at an altitude that would aid ground troops in
>seeing enemy troops and assets which they could target and
>destroy. Igniting flares at 5,000-25,000 feet would provide no
>more illumination than would the stars.

<snip>

Hi, Don, Bruce, Steve:

Thank you for your very interesting points about flare altitudes, Don. I never would've even thought of that - knowledge of Air Force practices not being my forte :-).

I don't think the flare hypothesis adds up very well. I read Lynn's book, and watched the video (which for me was really long on New Age stuff and short on substance, but it still had some interesting info), and I thought the flare idea was pretty thoroughly demolished.

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Best,

Jeff

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Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2007 08:04:00 -0600
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Mar 2007 13:28:32 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Lehmberg

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 08:40:15 -0500
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Respectfully, Sir, how about here?

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/mar/m03-005.shtml>

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alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net
AVG Blog -- <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>
U F O M a g a z i n e -- www.ufomag.com

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Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2007 14:07:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 08 Mar 2007 14:14:20 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Kaeser

>From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2007 08:04:00 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

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That particular post (which I had seen) didn't refute Bruce's
analysis, but perhaps I missed some point that was made. Bruce
responded to her post and we'll see how that conversation goes.

Don raised a question as to why the flares would have been
dropped from that height, and that's a good question, but it
still doesn't speak to the triangulation analysis that would
indicate that the objects were far from the City. Either the
triangulation is valid and shows that the objects were near the
Estrella Mountains, or Bruce's work isn't supportable in this.
I've heard Bruce speak on this case several times and watched
his presentations, so I'm fairly comfortable with it and the
conclusion that the string of lights shown in most videos were
actually on the other side of the Estrella Range and winked out
as they slowed dropped below the rim.

This does not answer the question of what others saw at other
times that evening in various parts of Arizona and one could
speculate that the flare drop was an intentional distraction.

Steve

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Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Hamilton

From: Bill Hamilton <skyman22.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Mar 2007 14:33:30 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Mar 2007 07:40:11 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Hamilton

>From: Jeff Olson <jolson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2007 11:43:34 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>would handle the central arguments against the flare hypothesis,
>if believes it is the most likely explanation.

I am surprised there is so much heat and so little light in this discussion, but as you know the flare explanation was a boondoggle from the beginning. I also filed an FOIA request to the National Guard in Maryland and received papers back that indicated they had released 162 flares on March 12 and March 13th on the North Tac range of the LUU-2 variety which burns bright white and smokes. The recent pilot's statement that flares were dumped on the Barry Goldwater range near Gila Bend places them a distance from Dr. Bruce Macabbee's triangulated position near Ajo, Az.

Mike Krzysten and I agree that what we saw through telescopes was round, amber, non-flickering, non-glowing (no aureola), and stayed centered in the eyepiece over the duration of the sighting. The first light - a double - appeared at 9:45 pm then again in the same position at 10 PM on March 13th. Similar lights appeared to the east of Phoenix on March 12th (opposite direction from the range).

These same lights were seen attached to the giant triangle at 8:30 p.m. and one was deployed westward and later returned to redock with the triangle.

I have watched flares on chutes at night in the deserts of California and one could easily see the smoke and flickering fire as they descended, and this from about the distance from Phoenix to the North Tac ranged.

Other video I have shows these lights are orbs at closer range and these orbs have sharp edges and no glow around them. The LUU-2 flares are designed to glow brightly to illuminate tanks and equipment on the ground for the tank-busting A-10s.

People will believe what they want to believe, but they will miss the connection between the triangles and the orbs which has especially become evident in British sightings.

Sincerely,

Bill Hamilton

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Seven Claim They Saw UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Mar 2007 07:45:53 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Mar 2007 07:45:53 -0500
Subject: Seven Claim They Saw UFO

Source: The Echo - Essex, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2qn3ld>

Wednesday 7th March 2007

South Essex news

Seven Claim They Saw UFO
By Mikarla Marsden

Seven people have now come forward to claim they saw a UFO this week.

All reported seeing a large mysterious triangular object, with flashing red lights.

Electrician Graham Hearson, 45, of Westcliff, claimed he saw a UFO in Basildon while through Basildon on the A127 about 5am on Monday.

Pitsea couple Michael and Jane Pittaway said they too had seen fast-moving lights about 11.30pm on Sunday.

Tree surgeon Terry Waller, 29, of Rayleigh, said he and two friends had seen something similar on Tuesday night.

He said he had seen red lights and heard a weird noise.

Yvonne Simmons, 53, of Rayleigh, was ringing on behalf of a "shy friend" who also lives in Mr Waller's Street.

She said her friend reporting seeing flashing lights and a whirring noise about 7pm on Tuesday.

If you sighted a UFO this week and have a photo to prove it, contact the Echo on 01268 469 409.

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Mar 2007 07:53:55 -0500
Subject: Finally Free To Throw Open The Files

Source: The Glasgow Herald - Scotland

<http://tinyurl.com/27rhpa>

March 07 2007

Finally Free To Throw Open The Files
Katrina Tweedie

So now we know the truth. Dolphins were intended to be used in the search for the Loch Ness monster, West Kilbride has the most UFO sightings in Scotland and there are exactly seven zebra crossings in Glasgow.

Trivia, you might think. But if knowledge is power, then the ordinary person in Scotland is a lot more powerful than they were even two years ago.

There is no doubt that Freedom of Information - the act which was brought into Scottish law more than two years ago - has been a success in a largely unforseen way.

For every media story about the brand of wine in Jack McConnell's cellar; David McLetchie's taxis; the Thatcher government's bizarre plan to see if Nessie was real; or the RAF's log of UFO sightings, however, there have been dozens more requests from ordinary members of the public.

Why has my child been denied access to his local school? Who ordered the yellow lines to be painted outside my home? What is the cost of closing our local clinic? These are the sort of questions which now have answers thanks to freedom of information.

In his annual report, Kevin Dunion, the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC), makes the point that ordinary members of the public now comprise the largest group requesting information, followed by the legal profession at 12%, and the media and politicians, who account for 6% of requests.

Indeed, 65% of appeals to Dunion's office in the past year have been from members of the public - a rise of 10%. While two-thirds of requests for information under the law were from journalists in the first few months following the Act, that has now dropped to 8%.

Public awareness of our right to access the information that affects us has risen from less than 50% in 2005 to 72%, and resulted in the increase in requests.

Of the thousands of Scots who made valid requests for information to public authorities, 511 appealed to the SIC in the last year.

The appeals covered a range of subjects including health, crime, housing, planning, employment and education.

The commissioner has ruled in favour of the local authority in 108 cases and in favour of the applicant in 144 cases. The remaining applications were either invalid on technicalities or withdrawn.

Yes, many requests are still turned down, but the information being made available means that public bodies are becoming increasingly accountable. When parents in Glasgow were unhappy about the closure of Simshill School in Cathcart, a freedom of information request meant they could find out that every parent who had been consulted on the plan was opposed to it. They are not alone. Here, we speak to three ordinary people about how the Act has worked for them.

<snip>

A user's guide to the FOI

The Freedom of Information Act 2002 gives you legal rights to see information held by all public-funded bodies and other organisations that provide services for them.

All you have to do is ask for the information - you don't have to say why you want it.

You have the right to see paper files, reports, e-mails, computer documents, microfiche, video and other forms of information.

All Scottish public authorities now have a duty to advise and assist the public when they make requests for information - and they must provide the information within 20 working days.

Say you are requesting the information under the FOI Act. It speeds the process along because many organisations now have FOI officers to handle inquiries.

No official documents need to be filled in and you have only to e-mail, phone or write requesting the information.

Some information can still be held back for good reasons - but you should be given those reasons, such as notes from a court case, information that could damage a person or putting people in danger.

Most requests are dealt with free of charge, but if it is going to cost up to £3600, you get the first £100 free then have to pay 10% of the cost. If your request will cost more than £3600, the authority can refuse or can charge you the full cost.

In the case of a refusal, you need to ask for a review of the decision before you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner, which must be done within 40 days of the authorities' decision.

The commissioner weighs up a case and issues a decision in favour of the applicant or authority, normally within four months.

A request to the commissioner must be made in writing giving your name, address, details of your original request and why you are unhappy with the response.

If the Commissioner decides the authority has failed to follow the Act, he will issue a formal notice setting out the steps the authority needs to take.

If it fails, the commissioner can inform the Court of Session, which could result in the authority being fined.

Requests for information numbered over 20,000 in the first year to local authorities, the Scottish Executive, police forces, NHS boards, universities, prisons, the Scottish Arts Council and various other public bodies.

For more info go to:

www.itspublicknowledge.info

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Source: The Burnley Express - Lancashire, UK

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

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[Image & Video]

Is This A UFO?

Is this a UFO caught on video flashing across the skies on the night of the lunar eclipse?

What do you think of the video captured by Burnley resident Mr Leslie Williams, who had his camcorder trained on the sky to record last Saturday's lunar eclipse.

The retired businessman (55) was recording the moon in preparation for the eclipse when a flying object shot across its face, complete with a double jet stream.

The video records the object, which is shaped like a jet, shooting quickly upwards and is clearly seen on the video footage.

The father-of-four said: "I was with my son Paul in the front garden of my house looking east towards the moon before the eclipse. It was about 9-15 p.m. when suddenly this object shot across the face of the moon. At first it happened too quickly to see what was going on, but when I looked at the footage on the computer it is very clearly a flying object. I am not particularly interested in UFOs but this is very exciting."

What's your opinion on the sighting? Did you see anything unusual in the skies at the time of the eclipse, too?

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

[One has to ponder: 1. Why bother? 2. Why bother? --ebk]

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Lost Encounters Of 1973

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2007 16:58:20 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Mar 2007 08:12:51 -0500
Subject: Lost Encounters Of 1973

Got this as a response to one of my videos on YouTube...
interesting clip... apparently by the persons so effected in
same... you need RealAudio:

Hello

This is very round about, but I once saw something about you on
the internet, and that you might live in the southern part of
the United States, and have some interest in the topics at hand.

In 1973, my partner and I were driving a Ford truck outfitted
with a commercial glazers rack on the rear, near Lufkin, Texas.
We were driving north on a hilly road, with no other traffic,
around midnight.

We had an unobstructed forward view, but relied on external
mount mirrors to see behind the truck. I was driving, and
partner was asleep, since we were on a long haul.

As I came to the top of a hill, I noticed a barn-sized red
glowing object ahead, at approx. 600 meters. It was over a tree,
near a farm house. Their property consisted of open fields.

The object nosed down, slightly, and crossed the road, into an
area of pine trees. It went below tree top level. The road
dipped, and at the top of the next rise, this exercise repeated
itself.

I woke my partner. The next thing I seemed to experience was
mental "driving instructions". Weird as it seems, I called them
out to my passenger. Then, we found the turn, and went where I
said we needed to go. I felt scared as hell.

Strange as it seems, a thought entered my head, that if I was
not ready for this, I was free to go. I told that to my partner.
He argued for us to proceed, out of sheer curiosity.

It was my call, since I was the one driving. I turned around,
and got the hell out of there.

I do not think this was the only event of this sort. Rather, I
remember hearing a particular noise over a road, some months
prior.

It is nothing I have ever mentioned to anyone, except a fellow
member of the military. It got me into some trouble, and I was
dressed down by a "civi".

I don't want to talk about that, because I would have to mention
names.

The reason I wrote to you was in regard to the last entry on
this website:

<http://www.companydesigns.net/aliens/>

and this link:

<http://www.companydesigns.net/aliens/phillips.ram>

It may only be a bad bearing in a fan motor, in the background.
I have a musical pitchpipe, and attribute the range between
piano 7th octave B-flat, and 7th octave E-flat, with a whistle
quality to its oscillations. They seem to peak at about every
.25 HZ, as in quartertone oscillations.

Having made the mistake of trying to get some opinions on an
internet UFO forum, regarding the website, I will never try that
again. They said nothing, and ignored the entire matter. I only
mentioned the related website, and not much else.

I know nothing about you, except that you have some sort of
interest in these matters.

Thank you

- S.

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www.AlienView.net

AVG Blog -- <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>

U F O M a g a z i n e -- www.ufomag.com

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Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2007 19:30:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Mar 2007 08:42:45 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Maccabee

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 14:17:43 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 08:40:15 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

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>Something that bothers me is that it's never been made clear why
>they were dropping flares in the first place and at such a high
>altitude as to make them visible in Phoenix. Was there a ground
>exercise in play that night? Were they then dropping flares at
>altitudes that would then cause the flares to ignite at between
>500 to 1,500 feet above the ground which would NOT then have
>been visible in Phoenix.

It may "bother" you that they were dropping flares at high altitude, but if I recall correctly the MD Air Guard spokesman confirmed that they were. At any rate, the triangulation that shows a long distance does not depend upon any assumed altitude... that fact that they were seen and video-taped proves that they were at least high enough to see.

>There is no reason to ignite flares at high level, certainly not
>as an illumination tool and certainly not to train the pilots
>how to release them. Their training would be in their ability to
>lay the flares at an altitude that would aid ground troops in
>seeing enemy troops and assets which they could target and
>destroy. Igniting flares at 5,000-25,000 feet would provide no
>more illumination than would the stars.

One can get into a big argument over what may or may not seem logical. But there is no point in it.

I wondered about this myself and concluded that if they were using night vision devices to see objects on the ground they would want to have the flares above them so the vision devices wouldn't "bloom out" which would happen if the devices were to "see" the flares between them and the ground.

But, I don't know that they were using night vision devices. On the other hand, if the flares were lower than the airplanes the air crews could lose their night vision when they looked in the vicinity of the flares.

>There are two weak reasons given why these were released at high
>level that I know of and these are 1] because it is dangerous to
>land with them onboard. This is nonsense. 2] The ordinance
>officer didn't want to have to re-stock them so they were
>ordered to dump them.

>If there was no ground exercise going on in the first place why
>did these A-10s have flares on board and why were they dropping
>them at such a high altitude?

>There seems to be only one reason to have dropped these flares
>at such a high level and that was so that they would be seen in
>Phoenix.

According to the spokesman they were required to dump flares at the end of the exercise for whatever reason. I found that there were 8 flares on a A-10. Interestingly enough, the number of lights that makes up the "Krzysten arc" (starting at the right end and curving upward and to the left) is 8.... one planeload of flares.

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2007 16:37:43 -0800
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Mar 2007 08:46:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 16:47:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

>>From: Dennis Oliver <deo.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 06 Mar 2007 19:57:32 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life

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>of heaps of garbage.

Everything would be gone in a very short time, but certainly in
a million years it would be hard to find evidence that we were
here. Yes it might be possible for a few trinkets or such to be
left behind, but geologic change and debris accumulation is
faster than you might think.

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>deep to find ruins an remnants showing without a doubt our
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>huge underground accelerator at CERN, for instance? None of the
>examples you give is of that kind.

We're not talking about a short duration, but 100 million to 160
million years ago. There would be nothing left to see. Also the
continents aren't even in the same place and the region they may
have inhabited, Antarctica in under many feet of ice. There's no
reason that this couldn't be true. Yes it might be too fantastic
for you, but I don't think so.

Ed

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Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

From: **Dennis Oliver** <doliver.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2007 22:36:33 -0800 (PST)
Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Mar 2007 08:49:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Great Debate About Frequency Of ET Life -

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Raise the bar ;) No pre-historic super-colliders, alas, but I do
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advanced technologies, as you imply in the thought experiment.

I don't see any evidence that our current path of development is
the only possible path: maybe it is, I just don't have the
evidence of inevitability.

Gildas, I do not have a dog in this hunt. I suspect the ET
hypothesis or the XD (extra-dimensional?) hypothesis are
stronger but there is little data to work with. I was inclined
to share with the List why I, at least, will not discard out of
hand a potential earthly origin for some UFOs. We all choose our
filters, as Stuart would say, and we all must learn what we can
from the pattern of our collective ignorance.

Respectfully,

Dennis

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Flying Saucer's Famous Landing

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Fwd Date: Fri, 09 Mar 2007 09:12:41 -0500
Subject: Flying Saucer's Famous Landing

Source: The News Shopper - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2wmt3w>

7th March 2007

Flying Saucer's Famous Landing
By Linda Piper

Memories of Bexley's most spectacular UFO sighting have been turned into a book by one of the people who witnessed it.

It was July 17, 1955 when Margaret Fry spotted the object as she was making her way to her GP's surgery in King Harold's Way from her home in Hythe Avenue.

Both she and her doctor Dr Thukarta, and around a dozen children playing in the street, saw the strange craft.

Mrs Fry described it as saucer shaped with a "blue/silver/grey/pewter texture, yet none of those colours".

She said it had three spheres set into its base, one of which "flopped out", landing on the ground at the junction of nearby Ashbourne and Whitfield roads.

The children went over for a closer look before it rose into the sky and disappeared from view after a few minutes.

News Shopper ran an appeal in 2002 for any of the children to come forward.

Rodney Maynard, who was in his 60s and living in Belvedere, remembered the incident vividly.

He was 15 at the time and working as a labourer on the building site in nearby Streamway.

Mr Maynard said: "We were on our lunch break when we heard something was happening in King Harold's Way. So we went up there to have a look.

"This thing had landed in the road."

He added: "It took up the whole width of the road and overlapped onto the pavements.

"It wasn't on the ground. It had about eight massive suckers.

"The centre was still, but the outer rim was spinning slowly and it had white lights flashing, like a camera flash."

He said there were about 30 people watching it and they could hear it humming.

Mr Maynard recalled: "It had what looked like windows, but the

glass was concave and moulded together so you could not see in.

"A couple of us went forward to try and touch it, and it began to spin faster."

He said the craft then lifted slowly, tilting lightly and hovered above their heads.

Then it moved slowly until it was over Bedonwell Primary School, where it hovered again for about a minute.

Mr Maynard said: "It shot up into the sky and disappeared."

He says his brother, who was 16 at the time, also saw it.

Mr Maynard says the craft was "black, sleek and streamlined, with a surface like polished metal".

He added: "It was very fine and beautiful. It wasn't a prank."

Mr Maynard said he had never forgotten the experience but did not talk about it because "people would think you were barmy".

He said he and his friends used to talk about it among themselves, "but our mums kept telling us we had not seen anything".

Mrs Fry, now in her late 70s, now lives in Abergele in north Wales.

She relives the experience in her book entitled Who Are They? and gives details of other UFO sightings in the Bexley and Kent areas.

Mrs Fry has also been helping UFO enthusiast and retired policeman John Hanson with his books on the subject.

He has been trying to track down other witnesses to the July 1955 incident, some of whom were named by Mr Maynard as Ron Deadman, Tony Savin, Vic Clarke and Tommy Staggs.

If you witnessed this incident, call News Shopper on 01689 885723.

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Date: Fri, 9 Mar 2007 14:45:02 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 06:51:08 -0500
Subject: Re: March/April UFO Data Magazine - Mantle

The March/April issue of UFO DATA magazine is now available.

It features:

Close Encounter of the Peak District by Dr David Clarke

The O'Hare Incident by Steve Johnson

UK UFO Reports

UFOs Over The Blue Mountains (Australia) By Rex Gilroy

The Mansfield Incident by Russel Callaghan

Abducted on the A70 (Scotland) by Malcolm Robinson

In Search of Alien Earths by Andrew Pike FRAS

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I see your point, but I stick to mine. I think that Isaac Newton
is the one who said that we are dwarfs on the shoulders of a
giant.

Well, the giant is the knowledge accumulated over millenaries.
Very slowly at the beginning, then slowly accelerating, and now

going fast. It has become possible only after the first civilizations expanded into a vast world civilization. I don't see how it could have happened any other way.

As for the idea that everything could be erased in a million years or so, it seems to contradict all geological studies of fossils, some of which are dated of hundred of millions of years. And they give a pretty good picture of the evolution of life on Earth, including the most recent stage, ourselves, beginning about 150 000 years according to present estimates (maybe accelerated by some outside help...). Yes, to imagine another advanced civilization somewhere along that very long history of life seems just highly improbable to me. There is no short cut.

Gildas

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ew Sighting Reports Posted To NUFORC

From: **Peter B. Davenport** <director.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Mar 2007 10:08:27 -0800
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 06:56:20 -0500
Subject: ew Sighting Reports Posted To NUFORC

To the List:

NUFORC's trusty webmaster posted all newly received reports (156) to our website late Thursday night.

There are many interesting reports there, but the sightings of a peculiar red object over Puget Sound on the evening of Monday, March 05, is of particular interest.

One of the witnesses was a retired FAA Air Traffic Controller, who was baffled by the object.

I have no idea what the object was, but it seemed not to behave like any type of known aircraft, or like an object that was drifting with the prevailing wind. I invite any and all comments about it from the List.

Peter

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Phoenix Lights On Geraldo & Coast To Coast

From: Dr Llynne Kitei <drlynn@nul.com>
Date: Fri, 9 Mar 2007 15:07:38 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 07:04:02 -0500
Subject: Phoenix Lights On Geraldo & Coast To Coast

The Phoenix Lights Gain International Interest
www.thephoenixlights.net

Sunday, March 11th at 8 pm [ET/PT]
Geraldo At Large on Fox Network

Lynne D. Kitei, M.D., author of The Phoenix Lights...A
Skeptic's Discovery That We Are Not Alone chats live with
skeptic, Geraldo Rivera. A first for Ufology!

Tuesday, March 13 at 8:30 pm [Mountain Standard Time]
CNN Affiliate KTVK Channel 3 News half hour special The Phoenix
Lights X
www.azfamily.com

Tuesday, March 13 at 9 pm & 10 pm [Mountain Standard Time]
The Phoenix Lights mass sighting 10th anniversary featured
report FOX TV News affiliate www.myfoxphoenix.com for personal
interview with Dr. Lynne

Tuesday, March 13 at 10 pm [Mountain Standard Time] The Phoenix
Lights mass sighting 10th anniversary featured report ABC TV
News affiliate www.abc15.com

Tuesday, March 13 at 10 pm [ET]
Coast To Coast AM
Dr. Lynne is scheduled to be George Noory's guest for the first
hour to discuss the 10th anniversary of the historic and still
unexplained statewide mass sighting called The Phoenix Lights
www.coasttocoastam.com

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Author Revisits 'Phoenix Lights'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 07:10:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 07:10:51 -0500
Subject: Author Revisits 'Phoenix Lights'

Source: The Arizona Republic - Phoenix, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2xq6d9>

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[Image & more info at site]

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Betty Reid
The Arizona Republic

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Much of the activity started in the northwest Valley. Paradise Valley Community College plans a lecture titled "Coincidence or Communication?" on March 28. A similar presentation was given last weekend in Glendale, and others are scheduled around the Valley.

The discussions feature Paradise Valley resident Lynne Kitei, a physician and health educator, who wrote a book about the sightings. She also co-produced an award-winning documentary, The Phoenix Lights... We Are Not Alone.

Phoenix refuses to stop buzzing about the lights, Kitei said.

"It touched people at a very deep level," Kitei said.

She said her life changed as a result of the Phoenix lights. Kitei put aside her medical career to pursue an answer to her personal sightings outside her own bedroom window.

Despite the mountain of research and data, Kitei said she has not found a logical answer.

"If anything, my research has opened up a whole new world that I never knew existed, and trust that many others do not as well," she said.

Kitei also believes there is renewed interest and curiosity about the unexplained.

At Paradise Valley Community College, Kitei will share an updated version of her documentary followed by a discussion. Ed Rosenthal, an astronomy instructor at PVCC, said the college invited Kitei.

"The purpose of the college is to provide a balance of information to the public so they can be self-reliant to enable them to make sound rational judgment for themselves," Rosenthal said.

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

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Re: Author Revisits 'Phoenix Lights' - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 08:25:45 EST
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 12:40:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Author Revisits 'Phoenix Lights' - Boone

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not? What's with these mass sightings where no one can take a
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I can understand to a degree as I was at two mass sightings and
although I know for a fact that people took many crystal clear
pics (this was way before the proliferation of home video
cameras) I know these people are too afraid to release those
pics.

Nowadays and at least in the past ten years I'm sure someone
would have taken a pic of whatever was flying over Phoenix on
those two occasions and gotten a clear pic or video and with
today's software someone would be able to filter the images to
determine if it was a solid object or not.

Without that data we have the typical ufo runaround.

Is you is or is you not my ufo?

We don't need fifty books and documentaries about the one that
got away again we were. We need to do more drilling on what to
do when a ufo appears.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Smolin On Physics - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 14:58:06 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 12:42:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Smolin On Physics - Dickenson

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2007 01:33:29 -0000
>Subject: Smolin On Physics

<snip>

>a - Physics is still in a Newtonian mind-set. E.g 'atoms of any
>given element are identical and self-defined' - that's a
>Newtonian concept still held by most physicists today;

>b - He then said "We know no more than we did in 1975 - and
>that's not good" - implying physics is stuck in a dead-end.

>Or maybe that real physics is now secret?

Hi,

Off-Llist chat says maybe some of the dots need joining up.

If we're expected to accept 'scientific' statements that certain things are impossible, then it seems advisable to be sure of the 'science'.

Smolin is doing some thinking and Halton Arp is doing some finding - like why are some redshifts partly quantized? Present science has no explanation. Present science daren't even consider that fact because it shakes the 'standard model' of the Universe. So it's suppressed. And Alain Aspect got some dangerous experimental results - which are even now being ignored by scared mainstreamers.

Here's a double quote which seems undeniable - "Entanglement - demands a field or force acting instantaneously over arbitrary distance, perhaps universe-wide;

Half-life - demands that each particle in the universe be informed of the existence and action of each other particle in the universe, most probably by way of that instantaneous force or field." End of double quote

[Maybe try Wiki for Quantum_entanglement and also for Radioactive_decay#Radioactive_decay_rates, there's some good stuff there]

I'm sure Listers can see that many Ufology arguments of the past need to be re-visited in the light of those two conclusions alone. How many more 'dangerous' conclusions have been hidden in dusty files by mainstream science?

Cheers

Ray D

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NARCAP O'Hare Report In Final Stages

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 11:06:45 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 12:46:14 -0500
Subject: NARCAP O'Hare Report In Final Stages

The NARCAP report on the O'Hare incident last November is in its final stages.

For those who are interested in the formal investigation (at least in the opinion of some), the current news portion of the NARCAP web page indicates that they are nearing a release. They also acknowledge the difficulties created by so many "researchers" calling authorities, as well as the problem of Federal Agencies giving 'knee jerk' responses.

<http://www.narcap.org/news%20page/newspage.htm>

Steve

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Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 15:13:50 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 16:45:27 -0500
Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary - Ledger

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 8 Mar 2007 19:30:34 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 14:17:43 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2007 08:40:15 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: The Phoenix Lights 10th Anniversary

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>>Something that bothers me is that it's never been made clear why
>>they were dropping flares in the first place and at such a high
>>altitude as to make them visible in Phoenix. Was there a ground
>>exercise in play that night? Were they then dropping flares at
>>altitudes that would then cause the flares to ignite at between
>>500 to 1,500 feet above the ground which would NOT then have
>>been visible in Phoenix.

>It may "bother" you that they were dropping flares at high
>altitude, but if I recall correctly the MD Air Guard spokesman
>confirmed that they were. At any rate, the triangulation that
>shows a long distance does not depend upon any assumed
>altitude... that fact that they were seen and video-taped proves
>that they were at least high enough to see.

>>There is no reason to ignite flares at high level, certainly not
>>as an illumination tool and certainly not to train the pilots
>>how to release them. Their training would be in their ability to
>>lay the flares at an altitude that would aid ground troops in
>>seeing enemy troops and assets which they could target and
>>destroy. Igniting flares at 5,000-25,000 feet would provide no
>>more illumination than would the stars.

>One can get into a big argument over what may or may not seem
>logical. But there is no point in it.

>I wondered about this myself and concluded that if they were
>using night vision devices to see objects on the ground they
>would want to have the flares above them so the vision devices
>wouldn't "bloom out" which would happen if the devices were to
>"see" the flares between them and the ground.

>But, I don't know that they were using night vision devices. On
>the other hand, if the flares were lower than the airplanes the
>air crews could lose their night vision when they looked in the
>vicinity of the flares.

>>There are two weak reasons given why these were released at high
>>level that I know of and these are 1] because it is dangerous to
>>land with them onboard. This is nonsense. 2] The ordinance
>>officer didn't want to have to re-stock them so they were
>>ordered to dump them.

>>If there was no ground exercise going on in the first place why
>>did these A-10s have flares on board and why were they dropping
>>them at such a high altitude?

>>There seems to be only one reason to have dropped these flares
>>at such a high level and that was so that they would be seen in
>>Phoenix.

>According to the spokesman they were required to dump flares at
>the end of the exercise for whatever reason.

It's that "whatever reason" that I'm concerned with. And I don't believe they were "required" to do any such thing unless that aircraft was in some kind of trouble - but there is no evidence of that. It is one of those military statements that can never be disputed or proved and therefore is useless in my estimation and self-serving. I'm not going into the reasons why again, they are stated above.

I don't dispute that these were flares. I fully agree with your paper which is an impressive work. My question is not what they were but why they were.

There is only one reason to deploy flares when it is not for real - e.g. actual war setting or for search and rescue purposes - and that is to support the ground troops/assets in their exercise. You have already mentioned why it doesn't work for pilots to deploy flares for them to see ground insurgents with or without nightvision equipment and I agree. These days they use night vision goggles and other equipment without any other illumination. But deploying flares that ignite above 1,500 feet is still counter-productive. You offered below:

>One can get into a big argument over what may or may not seem
>logical. But there is no point in it.

I don't think this has anything to do with being logical; it's a matter of reasoning. Someone would have to be held accountable for the frivolous use of assets and ordinance [A-10s, pilots, air-support personnel(ATC), ground support personnel, fuel and flares] for what appears to be a release of flares at high altitude for no good reason, unless you accept the premise that it was done on purpose. There seems to be no good purpose other than as a decoy.

Again I accept that flares were probably released at approximately 10 p.m., local, that evening; that one aircraft deployed 8 flares [two deploying would have been redundant and difficult to match up] but what I'm trying to get at is why they were released other than their decoy purpose.

I should mention that off-List I received an email from a person who had experience with flares who stated:

"I agree with your assertion that there would be no logical reason to deploy flares at 1 to 5 miles AGL. I was a weapons mechanic for a couple of years in the USAF back in 1964-66 and was involved with loading flares on F-100 aircraft in LA and FL prior to deployment to Viet Nam in 1965."

He is a lurker on this List so I don't want to publish his name without his permission. He also had an experience with 'flares' in his own right a few years ago [alone at night in a vehicle] that he has a difficult time ascribing to flares.

I still haven't heard from anyone about whether there was a ground exercise ongoing the night of the Phoenix lights.

You also made mention of the following:

"At any rate, the triangulation that shows a long distance does not depend upon any assumed altitude... that fact that they were seen and video-taped proves that they were at least high enough to see."

High enough to see at what appears to be a considerable altitude to be seen from Phoenix has to be thousands of feet above the barest optimum altitude of above 1,500. Any video I've seen of the 10PM flares makes them to appear to be about 30-45 degrees above the horizon. If they were - if memory serves - over 60

miles away and behind the mountains would they not then have to be at a considerable altutude above the range in order to be seen from Phoenix or beyond Phoenix?

Don Ledger

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Hi Listers,

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It's got me wondering - is it just a technical reason why with all the close encounters in the last 60 years, we still don't seem to have any really convincing close-up photo evidence?

I have heard stories of UFO witnesses with cameras who 'forget' to take a picture or others where the pictures unaccountably turn out blank or fogged.

So I guess there's a possibility that 'they' don't want us to photograph them.....

But the main reason it seems to me that we don't get good evidence is that folk don't have cameras handy or the equipment they do have, is inadequate.

Or of course the UFOs are too far away for the pictures to mean much.

What I'd be interested to hear from other Listers is 'When do you think technology will produce the kind of cameras and camera ownership necessary to produce such a mass of evidence that the physical reality of this phenomena will be hard for even the mainstream press, to deny?'

Already almost everybody carries a camera phone but so far the definition from them is pitiful. Will that change? And if it does can we expect this to be the factor which brings the wall of denial, tumbling down? What kind of evidence do you think it would take?

If, instead of fakes, there had been hundreds of top quality photos of the O'Hare disc for instance, would that case have proved to be Ufology's 'smoking gun'.

I know Ray Stanford told us on SDI radio that he has remarkable photographic evidence which he promises to release at some stage.

But what really will it take for the dam to burst?

Dave Haith

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<http://tinyurl.com/3cceey>

Sun, Mar. 11, 2007

Freedom Of Information Act

40th Year Of Law Falls In Period Of Secrecy

By William Douglas
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - It's been used to reveal how many times disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff visited the White House, to search for previously undisclosed details on President John F. Kennedy's assassination and to aid UFO buffs in their never-ending effort to find out what's really happening in Roswell, N.M.

The Freedom of Information Act, which gives citizens access to federal government files, turns 40 this year. Born during Lyndon Johnson's presidency, FOIA came of age after the Watergate scandal and is a vital tool for individuals, journalists, corporations and academics who seek information that the government may be reluctant to release.

This week, the American Society of Newspaper Editors observes Sunshine Week to celebrate FOIA and promote the need for open government and freedom of information. This comes amid the Bush administration's drive to withhold documents, records and other information from public view.

"As a matter of policy, they are more secretive," said Tom Fitton, the president of Judicial Watch, a conservative nonpartisan group that fights for government transparency. "They just say no, which undermines the spirit and letter of FOIA."

The Freedom of Information Act was signed into law on July 4, 1966, and went into effect the next year. It allows for full or partial disclosure of previously unreleased information and documents controlled by the federal government, with nine exemptions for national security, personnel information, trade secrets and other limited categories.

The use of FOIA is closely associated with journalism; news outlets have filed FOIA requests in high-profile stories such as the disputed 2000 presidential election. But journalists account for only a small percentage of FOIA requests. The bulk of them come from academics, advocacy groups and businesses, which use the act for research, to gain information on competitors or to promote their causes.

Those who believe in alien life forms have used FOIA to try to pry open National Security Agency files on Roswell, citing a famous UFO "crash" in 1947 that U.S. military officials said was really a weather balloon.

"FOIA is an essential tool for citizens to find out what their government is doing," Fitton said.

He and others say monitoring the government has gotten harder under President Bush. A report last year by a bipartisan group called OpenTheGovernment.org indicated that the federal government spent \$7.7 billion in 2005 to mark documents secret. The same year, citizens filed 2.7 million requests for government records and materials through FOIA, an increase of 65,000 requests over the previous year, according to the same report.

"They are quite secretive. Most of it is their own predilection; some of it is the result of Sept. 11," said Patrice McDermott, OpenTheGovernment.org's director. "I'm not sure if it's unprecedented, but it is one of the most secretive administrations in recent history."

On the state level, the Associated Press conducted a survey of all 50 states and found that though laws in every state say government records and meetings must be open to all, reality often falls far short: Laws are sporadically enforced, penalties for failure to comply are mild and violators almost always walk away with nothing more than a reprimand.

Advocates for open government say public trust is at the heart of our democracy, that scrutiny keeps officials honest, and that information is the foundation of informed debate.

"We're in an era, clearly, where there's a lot of distrust in government," said Bill Chamberlin of the Marion Brechner Citizen Access Project at the University of Florida. "The more the public officials are open in their conversation and show the documentation that they're basing decisions on, it's going to help the public have faith in what officials are doing."

The AP analysis found that nearly all states have crafted penalties for those who violate sunshine laws, but the majority do little to keep track of how often the law is broken and what the punishment might be.

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>>to spin faster."

>Hi Listers,

>Consider this amazing multi-witness case and Greg Boone's recent
>posting in which he wrote: "Phoenix Lights, yadda yadda yadda.
>Did anyone of the thousands of people who were there take a
>picture of a solid object or not? What's with these mass
>sightings where no one can take a decent picture or video?"

>It's got me wondering - is it just a technical reason why with
>all the close encounters in the last 60 years, we still don't
>seem to have any really convincing close-up photo evidence?

>I have heard stories of UFO witnesses with cameras who
>'forget' to take a picture or others where the pictures
>unaccountably turn out blank or fogged.

>So I guess there's a possibility that 'they' don't want us to
>photograph them.....

>But the main reason it seems to me that we don't get good
>evidence is that folk don't have cameras handy or the equipment
>they do have, is inadequate.

>Or of course the UFOs are too far away for the pictures to mean
>much.

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>you think technology will produce the kind of cameras and camera
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>Already almost everybody carries a camera phone but so far the
>definition from them is pitiful. Will that change? And if it
>does can we expect this to be the factor which brings the wall
>of denial, tumbling down? What kind of evidence do you think it
>would take?

>If, instead of fakes, there had been hundreds of top quality
>photos of the O'Hare disc for instance, would that case have
>proved to be Ufology's 'smoking gun'.

>I know Ray Stanford told us on SDI radio that he has remarkable
>photographic evidence which he promises to release at some
>stage.

>But what really will it take for the dam to burst?

Hi Dave!

Isn't it an honor and privilege to be able to participate on
Errol's List?

Dave, my take on the photographic evidence that leaves much to
be desired is the same in regard to this field of study in
general.

There are two points to focus on here.

I was at a friends house a while back and he showed me pics of
his wedding. Mind you, the photos were taken by his sister if I
recall in the same church the family had been part of for almost
100 years. Everyone at the ceremony were family and friends. All
familiar and in a familiar setting. Most of the photos were
blurry, not centered, fingers in the way on the lens etc..
Recently a cousin of mine took pics of a family gathering in a
house our family has owned for over 100 years. All family
members with an advanced digital camera with auto focus. Most of
the pics were blurry, off center, etc.

I had realized with my first example of my friend's pics that
the average person, even with the best camera equipment will
still take lousy photos of the most familiar objects and
environments so when something as unexpected and unconventional
as a UFO sighting occurs it's a miracle if they get the sky in
the pic. I've seen this so much in regard to bad photographers
I've concluded that we should add a new designation to our
species called homo sapiens nonphotographicus or some such.

Now the second point is something I've been saying more of
recent. That is that the proof of the pudding, the biggest
evidence regarding UFOs is the fact that no matter how many
people are present at a sighting, abduction, etc. the conclusive
evidence is always elusive.

Sure we've got eyewitness testimony, trace cases, radar pick
ups, every kind of circumstantial evidence by the truck
load_except_conclusive physical evidence and government
disclosure. We have more proof of ghosts than UFOs.

There are plays on words here in the evidence, proof game.
What's proof in the lab isn't always proof in the court.

That defines the entire phenom right there that it's still
jusssst out of reach, jusssst out of focus, jusssst one hair's
breadth from something you can put a fork in yet it continues to
happen on a global basis.

It's not because something isn't there. These people have been proven not to be pathological. Hallucinations don't leave ground prints, burn marks, radar pick ups or photos.

The bottom line here I best illustrate with the fictional characters of the Cheshire Cat and Sisyphus of ancient Hellenic mythology.

Sixty plus years of fishing into ufology and no catfish on the plate all dipped in cornmeal and fried just right. It ain't cause there aren't enough smart people researching. Ufology gets bashed by it's own blaming ufologists. Ufologists aren't the problem, just human nature and all our foibles. We need to stop beating ourselves up and just do the homework.

No dam will burst. If it was going to it would have done so long ago. Even if the dam did burst, I have a suspicion that even if that dam burst on international tv the next day we'd have totally forgotten about it and would be discussing some remnant of the event, wondering what those lights in the sky on tv were.

I suspect if someone walked on the evening news with an alien or whatever with a panel of scientists, it would be forgotten in seconds and we'd be right back where we started from.

Maybe we don't want an answer. Maybe we can't contain an answer.

Maybe this is a phenom that eggs us on to imagine more and study more and communicate more.

I'm totally comfortable with that.

Best,

Greg

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Re: UFO Photos The Future - Freeman

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufu.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Mar 2007 11:14:58 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Mar 2007 19:27:48 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Photos The Future - Freeman

>From: Dave Haith <visions.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <UFOupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 19:16:08 -0000
>Subject: UFO Photos The Future

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>you think technology will produce the kind of cameras and camera
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Hello Dave, EBK and List,

Probably never. Unless some device is invented that can
capture/display the reality in such a way that it would be
almost impossible to fake or hoax the image, there will always
be the scrutiny inevitable with investigating such UFO
"evidence".

Such a device would have to be much more than a camera, if that
is even possible.

But of course, by the time something like that falls into our
hands, whoever/whatever is responsible for the UFO enigma will
probably have figured out how to render such a device
meaningless. :)

There's no substitute for the real thing.

Peace and light,

Kelly

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Re: UFO Photos The Future - Olson

From: **Jeff Olson** <jloolson.nul>
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>From: Dave Haith <visions.nul>
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My thought is that private use of technology will ultimately make or break Ufology. There will come a point when people can routinely capture crystal-clear photographs, and perhaps even routinely employ other kinds of revealing telemetric devices, which would make debunking next to impossible. Private space endeavors, such as the one perenially planned by Transorbital, will presumably not suddenly switch channels or "fuzz" out incriminating images such as Never A Straight Answer (NASA) does when encountering anomalous objects in space or on planetary bodies. On the contrary, we could expect a private satellite or space shuttle to eagerly zoom in on such objects; the publicity would be worth millions, or even hundreds of millions.

The advent of extremely fast and maneuverable craft, especially if available to civilians, will make it increasingly difficult for UFOs to "run and hide."

The bottom line, I think, is that private resources will bust the UFO phenomenon, not our mostly tightlipped governments.

Best,

Jeff

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Re: UFO Photos The Future - Good

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Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Mar 2007 19:37:41 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Photos The Future - Good

>From: Dave Haith <visions.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <UFOupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 19:16:08 -0000
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>'forget' to take a picture or others where the pictures
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>photograph them.....

The nature of ALL UFO evidence seems to suggest that the
phenomenon is playing cat and mouse with us. What real,
iron-clad evidence do we have?

Well....., a bunch of photos. In our time of digital
manipulation and Hollywood propelled phtographic trickery, just
about anything can be created with photographic images. That
does not invalidate the photos, but it makes them all suspect as
hard-core material evidence.

Beyond photos, the evidence is pretty much all subjective and
open to interpretation. Witness reports are not acceptable to
scientific types as empirical evidence. This is paradoxical, of
course, because the nature of scientific proofs are, by
definition, subjective as well!

When a scientist submits a proof to a scientific journal, it is
taken for granted that the scientist has done his homework and
actually performed all of the experiments he says he has. Well
we just accept that it is so. Maybe he did it, maybe he didn't.
So the empirical evidence, most often, is subjective too.

Then there are the blind experiments that I have read about
which suggest that the experiment itself is influenced by the
prejudices of the scientist! This kind of outcome is also
suggested by the well known (and documented) placebo effect.
This is where an ill subject is given an inert substance while
being told that he is taking actual medicine. The subject is
magically cured, >photos of the O'Hare disc for instance, would
that case have >proved to be Ufology's 'smoking gun'.

>I know Ray Stanford told us on SDI radio that he has remarkable
>photographic evidence which he promises to release at some
>stage.

>But what really will it take for the dam to burst?

It would take a major change in the consciousness of those
making the rules! The problem here is not one of empirical
proofs, but of subjective prejudices. I imagine that if a UFO
landed on "the Amazing Randi's" lawn and the little guys sat
down to dinner with him, he would still swear up and down that
it was a big hoax promulgated to trick him!

In other words, there is no amount of physical evidence that
will change the minds of those who refuse to be convinced. At
the end of the day, science itself is just another belief

system, no different than religion or the tooth fairy.

People will believe what they want to believe and disbelieve what they want as well. This is the nature of UFOlogy. You accept the paradox that this suggests, or you spend your life tilting at phantom windmills.

Me, I just like the idea that there might be other beings in the cosmos, flitting around in our heavens. It is a fascinating notion! I have given up trying to convince or please people who do not want their preconcieved notions rattled.

We are a lot more fun than those people anyway!

Cheers!!

Mike Good

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Re: UFO Photos The Future - Scheldroup

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Fwd Date: Sun, 11 Mar 2007 19:46:00 -0400
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>To: UFO UpDates <UFOupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 19:16:08 -0000
>Subject: UFO Photos The Future

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 09 Mar 2007 09:12:41 -0500
>>Subject: Flying Saucer's Famous Landing

>>Source: The News Shopper - London, UK

>><http://tinyurl.com/2wmt3w>

>>7th March 2007

>>Flying Saucer's Famous Landing
>>By Linda Piper

><snip>

>>"This thing had landed in the road."

>>He added: "It took up the whole width of the road and overlapped
>>onto the pavements.

>>"It wasn't on the ground. It had about eight massive suckers.

>>"The centre was still, but the outer rim was spinning slowly and
>>it had white lights flashing, like a camera flash."

>>He said there were about 30 people watching it and they could
>>hear it humming.

>>Mr Maynard recalled: "It had what looked like windows, but the
>>glass was concave and moulded together so you could not see in.

>>"A couple of us went forward to try and touch it, and it began
>>to spin faster."

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>So I guess there's a possibility that 'they' don't want us to
>photograph them.....

They might have a good understanding for time causation - one
main branch with many paths.

Forward and then reverse it, then upon encounter at O'hare,
forward backward, forward backward on the main branch until the
right intersect branch off is created that is so much to being a
point with many people at the scene but none have cameras...
other branches indicate people with cameras.

John

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Interview With Clas Svahn UFO Sweden Chair

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Subject: Interview With Clas Svahn UFO Sweden Chair

Milton Frank, Brazilian Ufology Center President Interviews
Clas Svahn, UFO Sweden Chair

1 - Why did you become an UFO researcher? Have you ever seen an UFO? If so, how was your experience?

I became an UFO researcher in 1974 at the age of 16 after I had read books and articles on the subject for two or three years. I have never been a "believer" in the sense that I have had any preconceived ideas about the origin of the UFO phenomenon =96 or phenol as I see it today. I have always wondered what lies behind the strange tales and observations coming from ordinary people. My main drive has always been to find an answer to the observations, to find out what did really happen. Since I am an amateur astronomer for as long as I have been an ufologist I have spent thousand of hours under the wonderful night sky. During these nights I have seen some odd things that are hard to explain. But the one observation that really made a lasting impression on me, and my wife who was with me, happened during a car drive back from a meeting with friends in the north part of the Stockholm area. It was November 5th 1995 around one o'clock in the morning. As we passed a bus stop not far from our house we both saw two men standing there looking up, one of them pointing to the sky. Since I was driving the car I asked my wife to lean forward to see if she could get a glimpse of whatever had caught the two mens attention. But all she could see was stars; it was a crystal clear night. We continued our drive back and after a couple of hundred meters I parked the car on our driveway and we both went outside. Since we were curious of what the men had seen we stayed beside the car for a while before entering our house looking in the direction were the men had been looking, vaguely hoping to see what had caught their attention. I think we stood there, my wife a little behind me, for one minute or so just looking at the black sky that was filled with stars. But suddenly we both saw something coming flying out of the darkness. It was three objects, all illuminated, that came from nowhere, not from the horizon but from a point 35 degrees up in the sky, a little to the left of Castor and Pollux. The objects were rather large and looked like crosses with a white light emanating from them. They were flying side by side as if they were glued together on an invisible stick, but you could see the darkness separating them. My first thought was that they were birds, illuminated by the city lights and I was waiting for one of them to move it swings. But that never happened. They were rigid and not moving anything. They flew over us and over our house and I had to run around the corner to see them vanish over my neighbours house and into the darkness. Both me and my wife saw this clearly and being the chairman of UFO-Sweden I told her that we should go inside and fill out a form each without speaking to each other. Which we did. The next day I assigned a field researcher to investigate our observation but the objects were never identified.

2 - Please, explain to us what UFO-Sweden is? What are the main UFO cases UFO-Sweden has been researching all those years? What conclusions did you get?

UFO-Sweden is a nation wide organisation founded in 1970. We have twenty local groups around the country and around 80 field investigators. The investigations are coordinated by a report central situated in Sundsvall. Since more than 30 years we are holding field trainee courses to educate our researchers.

It is hard to go into any particular cases that we have investigated since there are so many. Every year more than 300 persons report sightings of alleged UFOs, most of them report their sighting directly on our web site www.ufo.se where it goes into our database. The international most well known case is of course the Ghost Rockets from 1946, a UFO wave before Kenneth Arnold and the first flying saucer reports. Here I and Anders Liljegren (AFU) have done both archives research and interviews with persons involved. For us the Ghost Rockets are still a mystery. More than 1.000 reports were filed to the Swedish military during that year, many of them being misinterpretations of natural objects but others still unidentified. The most interesting cases are the ones involving objects crashing into lakes. I have investigated many such reports myself.

3 - You've been writing a couple of books like "The UFO mystery", Parthenon 1998", "The Domsten case - a Swedish close encounter in 1958", AFU 1989, "The encounter in the clearing", NTB Parthenon, 1995, "Facts about UFOs", Parthenon 1998, "UFO - encounter with the unknown", Semic 2000, and others. Are they a result from yours researches? How was the experience to write all those books? Can we find it in Portuguese?

Yes, the books are a result of my research and I have written several other books as well. The latest was published in September last year ("The Unknown") and has sold in 17.000 copies which is very good by Swedish standards. As far as I now they have not been translated into Portuguese. It is hard work to write books but since I am a journalist by profession I have no trouble when it comes to the writing. The hardest thing during the process of making a book is to research the facts so that you know that what you publish is correct so that your readers could trust you. I always try to publish facts and research done by myself, I do not like people who write books from other persons work. My readers must know that when they get a book from my hand it is something unique, something that they could not have read anywhere else.

4 - What is the most important UFO case you've been involved with? Does it give you a hard time? Was it difficult to research?

Besides the Ghost Rockets I think that must be the Gosta Carlsson case from 1946 (the same year as the Ghost Rockets). A full report of that investigation can be read in my book "Motet i glantan" ("The encounter in the clearing", only published in Swedish I am afraid). In short Mr Carlsson was out walking along a road outside his hometown of Angelholm on the evening of May 18th 1946. After observing a strange light coming out of an area to the left of him he went into the woods to see if there was a fire. After a couple of hundred meters he found himself in front of a large landed craft, very much looking like a saucer with a large antenna from where a bright light was pouring down engulfing the object which seemed to be protected inside the glow. On the hull several men were working trying to repair a window. A woman came out from the inside of the craft throwing out some things. Gosta Carlsson himself tried to walk closer but was stopped by a sentinel standing outside the glow. Gosta then decided to walk down to the sea and later to sneak up another way, from behind, to see if he could manage to get nearer without the guard seeing him. But before he was able to do that the craft started to raise and he could see it hover over the tree tops for a while as the antenna was sliding down inside the hull and the craft went off with a tremendous speed. The next morning he went back to the place of the landing and found markings on the ground and several objects left by the crew; two plastic looking cups with liquid, a golden ring and a burnt staff of crystal. All this he brought with him back home. The same night, in bed, he experienced a most vivid "dream" where he was taken aboard the craft and met the commander. The commander informed him that he had decide to land in the clearing because of an accident aboard that had killed several of the crew and damaging a window. After repairing the craft they lifted and buried the dead crew on an asteroid. The experiences continued for several years and in the mid 80's I started to investigate

the case which 1995 resulted in a book. My conclusion is that Gosta Carlsson did experience much of his story not in the physical world but within himself. On the site he erected a monument of the craft and it is now the number one tourist attraction.

5 - After all these year researching, what is your best definition to the UFO phenomenon?

I do not want to give just one definition since UFO encompasses so many different phenomena. During my more than 30 years investigating them I have learned much about the human mind and of its limitations when it comes to interpret and objectively register the world around. I should say that the UFO enigma consists of not one phenomenon but many phenomena. It is important to have in mind that UFO just stands for an object that after a careful and thorough investigation still has defied identification. UFOs are by definition an unknown =96 but not unexplainable =96 phenomena. To solve that riddle is one of the most intriguing challenges a person can devote his time to.

6 - Have you ever thought that UFO phenomenon could not be from the space? How do you feel dealing with UFO phenomenon?

Sure, the option that UFOs are not aliens visiting us is something I have always considered. You could say that the ET solution never has been my main theory. Instead I try to look at the UFO enigma without any prejudices and during the more than 30 years of investigations I have seen to many reports that indicates other answers to the At this moment we have almost 32.500 members. Our members is people who loves to talk about UFO, people who loves to discuss about UFO and people who loves to learn about Ufology. What would you like to say to them? question too settle for just one solution. Instead I urge anyone researching UFOs to leave many doors open since there will be more than one answer.

What I mean is a little complicated:

First, many of the observations and reports can be attributed to mistakes made by humans. Even though some may think that pilots and policemen are better and more reliable witnesses than the average person my studies have shown that they make the same mistakes and misinterpretations as anyone else.

Second, a large part of the reports coming in to UFO organisations around the world are of mundane objects seen under unusual circumstances.

Third, most UFO groups do not have access to experts such as meteorologists, military radar personal, physicists, rocket engineers and others when it comes to investigation and evaluation of reports. This makes it very difficult to rule out the more complicated solutions to seemingly unexplainable observations.

Fourth, single witness observations and observations made during a very limited time are not the best cases when it comes to draw any conclusions from the data.

All this said, there are several very hard to explain cases in our files, cases that shows that we may deal with something new and not completely understood =96 what we call UFOs. But to say that these unexplained observations therefor should consist of aliens visiting Earth is a leap that, as I see it, can not be substantiated by the data.

I always try to look at the reports without having the answer first. You must be open, but also well educated and equipped with a critical mind. To be a skeptic or a believer is hampering your research since both of the two extremes already "knows" what they are looking for. In my opinion a third way, between the two extremes, is the only way to go if we are to get any real solutions and real knowledge about this most interesting topic.

7 - Do you believe in abductions? What is your opinion about abduction's cases? Do you believe in hypnosis to explain abduction's cases? What do you think about it?

I do not believe in hypnosis as a tool of getting the truth from

alleged abduction witnesses. I fully agree with British ufologist Jenny Randles that hypnosis should be banned altogether from abduction research since it induces information into the witness story and creates a focus for the witness to tell the story in a very specific frame. Hypnosis could very well be the last thing you should consider. As for abductions as a physical event I am not convinced. At the same time I am not an abduction expert since reports of abductions are very rare in Sweden. But I should recommenced everyone trying to investigate abduction reports to look into other explanations than the alien solution as well.

8 - What kind of advices would you give to an ufologist? What would you say to new UFO researcher that will be going to start to work together with you?

I once wrote eleven suggestions for a ufologist. I think they give you the guidelines everyone should consider before starting to investigate UFOs. They may seem a little harsh but nevertheless they are the only way to get to the core of the phenomena. If they are followed what is left should be the very best cases. Here they are:

i. Don't invest your soul in a case. When new facts surfaces that may explain the observation you may not be able to see them.

ii. Never get too friendly with a witness. You may well get into a position where you find yourself defending the person instead of the facts.

iii. Don't read just UFO books and choose carefully of what you are reading. The solutions to most of the cases you will ever investigate are to be found in other sources. (With the exception of Allan Hendry's "The UFO Handbook" and some other rare items.)

iv. Always remember to distinguish between facts and opinions. A persons description of what he or she has experienced is just one of many pieces to build an investigation on - not the answer.

v. Never stop looking for new facts. The more facts you have the more likely it is that you will find the answer - the less facts you have the more likely it is you will turn up with a "UFO".

vi. Real UFOs are very rare. If you think you have found one you have probably not investigated the case thoroughly enough.

vii. Always make your results available to other researchers even if they do not share your views. It happens that other people may be right and you wrong.

viii. A UFO is an Unidentified Flying Object - an object that has not been identified in spite of a rigorous investigation made by an objective researcher. Never forget that.

ix. "Kill your darlings". Always be prepared to give up your favourite ideas when new facts emerges.

x. In UFO research there are no authorities, just hard working private investigators with the same flaws and problems as any person, but - hopefully - with more experience and knowledge about a topic that has so many answers.

xi. Your task is not to defend UFOs or ufology but to make a job so good that your work does not have to be put in question.

9 - In Brazil right now, we are living an UFO battle between two sides that study UFO phenomenon. This battle has been happening between the spiritual side against the scientific side. Can in your mind Spiritual Ufology lives together with Scientific Ufology? What do you think about it? What do you think about UFO sects?

I know many persons inside the spiritual ufology corner and have no problem discussing UFOs with most of them. At the same time one must realize that spiritual ufology does not investigate UFOs but just tend to believe in them =96 as in visitors from outer space.

The only way to get any real knowledge is to use the scientific

methods. There is a clear and huge gap between looking for knowledge and just believing. On the other hand you must listen to what kind of experiences people have when they "meet aliens" in their dreams or during altered state of consciousness. What they feel and see may be important since we do not know all about the human mind and how it works. Why do people experience encounters with otherworldly beings? Why do they think that some of them are physical entities?

We have learnt from folklore that entities of different kinds have been seen and reported for centuries but in a non-alien context. Are they coming from the same source? We do not have the answers to this yet but I am sure that it is important that we keep looking for them.

Scientific and spiritual ufology will always be there side by side even though a great wall keeps them apart for the most time. But we must study this spital side of ufology with scientific methods. UFO sects are in many cases bad news. Some of them, as Heaven's Gate (1997) and Order of the Solar Temple (1994) both were convinced that an alien space ship should take their spirits away to another planet before committing suicide or killing each other. The most recent sect, the Raelian movement, is another example of how people can be misled and manipulated by a strong leader how strange and nutty his story may be.

10 - Well, our community is growing a lot here in Brazil and in this moment of the interview I would like you to leave a message to the Brazilian Ufology Center. At this moment we have almost 33,000 members. Our members are people who love to talk about UFOs, people who love to discuss UFOs and people who love to learn about Ufology.

12 - What would you like to say to readers?

I would like to thank you for letting me write in this forum. It is important that we share and discuss our different opinions even though we may not always share the same views. This is the very core of an open and democratic society. None of us have the complete picture or the answer to the UFO enigma. But by discussing it we may put another brick in the wall of facts that may eventually bring us some unexpected answers.

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Phoenix Home Videos Reveal Possible Sightings

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Subject: Phoenix Home Videos Reveal Possible Sightings

Source: KTVK-3TV - Phoenix, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2kg3sj>

Friday, March 9, 2007

Home Videos Reveal Possible Sightings

08:27 PM Mountain Standard Time on Friday, March 9, 2007

By 3TV/Submitted Content

It's been almost ten years! March 13, 1997 was the night of the infamous "Phoenix Lights".

There were four videos from that night which made the sighting famous. Some say the lights were military flares. Others say they were extraterrestrial visitors. Others describe a huge black craft which moved over all of Arizona.

See the videos and let us know what you think:

Tom King, Ahwatukee:

<http://tinyurl.com/37nfua>

Dr. Lynne Kitei, in Paradise Valley:

<http://tinyurl.com/33jkgr>

C.K. Rairden in East Mesa:

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

Mike and Sue Krzysten in North Phoenix:

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

Don't miss our special presentation on Tuesday night. Beverly Kidd brings us new witnesses, new theories and more importantly, a new video that was never before released.

March 13, 2007 marks The Phoenix Lights: X.

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

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Is Something Besides The Truth Out There?

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Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2007 12:03:35 -0400
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Subject: Is Something Besides The Truth Out There?

Source: The Greeley Tribune - Greeley, Colorado, USA

<http://www.greeleytrib.com/article/20070312/NEWS/103110133>

March 12, 2007

Is Something Besides The Truth Out There?
by
Mike Peters

It began, he'll tell you, about 50 years ago, in the early 1950s, when he saw the object in the sky.

He was the only one, as far as Clifford Clift knows, who saw the light moving silently across the eastern Colorado sky that night when he was about 12 years old.

But from that day, Clift was convinced. There was something out there.

He was too busy at work for 35 years, running Clift Realty, being a broker and developer. But then, when Clift retired, it was time to think again about that night and the UFO above his home near Brush.

He began gathering information - government documents, eyewitness accounts, Project Blue Book. The Incident at Roswell. The night skies over Washington, D.C.

Now Clifford Clift is a believer. "I know some people think we're crazy," he told friends at a meeting this week, "but I believe the UFOs exist, they are manufactured objects and they are not of this Earth."

Some would put Clift and other members of MUFON - Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network - in a group of other "crazies" that follow the UFO reports, but those people could be badly mistaken.

Clift is the state director of MUFON, a network that has members in 25 states. They discredit the hoaxes and confirm the truths of UFOs.

In the local MUFON meeting Thursday night, Clift gave a history lesson of sorts, tracing UFOs from World War II to the sighting at O'Hare Airport in Chicago last November.

He spoke of reports of UFOs by airline pilots, military experts, politicians, scientists, astronauts and astronomers. He spoke of unexplained aerial events, of the crashes and military cover-up at Roswell, and of 1952 - the big year of UFOs.

He also spoke of his beliefs. Active in his church, Clift said he can easily fit his Christian faith with his belief in UFOs. "The Bible says God created the heavens and the earth. It's pretty egotistical of us to believe that in the entire universe,

we're the only life that God created," he said.

Clift will continue to study, to investigate, to believe. He knows some don't and some never will. But he also believes that one day people will know.

The truth is out there...

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UFOs Spotted Throughout The Years In Weld County
by
Mike Peters

Weld County phenomena

- July 7, 1947: A Greeley man working on a hay grinder north of Lucerne said he saw three flying saucers at 10 a.m. They were traveling at a high speed to the southwest. The next day, the most famous of all UFO incidents was announced - the reputed crash of flying saucers in Roswell, N.M.

- On Aug. 25, 1949, a 12-year-old girl who lived northeast of Greeley reported a "flying disk" over her house in the early evening. She said it was flying far above a small plane. About the same time, some men were flying their small plane in the area, but the girl insisted what she saw was a disk above the plane.

- In 1952, although the exact date is unknown, a Weld County farmer reported he saw five "flying saucers" pass over his farm north of Greeley about 6 p.m. He said he also saw five fighter jets come through the area, possibly searching for the flying saucers, but the "speed of the saucers was immensely greater than the jets." The Tribune story also stated "Women folks were frightened by the terrible noise."

- Also in 1952, people reported a small flying disk was found in the 800 block of 5th Street in downtown Greeley. It was smoking when found, and a neighborhood boy later admitted to making the disk out of a phonograph record, wire and a burning fuse.

- Throughout the 1970s and into the 80s, cattle mutilations grabbed headlines throughout Weld County, and Colorado and other western states. Ranchers reported their cattle were found dead in fields, no tracks around them, their eyes, udders and anal parts removed with scalpel-like incisions. Some ranchers said they saw lights in the sky on the nights before the dead cattle were found. Veterinarians at Colorado State University said the wounds were caused by coyotes or other predators. Some say the mutilations continue, but ranchers stopped reporting them because they weren't taken seriously.

- Early 1970s, a family living in the Hillside area of south Greeley began watching the silent, moving lights over their house for several nights. At one point, neighbors and the family sat atop their houses to watch the lights. They never found an explanation.

- 1991: Residents in northern Weld County - Pierce, Nunn and

Ault - reported a bright blue light in the sky that lit up the entire area around the plains. Officials said it could have been a meteor, but the blue light was unlike other meteor sightings.

- 1999: North of Greeley and south of Eaton, six people reported seeing a bright green light fill the sky, between 8:30 and 9 p.m. Again, some said it was a meteor.

- June 22, 1993: A northern Weld County rancher found one of her horses, named "Supercharger," dead in a field not far from the ranch house. The horse appeared to have smooth cutting marks on the head, with one eye and ear removed. There were cuts around the jaw, and the tongue was removed. The rancher was angry when told by CSU veterinarians that it was caused by coyotes and birds. "Coyotes with scalpels," the rancher remarked sarcastically.

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Bermuda Triangle The True Story

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Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: UFO Photos The Future - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2007 10:25:22 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2007 12:11:56 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Photos The Future - Shell

>From: Dave Haith <visions.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <UFOupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 19:16:08 -0000
>Subject: UFO Photos The Future

>What I'd be interested to hear from other Listers is 'When do
>you think technology will produce the kind of cameras and camera
>ownership necessary to produce such a mass of evidence that the
>physical reality of this phenomena will be hard for even the
>mainstream press, to deny?'

I've been a professional photographer and writer about
photography since the early 70s. I've watched photography
change, slowly through the 70s and 80s, and very rapidly since
the advent of digital imaging in the early 90s.

In its earlier days most people accepted photography as a
rendering of the truth. In fact, it never was. Early
photographers cut and pasted negatives and prints to create
composite images, "news" photographers like the ones working for
Matthew Brady rearranged battlefield scenes and had people pose
as dead soldiers. During the era of Life and Look, the news
magazines, they always created the image that their photos were
truth, but we now know that some of their most famous
photographers posed images and manipulate their photos in the
darkroom. One of their most revered photographers, W. Eugene
Smith, is now known to have made images that were from
sandwiched negatives and manipulated in other ways.

The point is that photography was never truth.

Think about photographs as evidence in court. A photograph, by
itself, is evidence of nothing. It must have substantiating
testimony before it can be admitted into evidence as a
representation of a real place or event. Today, with digital
imaging, the whole roll of photos as evidence is being
reevaluated.

As for photography ever proving the reality of UFOs, it never
will. There will always be those who challenge any photographic
evidence, and we are back to the substantiating testimony. Any
experienced trial lawyer will tell you that eyewitness testimony
is the least reliable of all evidence. When you have blurry UFO
photos substantiated by eyewitness testimony, you have the worst
of all worlds.

People who do not believe in UFOs are not going to find any
photo, any testimony, compelling. If a UFO crashes on their
lawn, they will find a way to rationalize it into being
something else. If an alien comes up and slaps them on the butt,
they will go into profound denial. Until we change their world
view to encompass UFOs, we won't get anywhere with these people.

Bob Shell

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Re: UFO Photos The Future - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2007 14:52:21 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2007 12:13:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Photos The Future - Shough

>From: Mike Good <boneheadart.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 11 Mar 2007 11:48:10 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: UFO Photos The Future

>>From: Dave Haith <visions.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <UFOupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 19:16:08 -0000
>>Subject: UFO Photos The Future

>>I have heard stories of UFO witnesses with cameras who
>>'forget' to take a picture or others where the pictures
>>unaccountably turn out blank or fogged.

<snip>

>When a scientist submits a proof to a scientific journal, it is
>taken for granted that the scientist has done his homework and
>actually performed all of the experiments he says he has. Well
>we just accept that it is so. Maybe he did it, maybe he didn't.
>So the empirical evidence, most often, is subjective too.

Hi Mike

If this was the situation then science would indeed be a mere tissue of untested anecdote. The reason it is more than that is that experimental results are always offered subject to independent replication. It isn't true that "we just accept" and "take for granted" anything that anyone claims. Initial screening by peer review can result in papers being rejected, and papers that are eventually accepted may have been rewritten repeatedly to address criticisms of basic method, theory, calculation or reasoning by multiple expert reviewers. A new published result is then regarded as potentially interesting, subject to verification. If replications fail, people rapidly lose faith in the original work. If the experiment survives, still theoretical arguments may force reinterpretation of its significance.

It isn't a mechanised process and of course human factors enter in. People and institutions that have a track record of bringing work to this stage will earn a credibility for new results that others with no such record can't hope for. There are personal biases on the part of experimenters, and errors and even frauds do happen. But in the long term the safeguards work, and the result is the only thing anywhere in human experience that resembles genuine advance in the understanding of nature.

The situation you describe would be an anarchic one, a structureless free-for-all, possibly one that some members of the internet generations - happy with the sheer "fun" of believing in ET - might thoughtlessly cheer for, but one guaranteed to be, in the long run, a destructive recipe for misery and calamity. But your charge that science is no different from beliefs in religions or the tooth fairy is, fortunately for all of us, not only a bit silly but also factually in error.

<snip>

>It would take a major change in the consciousness of those
>making the rules! The problem here is not one of empirical
>proofs, but of subjective prejudices. I imagine that if a UFO
>landed on "the Amazing Randi's" lawn and the little guys sat
>down to dinner with him, he would still swear up and down that
>it was a big hoax promulgated to trick him!

>In other words, there is no amount of physical evidence that
>will change the minds of those who refuse to be convinced. At
>the end of the day, science itself is just another belief
>system, no different than religion or the tooth fairy.

If a hundred known, named and ordinarily accredited citizens
witnessed a highly anomalous object, and a dozen of them
independently took time-stamped stills and/or clips of it from
many different locations, and if they cooperated openly with a
public scientific investigation, then, even despite reservations
about digital manipulation etc, we would definitely be in a
different evidential ball game. The amount of latent
photogrammetric and other information would be enormous. Never
mind landings on famous lawns: a case like this would be
ufology's true equivalent of the meteorite "proof", a case in
what we might call the Chladni class. But such a case has never,
to my knowledge, occurred, and so science has not had the
opportunity to fail in its responsibilities even to that extent.

You're not wrong to say that "the evidence is pretty much all
subjective and open to interpretation". There are intriguing and
puzzling cases aplenty, lots of imperfect evidence of somethings
- but I agree with you that some critical level of confidence is
consistently fallen short of. What does this mean? One is free
to argue that there may be something special about UFOs, or
about the UFO experience, that puts it into a different category
from traditional scientific problems regarding odd phenomena in
the atmosphere. But it would be monstrous to conclude from a
perceived conflict between ambiguous UFO evidence and several
centuries of scientific method that the latter comes off worst
and is reduced in the encounter to a wreckage of arbitrary and
subjective prejudices. Let's keep a sense of proportion.

Martin Shough

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Subject: SDI Continues As PodCast

As many of you already know, Standard Radio cancelled my program Strange Days... Indeed, in its 8th year, at the end of January.

Feeling that my 'mission' is not yet over, the program has resumed, as a weekly PodCast and is now available for a minimal \$5.00 per month.

Should you care to continue, or start listening to the usual contributors along with guests, please visit the program page:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/>

Today, being the 13th anniversary of the strangeness over and around Phoenix, Arizona, the 'cast features Mike Fortson & Dr. Lynn Kitei of Phoenix, as well as Chris Rolfe on, and a clip of the USAF F- 15 pilot comms during their examination of an object over the UK back in January. Rounding out the program are Dave Furlotte and Alfred Lehmborg.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Host/Producer
Strange Days... Indeed

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FOIA Reforms Would Reverse Bush-Barriers

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March 12, 2007

Bipartisan FOIA Reforms Would Reverse Bush-Imposed Barriers

By Christine Tatum

This week promises to be a big one in the never-ending fight to improve access to federal government records. The U.S. House of Representatives is expected to vote Wednesday on the Freedom of Information Act amendments of 2007, which stand to be the most comprehensive reform of the act in more than a decade. On Tuesday, a bipartisan-backed Senate version of the reform bill - which mirrors the House proposal, lobbyists say -- is scheduled for introduction. The Senate Judiciary Committee is expected to conduct a hearing on the measure Wednesday.

FOIA, as it is commonly called, is one of the most powerful tools Americans have to supervise the inner workings of their government. The act has been revised several times since its passage almost 41 years ago, but its gist remains the same: The public benefits when government conducts its business in the open.

Are you thinking that journalists are the only ones bothering with government documents?

Think again. The Coalition of Journalists for Open Government analyzed 6,439 FOIA requests to 11 Cabinet-level departments and six large agencies in September 2005.

The review found that more than 60 percent of the requests came from commercial interests, with one-fourth of those filed by professional data brokers working on behalf of clients wanting information such as asbestos levels on old Navy ships and background data on prospective employees. The second-largest group of requesters -- categorized as "other" and composed mostly of private citizens -- comprised a third of the total number of requests. Those people included a movie producer doing research for a film about Guantanamo Bay, a divorcee searching for hidden assets, UFO enthusiasts seeking evidence of alien visitations, a lawyer trying to find parents overdue on child support payments and genealogists digging up family roots.

"Media" requests accounted for only 6 percent of the total.

Given the public's appetite for government records and federal agencies' notorious request-backlogs and stonewalling, even congressional lawmakers realize something must be done. The House bill wouldn't affect exemptions, such as national security and privacy, that allow the government to withhold documents -- but it sure would change the way government handles FOIA requests. Among the specific reforms, the bill would:

- Pressure agencies to respond to requests in a timely manner. Agencies failing to meet the 20-working-day deadline would have to waive search and copying fees.
- Require agencies to set up FOIA hotlines and tracking systems that help the public follow up on requests.
- Create an independent ombudsman post within the National Archives to help those filing requests to resolve disputes without resorting to litigation.
- Make it easier for requesters to recover attorney fees when litigation is unavoidable.

If approved, the bill also would reverse draconian policy established and staunchly backed by the Bush administration.

In 2001, former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft directed federal officials to look for legal grounds on which to deny FOIA requests rather than to presume the public has the right to the information it seeks. In 2005, President Bush issued an executive order requiring agencies to take several steps aimed at streamlining the handling of FOIA requests -- but he let Ashcroft's edict stand.

The timing of the president's order was interesting given that bipartisan support was building for a much more stringent act proposed by Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.). Cornyn and Leahy plan to reintroduce the Senate version of the FOIA reform bill this week.

"The Bush-Cheney administration sent a powerful message government-wide with the Ashcroft policy in 2001," Leahy said shortly after the president's order. "The policy says, in effect, 'When in doubt, don't disclose, and the Justice Department will support your denials in court.' It undermines FOIA's purpose, which is to facilitate the public's right to know the facts, not the government's ability to hide them."

When reacting to Bush's order, Cornyn, a GOPer from the president's home state, chose his words more carefully. "...More remains to be done to ensure that American citizens have access to the information they need and deserve," he said.

The president's order has amounted to little more than window dressing, which is hardly a surprise given its Ashcroft underpinning. It's time for Congress to step in and ensure the timely release of public documents -- perhaps in the spirit of President Abraham Lincoln who said, "Let the people know the facts, and the country will be safe."

Christine Tatum is national president of the Society of Professional Journalists and an assistant business editor for the Denver Post.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: Bermuda Triangle The True Story - Granier

From: **Regine Granier** <rgb-calou.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2007 20:07:20 +0100 (Paris, Madrid)
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 10:12:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Bermuda Triangle The True Story - Granier

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
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>Disappearance of Flight 19.

Hi,

Does someone on the List know if it will be possible to view
this documentary on the Net - or 'live' at a later time?

Best wishes,

RGB

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Budd Hopkins' UFO Seminar April 7 NY City

From: **The Intruders Foundation** <ifinfo1.nul>
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Subject: Budd Hopkins' UFO Seminar April 7 NY City

Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

A special evening with author and UFO research expert

Timothy Good

Saturday, April 7, 2007

The Intruders Foundation (IF) is proud to present a special evening with the distinguished British author and researcher, Timothy Good. Mr. Good's first book, ABOVE TOP SECRET has long been a classic in UFO literature. And his latest book, Need To Know - UFOs, The Military And Intelligence, is currently a bestseller in the United Kingdom. Timothy Good's special area of study is the shadowy world of the government cover-up of UFO reality. He has unearthed many striking official documents, some of which deal with the earliest years of the UFO phenomenon, such as official reports of huge UFOs by fliers during World War II. He has lectured extensively around the world, but rarely in the New York area, so it is our unique privilege to present him on April 7th.

In the past, Mr. Good has presented the case for UFO reality before many distinguished audiences, such as the Royal Canadian Military Institute, the Royal Navy Station Portland, the House of Lords All-Party UFO Study Group, the Institute of Medical Laboratory Sciences, and the Oxford and Cambridge Union Societies. In May 1998 he was invited to the US Pentagon to discuss the UFO subject at the Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office, and in 2002 he spoke at the headquarters of the French Air Force.

We have often said about previous seminar speakers, that he or she should not be missed by anyone interested in the UFO phenomenon, but in the case of Timothy Good, that description is extraordinarily apt. He makes few trips to NYC from his native London, so we urge you not to miss this rare appearance by one of the world's leading UFO researchers.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

The seminar will be held on April 7th at the new meeting rooms of A.R.E., located on the SECOND FLOOR at 241 W. 30th Street (between Seventh and Eighth Avenues), New York, NY. The price of the seminar is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members of IF, seniors and students. Reservations must be made by telephone at 212-645-5278, and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be made in advance to secure the reservation. Make checks payable to the Intruders Foundation, P.O. Box 30233, New York, NY 10011. Seating is limited. Book early! Only 60 reservations will be accepted!

On-street parking is generally available in the neighborhood. The seminar will begin at 7:30 PM and end at 10:00 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM. There will be a one half-hour intermission, during which light complimentary refreshments will be served. A book table will offer books, videotapes and other material for sale to those interested. For additional information, call IF at

212-645-5278.

Hope to see you there!

The Intruders Foundation Seminar Series is presented in the interests of open-minded scientific learning and the free exchange of research, ideas, and theories. IF makes no specific claims or endorsements regarding any materials, views, or subject matter presented by our guests.

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JANET RENO ON LEAKS (2000)

The steps by which the Justice Department conducts investigations of unauthorized disclosures of classified information ("leaks") were described by then-Attorney General Janet Reno in 2000 testimony before a closed hearing of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

At a moment when some, such as Senator Jon Kyl, are proposing to enact new statutory penalties against leaks, it is noteworthy that the Attorney General concluded that such penalties are unnecessary.

"We believe that the criminal statutes currently on the books are adequate to allow us to prosecute almost all leak cases," she testified.

Significantly, "We have never been forced to decline a prosecution solely because the criminal statutes were not broad enough."

(A similar judgment was offered by Attorney General John Ashcroft in a 2002 report to Congress: "I conclude that current statutes provide a legal basis to prosecute those who engage in unauthorized disclosures, if they can be identified.")

Ms. Reno's testimony, formally released under the Freedom of Information Act last week, provides perhaps the best single overview of the Justice Department's handling of leak cases, from the initial "crime report" (sometimes called a "crimes report") that advises the Justice Department of the leak, to the agency's submission of answers to eleven specific questions about the leak, to the difficulties of conducting an investigation and the Department's decision whether to prosecute.

"While we are prepared to prosecute vigorously those who are responsible for leaks of classified information,... I also want to say that the Department of Justice believes that criminal prosecution is not the most effective way to address the leak problem," she said.

"In addition to the difficulties of identifying leakers, bring

leak prosecutions is highly complex, requiring overcoming defenses such as apparent authority, improper classification, and First Amendment concerns, and prosecutions are likely to result in more leaks in the course of litigation."

"In general, we believe that the better way to address the problem of leaks is to try to prevent them through stricter personnel security practices, including prohibitions of unauthorized contacts with the press, regular security reminders, and through administrative sanctions, such as revocation of clearances," she told the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The Committee proceeded to endorse a new anti-leak statute against her advice. It was enacted by Congress and then vetoed in November 2000 by President Clinton.

The Justice Department Office of Public Affairs released the Reno testimony in October 2003 to reporters from the Washington Post and the Associated Press, who briefly quoted it in passing. But others who requested a copy, including Secrecy News, were told to file a Freedom of Information Act request.

Following a pointless and wasteful three-and-a-half year "review" by the Justice Department, the testimony has now been formally released under the FOIA without redaction. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/renoleaks.html>

But leak controversies remain ever green, even aside from the proposed Kyl Amendment, the ongoing prosecution of two former AIPAC officials for allegedly mishandling classified information, and so on.

The New York Sun reported that Rep. Tom Davis, the ranking Republican on the House Oversight Committee, rebuked the Justice Department last week for failing to properly account for leak investigations that had been terminated.

See "Gonzales Said To Stonewall a GOP Query" by Josh Gerstein, New York Sun, March 12:

<http://www.nysun.com/article/50228>

SCRAPS FROM CRS

Some recent products of the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include the following.

"China and Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Missiles: Policy Issues," updated January 31, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL31555.pdf>

"National Guard Personnel and Deployments: Fact Sheet," updated January 10, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RS22451.pdf>

and courtesy of U.S. News and World Report's "Bad Guys Blog" (www.usnews.com/usnews/news/badguys/), "Drug Trafficking and North Korea: Issues for U.S. Policy," updated January 25, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL32167.pdf>

LEGAL SUPPORT TO MILITARY OPERATIONS

The conduct of warfare today raises challenging new legal issues that require prompt and operationally sound responses, according to a new publication from the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Modern military operations take place in an increasingly complex geo-political environment. The classic scenario of defending against cross-border aggression represents only one of the challenges facing current [joint forces]. Stability operations, foreign humanitarian assistance operations, and civil-military operations present increased requirements for direct legal support," the new document states.

"Military lawyers were true combat multipliers in Iraq," said General David H. Petraeus, who is now U.S. commander in Iraq. "I tried to get all the lawyers we could get our hands on - and then sought more."

The missions and functions of military lawyers and legal organizations are described in "Legal Support to Military Operations," Joint Publication JP 1-04, March 1, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jpl_04.pdf

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From: David Galvin <d.galvin.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 04:08:13 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 10:57:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Bermuda Triangle The True Story - Galvin

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
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It amazes, bemuses and saddens me that all these years after Kusche's work there is still a bevy of 'researchers' busily writing books and making documentaries claiming there is anything mysterious about the so-called Triangle.

Regards,

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Re: UFO Photos The Future - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 09:05:41 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 11:00:12 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Photos The Future - Maccabee

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2007 10:25:22 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Photos The Future

>>From: Dave Haith <visions.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <UFOupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Mar 2007 19:16:08 -0000
>>Subject: UFO Photos The Future

>>What I'd be interested to hear from other Listers is 'When do
>>you think technology will produce the kind of cameras and camera
>>ownership necessary to produce such a mass of evidence that the
>>physical reality of this phenomena will be hard for even the
>>mainstream press, to deny?'

>I've been a professional photographer and writer about
>photography since the early 70s. I've watched photography
>change, slowly through the 70s and 80s, and very rapidly since
>the advent of digital imaging in the early 90s.

>In its earlier days most people accepted photography as a
>rendering of the truth. In fact, it never was. Early
>photographers cut and pasted negatives and prints to create
>composite images...

<snip>

>The point is that photography was never truth.

>Think about photographs as evidence in court. A photograph, by
>itself, is evidence of nothing. It must have substantiating
>testimony before it can be admitted into evidence as a
>representation of a real place or event. Today, with digital
>imaging, the whole roll of photos as evidence is being
>reevaluated.

Bob is correct.

The bottom line is that the best a photo can do is act as an
aide to the witness' memory as to what the object looked like.

The 'worst' it can do is provide evidence of a fake, such as the
presence of a string supporting a model, or a real inconsistency
with the story of how it was taken.

Virtually any photo could be faked given enough time, expertise
and desire to fake. Theat means that one must investigate the
photographer to determine whether or not there is any evidence
of capability and motive to create such a fake.

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Re: Phoenix Home Videos Reveal Possible Sightings

From: **Terry Groff** <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 10:11:03 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 18:21:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Phoenix Home Videos Reveal Possible Sightings

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Same here. No luck in viewing. I would press the play button and
it would act like it was going to play then suddenly return to
the "ready" state.

Oh well

Terry

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 16:44:36 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 18:22:21 -0400
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Works fine for me, Jeff, except that the last two links point to
the same clip. The intended destination of the final link is
easy to find on the site however.

Whilst there is at first sight no apparent motion, which seems
wrong for descending flares, Bruce Maccabee's analysis at

<http://brumac.8k.com/phoenixlights1.html>

shows very convincingly that there are small downward and lateral
motions, that the almost imperceptible descent would be
explained by slow-descending parachute flares at great distance
and high altitude, that the triangulated distance is indeed >60
miles, that the lateral motion is consistent with upper wind
direction, that the direction of the lights is towards the AF
range where flares are stated to have been released at unusually
great height that night, that the different turn-off sequences
in the different videos can be explained by the lights
descending behind different horizon features at different times
from the different witness locations and that this is also
consistent with great distance and altitude, that the durations
of the lights are approximately the same as those of the flares
reportedly dropped, etc etc.

I don't see any evidence that these are not flares. I see lots
of evidence that is consistent with flares. Maybe dropping
flares in this way at such altitude is not usual practice, but
unusual practice happens for various reasons. Unless someone can
dispute Bruce's very detailed analysis point by point I think
this should be regarded as a successfully closed case.

Martin Shough

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From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 12:48:31 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 18:23:54 -0400
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Fwd Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 18:30:40 -0400
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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2007 14:52:21 -0000
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>But it would be monstrous to conclude from a
>perceived conflict between ambiguous UFO evidence and several
>centuries of scientific method that the latter comes off worst
>and is reduced in the encounter to a wreckage of arbitrary and
>subjective prejudices. Let's keep a sense of proportion.

As anyone familiar with the history of the Condon Report knows,
when it comes to UFOs, the officially sanctioned 'science' is
precisely that: a wreckage of arbitrary and subjective
prejudices. Of course that's not true of subjects of inquiry
generally accepted as legitimate, but the cultural taboos
against UFO research are just too strong.

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>From: Regine Granier <rgb-calou.nul>
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As with many documentaries these days, it may turn up on
YouTube, Google Video, or some similar site.

It might also be worth asking about this on a discussion forum
devoted to the Bermuda Triangle, or to mysteries more generally.

In addition, the program may well be screened in other countries
in due course, depending upon the sales of overseas rights.

Best wishes,

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featured prominently. I share your skeptical views on this

'mystery'.

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A little unfair, particularly in the case of Flight 19.

I've seen the program now. Pretty good, though I'm surprised
methane hydrates didn't get a mention.

The Flight 19 story might better have been illustrated with a
map. If Charles Taylor thought he'd flown over the Florida Keys,
he'd have thought he was in the Gulf of Mexico. Therefore
turning North, then East, would have been logical. But if he was
over the Atlantic (as he almost certainly was), turning North,
then East would simply have gotten him into worse trouble and
ultimately doomed him and his men to a watery grave. The
critical evidence relates to the fact that the radio
transmissions were getting increasingly faint, which clearly
suggests the aircraft were indeed heading East, further out into
the Atlantic, further away from the transmitters.

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>>Subject: Re: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find'

>>But I never
>>realized that any of these issues had ever been declared
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Bob, Listers

I probably wouldn't say that certain things are "indefensible" because I have heard people go through the motions of defending topics that are obviously warmed over bat guano.

Alien Autopsy is one that got defended for years and years, and it turned out to be a hoax/swindle/fraud unloaded by certain people and a talented FX guy. Reed/Raith and all that story... Many stories from supposed 'intelligence community' insiders whispering about this or that. None of which prove out, the people don't check out, but that doesn't stop people from passing the tales around.

As for the "ear-splitting rhetorical volume" I would observe that we only hear that when somebody is trying to defend some questionable story that has less than adequate proof, none the less, they don't care about issues of proof because the story tickles their ear and they absolutly "believe" the story teller.

Personally I await the next swindle to come along. I may be wrong, but it will probably be in the summer or fall months. Somebody will unload some incredible story, which naturally can't be verified. The story tellers credentials likely will not be able to be verified. The story will go all over UFO talk radio and the Internet. Any problems with proof will be blown off with the thought that the story was so important that personality A, or talk show host B had to unload it without checking or investigating anything. Thus the circle of lies and decit in ufology is complete.

Cheers,

Robert

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Biased Documentaries By The Media

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Biased Documentaries By The Media

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Over the years I have enjoyed having the opportunity to share my UFO research with the public through various venues, such as being involved with many film documentary productions, various TV and radio interviews, writing editorials and doing lectures.

Doing lectures, writing editorials and live radio interviews rank as some of my favorites, because the information being presented can be presented in a manner that doesn't require editing in most cases, since it's what I like to call "off the cuff" and live. Radio interviews in particular fall in to this category. Agreed there may be some lively discussion from those that don't agree with my comments during a live radio broadcast but the results of those discussions can usually be quickly resolved. Editorials sometimes initiate responses in both agreement and disagreement, but usually are also resolvable through communication and correspondence. The best part about doing lectures for me has always been the question and answer session following the lecture, wherein I can judge my lecture by the questions that are asked and the dialog that takes place between the audience and myself. Television interviews particularly if for a news service, can go either way. If it's a live television broadcast, editing will not be needed and the information as presented is "out there" subject to review later if desired.

Television documentaries being filmed for airing at a later date do not fall into the above categories and have become a real problem over the years due to the editing that takes place after the filming is complete, with no in-put for the final version from those that have been interviewed. This is happening much too frequently. I guess one could assume that any coverage is good, but that is not the case in many documentaries I've been involved with. Perhaps I don't know enough about TV show ratings and bottom line profits to fully understand why this is happening all too often. There appears to be an agenda and motive to deliberately produce shows that are biased, on the edge of propaganda and misinformation, for a reason other than disclosing the truth or at least showing respect for those of us that have dedicated our lives and financial resources to finding that truth. Debunkers and critics are an essential part of this research to help us all find the answers, unfortunately the debunkers very seldom come up with new information and many times are given credit in these documentaries for having all the answers. The people responsible for editing documentaries as well as the film crews themselves, many times have no knowledge of the information their preparing for consumption by the general public. They haven't done their homework and lead you to believe that they're after the facts and the truth only to find out the story line and conclusion when a show is aired is far from either. The multi-million dollar networks want our years of

research for free, consuming many hours of our time to misrepresent us in their final product. That has to stop. I can honestly say that of the several hundred interviews I have done over the years, only a handful were factual and presented the information in a balanced way that the public deserves.

The ABC-TV special with Peter Jennings in 2005 was a good example. The show was heavily promoted as being the truth, which it was for the first few minutes and then went "south" like many other shows and documentaries have, with assumptions and claims that were totally false, allowing too much air time for the debunkers which didn't permit the information to be shown in a fair and balanced manner.

Sometimes you expect these type results from certain national media networks, because you know their track record from previous documentaries they produced. There are other networks that you expect a more balanced view from, and those can disappoint you also as the National Geographic channel did recently in a show about "The Real Roswell", which first aired in January 2007.

Last summer I filmed with them here in Roswell for about 6 hours and not once during that time was I told by the film crew that the National Geographic special would obviously have an agenda that would be extremely biased by the time the one hour show ended after the editing was completed. I was also contacted several times by email and telephone requesting additional factual information about the Roswell Incident while the documentary was being prepared. I had a lot of airtime on the show and those that responded to me after viewing the show indicated that I came across honestly and sincerely in my comments that were used. I was thankful for that, but very disappointed with the overall show and factual information unfairly presented.

As examples, at one point in the show they referred to General Roger Ramey, the head of 8th Air Force in Ft Worth as the base commander at Roswell Army Airfield in 1947, when in fact the base commander was Col Blanchard. The Mogul balloon theory, particularly Flight 4, which researcher David Rudiak has proven could not have possibly landed on the ranch was the final word for the documentary, totally ignoring the fact that Russia did no nuclear testing until 1949 (2 years after the Roswell Incident), which was what the Mogul balloon was supposed to detect from high altitude. Major Jesse Marcel's recollection of the event was linked to Sci-Fi books and movies, not based on his work as the top Intelligence Officer in the military in 1947. Finally most of the witnesses' testimony shown was taken completely out of context.

The National Geographic channel in the preparation of this documentary did obviously very little homework. Some of the witnesses like Walter Haut, Frank Joyce, George Newling, Major Marcel and his son Jesse Marcel Jr., deserved better than National Geographic afforded them. The same is true for researchers Stanton Friedman, Don Schmitt and myself who gave freely and openly to what we thought would be a non-biased documentary about Roswell, only to be disappointed again.

The debunkers on the show added nothing new and in fact in the case of Michael Shermer, his responses are now predictable, since it's always the same ---that it's all a myth. Perhaps he's the myth with help from the National Geographic channel and other UFO documentary producers. The narrator in fact ended the show with the statement that, "Science now sees Roswell as little more than myth making".

Of course no Roswell documentary would be complete without the comments from Dr. Seth Shostak of SETI, who continues to live in the stone age hoping to get a "radio signal" from out there, and B.D Glidenberg, both of whom I would question as to their credentials on actually doing research on the subject of UFOs.

I suggest in the future, documentary film producers omit the words like the "Real" Roswell or the "Truth" about Roswell, unless they intend to present it as real or true.

National Geographic - your credibility is at stake and you have a lot of room for improvement. You owe it to your audience to be fair and unbiased.

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O'Hare Airport Sighting, (UFO, Hoax or Security Threat)

I rarely investigate UFO sightings, primarily because I decided years ago to concentrate my research on other areas of Ufology, rather than sightings, abductions, etc. I do however maintain an interest in some of the better-documented sighting cases such as the Phoenix lights several years ago and the Mexico City mass sightings of the 90's, and follow reports of sightings, abductions, crop circles and other Ufological events with interest from a distance. Occasionally a sighting will attract my attention and I try to keep as informed as possible, usually until it either "slips through the cracks" and is forgotten, is proven to be a hoax, or interest diminishes and nothing more is reported. Many times those in authority with the ability to reveal the factual information simply write it off as something mundane and explainable. The better researchers however usually don't accept those conclusions, keeping pressure on to determine the truth when possible.

Such is this case with the recent sighting at 4:30pm (Central Time) on November 7, 2006 over United Airlines Gate C 17 at Chicago's O'Hare airport, and it is my hope that pressure will remain on those in authority until the truth of this event emerges.

On that date, United Airlines and Federal authorities were notified that approximately a dozen witnesses were observing a small round, metallic appearing, disc-shaped object, hovering above Gate C 17. The object was first spotted by an employee on the Gate ramp, pushing back Flight 446, which was departing Chicago for Charlotte, North Carolina. The employee reported to his supervisors that the object was almost directly over his location at Gate C 17, below the cloud cover at about 1,300 feet and appeared to be round and spinning. Other United Airlines employees, (as well as pilots) witnessed the object, which was apparently visible for approximately two minutes, before suddenly accelerating straight up at a very high speed, shooting through the overcast sky at about 1,900 feet at the time. It appeared to leave a hole in the cloud as it sped upward.

So what we have in this sighting is what was reported to be a solid object hovering about 1,300 feet above the second busiest airport in the country, witnessed by respectable ground crew employees and pilots, and a sudden erratic movement of the object as it ascended straight up at a high speed leaving a hole in the cloud and reported to authorities. As I would expect the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration), said it must have been a weird weather phenomenon. (At least it wasn't a weather balloon with crash test dummies this time according to the FAA). Initially United Airlines denied any knowledge of the event as reported to them by their own employees, later admitting they had interviewed the witnesses and requested reports, but had no

authority to investigate the incident themselves.

It's now been three months since the sighting occurred and was reported, and we still have not been given an explanation by anyone in our government. That is not surprising to me, however my concern lies much deeper than the initial "blow-off remarks" by the FAA that it was a weather phenomenon. The United States is under a terrorist threat and daily the news media reminds us of the status of those threats, and we have had a sighting of "something" hovering over an airline gate at the second busiest airport in the country and no one in authority in the government is willing to come forward and explain what the employees of United Airlines actually witnessed. Luckily for us, the incident is still raising questions as it should, and Peter Davenport of the National UFO Reporting Center www.nuforc.org has been in the forefront to keep the investigation open, reporting information as it becomes available, as are several other Internet websites and discussion groups. I'm not saying that what was seen was some terrorist plot, but I am saying if in fact we have to live under that threat as we do daily, someone in the United States government owes an explanation to the general public as to what it was. It would be ridiculous to believe that such an event would not show up in the Intelligence Agencies daily reports, if nothing more than as a concern about National Security.

As to the skeptics or debunkers, I say believe what you want, but as long as I have to live under a terrorist threat I want to know what it was that sat over Gate C 17 at Chicago's O'Hare airport and then made a hole in the cloud when it sped upward out of sight, with multiple reliable witnesses observing it. Skeptics always insist that witnesses are not credible or reliable. Such is not the case with this incident. Some have reported that United Airlines instructed these witnesses initially to not talk about it, so who is reliable in this case? Undoubtedly, United Airlines was probably totally unprepared for this incident, but restricting freedom of speech of their employees is not comforting when terrorist activities or airport security are in question.

Speaking of the witnesses, these are people that have worked in the aviation industry for years, and are familiar with aircraft and weather conditions in most cases. To see a metallic object hover over the gate a mere 1,300 feet above them, and then disappear through a cloud leaving a hole was not what they would normally have seen at Gate C 17, while performing their duties.

Another concern I have is why it took so long for any information to surface about the sighting, when the Chicago Tribune newspaper finally broke the story in early January 2007, almost 2 months after it had been posted on the National UFO Reporting Center's web site? And how did the news media handle the story? As an example, Anderson Cooper of CNN made light of it as has been done in past years when a UFO story finally makes it to the mainstream media, and the media's agenda is directed to a pre-determined conclusion, as with many TV documentaries on the subject of Ufology.

There have been several instances where photographs of the alleged craft have shown up on the internet, all so far having been generally agreed on to have been hoaxes. This too is a common practice with the computer equipment that is readily available today to alter photographs. Hopefully of the several witnesses that saw this incident, one perhaps will come forward with information that can be verified as being accurate, providing a photo was actually taken.

Another consideration in addition to my thoughts above about terrorists is safety. Would an unidentified craft (metallic object) hovering at 1,300 feet not be a safety concern for the hundreds of flights in and out of O'Hare daily? There are several obvious reasons why someone in authority should be held accountable for explaining to the public and especially to the witnesses what it was that they saw on November 7, 2007 at O'Hare airport in Chicago.

I will continue to monitor this incident and hope that enough pressure can be generated through good research and investigation, or Freedom of Information requests, so that a factual, truthful explanation will be forthcoming. We should not let this one fall between the cracks as many have in the past.

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Re: Interview With Clas Svahn UFO Sweden Chair -

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>Milton Frank, Brazilian Ufology Center President Interviews
>Clas Svahn, UFO Sweden Chair

Hello Eustaquio,

Thank you for posting these informative mini-interviews, I think it is a very worthwhile activity.

I have a query about this interview - towards the end, the response to question #10 appears to be missing, and question #11 is missing in it's entirety, or is that a numbering error?

Regards,

Joe

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Well and truly stated, Robert.

I have this mental image of a bunch of children in chronic,
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Jerry Clark

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>>When a scientist submits a proof to a scientific journal, it is
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>>we just accept that it is so. Maybe he did it, maybe he didn't.
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>The situation you describe would be an anarchic one, a
>structureless free-for-all, possibly one that some members of
>the internet generations - happy with the sheer "fun" of
>believing in ET - might thoughtlessly cheer for, but one
>guaranteed to be, in the long run, a destructive recipe for
>misery and calamity. But your charge that science is no
>different from beliefs in religions or the tooth fairy is,
>fortunately for all of us, not only a bit silly but also
>factually in error.

Thanks Martin, of course, you are correct! I am engaging in a
little exaggeration to make a poi

>Then there are the blind experiments that I have read about
>which suggest that the experiment itself is influenced by the
>prejudices of the scientist! This kind of outcome is also suggested
>by the well known (and documented) placebo effect. This is
>where an ill subject is given an inert substance while being told
>that he is taking actual medicine. The subject is magically cured,
>despite the fact that he has not taken any real medicine. This
>suggests that it is his thoughts that have affected the outcome.

>The question here is: are all scientific proofs subject to these
>clearly compromising vagaries? If so, then what is scientific
>proof?

So, my point is this: with the knowledge of subjectivity of much
scientific evidence and if we factor in the implications of
quantum mechanics, we must come to the conclusion that our
science (as we understand it) while not erroneous, certainly has
some aspects open to question. I think we take too literal a
view of our material universe and forget that our observations
of that universe are subject to our conscious interpretations
and prejudices. If (as quantum thinking suggests) our thinking
influences material outcomes, then there is an implicit
fuzziness to scientific theory that we have failed to
acknowledge.

This, to my mind, means that we must factor consciousness into
our scientific theories to develop a better understanding of the
universe, as opposed to a model which comes from a strictly
materialist point of view. So, I agree, science is not to be
thrown out as the baby in the bathwater. But I do think that
belief in a strictly materialist paradigm is a bit myopic. The
universe is much greater than our materialist prejudices would
have us believe.

And belief itself is the fly in the ointment here! Belief in a

strictly materialist model of the universe wilts under the light of quantum understanding. The universe is not strictly mechanistic, but kind of spacey and wierd. It is an integrated, malleable (within certain parameters) fabric that is subject to influence by application of consciousness.

How cool for us. And, how interesting for science.

Mike Good

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There's undoubtedly bad science on the "other side" by the
truckload. But the important difference is that most of the bad
science in UFOlogy is done by people who are not scientists
(since anyone can call themselves a "Ufologist" or a
"researcher"). The bad science done on the official side is
mostly done by bona fide scientists. And there is way too much
that is very bad, a recent case in point being the treatment
of the Apollo 11 UFO sighting by a Ph.D. astronomer and by the
Apollo astronauts who witnessed it and then changed their story

for public consumption from what they had concluded in the mission debriefing.

Some people may reject any explanation proposed by a scientist that conflicts with what they want to believe but a lot more people will take such explanations at face value. It's not always easy or even possible for non-scientists to know whether a "scientific" opinion they read about in the paper really has a scientific basis or if it's merely irrational personal prejudices being promoted under color of scientific authority. The latter should never be the case for supposedly responsible scientists, but it far too often is.

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Re: O'Hare UFO Sighting Hoax Or Security Threat? -

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 19:56:42 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 08:38:14 -0400
Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO Sighting Hoax Or Security Threat? -

>From: Dennis Balthaser <truthskr.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 08:43:26 -0600
>Subject: O'Hare UFO Sighting Hoax Or Security Threat?

<snip>

>Another consideration in addition to my thoughts above about
>terrorists is safety. Would an unidentified craft (metallic
>object) hovering at 1,300 feet not be a safety concern for the
>hundreds of flights in and out of O'Hare daily? There are
>several obvious reasons why someone in authority should be held
>accountable for explaining to the public and especially to the
>witnesses what it was that they saw on November 7, 2007 at
>O'Hare airport in Chicago.

Dennis & List

I don't want to get into this case again in detail at the moment, but would just mention ut the interesting fact that about the one place over a big airport where you would not be a potential hazard to traffic would be directly over the gates, if moving in and out vertically.

Martin Shough

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 19:02:12 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 08:42:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Boone

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 02:01:03 EDT
>Subject: Defending The Indefensible [was: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find']

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2007 08:45:00 -0500
>>Subject: Re: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find'

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2007 15:22:52 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: MUFON On Kinross & F-89 'Find'

>>>But I never
>>>realized that any of these issues had ever been declared
>>>"indefensible" and I really don't understand what is meant by
>>>"ear-splitting rhetorical volume". Don't you think he should
>>>provide an example?

>>So far the only "ear-splitting rhetorical volume" that I have
>>heard has emanated from Jerry himself in his attempts to shout
>>us down.

>Bob, Listers

>I probably wouldn't say that certain things are "indefensible"
>because I have heard people go through the motions of defending
>topics that are obviously warmed over bat guano.

>Alien Autopsy is one that got defended for years and years, and
>it turned out to be a hoax/swindle/fraud unloaded by certain
>people and a talented FX guy. Reed/Raith and all that story...
>Many stories from supposed 'intelligence community' insiders
>whispering about this or that. None of which prove out, the
>people don't check out, but that doesn't stop people from
>passing the tales around.

>As for the "ear-splitting rhetorical volume" I would observe
>that we only hear that when somebody is trying to defend some
>questionable story that has less than adequate proof, none the
>less, they don't care about issues of proof because the story
>tickles their ear and they absolutly "believe" the story teller.

>Personally I await the next swindle to come along. I may be
>wrong, but it will probably be in the summer or fall months.
>Somebody will unload some incredible story, which naturally
>can't be verified. The story tellers credentials likely will not
>be able to be verified. The story will go all over UFO talk
>radio and the Internet. Any problems with proof will be blown
>off with the thought that the story was so important that
>personality A, or talk show host B had to unload it without
>checking or investigating anything. Thus the circle of lies and
>deceit in ufology is complete.

Hot dang! Robert you sure told the choir what song to sing!

I could go on and on but that would burn up Errol's servers.

Yes, this field of study, ufology, has some of the most frustrating twists and turns one can endure, but so does politics, health care, and computer companies with bad service.

Ufology doesn't have the armies of technical personnel that other fields do. It's not a field where you get major college credits, federal or state and local subsidizing nor even corporate support. It's an everyman's field of study because the powers that be skirt the issue, lie through their teeth and engage in underhanded means to curtail investigations and disclosures.

That's why the frauds and charlatans get so much play. We just don't have the manpower nor resources to tackle this issue. The big radio programs like C2C and Rense don't do UFO stories 24/7. They go off into ghosts and chupacabras, ancient Atlantis and Edgar Cayce. No one is focusing on this subject with the ferocity and clarity of thought it should. If they had, we'd have had a resolution or at least some solid ground to stand on decades ago.

I've said it on this List and on the air over and over again. As long as there's a mystery, there'll be money to be made on it. We still have people selling Loch Ness Monster books and such. We still have people making money off of mysteries that have defied the ages. UFOs are just one of the latest ones.

The O'Hare incident is a case-in-point. People started sending out all kinds of so-called photos and videos. Now we come to find out that not only are the agencies charged with investigating the incident full of it, we find out the only 'amazing' footage is going to be on a DVD sometime next year for sale. That just about killed the O'Hare story for me personally. All things considered it inevitably ended up in the Circle-of-Loot (Sung to the tune of Disney's Lion King "Circle of Life").

You'd think with the massive amount of websites nowadays devoted to ufology and the radio and TV programs that there'd be a team up of some sort just dogpile on the subject. No. Instead it's still treated like some sideshow venue and stereotypical archetypes pervade the pop culture.

It's called Domination through Humiliation, an old trick used primarily by school yard bullies. Don't win by solid debate, win by humiliate!

There are no more scams and ripoffs in ufology than there are in other fields of research and application. Just a glance at the growing 2008 political campaign will show you that. It's our species' behavioral pattern to screw up and fast-talk and make a buck any which way. In ufology because of the lack of safeguards we depend on one another to out the wolves and weasels.

There's something there to ufology. It says more about our own make up as beings than about any visitors from the cosmos. Sometimes you learn more about yourself by studying others. I too didn't buy that Alien Autopsy for one minute. Man, did I get chastised for not falling for that one or the one about the movie Rio Grande. In that one people stated a ufo was seen in a scene with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Using a high definition tv set it's easy to see it's just reflections on wires strung in back of the scene. I got a lot of grief for bringing that up.

People latch onto things, pump a lot of air into it and don't do the necessary due diligence.

There's something to ufology. Just the other day the most shocking event I've ever experienced in all the years of studying ufos happened. I can't detail it here but I will soon. I was about to call it all a day in ufology and go on with my life when I got a disclosure from a group I would never have expected. Not one disclosure, but two. All I can say is from that alone, yes we have and are visited by aliens. I didn't say 'space aliens'. There's a difference. I've said it before about this field, it's a play on words.

I've said before that this field's ultimate conclusions can be

found in what I termed the Sisyphus Effect. Based on the mythological figure who was doomed to Hades and the only way out was to roll a boulder to the top of a hill. If he succeeded he would be released. Instead it was rigged so it would roll off the hill every time he tried. Sort of like ufology. Things are always at that horizon, just a stones throw away, just around that corner.

Always a bridesmaid, never a bride.<G>

That to me explains the entire phenomena. I can walk away from ufology a satisfied researcher. Along the way I've learned so much about the sciences and humanities. Learned a lot about other peoples and their cultures. Have a greater appreciation for our veterans and law enforcement.

Ufology can be fun if you don't take it too seriously. Whatever dangers exist within and without I'm sure we'll be able to manage.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Biased Documentaries By The Media - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 19:13:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 08:44:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Biased Documentaries By The Media - Boone

>From: Dennis Balthaser <truthskr.nul>
>To:To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 08:43:26 -0600
>Subject: Biased Documentaries By The Media

>Searching For The Truth

>(Always Telling the Truth Means Never Having to Remember Anything)

>Biased Documentaries By The Media

>02-15-07

>Over the years I have enjoyed having the opportunity to share my
>UFO research with the public through various venues, such as
>being involved with many film documentary productions, various
>TV and radio interviews, writing editorials and doing lectures.

<snip>

Great article Dennis! It's a breath of fresh air!

Two points. Is it that the media is biased or just plain stupid?

I've seen reporters do great work and some do lousy work. In the case of UFOs they generally do a lousy job. In the case of the Peter Jennings special they didn't even rise to the level of lousy. In that case I'd have to say there was a hidden agenda afoot.

I've told UFO researchers and folks for years not to trust the press. I grew up in the press. I was at incidents where there were dozens of veteran press and a ufo was directly overhead and the stories still didn't get into the news. Why? Look at the opposition in general and you'll have your answers! It's so obvious! Who opposes and invalidates any UFO reports and data? Which agencies public and private? Which institutions, secular and non-secular?

Getting the modus operandi now?

You cannot trust the press on this issue. In over 60 years they haven't done this field of research the objective professionalism the public's outcry demands. Why? Because they're told not to do so. How difficult is that? It's a simple case of don't bite the hand that feeds you.

Best,

Greg

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Rotorua a 'Hive Of UFO Activity'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: Rotorua a 'Hive Of UFO Activity'

Source: The Daily Post - Rotorua, New Zealand

<http://tinyurl.com/2da32g>

15.03.2007

Rotorua a 'Hive Of UFO Activity'

By Mike Mather

A surgeon hailed a pioneer in the removal of devices implanted into humans by aliens is headed for Rotorua.

Dr Roger Leir won't be performing surgery when he visits in September but will speak at a conference, hosted by Ufocus New Zealand, which will focus on UFO sightings and other extraterrestrial-related phenomena.

Although Rotorua was chosen to host the conference for practical reasons, it is coincidentally part of a triangular section of the Bay of Plenty - between Waihi Beach, Whakatane and Rotorua - which is a particular hotspot of UFO activity, according to Ufocus founder Suzanne Hansen.

"There is also a pattern of increased sightings whenever there is seismic activity. It may be that the UFOs are tracking what is happening with the tectonic plates."

Ufocus treasurer and conference facilitator Graeme Opie, who is also the senior air traffic controller at Hamilton Airport, said in the past year there had been about 12 "credible" UFO sightings in the skies over New Zealand.

"A lot of people don't report them because they are scared of being labelled kooks ... or they report them directly to the police or the defence force and we never get to hear about them."

Between 150 and 250 people are expected at the conference in Rotorua with Dr Leir as a keynote speaker.

While his resume sounds like part of a script from an episode of The X Files, the organisers of the Future Perspectives conference, at the Rotorua Convention Centre in September, insist the American is the real deal and they want to be taken seriously.

Dr Leir, who holds qualifications as a foot surgeon, is touted as a world pioneer in the surgical removal of devices planted into people, supposedly following alien abductions.

According to the biography posted on the Ufocus website, Dr Leir has performed 12 separate operations to remove implanted objects from people, the most recent in September. As with the other 11 cases, the patient was an abductee who had "a lifetime of close encounter experiences".

The website claims the objects he removed, some of which look similar to small metal pins, had been tested in some of the world's most prestigious laboratories and baffled scientists, in part because "some of the tests show [radioactive] isotopic ratios not of this world ... comparisons have been made to meteorite samples".

Ms Hansen, who lives in Tauranga, said she was certain Dr Leir was "on the level ... he has spoken at hundreds of conferences and is very credible".

"He began as a non-believer [in extraterrestrials] but he became fascinated with these objects that showed up on x-rays with no point of entry or exit on the body.

"I can only surmise that they might be some kind of tracking device or something that monitors aspects of a person's health."

Ms Hansen said she expected the conference to generate a lot of interest.

"People have a great fear of being ridiculed if they come forward [with stories of UFO sightings]."

The conference will be held on September 29 and 30.

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Student Spots UFO Over Swindon

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 08:50:24 -0400
Subject: Student Spots UFO Over Swindon

Source: This Is Wiltshire - UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2cs3bw>

Wednesday 13th December 2006

Student Spots UFO Over Swindon
By Anthony Osborne

He might be concentrating on his college work, but Chris Moran is also wondering if we really are alone in the universe.

On two occasions on Monday night the 17-year-old spotted strange lights in the skies over Swindon. It was at 8.55pm when he made his first sighting.

Chris said: "We were walking out the back of Cricklade Road near some open ground and out of the corner of my eye I saw it for just a few seconds.

"There was this oval-shaped object, quite bright, hanging in the sky. It was really odd.

"As I turned my head to look at it, it reacted like it had been seen, and it zoomed off."

Chris turned to his friends but they all insisted that they didn't see it. advertisement

But just over an hour later there could be no doubt in their minds.

"I was in town near Eastcott Hill and I saw it again, and this time so did the others," said Chris.

"It looked like it was just a few hundred feet up. All the guys saw it and so did one man who had come out of a pub.

"It was incredible, but I cannot begin to think what it was.

"It was oval again, a bit like a rugby ball, completely silent, and then travelled off so fast, it would have been impossible to estimate its speed. I cannot believe I have seen this object twice in one night. Other people must have seen it."

Chris is confident what he saw was not an aircraft, helicopter or an astronomical object such as a shooting star.

"It seemed far too fast for anything I have ever heard of and it was silent, there was no rumbling or anything," he said.

A spokeswoman for the Ministry of Defence said they had not received any reports about UFO sightings over Swindon on Monday evening.

She said: "The MoD examines any UFO sighting reports it receives

solely to establish whether there is any evidence to suggest that UK airspace has been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity.

"Unless there is such evidence the MoD does not attempt to positively identify what was seen."

The MoD has no role or expertise regarding the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life-forms and does not study such alleged phenomena.

"The MoD remains open-minded but to date we know of no evidence that substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena."

- Did you see this strange phenomena over Swindon? If so call the Adver newsdesk on 01793 501806.

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

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UFO Over Canadian Military Base Late 80's

From: **Dan Peter** <dddjjj.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 11:17:11 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 09:09:04 -0400
Subject: UFO Over Canadian Military Base Late 80's

I have told this story before on the Net and looked for others who had seen this incredible sight there but have found no one.

In the late eighties I was climbing a North Edmonton grain elevator with some friends at night. We would wait until dark, climb the elevator to the top (very high up) smoke and enjoy the city lights.

This time we all noticed, as we were climbing, a glowing orb - as big as the sun - north of Edmonton. We reached the top and I was watching what I thought was the world coming to an end.

The next day I phoned the Namao Air Base north of Edmonton to ask about the glowing orb that did not move and seemed to be over the base's general area. I was told that it was "an experiment".

This was the most bizzare thing ever for me.

About a year ago I touched on the subject again with one of my good friends who was there and he does not remember the orb.

I'm a musician and a few years back my drummer told me that ever since he can remember "grey creatures" would come and "tazer" him at night.

If I would not have seen the strange orb so many years before that I would have thought he was crazy.

Cheers,

Dan Peter
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UK MP Tables Question On Condign Report

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 12:05:44 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 09:13:23 -0400
Subject: UK MP Tables Question On Condign Report

Norman Baker Member of Parliament - who has previously asked the Government about my UFO investigations at the MoD - tabled a question in Parliament yesterday concerning Project Condign:

"To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much was spent producing the report Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region; who the author was; what the author's qualifications in this subject were; to whom the report was circulated; what actions were taken on the recommendations of the report; and if he will make a statement."

The question is numbered 143 and can be viewed on the Parliamentary website about halfway down the list of questions for future answer, here:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmordbk2/70319o01.htm>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Asbestos Contaminated UK UFO Files

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 13:28:42 -0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 10:10:15 -0400
Subject: Asbestos Contaminated UK UFO Files

A number of old Defence Intelligence Staff files are contaminated with asbestos because of the location in which they were stored. This precludes release until such time as they can be safely scanned. A number of UFO files are involved and this has led to previous adverse comment from conspiracy theorists. Tuesday's answer to a Parliamentary Question on the subject provides a useful update:

<http://tinyurl.com/ywxbok>

[See: Departmental Records - a slight scroll-down --ebk]

Essentially, the scanning project was originally expected to finish in July 2007 but has had to be extended by six months, in view of the amount of work involved, which proved significantly greater than first anticipated. FOI requests frustrated by the contamination are being processed in the order they were received, as the relevant files become available.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Cultural Taboos & Prejudices - Smith

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 10:16:37 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 06:54:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Cultural Taboos & Prejudices - Smith

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 13:35:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Cultural Taboos & Prejudices

>The bad science done on the official side is
>mostly done by bona fide scientists. And there is way too much
>that is very bad, a recent case in point being the treatment
>of the Apollo 11 UFO sighting by a Ph.D. astronomer and by the
>Apollo astronauts who witnessed it and then changed their story
>for public consumption from what they had concluded in the
>mission debriefing.

I don't know if you are referring to Dr. Plait or to Dr. Morrison. If you look at what Morrison did, all he did was ask Aldrin. He didn't even TRY to use the raw data to determine whether the panels could in fact be seen. Then look at what Plait did, simply took Morrison at his word and didn't TRY to determine independently whether what Morrison or Aldrin were saying was true. This is not at all peer review, but simply water cooler talk.

They should simply not say anything.

I have already discussed how it could be the panels but without added data, its useless to speculate. If Aldrin could tell us how the object appeared to be passing by, then that would be helpful. By this I mean, was it 1) "moving" from the front of the CSM to the aft, 2) visa versa or 3) was it really moving side to side, which due to the fact they saw it during the rotisserie mode the CSM was in at the time (lengthwise axis normal to the ecliptic plane), meant it could likely not be moving but just be following them as the panels would. Also, even with the disorienting spin nature of the flight mode, they should have been able to give some rough estimate of the direction the object was seen (namely towards Earth or towards the Moon). Even this meager data is left out of their accounts.

An estimate of magnitude would be nice.
An estimate of tumbling rate would be nice.

I don't blame the crew for changing their story. They can't be expected to explain everything they see and can't make inflammatory remarks.

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 14:57:58 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 06:57:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Shough

>From: Mike Good <boneheadart.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 10:05:55 -0700 (PDT)
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible [was: UFO Photos The Future]

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2007 14:52:21 -0000
>>Subject: Re: UFO Photos The Future

>>>When a scientist submits a proof to a scientific journal, it is
>>>taken for granted that the scientist has done his homework and
>>>actually performed all of the experiments he says he has. Well
>>>we just accept that it is so. Maybe he did it, maybe he didn't.
>>>So the empirical evidence, most often, is subjective too.

>>The situation you describe would be an anarchic one, a
>>structureless free-for-all, possibly one that some members of
>>the internet generations - happy with the sheer "fun" of
>>believing in ET - might thoughtlessly cheer for, but one
>>guaranteed to be, in the long run, a destructive recipe for
>>misery and calamity. But your charge that science is no
>>different from beliefs in religions or the tooth fairy is,
>>fortunately for all of us, not only a bit silly but also
>>factually in error.

>Thanks Martin, of course, you are correct! I am engaging in a
>little exaggeration to make a poi

But, Mike, I beg to differ. Saying that scientific journals are filled with unsubstantiated claims accepted purely on the author's say-so, that empirical evidence in science is merely subjective and casual, that science as a whole is just one dish in a buffet of loopy belief systems that we are free to pick and choose from, is not "a little exaggeration", or even a wild caricature, but utter intellectual carnage.

The point you then appeared to make was that because scientists with their "prejudices" and "preconceived notions" were no use and no "fun", what was needed was "a major change in the consciousness of those making the rules".

Now if by that you had intended merely to echo the familiar idea that, given some non-zero probability of ETH or an ETH-equivalent, then ufology would have some characteristics of an intelligence problem rather than a pure science problem, and/or that scientists need to reach some sort of special accommodation with ufo reports by adapting customary rules of evidence etc. to a unique situation, then this would at least be debateable. But in the context of your traducement of the scientific enterprise as "just another belief system, no different than religion or the tooth fairy" you obviously meant something much more radical by a "major change of consciousness".

>So, my point is this: with the knowledge of subjectivity of
>much scientific evidence

Subtracting your exaggerations this amounts to no more than the knowledge that science evolves and has a future state that we

can't predict.

>and if we factor in the implications of
>quantum mechanics, we must come to the conclusion that our
>science (as we understand it) while not erroneous, certainly
>has some aspects open to question.

Well of course. But question by whom and in what fashion? By sticking a pin in some map of fanciful notions? No, by more science, not less; by more critical thought, not less. You speak as though science were some ancient ossified thing that needs outside help to revivify. This couldn't be further from the truth. Science is the absolutely pre-eminent dynamic transforming revolutionary process in the human world. It is made of questions. Every amazing thing that you "know" - including all those "implications of quantum mechanics" - and just about everything around you from your toaster to the PC in front of you is a result of that process.

>I think we take too literal a
>view of our material universe and forget that our observations
>of that universe are subject to our conscious interpretations
>and prejudices.

Who forgets this? You might, but epistemologists don't, professors and students of the history and philosophy of science don't, cognitive scientists don't, experimental psychologists don't, quantum theorists don't. The scientific world view incorporates an enormous amount of critical analysis of its own methods and a deep scepticism about the face-value interpretations of human beliefs and observations (something that doesn't always endear it to ufologists!).

And science does not take "a literal view of a material universe". This harks back to an archaic philosophical distinction between materialism and spiritualism, arising from a classical Newtonian notion of matter as inert stuff. Prior to relativity, quantum theory, critical-point phenomena, far-from-equilibrium self-organisation etc it wasn't clearly understood how complex systems, and organic systems in particular, could arise without some superadded patterning or driving force, hence vitalism, spiritualism etc in contradistinction to the billiard-ball determinism that reached a nadir in the "medical materialism" of Buchner and Vogt who claimed that the brain merely secretes thought "as the liver secretes bile". Each viewpoint depended for its meaning on the other, but that crude disjunction lost its validity long ago. To speak of materialism in science today (other than in historical terms) is no more sensible than to speak of spiritualism in science, and is what philosophers would call a category mistake. A few individual scientists may still choose to make that mistake, as you and some anti-scientists do also. But they are unrepresentative throwbacks.

>If (as quantum thinking suggests) our thinking
>influences material outcomes, then there is an implicit
>fuzziness to scientific theory that we have failed to
>acknowledge.

Who has failed? Surely not the physicists who have struggled for a century with the fantastically difficult job of creating the "quantum thinking" you claim as your authority? What previously unacknowledged fuzziness are you talking about? I don't believe you are you arguing by analogy that individual theories should be considered as phonon particles of a quantised "theory field", or "theorons", with associated position-momentum uncertainties in theory space - now that would be something that we could have fun with! No, it seems to me you are alluding to some quantum quasi-solipsism of the sort popularised by the theories of Everett, De Witt and co., by means of which science's theories are analogous to collective acts of measurement that decohere an indeterminate system of superposed probable states and thus elicit the state of the world they measure. Assuming that you can make this proposition fully coherent, my question to you would be: Do you truly believe, as you say, that it is authorised by reliable interpretations of quantum theory? Think carefully about the implications of your answer.

>This, to my mind, means that we must factor consciousness into
>our scientific theories to develop a better understanding of
>the universe, as opposed to a model which comes from a strictly

>materialist point of view.

Again, there is no such thing in modern physics as a "strictly materialist point of view" and your talk of "factoring in consciousness", far from being some fresh insight that those stuffy old scientists would never think of on their own, comes directly from your reading of books and articles about difficult issues in the interpretation of quantum mechanics that were being chewed over by physicists decades before Capra et al. Don't make the mistake of putting the popular-science cart before the scientific horse.

>So, I agree, science is not to be
>thrown out as the baby in the bathwater. But I do think that
>belief in a strictly materialist paradigm is a bit myopic. The
>universe is much greater than our materialist prejudices would
>have us believe.

Physics is already much greater and stranger than the quaint materialism your prejudices would have you believe it is.

>And belief itself is the fly in the ointment here! Belief in a
>strictly materialist model of the universe wilts under the
>light of quantum understanding.

I would be interested to know in what sense the decades of brilliant and tremendously difficult world-changing work on QM described in books such as Schweber's "QED and the Men Who Made It" is "a bit myopic", or how for instance the subtle dissection of quantum logic, decoherence, measurement theory etc in "The Interpretation of Quantum Mechanics" by Roland Omnes "wilts under the glare" of your "quantum understanding".

>The universe is not strictly
>mechanistic, but kind of spacey and wierd. It is an integrated,
>malleable (within certain parameters) fabric that is subject to
>influence by application of consciousness.
>How cool for us. And, how interesting for science.

"Kind of spacey and weird." An eloquent summary of many pop science cover-blurbs I suppose. But I'm amused that you seem to think that "the decline of mechanism" would be news to those whose original work has subsequently been popularised.

Just for clarity, let me remind Listers that this all arises from your critique of science as a system of thought, equivalent, you averred, to fairy tales and religions and of no more use in relation to the UFO problem than they. You have now somewhat toned this down and conceded that the baby of science should not be entirely thrown out with his bathwater, but still maintain, it appears, that he is some sort of shrivelled changeling who needs feeding up and emergency medication if he is to prove worth keeping. But the hints you give us as to your reasons for this all appear to come from ideas developed by science itself, not from religions or fairy tales, and so as a critic of the method of science it seems to me you make a poor case.

Martin Shough

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Secrecy News -- 03/15/07

From: **Steven Aftergood** <saftergood.nul>
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DOCUMENT DENIED: DHS BOOSTS COOPERATION WITH RUSSIAN INTEL

Two new U.S. Secret Service agents are to be stationed in Moscow this year, in accordance with a secret memorandum of understanding between the Department of Homeland Security and Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB), that country's foreign intelligence agency.

The four-page memorandum of understanding was signed in November 2006 by DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff and the FSB Director.

In response to a Freedom of Information Act request from the Federation of American Scientists, DHS denied the release of any portion of the document, citing FOIA exemption (7)(E) which protects law enforcement information.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/01/dhs012607.pdf>

The denial is being appealed. DHS officials have independently disclosed some of the contents of the memorandum.

Information about the document was first reported last December by Russia's Tass News Agency. The DHS-FSB memorandum "envisages the exchange of information between the two sides on border control and related matters," according to a Tass report.

DHS Acting Assistant Secretary Paul Rosenzweig described the agreement in a December 20, 2006 briefing.

"One of the products of [the new memorandum] is that either already or within the new year there will be two new Secret Service agents stationed in Moscow. [The Secret Service is now a DHS component -- SN] That's a return to a post that has been vacant for quite some time which we're very pleased about. There remain several other DHS people there already."

"With Russia in particular, there's been some very strong positive movement in the past six months, as reflected by the signing of this agreement," Mr. Rosenzweig said.

HOUSE ADOPTS OPEN GOVT BILLS

The House of Representatives yesterday adopted a slate of open government bills by large, veto-proof majorities in the face of sharp opposition from the Bush White House.

"Today, Congress took an important step towards restoring openness and transparency in government," said Rep. Henry Waxman, who expeditiously moved the bills through his Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

"Over the past six years, the Bush Administration has done everything it can to operate in secret, to avoid public scrutiny, and to limit congressional oversight," Rep. Waxman said. "I am pleased that Congress is reversing this course by passing four critically important good government bills with strong bipartisan support."

The vote coincided with Sunshine Week, a national campaign by media organizations and others to promote values of openness and accountability.

The House debate on amendments to the Freedom of Information Act, adopted by a vote of 308-117, is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2007/h031407-foia.html>

The White House statement of opposition is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2007/03/sap-hr1309.pdf>

The debate on provisions to strengthen whistleblower protections (adopted 331-94) is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2007/h031407-wpea.html>

The White House opposition is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2007/03/sap-hr985.pdf>

The House debate on amendments to the Presidential Records Act which, among other things, would nullify President Bush's executive order on the subject (adopted 333-93) is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2007/h031407-pra.html>

And the White House statement of opposition is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2007/03/sap-hr1255.pdf>

A fourth bill adopted by the House would require increased disclosure of donors to presidential libraries.

AP: MORE THAN A MILLION PAGES REMOVED FROM ARCHIVES

More than 1 million pages of historical government records have been removed from public access at the National Archives on asserted security grounds since September 2001, according to an Associated Press investigation.

Some of the records are more than 100 years old.

See "AP: 1M archived pages removed post-9/11" by Frank Bass and Randy Herschaft, Associated Press, March 14:

http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2007-03-13-archives_N.htm

To illustrate the sometimes questionable nature of the document withdrawals, the Associated Press has posted an interactive "quiz" for readers (thanks to resourceshelf.com):

http://hosted.ap.org/specials/interactives/wdc/foia_quiz/index.html

NEW ARMY REGULATION REDEFINES LEADERSHIP

A new U.S. Army regulation "updates the definition of leadership and introduces the concept of the Pentathlete."

The regulation identifies various aspects and levels of leadership, describes the warrior ethos and its place in Army culture, and discusses the responsibility of leaders and how they are trained.

Pentathletes in this context "are multi-skilled, innovative, adaptive, and situationally aware professionals who demonstrate character in everything that they do, are experts in the profession of arms, personify the warrior ethos in all aspects from war fighting to statesmanship to enterprise management, and boldly confront uncertainty and solve complex problems."

See "Army Leadership," Army Regulation AR 600-100, March 8, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar600-100.pdf>

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Re: O'Hare UFO Sighting Hoax Or Security Threat? -

From: **Dennis Balthaser** <truthskr.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 09:45:28 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 07:00:48 -0400
Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO Sighting Hoax Or Security Threat? -

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 19:56:42 -0000
>Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO Sighting Hoax Or Security Threat?

>>From: Dennis Balthaser <truthskr.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 08:43:26 -0600
>>Subject: O'Hare UFO Sighting Hoax Or Security Threat?

>><snip>

>>Another consideration in addition to my thoughts above about
>>terrorists is safety. Would an unidentified craft (metallic
>>object) hovering at 1,300 feet not be a safety concern for the
>>hundreds of flights in and out of O'Hare daily? There are
>>several obvious reasons why someone in authority should be held
>>accountable for explaining to the public and especially to the
>>witnesses what it was that they saw on November 7, 2007 at
>>O'Hare airport in Chicago.

>Dennis & List

>I don't want to get into this case again in detail at the
>moment, but would just mention ut the interesting fact that
>about the one place over a big airport where you would not be a
>potential hazard to traffic would be directly over the gates, if
>moving in and out vertically.

Martin and List,

Good point Martin about air traffic safety, but still believe it
would be a concern anywhere over the second busiest airport in
the country as we daily live under the terrorist threat.
Someone, somewhere is obligated to telling us the truth about
this incident.

Dennis
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Images Of UFO Over Mexico City

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 11:56:54 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 07:04:36 -0400
Subject: Images Of UFO Over Mexico City

The Journey of Hispanic Ufology
March 15, 2007

Source: www.analuisacid.com
Date: 03.12.07

MEXICO: UFO over Mexico City

Vidcaps from the video belonging to Carlos Rodriguez Lopez, who saw a possible UFO to the north of Mexico's capital city.

http://www.analuisacid.com/rodriguez_02.htm

This evidence was secured on February 17, 2007 from the Progreso Nacional district.

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Re: UFO Over Canadian Military Base Late 80's -

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 17:28:34 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 07:10:20 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Over Canadian Military Base Late 80's -

>From: Dan Peter <dddjjj.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 11:17:11 -0700
>Subject: UFO Over Canadian Military Base Late 80's

>I have told this story before on the Net and looked for others
>who had seen this incredible sight there but have found no
>one.

>In the late eighties I was climbing a North Edmonton grain
>elevator with some friends at night. We would wait until dark,
>climb the elevator to the top (very high up) smoke and enjoy the
>city lights.

Dan,

There is a heavy implication that you were smoking dope. I am sympathetic but you are very naive. Your experience will immediately be discounted by the majority who will naturally assume that because you were stoned, you were incapable of any logical or objective observation. You will probably be held up to ridicule and even derision.

Stuart Miller

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UFOs & 300

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 16:00:25 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 07:19:13 -0400
Subject: UFOs & 300

As most of you know there's a blockbuster of a movie out in theatres - 300.

It's about the ancient battle of the Spartans versus the Persian Empire at Thermopylea many millennia ago.

I mention this movie because of some disturbing revelations I've had regarding the field of ufology.

Recently I've had some disclosures by groups of considerable power and finance. I would never have dreamt of what they disclosed to me this week.

Basically, they're scared.

It was like an avalanche of high-enders coming to me and stating how afraid they were of the backlash that occurs when discussing UFOs. In no uncertain terms they confirmed we're definitely intertwined with aliens, but whenever one engages in the questions and research, the attacks begin and disrupt finance and operations.

I couldn't believe it! Here we have fellow human beings living in abject terror, weird experimentations, kidnappings etc. and groups sworn to protect us mere humans are afraid to face the problem even though they'll take our tax dollars to fight protect and serve and blah blah.

It shook me up because I thought of all the folks out here who are in ufology who are kind and sincere. I don't always agree with them all yet I respect them for having the chutzpah to stand up where others have cowered.

The old saying that God takes care of babes and fools may mean the resident ufologist is one or both. Regardless, the ufologist who is in it for the betterment of their fellow human being is whom I'm speaking of. Where others feared, these people took to action. When other institutions, upheld with billions in tax dollars shuffled their feet and engaged in violations of our Constitutional birthrights, there were many of you and some now passed on who actually had the integrity and courage to look into the matter and do good by it whether pro or con.

Here we are in the 21st Century celebrating the 300 Spartans. We celebrate them and any historic figures who faced insurmountable odds. We sure ain't celebrating the Persians. You won't find Xerxes on a cereal box or t-shirt.

Recently on the List there've been remarks about ufology having problems with scam artists and such. I can understand that. Yet there are no more here than you'll find in any other field of study or institution. There are probably ten times as many charlatans in the average bake-off competition than in ufology. It doesn't excuse us of being responsible when those of lesser integrity use this field for their own personal profit and gain.

After all, we're only human :)

So I'm proud to have met many of you at conventions and lectures

or at other venues. I feel privileged to be able to post on Errol's list. Sure there's bickering and such but I have more fights with the customer service people who've grown into a worldwide scourge nowadays (They barely speak English and can't tell time. It's like some conspiracy to undermine America by outsourcing all the customer service so we'll collapse from chronic confusion and frustration).

In this field of study a fella has to think about what he'll do when those revelations occur. Is it safer, wiser to disclose things? I could solve all this UFO stuff in 24 hours by just naming names but I took an oath to never disclose a source without their permission. That's frustrating enough believe me. I'm sure several of you are in similar spots.

Will there be major disappointments to believers and experiencers? Sure will and there'll be just as many for the skeptibunkers.

I have to be realistic, pat myself on the back for being brave and/or crazy enough to have done what I've done. It's only because I won't stand by and watch others suffer or be oppressed. Ufology is just one area that I personally delve in to help in some way. I'm sure in years to come many of you will be remembered for at least standing up whether right or wrong.

This world is up against odds the majority have yet to fathom. Those in the know were honest enough with me to admit they are scared, not of death but of inconvenience of all things.

Can you imagine that? Let your fellow man suffer because to fight against it would be an inconvenience, an interruption in business?

Then you should have seen what I saw. Let's just say the ears give it away.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Cultural Taboos & Prejudices - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 21:45:08 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 07:21:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Cultural Taboos & Prejudices - Hall

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 13:35:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Cultural Taboos & Prejudices

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 09:07:55 -0000
>>Subject: Cultural Taboos & Prejudices [was: UFO Photos The Future]

>>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>>>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2007 12:44:22 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Photos The Future

>>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2007 14:52:21 -0000
>>>>Subject: Re: UFO Photos The Future - Shough

>>>><snip>

>>>>>But it would be monstrous to conclude from a
>>>>>perceived conflict between ambiguous UFO evidence and several
>>>>>centuries of scientific method that the latter comes off worst
>>>>>and is reduced in the encounter to a wreckage of arbitrary and
>>>>>subjective prejudices. Let's keep a sense of proportion.

>>>>>As anyone familiar with the history of the Condon Report knows,
>>>>>when it comes to UFOs, the officially sanctioned 'science' is
>>>>>precisely that: a wreckage of arbitrary and subjective
>>>>>prejudices. Of course that's not true of subjects of inquiry
>>>>>generally accepted as legitimate, but the cultural taboos
>>>>>against UFO research are just too strong.

>>>>>Of course the Condon Report was a flawed study of UFO reports.

>>>>>That's very different from the claim made that the scientific
>>>>>world-view and its methods of discovery are in an equivalence
>>>>>class with fairy tales and any arbitrary belief system.

>>>>>Of course, it's not the scientific method at fault, it's the
>>>>>people who use it, or profess to use it.

<snip>

Amen to this latter comment. Very interesting and important
discussion, and both of you gentlemen have made some excellent
points. I have observed both of you applying some good science
to UFOs.

I formally studied logic and scientific method, but am not a
practicing or formally credentialled scientist (unless you
define 'scientist' as someone regardless of profession who
actually applies logic and scientific method to problem
solving).

Dr. Donald H. Menzel and Dr. E.U. Condon were 'real' scientists,
and look at their outrageously unscientific utterances about

UFOs. Also Dr. Roy Craig, Dr. Urner Liddell, and many others that could be named. I knew and interacted personally with both Menzel and Condon. However, I also knew and was a close friend of Jim McDonald, so I saw and experienced both extremes of science/non-science as applied to UFOs.

- Dick

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Re: UK MP Tables Question On Condign Report - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 21:58:56 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 07:23:12 -0400
Subject: Re: UK MP Tables Question On Condign Report - Hall

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 12:05:44 -0000
>Subject: UK MP Tables Question On Condign Report

>Norman Baker Member of Parliament - who has previously asked the
>Government about my UFO investigations at the MoD - tabled a
>question in Parliament yesterday concerning Project Condign:

>"To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much was spent
>producing the report Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air
>Defence Region; who the author was; what the author's
>qualifications in this subject were; to whom the report was
>circulated; what actions were taken on the recommendations of
>the report; and if he will make a statement."

>The question is numbered 143 and can be viewed on the
>Parliamentary website about halfway down the list of questions
>for future answer, here:

><http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmordbk2/70319o01.htm>

Nick,

To "table" something in our American derivative form of
parliamentary government means to consign it to limbo.

Apparently that is not what you mean.

- Dick

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UFO Conspiracy Didn't Cost Woman Election

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Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 07:26:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 07:26:33 -0400
Subject: UFO Conspiracy Didn't Cost Woman Election

Source: KTHV Television - Little Rock, AR, USA

<http://www.todaysthv.com/news/news.aspx?storyid=43072>

3/15/2007

Judges: UFO Conspiracy Didn't Cost Woman Election

Horseshoe Bend, AR -- Judges on a federal appeals court, taking up a case involving local politicians and UFOs, say a woman's claim that she has a constitutional right to an elective office is alien to them.

Ruth E. Parks, the former recorder-treasurer of Horseshoe Bend, sued Mayor Robert Spear and others, claiming they conspired to prevent her re-election. But the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Saint Louis said voters turned Parks out of office, not the mayor and other defendants.

At a trial of a supporter of the mayor, Parks testified that she believed in UFOs, and said she had seen one. Her husband testified at the same trial that his wife had been abducted by aliens, and cited a scar on her neck he said was proof of the abduction.

The local newspaper, The News, published a story about the couple's testimony. Mrs. Parks did not challenge the article's accuracy but said it was defamatory and designed to make her look foolish. Mrs. Parks finished third in her re-election bid, and then sued the mayor, police, Perkins and the author of the article, claiming a conspiracy. The 8th Circuit said Parks has no constitutional right to be elected.

The Associated Press

Michelle Chism, Producer

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Kal K. Korff Strikes Again

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 07:36:35 -0400
Subject: Kal K. Korff Strikes Again

Source: Kevin Randle's Blog

<http://kevinrandle.blogspot.com/2007/03/kal-k-korff-strikes-again.html>

Thursday, March 15, 2007

Kal K. Korff Strikes Again

Well, I had hoped to have nothing more to say about Kal Korff but I have been swamped with emails from him over the last several days. I hadn't thought I had said anything too controversial, just commenting on his commission in an organization that no one had heard of and a suggestion that his claim of a truly astonishingly high IQ might be more hyperbole than established fact. I'm not sure about the validity of a self administered IQ test... nor am I certain of the validity of any IQ test, but that's something else.

In my original post, which contrary to what Korff claims, is not on Paul Kimball's blog, I didn't mention the self-evident contradiction in Korff's claims. He said he was a member of this supersecret anti-terrorist organization called Special Secret Services S3 (as proof of his claims, Korff at left in uniform). If it is so secret, why is Korff promoting it on radio, television and the Internet. Wouldn't you think that a secret organization would want to remain secret? Wouldn't my suggestion that nobody every heard of them make them happy?

But, according to Korff, they were annoyed at me. I would have thought they would want to thank me for helping them to hide. Now, rather than a passing mention in my notes on Korff, I actually identify the organization which has made Korff a captain (and why only a captain? Why not a major or colonel or general?).

But here is another point. Korff has let me know that he, and his buddies in the media, and possibly an attorney or two, are going to subject me to a forensic audit of my work in the UFO field and then publish the results. I wonder why everything is now forensic... forensic psychology, forensic artists, forensic bath mat creators, but that is a question for another time.

Korff, and his alleged pals, are annoyed that I haven't apologized for Frank Kaufmann. Hey, I thought exposing the guy was enough. I mean, sure, I thought he was telling me the truth, he gave me documents to prove he was who he said he was, showed me pictures, and promised to prove the truth when the time came. So, yes, I thought he was credible. When I asked Walter Haut about Kaufmann, Walter told that anything Kaufmann said was golden. Hell, it was Walter Haut who told me about him.

So, the moment I learned the truth, that Kaufmann had created documents, that we had copies of both the originals and the fakes, I told Mark Rodeghier of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies that we needed to publish the results. No waiting around for an opportune moment. No dancing around the question,

but to publish the results as fast as possible, even if they shed a bad light on me.

What that means is that I helped expose the witness that I once believed. What is the problem there? I corrected the inaccuracies just as soon as I learned the truth. Is there anyone in the UFO community who hasn't believed a witness who later turned out to be lying to them?

Have I made other mistakes? Sure. I believed Don Schmitt was my friend and a credible investigator. I didn't know he was telling people that I had been planted on him and that he suspected me of being a government agent. When some of his lies began to crash down, I defended him. The last straw for me was to learn that he had been telling people not to talk to me. That from my partner in investigation and this doesn't even begin to cover the damage he has done to the Roswell case and UFO investigation.

Stan Friedman will tell you that I'm wrong about MJ-12, though I don't think so. He'll tell you that I'm wrong about Gerald Anderson, though it's clear that Anderson was making it up as he went along otherwise there would be no understanding of his contradictory statements. He'll tell you there was a crash on the Plains of San Agustin but won't tell you that the diary kept by Barney Barnett's wife contradicts this and Anderson.

But I have drifted away here. Kal Korff seems to believe that I have maligned him. He thinks that I should now be investigated. Hell, I've been waiting for someone to do just that. I heard Stan Friedman once ask friends if I have ever served on active duty as an intelligence officer. I told them it was the wrong question. What Stan wanted to know was if I had ever served on extended active duty as an intelligence officer. The answer is yes.

If we wanted to look at just one aspect of Kal Korff's genius, all we have to do is look at his claim to have a 500 book deal arranged. I know of no author, Stephen King, J.K. Rowling (who might hold the world's record for making the most money off a book) has anything like that. Just how in the hell could you write 500 books. If you wrote one a week, that would take you around ten years and that doesn't give you much time to eat (or cook American meals for you friends in foreign countries... see www.UFOWatchdog.com), or sleep, or engage in secret activities with your super secret anti-terrorism pals. But, once again, I digress.

So, once again, I have managed to offend someone in the UFO community. I have done this before and will probably do it again. The only way to avoid it is to believe everyone and everything. Question nothing, no matter how dumb it sounds and while you'll be treated fairly well inside ufology, those outside will probably think you're an idiot.

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Re: UK MP Tables Question On Condign Report - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 11:41:20 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 08:05:12 -0400
Subject: Re: UK MP Tables Question On Condign Report - Pope

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 21:58:56 +0000
>Subject: Re: UK MP Tables Question On Condign Report

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 12:05:44 -0000
>>Subject: UK MP Tables Question On Condign Report

>>Norman Baker Member of Parliament - who has previously asked the
>>Government about my UFO investigations at the MoD - tabled a
>>question in Parliament yesterday concerning Project Condign:

<snip>

>To "table" something in our American derivative form of
>parliamentary government means to consign it to limbo.

>Apparently that is not what you mean.

In the UK parliamentary context, to table means to ask.

"Two countries divided by a common language" :-)

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Family's Fear As UFO Heads For Their Home

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 08:10:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 08:10:48 -0400
Subject: Family's Fear As UFO Heads For Their Home

Source: The Hertfordshire Mercury - Hertford, Hertfordshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2ekq9h>

16 March 2007

Family's Fear As UFO Heads For Their Home

A family feared they would be "wiped out" when a UFO plummeted from the sky, heading straight at their Hertford home.

Reports of the bizarre phenomenon poured into the Mercury after the cylindrical object was spotted on Monday at around 4pm.

But none was more dramatic than that by mum-of-four Maxine Abbess, 44, of Pages Road on the Sele Farm estate.

She said: "My little boy was lying on his back on the trampoline in the garden when he said, 'Look at that black spot in the sky, Mum'.

"We thought it was a balloon high up and then it started to suddenly fall at such a rate that we all rushed into the house. We thought it was going to land in the garden.

"We slowly came back out to look and it had come to a dead stop - it was amazing.

"Then it slowly and silently started rising up into the sky and disappeared into the clouds."

Maxine's husband, Paul, 41, the head chef of Braughing's Axe and Compasses pub, their eldest son Sam, 18, and other sons, Aston, 11, Ayrton, 10, and Jenson, 8 - pupils at Wheatcroft School in Hertford who are named after fast cars and Formula 1 drivers - also saw the shape.

Maxine added: "It was terrifying. We really feared it was going to fall on us and wipe us all out.

"It was sausage-shaped and very dark. It wasn't a Zeppelin as there was no engine noise and it definitely wasn't a balloon. It was made out of metal."

Hertford office worker Jodie Enright estimated it was 500ft up when she saw it.

She said: "I spotted the UFO from my office window. It looked black, but it reflected the sun.

"It was floating up Caxton Hill from the direction of Ware Road, up and over our factory.

"It probably took 10 minutes to travel this distance and appeared to be listing and yawing in the wind.

"It was definitely cylindrical in shape and, as it appeared closer, you could see a square shape hanging from the end of the cylinder."

A Ministry of Defence spokeswoman said: "If someone has invaded our air space we will be able to say whether the Russians have come or not."

"Our official who records UFO sightings has no reports of this incident."

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Re: UFO Conspiracy Didn't Cost Woman Election -

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 06:57:59 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 08:13:49 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Conspiracy Didn't Cost Woman Election -

>Source: KTHV Television - Little Rock, AR, USA

><http://www.todaysthv.com/news/news.aspx?storyid=43072>

>3/15/2007

>Judges: UFO Conspiracy Didn't Cost Woman Election

>Horseshoe Bend, AR -- Judges on a federal appeals court, taking
>up a case involving local politicians and UFOs, say a woman's
>claim that she has a constitutional right to an elective office
>is alien to them.

>Ruth E. Parks, the former recorder-treasurer of Horseshoe Bend,
>sued Mayor Robert Spear and others, claiming they conspired to
>prevent her re-election. But the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of
>Appeals in Saint Louis said voters turned Parks out of office,
>not the mayor and other defendants.

>At a trial of a supporter of the mayor, Parks testified that she
>believed in UFOs, and said she had seen one. Her husband
>testified at the same trial that his wife had been abducted by
>aliens, and cited a scar on her neck he said was proof of the
>abduction.

>The local newspaper, The News, published a story about the
>couple's testimony. Mrs. Parks did not challenge the article's
>accuracy but said it was defamatory and designed to make her
>look foolish. Mrs. Parks finished third in her re-election bid,
>and then sued the mayor, police, Perkins and the author of the
>article, claiming a conspiracy. The 8th Circuit said Parks has
>no constitutional right to be elected.

Still, a constitutional right to a fair election is more than
implied, even mandated, by same... even if a ludicrously
proffered right to be elected is not. Ridiculing someone
libelously to discredit activities immaterial to consideration
is not constitutionally protected activity. Lawful activity
regarding interests harming no one is.

Like, it's been a decade and change... Restore John Ford.
Otherwise? The Constitution is a fraud.

Who dares to disagree?

alienview.nul

www.AlienView.net

AVG Blog -- <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Olson

From: Jeff Olson <jloolson.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 09:08:32 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 11:25:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Olson

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 14:57:58 -0000
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>From: Mike Good <boneheadart.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 10:05:55 -0700 (PDT)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible [was: UFO Photos The
>>Future]

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2007 14:52:21 -0000
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Photos The Future

>>>>When a scientist submits a proof to a scientific journal, it is
>>>>taken for granted that the scientist has done his homework and
>>>>actually performed all of the experiments he says he has.

>>>>Well we just accept that it is so. Maybe he did it, maybe he
>>>>didn't. So the empirical evidence, most often, is subjective
>>>>too.

>>>>The situation you describe would be an anarchic one, a
>>>>structureless free-for-all, possibly one that some members of
>>>>the internet generations - happy with the sheer "fun" of
>>>>believing in ET - might thoughtlessly cheer for, but one
>>>>guaranteed to be, in the long run, a destructive recipe for
>>>>misery and calamity. But your charge that science is no
>>>>different from beliefs in religions or the tooth fairy is,
>>>>fortunately for all of us, not only a bit silly but also
>>>>factually in error.

>>Thanks Martin, of course, you are correct! I am engaging in a
>>little exaggeration to make a poi

>But, Mike, I beg to differ. Saying that scientific journals are
>filled with unsubstantiated claims accepted purely on the
>author's say-so, that empirical evidence in science is merely
>subjective and casual, that science as a whole is just one dish
>in a buffet of loopy belief systems that we are free to pick and
>choose from, is not "a little exaggeration", or even a wild
>caricature, but utter intellectual carnage.

>The point you then appeared to make was that because scientists
>with their "prejudices" and "preconceived notions" were no use
>and no "fun", what was needed was "a major change in the
>consciousness of those making the rules".

<Very reluctantly snipped beautiful essay by Martin Shough>

I just wanted to say for the public record that I considered
your post to be one damned fine piece of writing, Martin. It
really ought to be published somewhere, IMHO.

Best,

Jeff

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Re: Kal K. Korff Strikes Again - Paijmans

From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 16:34:51 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 11:28:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Kal K. Korff Strikes Again - Paijmans

>Van: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Datum: vrijdag, maart 16, 2007 12:36 pm
>Onderwerp: UFO UpDate: Kal K. Korff Strikes Again

>Source: Kevin Randle's Blog

><http://kevinrandle.blogspot.com/2007/03/kal-k-korff-strikes-again.html>

>If we wanted to look at just one aspect of Kal Korff's genius,
>all we have to do is look at his claim to have a 500 book deal
>arranged. I know of no author, Stephen King, J.K. Rowling (who
>might hold the world's record for making the most money off a
>book) has anything like that. Just how in the hell could you
>write 500 books. If you wrote one a week, that would take you
>around ten years and that doesn't give you much time to eat (or
>cook American meals for you friends in foreign countries... see
>www.UFOWatchdog.com), or sleep, or engage in secret activities
>with your super secret anti-terrorism pals. But, once again, I
>digress.

Which reminds me of this one, concerning an alleged book by Ron
L. Hubbard:

"Burk's recollection of the manuscript was that it was about
seventy thousand words long and began with a fable about a king
who gathered all his wise men together and commanded them to
bring him all the wisdom of the world in five hundred books. He
then told them to go away and condense the information into one
hundred books. When they had done that, he wanted the wisdom
reduced into one book and finally one word. That word was
'survive'."

-- Russell Miller, Bare-Faced Messiah

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Alien Autopsy Inquest The Book

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 18:02:43 +0100 (CET)
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 11:34:33 -0400
Subject: Alien Autopsy Inquest The Book

PRESS RELEASE

Alien Autopsy Inquest
By Philip Mantle
Paperback: 284 pages
Publisher: PublishAmerica (7 Mar 2007)
Language English
ISBN-10: 1424119553 ISBN-13: 978-1424119554

Alien Autopsy Inquest by Philip Mantle is now available. This book took 6 years to write and contains the authors complete 14 years of research into this most controversial film. The book itself is dedicated to the coronary care unit of Dewsbury District Hospital, West Yorkishre, England. It was after a near-fatal heart attack in August 1999 that the author began writing this book. If it was not for the expertise of the hospital in question the author simply would not have been alive to write it.

This illustrated book features ALL aspects of the research and investigation of Ray Santilli and the Alien Autopsy film. No one remotely interested in UFOs cannot have failed to have heard about either Ray Santilli or the Alien Autopsy film. The film itself was released on TV and video across the world in 1995 and was the subject of a Warner Bros movie in 2006.

Alien Autopsy Inquest aims to provide the reader with all the facts both for and against and allows them to act as their own judge and jury. Is the alien autopsy film the genuine article Does it depict some poor deformed human being. Is it perhaps a US intelligence film Or is it simply a money-making fake This book allows you to decide for yourself.

"Alien Autopsy Inquest is a searching, insightful and much-needed examination of the truths and lies behind the famous 'alien autopsy' film. It shines light into the shadows surrounding this world-famous piece of film. Is it a fake or not? This engaging mystery story takes the reader in some very surprising directions. A most interesting and provocative book."

-- Whitley Streiber,
author of international bestseller Communion

"Philip's work is remarkable, a good honest investigation with all the twists and turns of a thriller. The truth is in here somewhere!"

-- Ray Santilli, owner of the Alien Autopsy Film

"The Alien Autopsy Film is either proof of an extraterrestrial presence on Earth and an associated government cover-up, or the greatest hoax of all time. Philip Mantle's book is a fascinating and comprehensive investigation into the greatest and most controversial mystery of our time."

-- Nick Pope, head of the Ministry of Defence's UFO Project,
1991-- 1994

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Re: Cultural Taboos & Prejudices - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lffleming6.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 12:47:56 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 11:37:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Cultural Taboos & Prejudices - Fleming

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 10:16:37 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Cultural Taboos & Prejudices

>>From: Lan Fleming <lffleming6.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 13:35:12 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Cultural Taboos & Prejudices

>>The bad science done on the official side is
>>mostly done by bona fide scientists. And there is way too much
>>that is very bad, a recent case in point being the treatment
>>of the Apollo 11 UFO sighting by a Ph.D. astronomer and by the
>>Apollo astronauts who witnessed it and then changed their story
>>for public consumption from what they had concluded in the

>I don't know if you are referring to Dr. Plait or to Dr.
>Morrison. If you look at what Morrison did, all he did was ask
>Aldrin. He didn't even TRY to use the raw data to determine
>whether the panels could in fact be seen. Then look at what
>Plait did, simply took Morrison at his word and didn't TRY to
>determine independently whether what Morrison or Aldrin were
>saying was true. This is not at all peer review, but simply
>water cooler talk.
>
>They should simply not say anything.

Well, "the Bad Astronomer" said a whole lot about it, mostly
doing a lot of hand-waving to make the unlikely panel
explanation seem to be a near certainty.

>I have already discussed how it could be the panels but without
>added data, its useless to speculate. If Aldrin could tell us
>how the object appeared to be passing by, then that would be
>helpful. By this I mean, was it 1) "moving" from the front of
>the CSM to the aft, 2) visa versa or 3) was it really moving
>side to side, which due to the fact they saw it during the
>rotisserie mode the CSM was in at the time (lengthwise axis
>normal to the ecliptic plane), meant it could likely not be
>moving but just be following them as the panels would. Also,
>even with the disorienting spin nature of the flight mode, they
>should have been able to give some rough estimate of the
>direction the object was seen (namely towards Earth or towards
>the Moon). Even this meager data is left out of their accounts.

As I mentioned previously, Armstrong explained how the panels
got ahead of the spacecraft in First Man. His explanation
ignored the relative velocity panels to the spacecraft after
they were jettisoned and the even larger velocity difference due
to the midcourse correctin that you found out about.

>I don't blame the crew for changing their story. They can't be
>expected to explain everything they see and can't make
>inflammatory remarks.

But the problem isn't that they failed to explain what the
object was. In fact, they left it unexplained in their
debriefing, rejecting the booster panel as a possibility because

its shape didn't match that of the object they saw. The problem is that in recent years they've been actively promoting the panel explanation despite the fact that there is no logical reason for them to have changed their original opinion (except, perhaps, for the political motive of not exciting the "UFO nuts" as Armstrong rather nastily expressed this as a concern in First Man).

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 18:53:45 -0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 11:40:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Dickenson

Martin Shough and Mike Good are at opposite ends of a see-saw called 'the popular view of science' - and, for a couple of reasons, I think Martin is sitting on the complacent, slightly over-reverential end.

1 - Over-all the science community's attitude could be said to be in even worse shape than implied by Plank's saying - "The Old Theories only die out when the Old Professors die out". Most so-called scientists aren't at the leading-edge and don't even understand or know about it; they qualified by memorizing the obsolete laws in text-books.

The mind-sets of even the leading edge boys are dictated primarily by those text books. Martin Rees - a few decades ago a rising star and a young Turk of theoretical astro-physics - recently confessed he's not confident of anything after Newton.

Yet we know that Newtonian atomism is a delusion: matter is not made from identical, self-defined and self-sufficient particles, but 'atomism' remains the fall-back for most physicists - Rees and later others. Most of science's present generation are still informed by a false world-view.

2 - Scientists, like most of us, cling to what they think they "know". Which usually means firm statements about physical reality. Let's ignore problems above in (1) and agree that 'physics', as its name implies, concentrates on the attributes of observable matter - about 5% of the stuff of the universe. Yet for more than a hundred years well informed folk have tried to point out that matter is not what it seems, and they've been ignored.

Wallace, Jeans, Plank and Einstein all expressed their opinions - or forebodings in Einstein's case - that matter might not exist as we think it does, constant and reliable. Maybe Einstein's fears got close to the real future of physics - that matter is probably a shifting, inconstant and ephemeral 'construct', created and maintained by a presently unknown force or field.

Refs: Wallace - 'matter is essentially force, and nothing but force'; Einstein - 'I consider it quite possible that physics cannot be based on the field concept, i.e., on continuous structures. In that case, nothing remains of my entire castle in the air, gravitation theory included, [and of] the rest of modern physics.'

This is too scary for most physicists and so they've retreated to denial and repetition of old mantras. Which is why Lee Smolin says 'we know no more than we did in 1975' and, more recently 'science needs both craftspeople and seers'.

Progress is made by conquering fears of the unknown and this List catalogues the present battle, which could be the most important one.

Cheers

Ray D

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Dark Matters & Bob Kiviat

From: Don Ecker <decker0726.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 14:33:30 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 11:43:41 -0400
Subject: Dark Matters & Bob Kiviat

Greetings to all UFO Updates forum members.

At my site:

<http://www.darkmattersradio.com/ufo/>

I have a brand new radio broadcast with Robert 'Bob' Kiviat, producer of among other things, the Alien Autopsy. We touch on a number of subjects such as the autopsy, Sci-Fi Channel, Kiviat's new project, and UFOs and paranormal subjects in popular media.

I hope you drop by to check it out.

George Knapp was just interviewed last evening on Dark Matters and that will be up very shortly. Kevin Randle will appear on Dark Matters this coming week... and I promise you some fireworks on that show. Hope to "see ya there!"

Dark Matters ... 'cause it matters in the Dark.

Don Ecker
Dark Matters Radio

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Wendy Connors Retires

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 16:39:41 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 12:54:18 -0400
Subject: Wendy Connors Retires

Greetings to the Listarians and Lurkers,

The following news will either cause you to whoop in joy or not.
I will not pick up the tab. <g>

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I will still haunt the SDI PodCasts when I am able and suggest that all of you shower Errol with subscriptions. He is one of the few beacons of light in this dark world for almost anyone to have their say. This is very rare. Also, my door here in New Mexico is always open for researchers to visit, although my materials are under the able protection and achives of Rod Dyke and will be made available to the research community after my passing.

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Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Lehmberg

From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 12:36:04 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 15:20:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Lehmberg

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Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Paijmans

From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 18:55:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 15:21:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Paijmans

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Hi Wnedy,

Although we never met in person, I have come to know you as a friend and have come to respect you as a highly qualified ufologist-researcher. The value of your contributions will perhaps be rightly estimated when we're all long since gone; nevertheless, in the here and now the field will be much, much poorer without you.

I have a feeling though that you have a very rich life aside from ufology; my warmest regards and blessings and stay in touch once in a while!

Kind regards,

Theo

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Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 16:40:55 -0300
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 16:12:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Ledger

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<snip>

Hi Wendy,

Bit of a shock old girl. But you deserve it. I hope you have a
pleasant run from here on in. Gonna miss you though.
I'll keep in touch.

You've done a hell of a job baby-cakes. I'm in awe. Stay as well
as you can.

Warmest regards,

Don Ledger

BTW - Did you get that flag flipped upright yet?

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Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 16:14:23 -0400
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><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6yc-HTSue>

Haven't heard it yet, Al, because I got dial-up. Hope you put
some fuzz-buster effect in there... degenerative feed-back:)

Don

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Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Groff

From: **Terry Groff** <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 13:59:06 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 16:15:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Groff

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Wendy,

You may go but I'm sure you'll never truly be gone.

Keep in touch

Terry

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Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 15:13:22 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 07:08:56 -0400
Subject: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO

James Smith asked about the source of an assertion I made that Neil Armstrong had said that the object that he and the other Apollo 11 astronauts saw was ahead of the spacecraft. This seemed an important enough question that I went back and got the book from the library on which I based that assertion to make sure I got the details right. Below are some passages transcribed from page 431 of First Man, which is Neil Armstrong's authorized biography. The author was James R. Hansen. Hansen spends about two pages on this incident. I've omitted Armstrong's polemics about UFO nuts and psychobabble about how post-1947 UFO sightings were the result of Cold War jitters. Here are the salient paragraphs:

In Armstrong's mind today, there is still no doubt that what they all saw was a detached part of their own spacecraft. "We did watch a slow blinking light some substantial distance away from us. Mission Control eventually concluded - and I agree - that it was one of the Saturn LM adapter panels. These panels are enormous and would have been given a rotation in the process of their ejection from the S-IVB. The reflection from these panels would, therefore, be similar to blinking. I do not know why we did not see the other three panels, but I suspect that the one that was directly down from the Sun from us would have provided the brightest reflection."

How the panel had kept up with the Apollo 11 spacecraft for over two days - and in fact, was out in front of it - was a simple matter of Newtonian physics. "When the SLA panels were ejected," Neil explains, "they had a very slight outward relative velocity, but their velocity along the flight path was essentially identical to that of the CSM-LM combination. The panels, therefore, having no atmospheric drag to slow them, traveled at the CSM-LM speed, but developed an ever-increasing lateral separation from it."

As can be seen in the above text, Armstrong doesn't explicitly say that the object they saw was ahead of the spacecraft; he only implies it was down sun from the spacecraft. It is the author, not Armstrong, who says that the panels were "out in front of" the spacecraft. But since this was an authorized biography, presumably Armstrong was the source of Hansen's explanation, which is incorrect.

As a simple matter of Newtonian physics, the combined effects of the panel jettison velocity and the spacecraft's midcourse correction makes the preferred NASA explanation virtually impossible.

At the distance of 577 miles computed by James Smith, the object could have been no more than a featureless dot, even under the magnification of the Apollo's 28-power telescope. It could not have appeared to be shaped like an "open suitcase" as Armstrong described it in the post-flight debriefing, or any discernible shape at all. And of course, contrary to what the author implies, Buzz Aldrin, at least, seemed to originally have had

plenty of doubt that the object was an SLA panel because of its observed shape.

Those difficulties with the panel explanation notwithstanding, Armstrong's authorized biography says the object was an SLA panel, Aldrin's own book said it was an SLA panel, and Mission Control said it was an SLA panel, so that makes the panel explanation a 'fact' carved in stone, even though it's almost certainly wrong.

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Golubik

From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 16:42:21 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 07:12:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Golubik

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 18:53:45 -0000
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>Martin Shough and Mike Good are at opposite ends of a see-saw
>called 'the popular view of science' - and, for a couple of
>reasons, I think Martin is sitting on the complacent, slightly
>over-reverential end.

>1 - Over-all the science community's attitude could be said to
>be in even worse shape than implied by Plank's saying - "The Old
>Theories only die out when the Old Professors die out". Most so-
>called scientists aren't at the leading-edge and don't even
>understand or know about it; they qualified by memorizing the
>obsolete laws in text-books.

>The mind-sets of even the leading edge boys are dictated
>primarily by those text books. Martin Rees - a few decades ago a
>rising star and a young Turk of theoretical astro-physics -
>recently confessed he's not confident of anything after Newton.

>Yet we know that Newtonian atomism is a delusion: matter is not
>made from identical, self-defined and self-sufficient particles,
>but 'atomism' remains the fall-back for most physicists - Rees
>and later others. Most of science's present generation are still
>informed by a false world-view.

<snip>

Just wanted to add some comment:

Science isn't so complicated. It's merely the progressive
elimination of possibilities. I think most may, unthinkingly,
argue that it's proving something. I would argue that the
residue left after each elimination often contains the truth
"somewhere" and that this "container" simply gets further
redefined. Perhaps there's no end to this process?

Echoing thoughts expressed, we must be constantly vigilant and
not be so quick to weigh what is presently known with what is
not. But, I guess that's difficult for some because it's so easy
to load one side of the scale with books while the other side
remains largely and invisibly unknown in substance. I guess
tilting the scales in this fashion may simply be a classroom
cheat.

In any case, perhaps it becomes too idealistic or difficult to
start in on the weighing process at any moment yet we can each
visualize what a balanced scale might look like with an
hypothesis placed on the other side... hoping it may balance
with the elimination of some of those cherished books on the
opposite end. And, if your lucky, large stacks of them can be
removed. So impressive a feat, that it may be a truth worth
holding on to for a while... the status quo for the moment! Or,
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existence.

<snip>

>2 - Scientists, like most of us, cling to what they think they
>"know". Which usually means firm statements about physical
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>'physics', as its name implies, concentrates on the attributes
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>Yet for more than a hundred years well informed folk have tried
>to point out that matter is not what it seems, and they've been
>ignored.

>snip

I'm sure you would agree...

Science simply uses models to characterize and predict events.
The models shouldn't be mistaken for the literal truth. Yet, we
must admit that we certainly have confidence in many and we've
come a long way. Hopefully, closer to understanding some of our
dilemmas.

As the number of objects in our 'world views' have increased so
too has there been a drive to simplify the mess with some
unifying principles. This, in of itself, is a form of a balanced
action-reaction event mimicing nature herself.

Simply put, I think science teachers forget to keep the larger
scale equations balanced... an unfortunate relapse with the
reinforcement of some of the unknowns or an inability to put
subjects into larger context. So, should we blame our teachers
or their teachers before them... or simply rest this one on
societies shoulders or the gulibility of human perception?

golubik

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Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 07:39:39 -0400
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I had the good fortune of meeting Wendy two years ago in
Albuquerque. Few have dug as long or deep into UFO history as
Wendy. Her many years and thousands of hours devoted to
compiling and editing hundreds of hours of recorded UFO history
is a truly remarkable feat. I predict these recordings will
still be used by historians a hundred years from now.

So fear not, Wendy. Even if you wished you had done more, these
recordings, if nothing else, will serve as a lasting legacy that
you have left behind.

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Nah, Wendy is more like the proverbial whore with the heart of
gold ;-), a generous, caring person. But she is also very
honest and thus doesn't suffer fools and phonies lightly. Hence
self-appallations like "Wicked Witch of Ufology", "Diva-Like
Bitch", and "CSICOPian slayer"

David Rudiak

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Aztec Prepares For Invasion

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Aztec Prepares For Invasion: UFO Symposium Set For Next Weekend
By Lindsay Whitehurst
The Daily Times

AZTEC =97 UFOs are not typical dinner table conversation for most couples. Scott and Suzanne Ramsey are not most couples.

"He's working on a book, so it is (something we talk about) more," Suzanne Ramsey said. "It's an ongoing pursuit."

Her husband, Scott Ramsey, has spent 20 years researching the alleged UFO crash site in Aztec. He's attended the UFO Symposium in Aztec almost every year, and spoken there a few times.

Next weekend's symposium, held March 23-25, will be the 10th for the annual event. Held at the Aztec Boys and Girls Club, the symposium will start with a dinner on Friday and follow with lectures on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$25; military, EMT and police get in free. For more information, call (505) 334-7657 or visit aztecufo.com

It was Scott Ramsey who convinced Dennis Balthaser, a speaker this year and every other since the symposium began, that something did happen in Aztec.

"I had some reservations about Aztec for many years, but ... it really looks like something did happen in 1948," he said.

A UFO research concentrating on Roswell, Area 51, underground bases and the great pyramids of Giza (though he doesn't necessarily think aliens built the pyramids, they may have provided the technology), Balthaser will speak on "Roswell: Then and Now."

There are some similarities between the two incidents: Both the Roswell and Aztec crashes were reported to have bodies, both were in New Mexico, but the overarching theme, Balthaser, is the biggest similarity.

"It's all part of the UFO program the government has, in not revealing any information they have and lying about it," he said.

For the Ramseys, the aliens were what brought them together, so to speak. Originally from Farmington, Suzanne got interested in the symposium when, about seven years ago, she interviewed several speakers for her radio show.

She was impressed by "the caliber of speakers they were having =97

highly educated, articulate, knowledgeable people that had done some really good research," she said. " I was really taken by that."

She got involved on the organizational end of things, and eventually met Scott. She had helped put him up to be raffled off as a date for a fund raiser, only to see her own name drawn.

But when she looked at the winning ticket, her name was misspelled. Family and friends had purchased 60 tickets in addition to the five she paid for to ensure she'd end up as his date.

Though the Ramsey's won't be attending this year (they've since moved to North Carolina), their scientific approach to the extraterrestrial subject is what the symposium is all about organizers say.

"Mainstream researchers deal with fact," Katee McClure, who is organizing the symposium, said.

A fund-raising event for the Aztec Library, the symposium is based on an alleged UFO crash in Aztec's Hart Canyon in 1948. In the crash, one of four in the New Mexico area, 16 charred "humanoid" bodies were said to have been found inside a saucer.

"I think (the Aztec crash) has been shrouded in mystery since the beginning," Scott said.

Several agencies, including the FBI, Air Force and CIA, kept files on the case, he said, referring to hundreds of pages of government documents he said he's obtained.

"If the event was written off as a hoax, why were all those government agencies keeping open files on it?" he said.

Eight speakers will appear at the symposium this year, from Farah Yurdozu, a Turkish journalist and medium who covers abductions and close encounters, to Wendelle Stevens, a retired U.S. Air Force officer worked on a documentary about military personnel who say they helped clean up UFO crash sites.

There will also be tours of the crash site and other activities

The overall theme is thoughtful consideration.

"I don't think everything that people see is a UFO," Suzanne Ramsey said. "I think sometimes people get caught up in the fact that it's everything or nothing; it's very polarized. (I think) life is more middle of the road than that."

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Interview With Thomas Eddie Bullard

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Subject: Interview With Thomas Eddie Bullard

Interview With Thomas Eddie Bullard
By Milton Frank
President Brazilian Ufology Center

17/03/2007

1- Why did you get involved with ufology? Have you ever seen an UFO? If so, how was your experience?

I feel like I have had an interest in UFOS throughout my life. I remember fondly the 1950s "alien invasion" movies, the science fiction comic books, and the spaceman toys I played with as a child, but my first memory of real UFOS begins with 1957. I was 8 years old and settled down with the morning paper to read about Sputnik when I saw reports of big egg-shaped objects landing in Texas and causing car engines to stall. I was fascinated. In the next few years I discovered Fate magazine and Ray Palmer's Flying Saucers, read Donald Keyhoe's books from the local library, and collected every newspaper report or magazine article I could find. I joined APRO and NICAP in the mid-1960s and continued to read every new book that dealt with UFOS. Once I entered graduate school and needed a dissertation topic, this lifelong interest in UFOS was an obvious choice. At this point I began a serious scholarly study of the subject.

My interest has always been purely intellectual and not based on experience. I have seen many of the best spectacles of nature - a total eclipse of the sun, a red aurora borealis, comets, bolides - but never a UFO, I'm sorry to say.

2- Do you believe in abductions? If not why?

Abductions are real as the experiences of many people. Are abductions also real-world events - that is, with nuts-and-bolts spaceships and flesh-and-blood aliens? I don't know. All I can say is that many sincere people describe the experience with emotion and conviction. The stories these people tell have a surprising consistency - the descriptions of the entities, sensations, and setting are similar, the events and their sequence stays the same from one account to another. At the same time an account of alien kidnap invites imaginative elaboration, if the story is in fact a fantasy. That variation does not occur, and for that reason I have to doubt that these accounts are fantasies. The conventional explanations for abductions - sleep paralysis, fantasy-proneness, the influence of well-publicized accounts, confabulation between the investigator and the abductee to create a "proper" abduction story - do not provide adequate explanations for the accounts of abductees.

To say that I "believe" in abductions would be misleading. I cannot say with full certainty what they are, but the testimonial evidence gives me good reason to accept that many people have had a very strange experience, and they describe it in similar ways just as people do when they have experienced a similar event.

3- How can a researcher start to study abductions cases? What kind of methodology in your opinion is appropriate to study abduction cases?

There are several ways to research abductions. The most familiar way is to investigate the experiences of individual abductees. Another way is to test theories about abductions, for example, the studies of psychologists to find out if abductees are fantasy-prone or mentally disturbed. I have pursued a third possibility - the comparative study of abduction reports to see if some patterns of consistency emerge. Each approach has its own methodology. A case investigator must have the skills to interview witnesses without asking leading questions, the empathy to deal with people disturbed by their experiences, and - perhaps - familiarity with the techniques of hypnosis. The use of hypnosis is, of course, controversial, because hypnosis can lead to false memories, elaborate fantasies, and doing more harm than good. No one should attempt hypnosis without proper training.

The testing of theories about abductions usually takes place within the framework of an academic study. The investigator proposes some hypothesis and carries out experiments, often using standardized tests, with the ultimate goal of publishing a paper in a scientific journal. Most work of this type requires the academic expertise to design a proper experiment, select a suitable sample of test subjects, choose appropriate test instruments, and apply statistical analysis to the results.

A comparative study is probably the easiest way to study abductions. Published accounts can provide the data and investigators can search for patterns of similarity. Each of these three approaches can make a valuable contribution to understanding UFO abductions. The choice depends on the talents, preferences, and resources of the investigator.

4- I know you have been researching abductions cases for a long time. What conclusions did you come to about them?

I have had the good fortune to examine a great many abduction reports, and my studies have led me to recognize many patterns within this body of reports. In speaking of those reports, I can say that they do not act like fictitious narratives. Abduction accounts have a stubborn consistency that suggests many different witnesses have similar experiences - in other words, the stories that these people tell are more like descriptions of real-world events than products of the imagination. I have met a number of abductees over the years and their sincerity is impressive, but any conclusion I reach must be based on narrative texts, since my systematic studies have dealt only with those texts. From what I see in the accounts, I can only say that they seem to describe an honest and frightening experience. No alternative explanation like fantasy-proneness, sleep paralysis, or confabulation provides an adequate solution for abduction reports, leaving experience of a real event as the answer that best fits the data.

5- In your opinion, what are the most real and important abduction case that you've been involved with?

I continue to be impressed by the Barney and Betty Hill abduction. Two reliable witnesses reported it, no prior publicity about the subject contaminated their expectations, their separate accounts accord without contradictions, and elements of their descriptions that did not receive emphasis have nevertheless turned up over and over again in subsequent reports. I have taken a ride along the road they were traveling and stopped at the spots where they paused to look at the UFO. From seeing the positions where the UFO pursued the Hills or hovered near them, I am convinced that planets, stars, or airplanes cannot explain the UFO.

Another case that intrigues me is the strange experience of Nobel Prize-winning biochemist Kary Mullis, described in his book, *Dancing Naked in the Mind Field*. He encountered a luminous raccoon and had a missing time experience, though no memories of entering a UFO or having an examination. Mullis does not think that he was abducted by aliens, but he realizes how closely his experience resembles abduction accounts. For ufologists this case is important because Mullis is obviously an intelligent witness, and he was wide awake, walking to the outhouse when the missing time occurred. The events he describes, and the panic attack he suffered later, closely resemble so many other abduction experiences and affirm that they are more than hoaxes

or fantasies.

6- Are you able to give me five reasons to believe in abductions, or five reasons not to believe in abductions, or both?

There are good reasons to doubt that abductions are real: Abductions ought to number in the millions, yet with all the surveillance cameras active today, no camera has recorded a convincing case of abduction in progress. Despite claims that objects removed from abductees' bodies are recovered implants; these objects have not presented any distinctively alien characteristic. In fact no convincing physical proof has been forthcoming, and even documentation of missing-fetus claims has never materialized. Doubts about hypnosis, suspicions that investigators lead their witnesses, and the possibility that false pregnancy could account for missing-fetus cases present reasons to think that psychological causes rather than alien activity may explain many parts of the abduction story. In many ways an abduction program makes little sense. Why so many instances? Why would aliens able to create hybrids out of captured human DNA even need to kidnap human specimens, since these aliens should be advanced enough to bio-engineer anything they want from raw materials. We have known about abductions for over 40 years. Earthly technology has changes much in this time; these aliens with such supposedly advanced technology do not appear to have changed at all. In this same 40 years we have accumulated many stories but no hard evidence. This lack of progress (ours and theirs) characterizes the history of a belief but not the history of discovering a real-world phenomenon.

On the other hand, there are strong reasons to believe that something really might be happening. Abduction stories have not changed much in 40 years. These stories are fantastic, loosely constructed, and invite creative elaboration, yet these changes have not occurred. The same content and descriptive elements reappear; the episodes and events in the story keep to the same place - in other words, the stories act like accounts of real events, not like imaginative fantasies. This consistency appears immune to important cultural influences like the movie, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, and Whitley Strieber's best-selling book, *Communion*. Millions of people saw the aliens depicted in the movie and on the book cover, yet descriptions of abduction aliens show little change in response to these cultural influences. The consistencies seem inherent in the story and do not depend on certain investigators. Abductees are not mentally disturbed people. Psychological tests show that abductees are normal, not fantasy-prone or characterized by any sort of mental trait that might account for abductions. Much publicity has accompanied a Harvard study that identified a small sample of abductees as fantasy-prone, but efforts to duplicate these findings have failed. An appeal to sleep paralysis as the experiential basis for abductions fails to consider that at least half the abduction reports in the literature come from people who were not asleep. Whatever the cause of abductions, they seem to be genuine experiences of some sort.

7- In your opinion, what is the most interesting UFO article you've published? What does it talk about? Could you send us a copy?

UFOS - Lost in the Myths - in David M. Jacobs, editor, *UFOS And Abductions: Challenging The Borders Of Knowledge* [University Press of Kansas, 2000]). In this article I argue that critics often attack what people think about UFOS rather than the observational evidence for them. Beliefs about UFOS - where they come from, why they are here, and conspiracies to hide the truth about them - have become taken for granted and mistaken for established truths. In fact our ideas about UFOS form a system of beliefs that is complex and self-confirming, in fact a modern myth. Much of what we talk about and think about when we discuss UFOS is this myth and not real evidence. Our social and cultural understanding of UFOS replaces the phenomenon of UFOS with ideas that satisfy human wants and needs, so that the myth conceals much of the reality. This confusion leads critics to overlook the evidence for a physical phenomenon and dismiss UFOS as nothing more than products of human belief. ([And yes, I'll be happy to send you a copy].)

8- Are you still a NICAP member? How is your involvement with

NICAP, MUFON and CUFOS? Could you tell us a little bit about this?

I was a member of the original NICAP during the 1960s. I am now a member of MUFON and a board member of CUFOS and the Fund for UFO Research. In this age when the Internet has replaced UFO organizations as the main source of UFO information for many people, I think UFO organizations are more important than ever. The Internet provides endless information but little or no quality control. A newcomer can drown in too much information and never learn the true from the false, the significant from the junk. A responsible organization can provide the necessary guidance and education that every newcomer needs, the fellowship that brings interested people together into a community of common purpose, and the critical knowledge to separate the good UFO evidence from errors, misidentifications, and hoaxes. A do-it-yourself approach to ufology is likely to go astray, but in this country, MUFON and CUFOS offer (as NICAP did in the past) the expertise of some of the best ufologists and an opportunity for the public to participate in organized research. The unfortunate truth is that most UFO organizations today are losing members and funding. The membership grows old and gray while younger people dedicate themselves to the Internet, while Internet communications among the best researchers are usually restricted to one another and never reach the general public. UFO research needs the enthusiasm and new ideas of the young, tempered by the experience of the old. Without this partnership and the sharing of quality UFO information, the future of organized ufology looks grim, and so does the future of serious, disciplined study of UFOS.

9- Do you think that hypnosis is a good methodology for studying abductions cases? Would you use hypnosis during an abduction case?

I have no experience with the use of hypnosis in abduction investigations, but I have read some of the academic literature concerning the usefulness of hypnosis. The verdict of most of that literature is negative. Scientific studies indicate that hypnosis is not a mental state but a form of role-playing, that is, the subject relaxes and conforms to the demands of the hypnosis situation. The subject needs to be susceptible to suggestion for hypnosis to work, and the hypnotist provides the suggestions. Some individuals are capable of remarkable behaviors, as in the old stage shows where subjects would crow like a chicken, become so rigid that their bodies would not bend while they lay horizontal with only their heads and feet supported, or fail to see certain objects in plain sight - all at the suggestion of the hypnotist. In recent times the police have used hypnosis to recover details of crimes, and much enthusiasm followed these apparent successes. The truth was far less spectacular. The information recalled under hypnosis was as often false as true, and hypnosis lowered the subject's threshold of acceptance so that the erroneous memories seemed as real as the genuine memories. What was worse, some subjects created entire false memories out of suggestions - even inadvertent ones - from the hypnotist, and those false memories seemed as vivid as real memories to the subject.

Even as hypnosis lost favor for police work, it became a therapist's tool during the 1980s for recovering so-called repressed memories. The theory went that traumatic experiences like childhood sexual abuse caused the victim to dissociate and repress the memories. Those unconscious memories caused emotional turmoil, and relief came only by restoring those memories to conscious awareness. Many therapists found multiple personalities and horrific histories of abuse and satanic rituals among both adults and young children. It seemed for a while as if every day-care facility and a great many seemingly happy, normal families were responsible for grotesque and disgusting activities, all discovered by means of hypnosis. In fact hypnosis did not reveal but rather helped create this panic. The "memories" were false, not only fantastic at face value but often contrary to independent evidence. By the time dozens of people had gone to jail and many lives were ruined, the truth sank in that the procedures of the therapists, and especially the enhanced suggestibility of the hypnosis situation, had created an illusion of widespread, organized, and horrific abuse.

The lesson for ufology was clear: If so much of the evidence for

abduction emerges under hypnosis, then that evidence also might be false memories. Some important differences should be noted: A great deal of abduction evidence comes out without hypnosis - in fact most abductees recall something about what happened to them without it, and hypnosis may do nothing more than help clarify memories, rather than create them.

Many abductees do not reconstruct memories bit by bit, step by step under hypnosis; rather the memories often tumble out as if some barrier has broken down. This difference suggests a possible distinction in how hypnosis works with abductees, as opposed to people creating false memories. The techniques that therapists used to recover memories often took aggressive form - small children asked the same question over and over until it became clear the therapist would not take "no" for an answer, adults with no prior memory of abuse being told that it must have happened and given vivid suggestions to think about, for example.

At least abduction researchers have been much more careful. A final fact worth noting is that the content of abduction accounts stays the same with or without hypnosis, and no matter who performs it. If hypnosis allows free play to suggestion, fantasy, and memory distortion, the use of hypnosis should lead to much more imaginative abduction narratives. If the hypnotist leads subjects to affirm his agenda, the subjects of each hypnotist should reflect his particular interests and goals. Neither outcome is apparent in the literature of abduction reports.

What we have, then, is good reason to fear the consequences of hypnosis. We can take comfort that those consequences do not seem to have been realized in the results from abduction research, but the use of hypnosis arouses the suspicions of skeptics that abduction is nothing more than a false memory created by hypnosis. Its use throws doubt on the entire subject of abduction. In fact, the "standard" conventional explanation for abductions among psychologists and skeptics blames hypnosis for creating false memories based on cultural information about abductions and guided into standard form by a hypnotist who is a believer in abductions. In any case, a genuine danger is present that false memories will result from hypnosis. The ufologist faces a dilemma - use of this technique recovers some memories that do not emerge otherwise, but this use casts doubt on those same results and everything else about abductions. Ufology would be better off without recourse to hypnosis, but it has become an indispensable tool, though one that will continue to be a lightning-rod for criticism.

10- I really would like you to leave a message for The Brazilian Ufology Center. Right now we have 33,000 members, and they really would like to hear what you have to say to them.

Greetings, I am happy to have a chance to speak to you through this interview, and I hope you will find some interest in it. The UFO phenomenon is a worldwide problem but our perspective is usually no bigger than one country. This is unfortunate because the full scope of the mystery gets lost in this narrow perspective. Brazil has had a long and amazing history of UFO events, and I hope communications will continue as we work together to understand the nature of UFOS. As I said above, UFO organizations are more important than ever today. They serve as active investigations units, repositories of data, centers of education, and agents to uphold standards of quality. All these jobs are important, and I am happy to learn that the Brazilian Ufology Center is taking a vigorous part in this work.

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Former Arizona Governor Now Admits Seeing UFO

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Fife Symington Decides To Set Record Straight Ten Years After
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By Leslie Kean

Ten years after the Arizona UFO incident known as the 'Phoenix Lights', former Arizona Republican Governor Fife Symington, III, now says that he himself was a witness to one of the strange unidentified flying objects, even though he originally did not say so publicly.

"It was enormous and inexplicable", he said in an exclusive interview from his home in Phoenix. "Who knows where it came from? A lot of people saw it, and I saw it too."

On March 13, 1997, during Symington's second term as Governor, thousands saw multiple triangular and V-shaped craft, gliding slowly and silently across the sky for half an hour beginning at approximately 8:15 pm.

Awestruck witnesses, throughout the state, estimated that the eerie, lighted vehicles were bigger than many football fields, up to a mile long.

Arizona Senator John McCain, a friend of Symington's who the former Governor describes as "open-minded", acknowledged at a 2000 press conference that lights were seen over Arizona.

"That has never been fully explained. But I have to tell you that I do not have any evidence whatsoever of aliens or UFOs", he said.

The evidence for a possible UFO, which simply means something in the sky that can't be identified, lies in the fact that countless witnesses reported seeing low, gigantic, technological flying machines that blocked out the stars - not merely lights.

Now the former Governor attests to that. Symington says he saw a large triangular "craft of unknown origin" with lights, moving slowly.

"It was dramatic. And it couldn't have been flares because it was too symmetrical", he says. "It had a geometric outline, a constant shape."

The sightings of the objects that evening are sometimes confused with the row of lights that appeared at about 10 pm, near Phoenix, and have been shown repeatedly on television news.

These later lights were probably flares. People witnessed the objects at around 8:30 because they were outside on that pleasant, cloudless night watching the Hale-Bopp Comet.

Symington was known for ridiculing the incident at a spoof press

conference, so his statement marks a dramatic turnaround. He wants to make amends to his constituents and set the record straight.

On the morning of June 19, 1997, when pressure was building from frustrated citizens who wanted answers, the Governor announced on television that he was ordering a full investigation and would make "all the necessary inquiries."

"We're going to get to the bottom of this. We're going to find out if it was a UFO", he said in a serious tone.

Later that same afternoon, Symington suddenly called a press conference and told viewers that he had found the source behind the Phoenix Lights.

His chief-of-staff, Jay Heiler, was escorted in by public safety police officers while handcuffed, wearing a large rubber mask and dressed as a space alien.

The Governor presented the costumed extraterrestrial as the "guilty party."

While laughter filled the room, he joked that "this just goes to show that you guys are entirely too serious."

"It was an insult to the intelligence of the witnesses", Barwood recalls.

"The message to Arizona citizens was that reporting this was stupid."

"If I had to do it all over again I probably would have handled it differently", Symington explains.

He says that the state of Arizona was "on the brink of hysteria" about the UFO sighting when he called the press conference, and the frenzy was building.

"I wanted them to lighten up and calm down, so I introduced a little levity. But I never felt that the overall situation was a matter of ridicule", he says.

The former Governor, a cousin of the late Missouri Senator Stuart Symington, states that the incident remains open and unsolved, and should be officially investigated.

The US Government has never acknowledged that something was in the sky that night.

Phoenix city councilwoman Frances Barwood was the only elected official to launch a public investigation in 1997, but she received no information from any level of government.

Barwood spoke with over seven hundred witnesses, including police, pilots and former military, who provided very similar descriptions.

"The government never interviewed even one witness", she says.

Symington also attempted to find an explanation.

He called the Commander at Luke Air Force Base, the General in charge of the National Guard, and the head of the Department of Public Safety in 1997.

None of these officials had answers, and they were "perplexed", he says.

In 2000, the Department of Defense maintained that it could not find any information about the triangular object, in response to a court-ordered search requested by a U.S. District court in Phoenix, as part of a class action suit filed by witnesses.

"How could they possibly not know about these huge craft flying low over major population centers? That's inconceivable, but it's also frightening", Barwood commented.

Symington's announcement is bolstered by the fact that similar flying objects have been documented by the governments of England and Belgium.

On March 30, 1990, the Belgian Air Force sent two F-16s armed with missiles to intercept a black triangular UFO displaying bright lights on its underside. The object could accelerate or dive at tremendous speeds, starting from a stationary position, as recorded on radar. It flew at the speed of sound without making a sonic boom.

The Belgian Ministry of Defense released all its data on the UFO to the press, after eliminating American stealth aircraft and all other possible explanations.

On the night of March 30, 1993, three years later to the day, a vast triangular-shaped craft, also capable of rapidly accelerating in seconds from a virtual hover, was seen by over a hundred witnesses in England, including police officers and military personnel.

The British Ministry of Defense stated that "none of the usual explanations put forward to explain UFO sightings seem applicable" and concluded that the evidence showed that "an unidentified object (or objects) of unknown origin was operating over the UK."

According to an April 1993 MOD document, the agency sent a letter to the US Embassy which was "disseminated to all 'interested Agencies' in the US" to find out whether the March UFO could have been attributable to some US prototype such as the Aurora.

"The answer I got back was extraordinary", reports Nick Pope, the MOD official who investigated the 1993 sighting.

"The Americans had been having their own sightings of these large, triangular-shaped UFOs and wanted to know if the RAF might have such a craft."

This statement, four years before the display over Arizona, contradicts the 2000 claim by the US DOD that the department had no information at all about the triangles.

To this day, US officials continue to keep the lid on the Phoenix Lights and other well-documented American sightings of mysterious giant triangles.

"I wish that government entities would stop trying to shut down these investigations by putting out some flakey story", says Symington, a long-time pilot, drawing an analogy to the November sighting of a hovering disc by many aviation witnesses at O'Hare airport, which the FAA explained away as a "weather phenomenon."

Leslie Kean is an investigative journalist whose articles have appeared in numerous newspapers and magazines around the world such as the Boston Globe, Baltimore Sun, Providence Journal, Sacramento Bee, Atlanta- Journal Constitution, Newark Star Ledger, The Nation magazine, International Herald Tribune, Globe and Mail, the Sydney Morning Herald, the Bangkok Post, the Kyoto Journal, and the Journal of Scientific Exploration.

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The former Governor, a cousin of the late Missouri Senator Stuart Symington, states that the incident remains unsolved, and should be officially investigated. The U.S. Government has never acknowledged that something was in the sky that night, despite official documentation of a very similar flying craft of unknown origin investigated in the 1990's by the governments of England and Belgium.

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Okay, a governor of a freaking State, not Jesse Ventura or
Arnold Schwarzenegger. It becomes a little more obvious why Dr.
Jim McDonald felt it was appropriate to bang on Allen Hynek's
desk, eh?

Seriously... anecdotal enough for ya'? First-person witness of
the bona fide happening, and confirming what perhaps thousands
of others saw...

Maybe Jim (ashamed of his apostrophe) Oberg can produce a study
demonstrating how notoriously bad State Governors are as observers.

Hmmm... Jimmy Carter... Ronald Reagan... that must be a
maximum spread, ya think?

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Dickenson

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>Science simply uses models to characterize and predict events.
>The models shouldn't be mistaken for the literal truth. Yet, we
>must admit that we certainly have confidence in many and we've
>come a long way. Hopefully, closer to understanding some of our
>dilemmas.

<snip>

Hi Viktor,

While I'd like to agree with the tone of your message, the more we examine our 'science' the more it appears to be made up of circular arguments. Like "apples fall from trees due to the Law of Gravity" - No they don't. The so-called Law of Gravity is merely a mathematical description of the event, not a "law" at all; science actually knows of no explanation for "gravity". We tend to confuse our mathematics, which is necessarily all tautology, and our technology, which is the result of trial and error, with 'science'.

"It has been speculated that, of all groups, scientists and engineers might be the most devastated by the discovery of relatively superior creatures, since these professions are most clearly associated with the mastery of nature rather than with the understanding and expression of man ... Advanced understanding of nature might vitiate all our theories at the very least, if not also require a culture and perhaps a brain inaccessible to earth scientists".

That someone would make such a statement is maybe only realistic, but it's somewhat scary all the same.

Cheers

Ray D

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Review Of Newly Podcast Strange Days... Indeed

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Quick Review Of The New Podcast Strange Days... Indeed

Last night, I had the chance to hear the first two of the new podcast-only Strange Days Indeed shows.

It was a very positive experience.

First, there are no more worries about missing the show. No more straining to hear a weak night time distant AM station after their evening power down.

And none of those breaks that come along every 5 minutes, and last about 5 minutes each.

In the new format, you actually get to hear what's on the guest's or regular contributor's mind, as there is plenty of unbroken time. And not being subject to what the station and sponsors might not like, participants are able to speak more freely.

On the second show, 431, I was pleased to hear assertions from regular contributors pop in here and there, as opposed to the radio version where each was allotted a time slice, then left the air, as time was at such a premium.

Well worth subscribing to!

Eleanor White

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Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO - Smith

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 11:13:30 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 17:39:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO - Smith

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 15:13:22 -0500
>Subject: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO

>James Smith asked about the source of an assertion I made that
>Neil Armstrong had said that the object that he and the other
>Apollo 11 astronauts saw was ahead of the spacecraft.

Thanks for getting this text.

>"In Armstrong's mind today, there is still no doubt that what
>they all saw was a detached part of their own spacecraft. "We
>did watch a slow blinking light some substantial distance away
>from us. Mission Control eventually concluded - and I agree -
>that it was one of the Saturn LM adapter panels. These panels
>are enormous and would have been given a rotation in the process
>of their ejection from the S-IVB. The reflection from these
>panels would, therefore, be similar to blinking. I do not know
>why we did not see the other three panels, but I suspect that
>the one that was directly down from the Sun from us would have
>provided the brightest reflection."

The Sun would have been at an angle about 90 degrees from the CSM flight path and assuming that the orientation of the CSM/S-IVB at panel jettison was correct, one panel would have been Sunward. One needs to check the attitude at jettison since we have no reports of seeing the panels tumble away prior to midcourse correction.

It is an excellent point about the other three panels. Although they would have separated somewhat from each other, they surely would have been within the field of view.

I do not buy the "brightest reflection" business. A tumbling panel (which they all should have been) would be at some point a good angle to reflect the sunlight significantly. These are not specular reflections, they are only reflections of light from "white" surfaces.

Another point that bothers me about the panel explanation is that the CSM was in a flight mode (spinning normal to the ecliptic) for a large part of translunar coast. Surely these guys were looking out the windows (there was not all that much to do at that time) and should have seen a blinking panel prior to the incident. All they had to do was just keep looking out the window and the flashing panels would have come into view. If the CSM was pointing toward the Moon most of the trip, then I could argue the panel would have been out of the field of view, but the spinning flight mode rules this out and implies they should have seen it earlier.

>"How the panel had kept up with the Apollo 11 spacecraft for over
>two days - and in fact, was out in front of it - was a simple
>matter of Newtonian physics. "When the SLA panels were ejected,"
>Neil explains, "they had a very slight outward relative
>velocity, but their velocity along the flight path was
>essentially identical to that of the CSM-LM combination. The
>panels, therefore, having no atmospheric drag to slow them,

>traveled at the CSM-LM speed, but developed an ever-increasing
>lateral separation from it."

Yeah, they forgot about the midcourse firing.

>As can be seen in the above text, Armstrong doesn't explicitly
>say that the object they saw was ahead of the spacecraft; he
>only implies it was down sun from the spacecraft. It is the
>author, not Armstrong, who says that the panels were "out in
>front of" the spacecraft. But since this was an authorized
>biography, presumably Armstrong was the source of Hansen's
>explanation, which is incorrect.

>As a simple matter of Newtonian physics, the combined effects of
>the panel jettison velocity and the spacecraft's midcourse
>correction makes the preferred NASA explanation virtually
>impossible.

>At the distance of 577 miles computed by James Smith, the object
>could have been no more than a featureless dot, even under the
>magnification of the Apollo's 28-power telescope.

The "dot" aspect I do not know for sure, I have not tried to
simulate the telescopic situation. It does seem unlikely. But
I do not know the characteristics of the telescope. When STS
camera do extreme zooms (but are not focused) on Soyuz and other
distant orbiting objects, some pretty odd shapes occur.

>It could not
>have appeared to be shaped like an "open suitcase" as Armstrong
>described it in the post-flight debriefing, or any discernible
>shape at all. And of course, contrary to what the author
>implies, Buzz Aldrin, at least, seemed to originally have had
>plenty of doubt that the object was an SLA panel because of its
>observed shape.

I have not tried to simulate the illumination conditions,
reflectivity/paint of the panel surfaces, panel orientation to
see if it can appear to be a "open suitcase".

>Those difficulties with the panel explanation notwithstanding,
>Armstrong's authorized biography says the object was an SLA
>panel, Aldrin's own book said it was an SLA panel, and Mission
>Control said it was an SLA panel, so that makes the panel
>explanation a 'fact' carved in stone, even though it's almost
>certainly wrong.

Okay, it seems wrong, and all these guys have for whatever
reason decided its a SLA panel. I still am not clear what one
can infer from this. We already know that the
government/authorities will always choose a prosaic explanation
first. If you rub their noses into how wrong they are, they will
simply come up with another one which you can't refute
adequately (e.g. debris from the CSM/LM).

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Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 10:35:57 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 17:40:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Clark

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 19:20:41 -0800
>Subject: Re: Wendy Connors Retires

>>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>>To: UFO [UpDates](#).nul
>>Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 16:39:41 +0000
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are also the books, in particular the magnificent Ruppelt
biography she wrote with Mike Hall.

And there's Wendy herself, almost a larger-than-life
personality, whose sometimes sharp tongue does battle with her
always generous heart. God bless you, Wendy. You're on the very
finest to come down the pike. Enjoy your well-deserved
retirement.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Balthaser

From: **Dennis Balthaser** <truthskr.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 13:16:12 -0600
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 05:28:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Balthaser

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO [UpDates](#).nul
>Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 16:39:41 +0000
>Subject: Announcement From Faded Discs

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>time). I know, I've retired before, but if Prize Fighters and
>Politicians can do it, so can I.

<snip>

Where do I start with my thoughts about Wendy Connors?

She and I have broken bread together on many occasions
discussing this subject of Ufology.

The Ufology community will appreciate and respect her historical
work on the subject for decades to come. We did a French
documentary together several years ago, and have done other
research as partners for almost 10 years.

She always kept my feet on the ground when I tended to stray
from factual information. We have had our share of problems with
the operation of the UFO Museum in Roswell in recent years, with
some researchers she liked to refer to as "woo-woo's", and
together copyrighted the only oral history ever done with Walter
Haut.

Wendy's no nonsense approach to serious research is something I
will always hold with deepest respect and I wish Wendy well in
her future.

I'll miss seeing your comments on the various Lists Snooter,
but have a feeling we'll still be hearing from you occasionally.

Dennis Balthaser

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Russian Spy Satellite Website?

From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 19:39:29 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 05:30:42 -0400
Subject: Russian Spy Satellite Website?

A friend has told me that there is a Russian spy satellite website where you can get more up to date data than Google Earth / MS 3D / 192.com all of which are at least six months out of date.

Does anyone have the URL?

Cheers in advance.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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Re: The Official Press Release On Fife Symington -

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 17:20:19 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 05:34:16 -0400
Subject: Re: The Official Press Release On Fife Symington -

>From: Mike Fortson <satmike.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 09:56:04 -0700
>Subject: The Official Press Release On Fife Symington

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>Former Arizona Governor Admits Seeing UFO

>Fife Symington decides to set record straight ten years after
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>Phoenix, AZ - Ten years after the Arizona UFO incident known as
>the "Phoenix Lights," former Arizona Republican Governor Fife
>Symington, III, now says that he himself was a witness to one of
>the "craft of unknown origin," even though he originally did not
>say so publicly.

<snip>

>Symington was well known for ridiculing the incident at a spoof
>press conference, so his statement marks a dramatic turnaround.
>According to his comments to Kean, he wants to make amends to
>his constituents and set the record straight.

Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

It's too late for this man to make with the sincerities. He had
his chance when the stirabout was hot. Instead of performing his
executive duties when he had the chance he decides to wait 'til
now, when the limelight isn't on him to make a disclosure.

The second he didn't get an official response he should have
pitched a good one that as Governor he should have gotten his
answers when he asked, not make a sideshow of the incident.

I wouldn't believe this clown if he stood up in front of fifty
news cameras and him with his hand on a stack of Bibles.

He did the public a grave injustice and his word is shmutz as
far as I'm concerned.

Best ,

Greg

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Re: Interview With Thomas Eddie Bullard - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 16:52:54 -0500
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 05:36:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Interview With Thomas Eddie Bullard - White

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex.ufobras.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 11:11:31 -0300
>Subject: Interview With Thomas Eddie Bullard

>Interview With Thomas Eddie Bullard
>By Milton Frank
>President Brazilian Ufology Center

<snip>

>I was a member of the original NICAP during the 1960s. I am now a
>member of MUFON and a board member of CUFOS and the Fund for UFO
>Research.

So... can you tell us about the analysis of those in-abductee-
home environmental instrumentation experiments? If no analysis
is ever to be performed, when will the raw data be posted on the
web?

<snip>

>Even as hypnosis lost favor for police work, it became a
>therapist's tool during the 1980s for recovering so-called
>repressed memories. The theory went that traumatic experiences
>like childhood sexual abuse caused the victim to dissociate and
>repress the memories. Those unconscious memories caused emotional
>turmoil, and relief came only by restoring those memories to
>conscious awareness. Many therapists found multiple personalities
>and horrific histories of abuse and satanic rituals among both
>adults and young children. It seemed for a while as if every
>day-care facility and a great many seemingly happy, normal
>families were responsible for grotesque and disgusting
>activities, all discovered by means of hypnosis. In fact hypnosis
>did not reveal but rather helped create this panic. The
>"memories" were false, not only fantastic at face value but often
>contrary to independent evidence.

In my group of organized stalking/electronic harassment targets
we have a number of people who have survived sexual, ritual, and
government experimental abuse such as the MKULTRA survivors.

They take _serious_ issue with a blanket statment like "The
'memories' were false..."

They know _exactly_ how much of this sort of crime has
been covered up and continues to be covered up.

In the case of the McMartin Preschool crimes, apparently some
investigators on the side of the children were able, finally, to
excavate the site after it changed hands. The tunnels reported
by the children were found, filled in, but with their structure
still intact. Apologies, I didn't save that email, but I trust
the group of abuse and MKULTRA survivors. They have nothing to
gain by dishonesty.

So total dismissal of hypnosis, even though caution is clearly
in order, should not be made on the word of some expert. One
never knows who has what agenda.

The truth about UFOs, particularly abductions, is an incredibly high-stakes field of endeavour, and such high-stakes activities naturally draw sophisticated attempts to derail and hide truth!

Eleanor White

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Re: Former Arizona Governor Now Admits Seeing UFO

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 19:03:16 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 05:38:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Former Arizona Governor Now Admits Seeing UFO

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 09:10:18 -0500
>Subject: Re: Former Arizona Governor Now Admits Seeing UFO

>>From: Mike Fortson <satmike.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 22:11:39 -0700
>>Subject: Former Arizona Governor Now Admits Seeing UFO

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>>Fife Symington Decides To Set Record Straight Ten Years After
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>>By Leslie Kean

>>Ten years after the Arizona UFO incident known as the 'Phoenix
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>>now says that he himself was a witness to one of the strange
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>>say so publicly.

>>"It was enormous and inexplicable", he said in an exclusive
>>interview from his home in Phoenix. "Who knows where it came
>>from? A lot of people saw it, and I saw it too."

><snip>

>Okay, a governor of a freaking State, not Jesse Ventura or
>Arnold Schwarzenegger. It becomes a little more obvious why Dr.
>Jim McDonald felt it was appropriate to bang on Allen Hynek's
>desk, eh?

<snip>

What was interesting to me, Al, is that Symington decided to
make light of it by gagging it up with the press, denigrating
his voters while all the time he's seen the damn thing himself
and was disturbed by it.

I'd be interested to know whether he - being the governor-made a
call to some friend in the Air Force or another politician
higher up the chain in the federal government and made discreet
inquiries as to what he might have seen and he was told to to
downplay it to avoid "panic" or whatever.

Don

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Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 22:41:05 +0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 05:40:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Clark
>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 17:40:40 -0400

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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I strongly second the emotion that Jerry expresses here. Wendy
is a true original, one of a kind. Life has handed her some hard
knocks, but she is as resilient as they come and by far one of
the most caring and sharing people in this miserable,
unrewarding field. And one of the most productive in terms of
good works.

- Dick

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Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 19:22:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 05:44:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Maccabee

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>To: UFO [UpDates](#).nul
>Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 16:39:41 +0000
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Good show, young lady.

Sorry to see that you are bowing out, as we all must eventually.
But you may be pleased to know that you have been memorialized
not only here on earth but also on Mars: they have named one of
the newly discovered Caves on Mars after you.

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 23:31:06 -0000
Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 05:47:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Shough

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 18:53:45 -0000
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

On the point of sending this Post I should apologise to the List for the length of it. On another day I wouldn't have devoted much time to this nonsense, but it's been a quiet and snowbound Sunday.

>Martin Shough and Mike Good are at opposite ends of a see-saw >called 'the popular view of science' - and, for a couple of >reasons, I think Martin is sitting on the complacent, slightly >over-reverential end.

Ray I don't think you have understood either the point of my argument or the original anti-science exhortation it was directed at. You are coming at us from your own familiar and unique position, and consequently only make contact with the issues raised insofar as they are an opportunity to voice it. You adopt a pose in which you are the reasonable, balanced voice at the fulcrum of your see-saw, the mature and real voice of science, with Mike Good and myself occupying somehow equivalent "popular" positions at the extremes. But to strike that pose I think you need, among other things, to understand Newton, quantum field theory and relativistic mass-energy conservation better than you do (see below).

To describe as "complacent" and "reverential" my rebuttal of the claim that "science is just another belief system, no different than religion or the tooth fairy" exposes the psychology of your position, which is the same one you always adopt: Science (with a mentally big 'S') is a reactionary institution perpetuating a phony world view, and this has at its core a dangerous rottenness which, if ever admitted, would explode the entire edifice. So modern Science is engaged in a conspiracy to suppress and disguise evidence of this but fails to fool far-seeing folk such as yourself. With that stated let's go on.

>1 - Over-all the science community's attitude could be said to >be in even worse shape than implied by Plank's saying - "The >Old Theories only die out when the Old Professors die out".

If you are using this quotation from Planck (with a 'c' please) in order to remind us that any particular scientific consensus probably has a finite lifetime, then you are right, but your point is trivial. If you are saying that the fallibility of scientific consensus is a symptom of some deep rot in the whole scientific process (which I feel sure is your meaning) then I think you have a fantasy notion of what that process is, and another of what it could possibly be, and you really should study some history and philosophy of science.

You don't like the Old Professors. Those old professors have a lot invested in their world view, but the Young Turks like nothing better than sticking it to the Old Professors, and their early instinct is to uproot, overturn, puncture, and foment revolution, until they have worked so hard on their new theories to such great applause that they wake up one day to find they

have become Old Professors, and a new generation of Young Turks is crowbarring the foundations of their edifices.

You want everybody to be Young Turks forever. But sadly this is not the human condition. There is only so much energy, originality and momentum in any one lifetime or school of thought, scientific or otherwise. The continued quotability down the decades of that famous remark by Planck comes from its universality. Science like everything else humans do is a social activity, and complex and hard-won systems of thought not only develop their own inertia but are coupled to social structures embodied in careers, pedagogical and research institutions etc, which also have a certain inertia. All this is the reason for the well-studied paradigmatic structure of scientific progress - periods of "normal science" punctuated by revolutionary change.

You may have noticed that many other types of human social and political change occur in the form of periods of punctuated equilibrium. Biological and geological evolution proceeds in an analogous way. Drag a rubberised weight over a polished table; it'll stutter along. The same thing happens with all friction systems, from creeping sand dunes to earthquakes. It is a natural principle of very wide applicability. Gradualism is not the general case - as Planck famously discovered in another context.

You appear to yearn for something different, but I see no clear prescription from you as to how science would cease being a human activity in this universal class and progress somehow differently.

I think it's difficult for you to argue consistently that the whole process should be uprooted and replaced with - oh, I don't know, maybe some nostalgic world-that-never-was of high-minded amateurs in pursuit of Pure Truth who would never be seen dead with a temporising theory as a best-fit basis for further research and so would never write a paper until they had a Final Theory of Everything certified by a signature in divine blood? - because (as was also true in Mike Good's case) your examples of what you appear to see as (although they are not) mortally wounding embarrassments for nasty big science tend to come from nasty big scientists.

In short Planck's remark does not illustrate a science in "bad shape" but a science in normal shape, now as then. We don't know of any other kind of science than the one humans have invented, and we have discovered that it seems to be difficult to arrive at robust scientific theories of everything immediately and all at once. In fact it proves difficult if not impossible to arrive at perfectly robust scientific theories at all. Inconvenient though it is that difficult progress takes time and has no guarantee of enduring success, the lesson of scientific progress is that this is just the way things are and nobody has yet discovered any shortcuts around the business of conjecture and refutation.

>Most so-
>called scientists aren't at the leading-edge and don't even
>understand or know about it; they qualified by memorizing the
>obsolete laws in text-books.

Obviously the existence of a leading edge implies a trailing edge and a connecting structure. So what? How could everybody be at the leading edge in any kind of rational social process? Does the fact that only a small part of the surface of an aerofoil is its leading edge mean that planes can't fly? Can you suggest a design for a lift-producing section that is "leading edge" all over? Do you insist that the scientific enterprise would only deserve your respect if every single worker was permanently churning out work of revolutionary genius? If so then you set extraordinary personal targets which, for the rest of mankind, are sadly unrealistic.

>The mind-sets of even the leading edge boys are dictated
>primarily by those text books. Martin Rees - a few decades ago
>a rising star and a young Turk of theoretical astro-physics -
>recently confessed he's not confident of anything after Newton.

>Yet we know that Newtonian atomism is a delusion: matter is not
>made from identical, self-defined and self-sufficient
>particles, but 'atomism' remains the fall-back for most

>physicists - Rees and later others. Most of science's present
>generation are still informed by a false world-view.

I'm afraid I hardly know where to begin to set all this
straight.

Your portrait of Martin Rees as having reverted to the 17th
century and thrown out everything after the Principia is, to put
it kindly, over-literal. In fact he lists his current research
interests as including gamma ray bursts, galactic nuclei, black
hole formation, gravitational waves, and cosmic structure
formation at high redshifts - any one of which would have made
Newton's brain spin.

But in any case there is a grotesque inconsistency in your
argument. Physicists in general - including "the leading edge
boys" - are criticised for supposedly being still stuck in the
atomism of 1700, although you say "we know [this] is a
delusion". How do we know this is a delusion? Well, because 300
years of transformation in physics - done by physicists, I feel
it necessary to add - eventually gave rise to 20th century
quantum theory which, ironically, I don't believe you even
understand (see below).

And you compound your confusion by misunderstanding Newtonian
atomism entirely. It was certainly not about "self-defined and
self-sufficient particles" - quite the opposite, the central
feature of Newton's atomism (Query 31 of the "Opticks") was his
revolutionary introduction of non-material forces. These were
forces emphatically not of the mechanical contact force type
and ontologically distinct from matter, thus overturning the
earlier orthodoxy of "mechanical atomism" based solely on the
supposed contact properties of material particles. These
attractive and repulsive chemical forces (which he speculated
were electrical in nature), and the gravitational force of
course, were one of Newton's greatest contributions. Many
natural philosophers found these entities unintelligible and
uneconomical at first, but the theories worked and so became
widely accepted during the 18th C., opening the way eventually
to the concept of the "field".

As for the antique atomic materialism out of moribund textbooks
that you say is the false world-view even of the leading
theoretical physicists today, see below.

>2 - Scientists, like most of us, cling to what they think they
>"know".

Generally a wiser course than trusting to what you know you only
think.

>Which usually means firm statements about physical
>reality. Let's ignore problems above in (1) and agree that
>'physics', as its name implies, concentrates on the attributes
>of observable matter - about 5% of the stuff of the universe.

No, let's not agree that this defines physics because you are
quite wrong and thoroughly muddled. Physics, even classically,
is the study of the interaction between matter and energy.
So classically your statement would have been half right. In
terms of modern relativistic quantum field theory it is quite
meaningless because "material particles" become just the quanta
of fields that are constrained to oscillate in quantised modes.

>Yet for more than a hundred years well informed folk have tried
>to point out that matter is not what it seems, and they've been
>ignored.

Huh? Well that is the span of time since the introduction of
special relativity and quantum theory, which together describe
in intricate detail how matter and energy are interconvertible,
mass is energy, energy has mass, transient particles of matter
are created and destroyed. It may have escaped your notice, but
all this was rather a big deal in the rest of the world, in and
out of academia -I wouldn't even like to guess at the number of
popular science books that have been written enthusing about the
overthrow of the old materialism. So much for your inert
mechanical particles of "observable matter", but let's also
mention that the quantum field operators require continual
creation and destruction of matter particles that are not even
observable! All of this is the absolute essence of physics. It

seems to me that the one person who has definitely ignored around here it is you.

>Wallace, Jeans, Plank and Einstein all expressed their opinions
>- or forebodings in Einstein's case - that matter might not
>exist as we think it does, constant and reliable. Maybe
>Einstein's fears got close to the real future of physics - that
>matter is probably a shifting, inconstant and ephemeral
>'construct', created and maintained by a presently unknown
>force or field.

Ray, I'm sorry to say that you have no idea what you are talking about. In quantum field theory matter is already, and has been since about 1928, a shifting and ephemeral construct "maintained" by its appropriate field. This is a relativistic programme from the start and intimately involves Einstein's parallel deconstruction of classical mass and energy laws, already two decades old by then. Einstein's supposed dire "forebodings" that matter might not "exist as we think it does, constant and reliable" are complete historical and physical nonsense. Einstein taught us in 1905 (in the same year incidentally in which he himself famously demonstrated the physicality of those atoms you dislike) that matter is not constant, when he replaced the Law of Conservation of Mass with the conservation of mass-energy, showing that mass is equivalent to energy and that photons were particle-like quanta of energy in accordance with Planck's theory. And it is utterly bizarre to see James Jeans, whose modest academic career was eclipsed by his popularity as a writer and broadcaster (and who refused BTW to accept Planck's quantum hypothesis or Einstein's corroborative photoelectric equation for a decade and half until acceptance became widespread in about 1914, so he was no "leading edge boy") brought back from the 1930s to threaten 21st century physics with some vague and - by now - trivial and passe philosophy about the ultimately mathematical character of reality. And since you like quotes here's one: Jeans, 1910: "We may as well cut out the group theory [from the syllabus]. That is a subject that will never be of any use in physics." Not a good insight. Modern theoretical physics would be utterly inconceivable without group theory!

>Refs: Wallace - 'matter is essentially force, and nothing but
>force';

Is this Alfred Russell Wallace, the naturalist, who nearly invented evolution of species, advocate of phrenology, and spiritualism? I assume so. Wallace remarked to the poet William Allingham in 1884, "I conceive Matter not as a substance at all, but as points of energy, and that if these were withdrawn Matter would disappear . . . So far from a material atom being indestructible, I believe that all the Matter in existence might be immediately destroyed by the withdrawal of the sustaining Force." This idea, coming from a tradition dating back to Roger Boscovitch, can certainly be described as a forward-looking speculation in 1884, but it was not physically coherent, not formally worked out, and hardly one of great scientific significance to the world post-Einstein (whose formal mathematical redefinition of mass and energy was an achievement in a totally different class) and post-quantum. Tennyson expressed similar views to Allingham in the same year. Probably many people held them, especially in Wallace's intellectual spiritualist milieu.

>Einstein - 'I consider it quite possible that physics
>cannot be based on the field concept, i.e., on continuous
>structures. In that case, nothing remains of my entire castle
>in the air, gravitation theory included, [and of] the rest of
>modern physics.'

Now here you are so confused that you are turning yourself upside down. Having just claimed that Einstein hinted at "fears and forebodings" that matter might turn out after all (big surprise!) not to be the fixed and constant atomistic stuff of the early 17th century mechanists (LOL) you now try to support this with a quote which shows the opposite "fear" which Einstein genuinely did have because of the difficulty of reconciling General Relativity with quantum theory - i.e., that in place of his own smooth tensor field theory a discretist physics, in which spacetime was effectively atomised, might be the only way of quantising gravity.

>This is too scary for most physicists and so they've retreated
>to denial and repetition of old mantras. Which is why Lee
>Smolin says 'we know no more than we did in 1975' and, more
>recently 'science needs both craftspeople and seers'.

Well if science needs both craftspeople and seers, then heck, the whole edifice of physics must be crumbling! ;-) Of course craftspeople and creators are vital - you need dogged and clever professionals to do the normal science but for those world-changing new insights you need people of extraordinary imagination too. Anyone understands that.

Er, but hold up, that's exactly the process of stepwise paradigmatic science that you've been railling against isn't it? Yes it is, and if you have any doubt here's Smolin describing his choice of metaphor:

"I used craftspeople vrs seers for this distinction. Kuhn referred to normal science vrs revolutionary science, but the idea was the same."

You should be castigating Smolin, telling us "Fast-track science needs only seers. Dump those old craftspeople - they're dead weight." Then at least you'd be consistent and wrong instead of inconsistent and wrong.

And another thing. You should stop being so over-literal in your reading. Do you really imagine Smolin means science died in 1975 and could be no worse off left in the hands of Ray Dickenson? In 2000 Smolin wrote:

"25 years ago [hey look, that was 1975] when I began to work on the quantum theory of gravity . . . several of my teachers told me that only fools worked on this problem. . . . The situation now is very different. We still are not quite there, but few who work in the field doubt that we have come a long way . . . One consequence of our progress is that all of a sudden our pursuit has become fashionable. . . . huge progress we have made in the last twenty years . . . By the end of the 21st century, the quantum theory of gravity will be taught to high-school students around the world."

They still aren't there and maybe even 2100 was optimistic. There are competing avenues of approach, no-one's sure what will win out. I'm certainly far from claiming that there is no problem. I have my own little pet opinions. But of course it's horrendously difficult for little humans to work out the answers to questions of cosmic scale. "A man is a small thing, and the night is very large and full of wonders," as Lord Dunsany beautifully put it many decades ago in words which will last as long as Max Planck's.

Why that should surprise you, or dismay you, or embitter you as it seems to do I'm not sure, but I think the answer is in your own head rather than out there in physics.

Martin Shough

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Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO - Fleming

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>>Subject: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO

>>James Smith asked about the source of an assertion I made that
>>Neil Armstrong had said that the object that he and the other
>>Apollo 11 astronauts saw was ahead of the spacecraft.

>Thanks for getting this text.

>>"In Armstrong's mind today, there is still no doubt that what
>>they all saw was a detached part of their own spacecraft. "We
>>did watch a slow blinking light some substantial distance away
>>from us. Mission Control eventually concluded - and I agree -
>>that it was one of the Saturn LM adapter panels. These panels
>>are enormous and would have been given a rotation in the process
>>of their ejection from the S-IVB. The reflection from these
>>panels would, therefore, be similar to blinking. I do not know
>>why we did not see the other three panels, but I suspect that
>>the one that was directly down from the Sun from us would have
>>provided the brightest reflection."

>The Sun would have been at an angle about 90 degrees from the
>CSM flight path and assuming that the orientation of the CSM/S-
>IVB at panel jettison was correct, one panel would have been
>Sunward. One needs to check the attitude at jettison since we
>have no reports of seeing the panels tumble away prior to
>midcourse correction.

That implies that Armstrong thought the object was also 90
degrees from the flight path in the direction opposite the sun.
I don't see that would necessarily put it ahead of the
spacecraft as the author said.

>It is an excellent point about the other three panels. Although
>they would have separated somewhat from each other, they surely
>would have been within the field of view.

>I do not buy the "brightest reflection" business. A tumbling
>panel (which they all should have been) would be at some point a
>good angle to reflect the sunlight significantly. These are not
>specular reflections, they are only reflections of light from
>"white" surfaces.

Lambertian (non-specular) surfaces do reflect more light when
the sun is at a higher angle relative to the surface, so
Armstrong may have had a point there.

>Another point that bothers me about the panel explanation is
>that the CSM was in a flight mode (spinning normal to the
>ecliptic) for a large part of translunar coast. Surely these
>guys were looking out the windows (there was not all that much
>to do at that time)and should have seen a blinking panel prior

>to the incident. All they had to do was just keep looking out
>the window and the flashing panels would have come into view. If
>the CSM was pointing toward the Moon most of the trip, then I
>could argue the panel would have been out of the field of view,
>but the spinning flight mode rules this out and implies they
>should have seen it earlier.

I agree that the panels would have been visible 577 miles away from the spacecraft, but they would have appeared as pinpoints of light to the naked eye. Depending on the lighting, they might not have stood out well enough from the background stars to have been noticed; I assume the stars would be far more numerous viewed from space than from within the Earth's atmosphere, at least in light-polluted urban environments. Perhaps they didn't see the panels after docking with the LEM because the spacecraft was traveling nose-first, or some other orientation in which the view of the sky was more restricted before it was put into the passive thermal mode where its rotation gave the crew a 360 degree view of a large swath of the sky.

>>"How the panel had kept up with the Apollo 11 spacecraft for over
>>two days - and in fact, was out in front of it - was a simple
>>matter of Newtonian physics. "When the SLA panels were ejected,"
>>Neil explains, "they had a very slight outward relative
>>velocity, but their velocity along the flight path was
>>essentially identical to that of the CSM-LM combination. The
>>panels, therefore, having no atmospheric drag to slow them,
>>traveled at the CSM-LM speed, but developed an ever-increasing
>>lateral separation from it."

>Yeah, they forgot about the midcourse firing.

>>As can be seen in the above text, Armstrong doesn't explicitly
>>say that the object they saw was ahead of the spacecraft; he
>>only implies it was down sun from the spacecraft. It is the
>>author, not Armstrong, who says that the panels were "out in
>>front of" the spacecraft. But since this was an authorized
>>biography, presumably Armstrong was the source of Hansen's
>>explanation, which is incorrect.

>>As a simple matter of Newtonian physics, the combined effects of
>>the panel jettison velocity and the spacecraft's midcourse
>>correction makes the preferred NASA explanation virtually
>>impossible.

>>At the distance of 577 miles computed by James Smith, the object
>>could have been no more than a featureless dot, even under the
>>magnification of the Apollo's 28-power telescope.

>The "dot" aspect I do not know for sure, I have not tried to
>simulate the telescopic situation. It does seem unlikely. But
>I do not know the characteristics of the telescope. When STS
>camera do extreme zooms (but are not focused) on Soyuz and other
>distant orbiting objects, some pretty odd shapes occur.

At a distance of 577 miles, a 21-foot long panel would subtend 0.024 minutes of arc. The sextant telescope had a 28X magnification, so the angular size would be 28 times greater through the telescope: 0.7 arcminutes. The resolution limit of the human eye for distinguishing an object that is more than a pinpoint of light is about 1 arcminute, although I've seen numbers as low as 0.7 arcminutes. So as far as I can see, one of these SLA panels would appear to be little more than a dot. I'm no expert in optics, but I don't see how they could have seen any shape at all, weird or otherwise. (If David Rudiak is reading this thread, he should feel free to jump in here if I'm wrong about the optics).

>>It could not
>>have appeared to be shaped like an "open suitcase" as Armstrong
>>described it in the post-flight debriefing, or any discernible
>>shape at all. And of course, contrary to what the author
>>implies, Buzz Aldrin, at least, seemed to originally have had
>>plenty of doubt that the object was an SLA panel because of its
>>observed shape.

>I have not tried to simulate the illumination conditions,
>reflectivity/paint of the panel surfaces, panel orientation to
>see if it can appear to be a "open suitcase".

>>Those difficulties with the panel explanation notwithstanding,

>>Armstrong's authorized biography says the object was an SLA
>>panel, Aldrin's own book said it was an SLA panel, and Mission
>>Control said it was an SLA panel, so that makes the panel
>>explanation a 'fact' carved in stone, even though it's almost
>>certainly wrong.

>Okay, it seems wrong, and all these guys have for whatever
>reason decided its a SLA panel. I still am not clear what one
>can infer from this. We already know that the
>government/authorities will always choose a prosaic explanation
>first. If you rub their noses into how wrong they are, they will
>simply come up with another one which you can't refute
>adequately (e.g. debris from the CSM/LM).

I still think it's important that the credibility of people in
positions of authority needs to be called into question when
their stories change with time, whether the authority is the
U.S. Attorney General, who's had some problems with that
recently, or a famous astronaut. I'd like to hear Buzz Aldrin
explain why his story changed in the years since the Apollo 11
mission debriefing when he essentially rejected the panels as a
likely explanation.

By the way, it occurred to me that the midcourse correction you
found out about could make some other source of debris from the
CSM/LM less likely. Assuming that the object was something more
than an ice particle, the only events that I can think of that
would have generated any major debris would have been the
separation of the spacecraft from the booster and docking with
the LEM. The 485-mile downtrack distance between the panels and
the spacecraft that you computed for the midcourse correction
would also be the distance to any big chunks of debris left
floating around near the booster after the transposition and
docking, barring the off chance that the debris got a good kick
in the downtrack direction from a thruster or explosive bolt.
And whatever debris there was would have been a lot smaller than
the SLA panels and even harder to see at that distance.

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Phoenix Witness Wishes Clips Were Never Seen

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Phoenix Lights Witness Says He Wishes Sighting Clips Were Never Seen

05:05 PM Mountain Standard Time on

By Scott Davis
3TV producer

You may have seen the home videos from The Phoenix Lights, but why are some witnesses wishing the clips had never been seen?

"It was just dumb luck," said Mike Fortson. "I was in the right place at the right time."

Fortson doesn't consider himself special. But he and his wife were among the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people to see the Phoenix Lights in 1997.

"I had ringside seats," he said. "We were in the perfect angle. I saw three bright-white lights in triangle formation angled down. At that point in time I thought I was gonna see a plane crash."

The Fortsons say the lights they saw were not on an airplane. He's ex-military and knows what aircraft looks like and sound like at night.

"We got to see it for about two minutes," he said. "It was very low to the ground. Planes that were coming into Sky Harbor were going above it."

A computer graphics whiz came up with an animation that Fortson says is almost exactly right.

"This black object which was little more than a black line coming across through the grey background stuck out like a sore thumb was coming right at us," Fortson said while observing the animation.

"Boomerang shaped," he said. "I would say like a boomerang and it was coming right at us. We stood there paralyzed watching this."

A big black craft flying over Phoenix, he says, at 8:30 p.m.

All the home video we've seen from March 1997 was taken an hour and a half later. Most people accept that the military was releasing flares that night.

Fortson and others are convinced that's all the videos show and they'd like to see them erased.

"What happened in the 8 o'clock hour is what people really need to understand," he said.

The Fortsons lived in Chandler back then.

Now, 10 years later, Fortson still scans the skies from his new home in Prescott Valley, hoping to see it again.

"We're in awe," Fortson said. "You're not supposed to see this. I mean this is not real. We've been told all of our lives this does not exist. This thing is this big coming right at you. You're sitting there, you're frozen."

[Thanks to Frank Warren for the lead]

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Former Arizona Gov. Admits UFO Sighting On Night of Phoenix Lights
By Jon Shanks

Former Arizona Governor Fife Symington ridiculed an unexplained event that took place in the skies over Phoenix ten years ago. An event now commonly known as 'the Phoenix Lights' is actually a compilation of events and unexplained sightings that took place on March 13, 1997 from the Hoover Dam on the Nevada/Arizona border all the way to Tucson, Arizona and at several points in between. The most publicized of the sightings that night came at around 10:00pm. Many witnesses saw and videotaped an array of lights that appeared over the desert southwest of Metropolitan Phoenix including CK Rairden who contributes to this report. Some believe those lights were flares, others are not quite so sure. Those bright orbs, and the other unexplained events of that evening are now commonly known as 'The Phoenix Lights.'

On Thursday June 19, 1997, Symington said he would order the Arizona Department of Public Safety to look into the mysterious lights that were spotted over Phoenix two months earlier. He called a press conference and television viewers tuned in. Instead of anything serious Symington introduced a handcuffed member of his staff in an alien costume as the culprit responsible for the Phoenix Lights. He pulled off the 'alien mask' and it was an aide named Jay Heiler.

Many were laughing, others were a bit miffed that the governor found it necessary to waste everyone's time with such a stunt. Now in a stunning interview with the Daily Courier in Prescott, the former governor admits that he was a witness to a UFO on that night in March. "It was enormous and inexplicable," he said in an exclusive interview from Phoenix printed in the Courier. What he saw was a V-shaped craft that witnesses reported seeing that night throughout the state. "Who knows where it came from? A lot of people saw it, and I saw it too," Symington said.

The report written by Leslie Kean notes witnesses described the gigantic triangular and V-shaped unidentified objects as "gliding slowly and silently across the sky." Witnesses throughout the state "estimated that the eerie, lighted vehicles were bigger than many football fields, up to a mile long."

They reported that these were clearly solid, technological flying machines that blocked out the stars - not merely lights. So - if Mr. Symington did see this unexplained craft - why did the governor make a joke of the event? He explains that Arizona

was "on the brink of hysteria" about the UFO sighting at the time, and the frenzy was building. "I wanted people to lighten up and calm down, so I introduced a little levity. But I never felt that the overall situation was a matter of ridicule," he says.

In the interview Symington says that he called the commander at Luke Air Force Base, the general in charge of the National Guard, and the head of the Department of Public Safety to request an explanation. None of them had answers, and they, too, were "perplexed", he says.

That explanation jives with what most reports gave in the days after the event. Broadcast reports after the events of March 13, 1997 asked several officials for an explanation and few were given. Months later, a member of the Maryland National Guard claimed that a squadron from that state had been in Arizona and had dropped 'flares' over the Goldwater Gunnery Range in the Arizona desert near Yuma. The delay in response, combined with the thousands of witnesses and the videotapes of the 10:00pm unexplained lights are what make 'The Phoenix Lights' one of the largest and most talked about sightings in UFO history.

US Senator John McCain called for an investigation ten years ago. Now, according to the report, the former governor also says the incident remains unsolved, and deserves an official investigation. Don't expect one anytime soon.

CK Rairden contributed to this report

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>>Former Arizona Governor Admits Seeing UFO

>>Fife Symington decides to set record straight ten years after
>>famed "Phoenix Lights" incident

>>Phoenix, AZ - Ten years after the Arizona UFO incident known as
>>the "Phoenix Lights," former Arizona Republican Governor Fife
>>Symington, III, now says that he himself was a witness to one of
>>the "craft of unknown origin," even though he originally did not
>>say so publicly.

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>>Symington was well known for ridiculing the incident at a spoof
>>press conference, so his statement marks a dramatic turnaround.
>>According to his comments to Kean, he wants to make amends to
>>his constituents and set the record straight.

>Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

>It's too late for this man to make with the sincerities. He had
>his chance when the stirabout was hot. Instead of performing his
>executive duties when he had the chance he decides to wait 'til
>now, when the limelight isn't on him to make a disclosure.

>The second he didn't get an official response he should have
>pitched a good one that as Governor he should have gotten his
>answers when he asked, not make a sideshow of the incident.

>I wouldn't believe this clown if he stood up in front of fifty
>news cameras and him with his hand on a stack of Bibles.

>He did the public a grave injustice and his word is shmutz as
>far as I'm concerned.

I don't know, man...

This seems a little more to me like the conjectured white woman who comes forward later saying it wasn't really the innocent black guy (ufology) who kidnapped and then drowned her children... that it was herself.

Symington got some 'splainin' to do, you bet. In a nutshell? He betrayed aggregate humanity and each of us specifically. This is as plain as the decomposing nose on a klasskurtxian corpse's face. Extreme treason... whether you accept that or not. At best? A _massive_ and ongoing betrayal of the trust.

But the believable, acceptable, and truly reasonable testimony is valuable still. This is without regard even skunky shmutziness. A major crack _has_ occurred in the cornerstone of denial, eh?

Unfortunately, and unlike three _inexplicable_ skyscrapers in New York, the edifice to which I refer will likely _not_ have the grace to fall in its own footprint. Still, unlike any east coast architecture, it is a building which deserves to come down because its hazardousness increases for humanity every day it remains standing. I suspect so anyway.

Concrescence looms, eh? This is after a _major_ twister just missed my ass, so I'm not just whistling Dixie. See, _in_ Dixie? You're authorized.

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Shough

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Fwd Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 11:33:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Shough

>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 16:42:21 EDT
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 18:53:45 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>Science isn't so complicated. It's merely the progressive
>elimination of possibilities.

True. Only the other evening I was roasting a mammoth haunch outside my cave when there was this tremendous rumbling noise and a dazzling spear of fire came down. I went round to my neighbour, Noog, who spends a lot of time in his cave thinking. Maybe he could explain it. But he thought about it so long I got bored and went to see the shaman instead, who was trained in this sort of thing.

"Could it have been your wife shouting from inside the cave?" he asked.

I said No, she was down at the river fetching water to make mammoth broth.

"Maybe Noog next door dropped some rocks? Maybe you imagined the flaming spear?"

No, Noog was out hunting. And I was sure about the spear.

"Well," said the shaman, "it could have been the spirit of the mammoth, stamping on the sky. But mammoths don't hunt with spears. That only leaves one thing. It was the moon god, angry that you didn't call me over to propotiate him with offerings before cooking. So he roared and threw down fire. Just give me that mammoth haunch and I'll square things. You shouldn't have any more trouble after that."

I was impressed with how the shaman thought of everything and worked out the answer, and gave him the meat.

Next day I went round to Noog's to tell him the shaman had solved the mystery of the roaring spear in the sky using simple logic. "See, it's not so complicated," I told him.

As usual he was too wrapped up in his thinking and wanted to show me a new "wheel" thing he'd invented.

Well I had to laugh. "What use is that for killing mammoths?" I said.

>I think most may, unthinkingly,
>argue that it's proving something. I would argue that the
>residue left after each elimination often contains the truth
>"somewhere" and that this "container" simply gets further
>redefined. Perhaps there's no end to this process?

I agree that we have no evidence that there is an end to the process of matching successive best-fit models to phenomena, but it can never be merely eliminative. This is to some extent the method of normal science, the "not so complicated" science, the science that those impatient for change are prone to excoriate as the work of drones and time-serving jobsworths. The transition to the new paradigm is the invention of a whole new set of possibilities, which to some extent is antagonistic to the interests of normal science. So there is this tension. But it is necessary. As Kuhn showed, the revolutionary science needs the normal science to thoroughly explore the paradigm until it exposes the points where it breaks down. You can't do without either and hope to keep the process going.

>Echoing thoughts expressed, we must be constantly vigilant and
>not be so quick to weigh what is presently known with what is
>not. But, I guess that's difficult for some because it's so
>easy
>to load one side of the scale with books while the other side
>remains largely and invisibly unknown in substance. I guess
>tilting the scales in this fashion may simply be a classroom
>cheat.

I'm not going to bother responding to that, when both of the two differently-complected but related anti-science positions against which I've argued were based entirely on enlisting (confusedly and inaccurately) the authority of science and various named scientists! You can't rule in the use of the reviews on the dust jacket but rule out the use of the content.

<snip>

>Simply put, I think science teachers forget to keep the larger
>scale equations balanced... an unfortunate relapse with the
>reinforcement of some of the unknowns or an inability to put
>subjects into larger context. So, should we blame our teachers
>or their teachers before them... or simply rest this one on
>societies shoulders or the gullibility of human perception?

It isn't the job of science teachers, on the whole, to teach what is "invisibly unknown in substance" but rather "what is presently known". Students have to be able to see what is there before they can properly begin to guess what might be missing. This is the "normal science" equivalent of the historical process in individual microcosm. Postgraduate revolution comes later - then mentors and advisors can encourage all the originality they want. And they do. Again, both phases are necessary. I don't think you should "be so quick" to blame anybody. You might as well blame the sun for taking all night to rise. Let's all just take individual responsibility for learning as much as we can, and encouraging others to do the same, so that we can talk sensibly about what the real problem areas are instead of being just vandals lobbing stones.

Martin Shough

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Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Warren

From: **Frank Warren** <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 07:02:18 -0800
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 08:25:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendy Connors Retires - Warren

Fellow Listerions,

Wendy Connors is certainly the Grande Dame of Ufology; her stalwartness, dedication and burning desire to illuminate the truth in regard to the phenomenon is shared by very few.

Many here on the List know Wendy as someone who's got brass, and who calls a spade a spade! She doesn't back down from a fight, and stands up for herself, and her ideologies - and is usually right!

What some may not know, is her kindness and generosity (in this instance) to her fellow researchers; she is a wealth of information, data and resources and gives assistance at the drop of a hat!

Although I have a heavy heart with regard to her announcement, I know I can pop in a CD, and she and I can travel back in time together! Because of her efforts, and her specific work, Wendy will always be with us in research!

No thanks or words could ever be enough for all you've done Wendy. I offer the most heartfelt gratitude, and wish you all the best.

Yours in research,

Frank Warren

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Al Chop Passed In 2006

From: Robert Barrow <rbarr.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 08:35:07 -0400
Subject: Al Chop Passed In 2006

Dear List Readers,

It appears that one sad occasion follows another. A few days before Wendy Connors announced her hard-earned retirement from years of rewarding and productive UFO research, (sad occasion number one), she passed along an e-mail she received from a person searching for me who is a member of Al Chop's family.

While I've not heard back from this person yet, their initial note states that Chop died last year (sad occasion number two) and, indeed, when I did a cursory check via the Internet I discovered that Al passed away in 2006 in California. I doubt that this unfortunate news reached most UFO researchers.

Most List readers familiar with Chop's name realize how important he was to the official U.S. UFO project of the early fifties as the Pentagon's chief civilian press desk spokesman regarding the phenomenon. The 1956 United Artists motion picture, 'UFO', chronicled his gradual change from ardent UFO skeptic to a major proponent of UFO existence, based directly upon the reports and UFO films (e.g., Nicholas Mariana's Montana and Delbert Newhouse's Utah films) he routinely encountered through government and military sources.

This writer's first of several articles about the movie and Chop can be found on the Web at NICAP.org, which also includes my second piece, and is also available in English with a French translation at: Ufologie.org

In later years, Chop worked with NASA, where he could sometimes be heard on national TV and radio as "the voice of mission control" during a space launch.

In recent years, news reports revealed how Al Chop not only played a huge role in developing NASA's Snoopy The Astronaut program in the sixties, in an attempt to interest youngsters in NASA - he also visited Peanuts creator Charles Schultz when the comic-strip's newspaper syndicate refused to allow the Snoopy character to be used in the promotion. Chop, ever the affable public relations expert with a big heart, convinced Schultz face to face, and ultimately assured the syndicate, of the idea's brilliance.

He later worked with the U.S. atomic energy project in some capacity and, as I recall, Al ultimately developed a severe back injury, responsible eventually for his retirement.

When I became a NICAP member in the early sixties, Chop was on the board of governors for a time, but I really knew little about him until 1965, when I happened to see the movie, "UFO" on local TV. The documentary's concern for accuracy absolutely stunned me, and I was so taken with Chop's character as played by Tom Towers that I immediately sought out "the real thing." I located Al's address and sent off a "fan letter," and darned if he didn't reply with a very friendly letter and later even sent me some "Snoopy the Astronaut" NASA decals and other government publicity items. For me, as a teenager, the experience was akin to getting a letter from an international movie star.

Years later, after my Air Force enlistment, when I connected with some national magazines to write about UFOs, I had this crazy idea in my head to find some of the key movie participants and write an update article about that curious documentary. Again, I tracked Al down and continued a series of correspondence with him as he answered my questions about his life and the movie. People are surprised when I tell them I never met Al, and never even had one phone conversation with him. In the seventies, there was no e-mail, long distance calls were often prohibitively expensive, I had no expense account, there was a deadline and I would only receive a few hundred dollars to write the article for OFFICIAL UFO (the project also allowed me a little extra college credit) - so instead of flying around the country to interview key people, the postal system was my required method of interview.

All along the way, Al Chop was a man of integrity, as kind and patient as a good neighbor, and of the people I contacted about the movie, both he and Tom Towers (who played Al's role) were extraordinarily helpful.

With Al Chop's passing, I expect that all principals involved with the production of "UFO" are gone now, and the history of the UFO enigma in the U.S. now has another name - a giant's name - to add to the archives of the departed. Someday, I hope to round up publicity material and letters from Al Chop and other movie participants and put them on a blog for all to see.

By the way, there's a superb 1999 interview with Chop conducted by Brad Sparks and Thomas Tulien at Project1947.com.

In the meantime, there is at least one amongst you who really should come forward and give us some valuable historical insight into Chop, and that person would be Richard Hall, who obviously must have plenty to say as former assistant director of NICAP in the early days when Al Chop (long a friendly acquaintance of Major Keyhoe because of Keyhoe's constant UFO inquiries during Chop's Air Force press desk days) was associated with the organization. What say you, Dick? Compliments or otherwise, please offer some commentary. I believe that Chop finally ended his relationship with NICAP because he didn't want to "blur the line" between his NASA employment and interest in UFOs, and Mr. Hall can certainly clarify this.

I can't do any better in closing than to quote the family member who wrote me - and who admittedly spent many an enviable visit with Al into the wee small hours of the morn' to hear stories about UFOs and NASA. The person simply wrote that Al was "a great man." He sure was.

Robert Barrow

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Nebraska May Have Had Its Own Roswell In 1884
By John Wenz

Very few people have heard of Max, Neb. A cursory look at the Google Map of the town shows just how small it is - under 20 blocks, a blip in southwest Nebraska. It's just eight miles from the seat of Dundy County: Benkelman, population 914.

But Max, the blip it may be, is the closest town to an incident in that occurred 1884.

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One of the herdsmen, Alf Williamson, was burned as he approached the craft, which had created a split in the ground as it dragged to a stop. He was taken back to Ellis' home and treated for his burns.

E.W. Rawlins, the brand inspector for the district, came to inspect it.

The Nebraska State Journal reported on the event in 1887, saying, "One piece that looked like the blade of a propeller screw, of a metal of an appearance like brass, about 16 inches wide, three inches thick and three-and-a-half feet long, was picked up by a spade. It would not weigh more than five pounds, but appeared as strong and compact as any known metal. A fragment of a wheel with a milled rim, apparently having had a diameter of seven or eight feet, was also picked up. It seemed to be of the same material and had the same remarkable lightness."

The lack of physical evidence means there's nothing much left today, and John Buder, a field researcher with the Mutual UFO Network of Nebraska, said that the people of Dundy County shy away from talking about the event.

Most of his investigation into it has been research. He first stumbled across the story in a tourist's guide to Nebraska. From there, he's found it in multiple books on the subject.

"There has been a lot of studies made on UFO crashes," Buder said. "The people who I would claim know the most have not

identified it as a hoax."

It was the second UFO crash Buder knows of, and the first to be recorded in newspapers of the time. But once the story came out, it started a worldwide wave of similar stories - some more reputable than others.

One such case is the 1897 crash near Aurora, Tex., where four alien bodies are supposedly buried in a graveyard. Eyder Peralta, a reporter for the Houston Chronicle, investigated that crash and turned up nothing.

But the Nebraska crash is the first reported. It was only after the incident near Max that it became a sort of mythology.

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He sees the building of the railroad coinciding with the sightings of the era. In fact, the crafts were often described as "railroad engines without wheels" at the time.

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[Thanks to greg Boone for the lead]

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ARCHIVISTS DIVIDED OVER HANDLING OF FINANCIAL RECORDS

Behind closed doors at the National Archives, an acrimonious debate has unfolded over whether and how to dispose of records generated by Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) at executive branch agencies.

What is at stake is the proper identification and preservation of historically significant government financial records, some of which have already been lost.

A proposed "General Records Schedule" (GRS) that would authorize the disposal and destruction of various CFO records is "fundamentally flawed," wrote one Archives analyst last year.

"I really cannot say anything positive about this proposed GRS," wrote another analyst, in internal comments. "It is flawed, troubling, and misleading." It is "unimplementable" and "will lead to the destruction of permanent records."

"This proposal is ill-considered, ill-conceived, and should be terminated with extreme prejudice," said a third.

But another Archives official said the "extremely aggressive tone to the argument" shows that those critics' judgment has been "clouded" because they were not consulted in advance.

As a general matter, no one doubts that the overwhelming majority of government records lack permanent historical value and are properly destroyed. What is at issue in this dispute is whether the proposed schedule for destruction of financial records properly recognizes the enduring value of some CFO records.

The functions of agency Chief Financial Officers "are not routine, administrative, housekeeping operations traditionally covered by a [General Records Schedule]," one internal NARA critic insisted. "Prima facie, it is doubtful that there should be a GRS for the office of Chief Financial Officer."

But the proposal is nevertheless moving forward.

In a February 22 Federal Register notice, NARA announced the

availability for public comment of a disposition schedule for CFO records. A copy is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/03/nara-cfo.pdf>

As a result of the debate of the past several months, the revised proposal adds several new caveats. It acknowledges that some CFO records are permanent, not temporary, and that they must be preserved; it specifies that the proposed schedule would apply to certain types of CFO components and not to others; and it notes that some CFO records are already subject to existing schedules that take precedence over the new proposal.

Under the circumstances, then, the remaining question is whether the proposed schedule will provide increased clarity and flexibility, as intended, or whether it will generate new confusion and inadvertent loss of historically valuable records.

A cross-section of internal NARA comments on the proposed schedule as of September 2006, only some of which were resolved by the latest draft, is posted here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/03/nara-cfo-comm.pdf>

Some basic financial records of the United States Government have already been lost to history.

"We are unable to locate a document containing, or a series of documents from which we may deduce, the aggregate U.S. intelligence budget figure for Fiscal Year 1947 [or Fiscal Year 1948]," wrote the CIA's Kathryn I. Dyer in 2003 in response to a Federation of American Scientists lawsuit.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/foia/1947/cia062703.html>

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Some noteworthy recent products of the Congressional Research Service include the following.

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<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33918.pdf>

"China Naval Modernization: Implications for U.S. Navy Capabilities -- Background and Issues for Congress," updated February 7, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33153.pdf>

"Data Security Breaches: Context and Incident Summaries," updated January 29, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33199.pdf>

"Bolivia: Political and Economic Developments and Implications for U.S. Policy," updated January 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL32580.pdf>

"The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS)," updated January 25, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33388.pdf>

CORRECTION

In a story about a memorandum of understanding between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB), Secrecy News (03/15/07) mistakenly referred to the FSB as Russia's "foreign intelligence agency."

The FSB has various counterespionage and foreign intelligence surveillance responsibilities, but it is primarily an internal security service.

Russia's principal foreign intelligence agency is the Foreign Intelligence Service (Sluzhba Vneshney Razvedki or SVR).

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Reason

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 15:35:15 -0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 09:34:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Reason

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 14:57:58 -0000
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>From: Mike Good <boneheadart.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 10:05:55 -0700 (PDT)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible [was: UFO Photos The Future]

<snip>

>And science does not take "a literal view of a material
>universe". This harks back to an archaic philosophical
>distinction between materialism and spiritualism, arising from a
>classical Newtonian notion of matter as inert stuff.

Hello Martin,

I'm afraid I find this a rather narrow, and historically not
very accurate, way of defining materialism.

My Penguin dictionary of philosophy defines materialism as:-

"the theory that matter alone exists. It immediately implies a
denial of the existence of minds, spirits, divine beings, etc,
in so far as these are taken to be non-material."

What is at issue here is the question of physical completeness,
not whether matter is "inert". I think you are right that, in
the aftermath of QM and Relativity, it no longer makes sense to
talk about "matter" as the universal constituent of anything.
But the doctrine of physical completeness - which is actually
what most people today mean by materialism - survives under the
name of "physicalism". The same dictionary defines this as
follows:-

"The view that everything is constituted of the entities taken
to be basic by the physical sciences... This is the modern
version of materialism."

So first, it's clearly not true that materialism is "archaic".
The question is whether it makes any sense. I think one can
argue a good case that physicalism is simply nineteenth-century
materialism with a few changes of name, in which "matter" is
replaced by "the entities taken to be basic by the physical
sciences" as the placeholder for some sort of metaphysical
"stuff" out of which everything in the universe is supposed to be
made. To the extent we regard the entities of physical science
as mathematical abstractions, this is evidently rather daft -
how are conscious living beings supposed to be made up entirely
out of mathematical abstractions? But the philosophical
significance of QM and Relativity is precisely that the entities
of modern physical theory can no longer be interpreted as
measures of some sort of metaphysical "stuff" - or that if they
could, no-one knows how to do it.

Given this situation, it seems to me we have three alternatives. One is to stick to pure operationalism - eg, the Copenhagen interpretation. The second is to throw out materialism. But the third is simply to hold on to materialism regardless and just ignore the philosophical implications of the last hundred years. Mr Good and Mr Dickenson appear to be saying that, in practice, most physicists are adopting the third approach - I think they are probably right. And I can say for sure that, even if this is not the case in physics, it is definitely the case in other disciplines such as neuroscience and consciousness studies.

And as for your point about Young Turks and Old Professors, I think it's worth noting the Old Professors are now considered to be people like Schrodinger, Wigner and, especially, Neils Bohr - people who were only too well aware of the philosophical implications of modern physics, and were not afraid of facing up to them. By contrast the Young Turks, it seems to me, are now peddling a distinctly dusty, old-fashioned version of deterministic local realism. It's difficult for me to see what could possibly be motivating this other than an esthetic commitment to the sort of nineteenth-century materialism which, you confidently tell us, has long since been dispensed with (by all the best people, at any rate).

Cathy

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Re: The Official Press Release On Fife Symington -

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 08:09:15 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 09:42:06 -0400
Subject: Re: The Official Press Release On Fife Symington -

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 05:36:37 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Official Press Release On Fife Symington

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 17:20:19 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Official Press Release On Fife Symington

>>>From: Mike Fortson <satmike.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 09:56:04 -0700
>>>Subject: The Official Press Release On Fife Symington

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>>>Sunday, March 18, 2007

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>>>Former Arizona Governor Admits Seeing UFO

>>>Fife Symington decides to set record straight ten years after
>>>famed "Phoenix Lights" incident

>>>Phoenix, AZ - Ten years after the Arizona UFO incident known as
>>>the "Phoenix Lights," former Arizona Republican Governor Fife
>>>Symington, III, now says that he himself was a witness to one of
>>>the "craft of unknown origin," even though he originally did not
>>>say so publicly.

>><snip>

>>>Symington was well known for ridiculing the incident at a spoof
>>>press conference, so his statement marks a dramatic turnaround.
>>>According to his comments to Kean, he wants to make amends to
>>>his constituents and set the record straight.

>>Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

>>It's too late for this man to make with the sincerities. He had
>>his chance when the stirabout was hot. Instead of performing his
>>executive duties when he had the chance he decides to wait 'til
>>now, when the limelight isn't on him to make a disclosure.

<snip>

>Symington got some 'splainin' to do, you bet. In a nutshell? He
>betrayed aggregate humanity and each of us specifically. This is

>as plain as the decomposing nose on a klasskurtxian corpse's
>face. Extreme treason... whether you accept that or not. At
>best? A _massive_ and ongoing betrayal of the trust.

>But the believable, acceptable, and truly reasonable testimony
>is valuable still. This is without regard even skunky
>shmutziness. A major crack _has_ occurred in the cornerstone of
>denial, eh?

I do_not_trust_Symington man. I do not like green eggs and ham.

We've just had our leg pulled by the Chicago O'Hare incident
which went from mystery to money faster than a pyramid scheme.

We're now dealing with politicians and the press, a combination
that has and always has been an unworthy one.

Symington's in this to save his skin on something. Don't give
him one iota of air or press time. By the time the opposition
gets to tearing him apart for bucking he'll end up in some nut
house eating mush and asking for someone to change the channel
on his television set.

I remember warning people in ufology about the Peter Jennings
UFO special. No one paid me any attention. I saw that bs coming
a mile away. We need to stop looking for clues. As long as we
keep chomping at the bit we'll keep on biting our own asses.

We_know_the_truth. We're only spending 90% of our time trying to
prove it to our fellow citizens and the gov and media. That's
two groups too many.

Spend the time with our kinsmen and countrymen, ignore the gov
and press. They've made their bed and in my opinion that old
southern saying, "Don't woke em', let em slept!" goes in hand
here.

This is another diversion to set up the ufology community for a
fall. He engaged in domination through humiliation and is trying
to walk it off like he was trying to lighten things up. A huge
aircraft no one officially claims shows up over your state live
on tv and you make a joke out of it?

He's full of more bull than a happy matador.

Don't trust this guy. Do not trust him one iota.

You've all proven your case with the fact that you can't prove
it physically.

That is the biggest piece of proof you could ever want.

This Symington thing is just another attempt to embarrass and
invalidate the ufology community and disenchant the public.

Watch.

Best,

Greg

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UFO Over Mexico's Atizapan Airport

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 14:22:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 09:46:01 -0400
Subject: UFO Over Mexico's Atizapan Airport

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
March 19, 2007

Source: www.analuisacid.com
Date: 03.17.07

MEXICO: UFO OVER ATIZAPAN AIRPORT

Airliner captain Miguel Hernandez Aguirre informed researcher Alfonso Salazar about the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of Atizapan Airport in the state of Mexico.

The witness was in the company of a flight instructor aboard a Cessna 150 aircraft.

They were forced to suspend their take-off maneuvers when they observed what they thought at first was another airplane about to come in for a landing at the airport in question.

This traffic, as Captain Hernandez described it, was descending as though coming in for a landing, but rather than doing so, descended into a canyon located on the northern end.

By this time they had been given the green light for take off. When passing over the highway, the instructor told him that the strange object was flying above the canyon. Subsequently, [the Cessna] rose into the air, conducting its normal flight operations, and they did not see the object again.

According to the description given, the object looked like a metal sphere; they cannot recall the date with any certainty, explaining that the event took place several weeks ago, perhaps in late February or early March 2007.

Captain Hernandez added that on another occasion, during a night flight, he witnessed three red lights flying over a hill adjacent to Atizapan Airport.

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Lights 'Cause' Earthquake In Huasteca Mexico?

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 19:30:28 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 09:49:24 -0400
Subject: Lights 'Cause' Earthquake In Huasteca Mexico?

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
March 19, 2007

SOURCE: El Manana de Valles (newspaper)
DATE: 03.19.07

MEXICO: Lights Cause Earthquake in the Huasteca Region

According to the news item dated March 19, 2007 from the El Manana de Valles newspaper, 30 earthquakes have been recorded over the past 3 months in Rancho Nuevo, municipality of Tamasopo.

Local residents told reporter Julio Reyes that when the strongest earthquake took place, there was a large red circle in the sky that was allegedly formed by UFOs.

"All of us saw it and we were very frightened. The ground started shaking underfoot and we had to find shelter," said some of the families that still remain in Rancho Nuevo.

Geologists conducting the studies mentioned that a considerable number of "basements" and underground water deposits are found in the region, explainable due to the elevation above sea level.

The new fear, added to that of earthquakes, is that locals are concerned about the appearance of lights in the sky, which they have come to associate with the UFO phenomenon. The need for deeper study has been suggested, since sightings of unidentified flying objects have been frequent in the Sierra Madre Oriental, specifically in the areas of Tamasopo and Aquism=F3n.

Meanwhile, the Municipality of Tamasopo is offering psychological assistance to families in Rancho Nuevo to assuage their fears.

Moreover, researcher Pedro Negrete adds that the state government shut down a local road last week to dynamite large boulders -- big enough to threaten the communities-- loosened by the earthquake, wondering if these lights were natural or artificial in origin, considering that luminous phenomena a relatively common during seismic activity, but not dismissing altogether the possibility that they may have another provenance.

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Olson

From: Jeff Olson <jloolson.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 12:08:41 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 09:51:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Olson

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 23:31:06 -0000
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 18:53:45 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>On the point of sending this Post I should apologise to the List
>for the length of it. On another day I wouldn't have devoted
>much time to this nonsense, but it's been a quiet and snowbound
>Sunday.

>>Martin Shough and Mike Good are at opposite ends of a see-saw
>>called 'the popular view of science' - and, for a couple of
>>reasons, I think Martin is sitting on the complacent, slightly
>>over-reverential end.

>Ray I don't think you have understood either the point of my
>argument or the original anti-science exhortation it was
>directed at. You are coming at us from your own familiar and
>unique position, and consequently only make contact with the
>issues raised insofar as they are an opportunity to voice it.
>You adopt a pose in which you are the reasonable, balanced voice
>at the fulcrum of your see-saw, the mature and real voice of
>science, with Mike Good and myself occupying somehow equivalent
>"popular" positions at the extremes. But to strike that pose I
>think you need, among other things, to understand Newton,
>quantum field theory and relativistic mass-energy conservation
>better than you do (see below).

<snip>

Though I see little need to add to Martin Shough's brilliant and educational tomes, it seems to me that those who are questioning the general efficacy of science in this discussion are, in a nutshell, confusing the methodology of science with those who practice it.

In confusing the methodology with the man, these science-skeptics appear to be treating human fallibility as a strike against the scientific method, since their criticism ostensibly focuses not on the latter, but rather on the various inevitable peccadilloes of the former. Yet the scientific method is no more discredited by individual malpractice than mathematics is invalidated by incorrect addition.

This isn't to say that the method itself is infallible or beyond criticism, but rather than vague generalities about the psychological foibles of scientists - which count just as much against science skeptics as anyone else - this more fundamental kind of critical analysis is, in my view, precisely what they ought to be undertaking if they wish to make a case against scientific procedure.

Best,

Jeff

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Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO - Smith

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 13:12:40 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 09:52:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO - Smith

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 22:33:41 -0500
>Subject: Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO

>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 11:13:30 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO

>>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>>>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 15:13:22 -0500
>>>Subject: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO

>>>"In Armstrong's mind today, ... I do not know
>>>why we did not see the other three panels, but I suspect that
>>>the one that was directly down from the Sun from us would have
>>>provided the brightest reflection."

>>The Sun would have been at an angle about 90 degrees from the
>>CSM flight path and assuming that the orientation of the CSM/S-
>>IVB at panel jettison was correct, one panel would have been
>>Sunward. One needs to check the attitude at jettison since we
>>have no reports of seeing the panels tumble away prior to
>>midcourse correction.

>That implies that Armstrong thought the object was also 90
>degrees from the flight path in the direction opposite the sun.
>I don't see that would necessarily put it ahead of the
>spacecraft as the author said.

It is unlikely that it could have been "directly down from the
Sun" from them too.

>>It is an excellent point about the other three panels. Although
>>they would have separated somewhat from each other, they surely
>>would have been within the field of view.
>>I do not buy the "brightest reflection" business. A tumbling
>>panel (which they all should have been) would be at some point a
>>good angle to reflect the sunlight significantly. These are not
>>specular reflections, they are only reflections of light from
>>"white" surfaces.

>Lambertian (non-specular) surfaces do reflect more light when
>the sun is at a higher angle relative to the surface, so
>Armstrong may have had a point there.

However, since they are more aft than lateral due to the
midcourse correction, then it should have made less difference.
His assumption was based on much closer panels.

>>Another point that bothers me about the panel explanation is
>>that the CSM was in a flight mode (spinning normal to the
>>ecliptic) for a large part of translunar coast. Surely these
>>guys were looking out the windows (there was not all that much
>>to do at that time)and should have seen a blinking panel prior
>>to the incident. All they had to do was just keep looking out
>>the window and the flashing panels would have come into view. If

>>the CSM was pointing toward the Moon most of the trip, then I
>>could argue the panel would have been out of the field of view,
>>but the spinning flight mode rules this out and implies they
>>should have seen it earlier.

>I agree that the panels would have been visible 577 miles away
>from the spacecraft, but they would have appeared as pinpoints
>of light to the naked eye. Depending on the lighting, they might
>not have stood out well enough from the background stars to have
>been noticed; I assume the stars would be far more numerous
>viewed from space than from within the Earth's atmosphere, at
>least in light-polluted urban environments. Perhaps they didn't
>see the panels after docking with the LEM because the spacecraft
>was traveling nose-first, or some other orientation in which the
>view of the sky was more restricted before it was put into the
>passive thermal mode where its rotation gave the crew a 360
>degree view of a large swath of the sky.

I did a quick check using a 3D modeller and the sextant FOV of
1.8 deg. You are right about the appearance being no more than a
dot. The monocular would be even worse for such a distance.

About why they did not see the panels prior to the UFO sighting,
I summed the passive thermal control flight orientation (the
same flight mode they saw the UFO during) time prior to the
event. It was 44 hours. During that period they "ate and slept"
for 30 hours. They had a light workload. I find it hard to
believe that they did not look out the window and that flashing
panels would not have been very apparent, especially since they
were much closer. The passive thermal control mode existed PRIOR
(from 11 hours to 24 hours MET) to the mid course burn so the
panels would have been at their closest and brightest. But not
one mention anywhere in transcripts.

>At a distance of 577 miles, a 21-foot long panel would subtend
>0.024 minutes of arc. The sextant telescope had a 28X
>magnification, so the angular size would be 28 times greater
>through the telescope: 0.7 arcminutes. The resolution limit of
>the human eye for distinguishing an object that is more than a
>pinpoint of light is about 1 arcminute, although I've seen
>numbers as low as 0.7 arcminutes. So as far as I can see, one of
>these SLA panels would appear to be little more than a dot. I'm
>no expert in optics, but I don't see how they could have seen
>any shape at all, weird or otherwise.

Yes, I agree.

>I still think it's important that the credibility of people in
>positions of authority needs to be called into question when
>their stories change with time, whether the authority is the
>U.S. Attorney General, who's had some problems with that
>recently, or a famous astronaut. I'd like to hear Buzz Aldrin
>explain why his story changed in the years since the Apollo 11
>mission debriefing when he essentially rejected the panels as a
>likely explanation.

Perhaps, but I am cynical and always suspect "authorities". I
prefer to spend my time arriving at answers to the UFO question
using my own data than relying on their authority and their
data.

>By the way, it occurred to me that the midcourse correction you
>found out about could make some other source of debris from the
>CSM/LM less likely. Assuming that the object was something more
>than an ice particle, the only events that I can think of that
>would have generated any major debris would have been the
>separation of the spacecraft from the booster and docking with
>the LEM. The 485-mile downtrack distance between the panels and
>the spacecraft that you computed for the midcourse correction
>would also be the distance to any big chunks of debris left
>floating around near the booster after the transposition and
>docking, barring the off chance that the debris got a good kick
>in the downtrack direction from a thruster or explosive bolt.
>And whatever debris there was would have been a lot smaller than
>the SLA panels and even harder to see at that distance.

Yes, this is true. However, they did have a waste water dump in
the hours prior to the UFO sighting (the switch to passive
thermal control flight mode occurred after the dump).

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Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 09:53:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Ally

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 23:31:06 -0000
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>I'm afraid I hardly know where to begin to set all this
>straight.

Well, i'm quite pleased that you have the patience to begin to do so.

I trust you'll understand my meaning when i say that i found your
responses quite entertaining.

Brian Ally

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Dickenson

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Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 17:22:45 -0000
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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 23:31:06 -0000
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

<snip>

We should discriminate between the science establishment which, in the words of Nigel Calder "amounts to a systematic resistance to discovery", and abstract science - the method of asking meaningful questions and accepting only meaningful answers.

[Google "badsci.txt" for Calder's reported statement, which looks sensible to me]

Calder's "what the scientists say now is likely to be false" is a logical conclusion, more politely expressed by Wallace as "there is no law of nature yet known to us but may be apparently contravened by the action of more recondite laws or forces".

Some inferences from the Brookings quote -

1 - the Gov't, usually selfish, myopic and dilatory - see non-existent asteroid protection - had to have a compelling reason to want the Committee to advise on 'alien contact'. That still seems to be a secret.

2 - the Committee thought it probable that 'all our theories' would be proved incomplete (or even baseless) by contact.

3 - the Committee expected the response of scientists and engineers to alien contact to be a negative one - that they would be 'devastated', by loss of face or some such thing.

Well, that last might be true of hierarchical scientists, who Calder thinks are "wilfully resisting pursuing certain lines of inquiry", but I don't think it's true of most of us.

BTW we should also try not to take criticism personally.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Russian Spy Satellite Website? - Scheldroup

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 14:51:03 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 09:56:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian Spy Satellite Website? - Scheldroup

>From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 19:39:29 +0000
>Subject: Russian Spy Satellite Website?

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>website where you can get more up to date data than Google Earth
>/ MS 3D / 192.com all of which are at least six months out of
>date.

>Does anyone have the URL?

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

<http://www.digitalglobe.com/resellers/sovzond.html>

<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&q=Digital+Globe&btnG=Search>

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O'Hare Communications Center & UN Connection?

From: **John Scheldroup** <jschel.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 15:59:32 -0600
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 09:58:56 -0400
Subject: O'Hare Communications Center & UN Connection?

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The O'Hare Communications Center have had one or two communication upgrades I've discovered, part of the (O'Hare's modernization program). These systems were deployed in 2003, then installed by 2005?

What does this all mean, right now I don't know; however, the United Nations International Computing Centre (UNICC) in Rome, Italy had the same system deployed and installed in time conjunction with O'Hare. I thought this was kind of interesting, but might mean nothing at all.

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From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 19:55:01 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 10:02:12 -0400
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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 09:10:18 -0500
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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2007 22:11:39 -0700
>>>Subject: Former Arizona Governor Now Admits Seeing UFO

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>>>Fife Symington Decides To Set Record Straight Ten Years After
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>>>By Leslie Kean

<snip>

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furiously an 'officialdom' tries to keep it under cover, eh?
These guys abuse the privilege of keeping any secrets at all any
more, I suspect.

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10th Anniversary Of Heaven's Gate

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 21:19:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 10:04:30 -0400
Subject: 10th Anniversary Of Heaven's Gate

<http://tinyurl.com/25fq7y>

Here we have a look at the horrid events of
10 years ago.

I'll never forget I was online at the time in the infamous UFO
chat room The Grassy Knoll on AOL.

The news broke and I recall how some other members of the cult
or their associates had asked lots of ufo related questions.

This is why we have to move ahead and put an end to the
mysteries and hogwash in this field. As long as there's a
mystery there'll be someone trying to profit from it or should I
say 'prophet' from it?

Best,

Greg

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Nellis UFO Video May 1995

From: **Terry Colvin** <fortean1.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 19:28:04 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 10:19:58 -0400
Subject: Nellis UFO Video May 1995

The object in the Nellis UFO video clip below is perhaps the most puzzling image to date. Anyone else care to speculate?

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6821482599776880969>

Terry W. Colvin
Sierra Vista, Arizona

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 01:39:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 10:22:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Maccabee

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 23:31:06 -0000
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2007 18:53:45 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>On the point of sending this Post I should apologise to the List
>for the length of it. On another day I wouldn't have devoted
>much time to this nonsense, but it's been a quiet and snowbound
>Sunday.

>>Martin Shough and Mike Good are at opposite ends of a see-saw
>>called 'the popular view of science' - and, for a couple of
>>reasons, I think Martin is sitting on the complacent, slightly
>>over-reverential end.

>Ray I don't think you have understood either the point of my
>argument or the original anti-science exhortation it was
>directed at. You are coming at us from your own familiar and
>unique position, and consequently only make contact with the
>issues raised insofar as they are an opportunity to voice it.
>You adopt a pose in which you are the reasonable, balanced voice
>at the fulcrum of your see-saw, the mature and real voice of
>science, with Mike Good and myself occupying somehow equivalent
>"popular" positions at the extremes. But to strike that pose I
>think you need, among other things, to understand Newton,
>quantum field theory and relativistic mass-energy conservation
>better than you do (see below).

<snip>

>And another thing. You should stop being so over-literal in your
>reading. Do you really imagine Smolin means science died in 1975
>and could be no worse off left in the hands of Ray Dickenson? In
>2000 Smolin wrote:

>"25 years ago [hey look, that was 1975] when I began to work on
>the quantum theory of gravity . . . several of my teachers told
>me that only fools worked on this problem. The situation
>now is very different. We still are not quite there, but few who
>work in the field doubt that we have come a long way. One
>consequence of our progress is that all of a sudden our pursuit
>has become fashionable... huge progress we have made in the
>last twenty years... By the end of the 21st century, the
>quantum theory of gravity will be taught to high-school students
>around the world."

>They still aren't there and maybe even 2100 was optimistic.
>There are competing avenues of approach, no-one's sure what will
>win out. I'm certainly far from claiming that there is no
>problem. I have my own little pet opinions. But of course it's
>horrendously difficult for little humans to work out the answers
>to questions of cosmic scale. "A man is a small thing, and the
>night is very large and full of wonders," as Lord Dunsany
>beautifully put it many decades ago in words which will last as

>long as Max Planck's.

>Why that should surprise you, or dismay you, or embitter you as
>it seems to do I'm not sure, but I think the answer is in your
>own head rather than out there in physics.

Martin,

Thanks for your erudite discussion of science.

"Science" is (scientists are) successful and we do know
something... something more than we used to know... more than
Newton's atomism and even more than Planck's and Einstein's
"atomism" (quantization). After all, consider the manner in
which this discussion is taking place. Sometimes the medium is
- at least a major part of - the message.

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Re: Nebraska's Own Roswell In 1884 - Clark

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkcclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 09:11:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 10:24:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Nebraska's Own Roswell In 1884 - Clark

>Source: The Daily Nebraskan - Lincoln, Nebraska, USA
>Nebraska May Have Had Its Own Roswell In 1884
>By John Wenz

>Very few people have heard of Max, Neb. A cursory look at the
>Google Map of the town shows just how small it is - under 20
>blocks, a blip in southwest Nebraska. It's just eight miles from
>the seat of Dundy County: Benkelman, population 914.

>But Max, the blip it may be, is the closest town to an incident
>in that occurred 1884.

>The Nebraska Nugget reported, "About 35 miles northwest of
>Benkelman, Dundy County, on the 6th of June (1884) a very
>startling phenomenon occurred. It seems that John W. Ellis and
>three of his herdsmen and a number of other cowboys were out
>engaged in a roundup. They were startled by a terrific whirring
>noise over their heads, and turning their eyes saw a blazing
>body falling like a shot to Earth. It struck beyond them, being
>hidden from view by a bank."

>The Nebraska State Journal reported on the event in 1887,

Nope. It was reported in early June 1884.

>The lack of physical evidence means there's nothing much left
>today, and John Buder, a field researcher with the Mutual UFO
>Network of Nebraska, said that the people of Dundy County shy
>away from talking about the event....

Jeez, I wonder why.

>"There has been a lot of studies made on UFO crashes," Buder
>said. "The people who I would claim know the most have not
>identified it as a hoax."

This is the sort of thing that makes any sober ufologist want to
hurl himself through a window, preferably a closed one. It
demonstrates that no matter how absurd or debunked a fable, it
will live on in the dreams of the ever-hopeful, which is to say
those who believe in everything but the existence of hoaxes.

In the real world:

The story was a joke and was recognized as such even in the
press of the period. The unnamed correspondent who wrote up
(i.e., invented) the yarn tipped his hand by noting that the
"queer object melted, dissolved by the water like a spoonful of
salt." Get it? Salt is the substance with which we are to take
the tale. That's why I titled my article on the subject (IUR,
November/ December 1986) "Spaceship and Saltshaker."

Please allow me the indulgence of quoting myself. Here's The UFO
Encyclopedia, 2nd ed., p. 260:

"In 1964 the (ostensibly serious) original story, though not the
(clearly comic) sequel [about the object's dissolving in salt],
was rediscovered by a Holdrege man, who sent a copy to the Omaha

World-Herald. Reporter Russ Toler asked his mother, Ida Toler, a member of the Dundy County Historical Society, to investigate. Mrs. Toler, born in 1897 and a lifelong resident of the county, interviewed old-timers but could find no one who remembered it, though John Ellis, on whose ranch the event supposedly occurred, did exist. 'I grew up hearing pioneer stories, but never did I hear this one,' she said [in a phone interview and correspondence with me]. In her view, the tale grew out of a 'dull day at the newspaper office.... They needed a story so some person concocted this tale.' Nebraska historian and folklorist Roger Welsch also conducted inquiries in the area and found that 'nobody had the foggiest notion' about it."

I dug into this story from time to time over a period of years, seeking some evidence that anything at all, even a distorted real event, might be behind the tale. Beyond the interviews cited above, I corresponded with the Nebraska Historical Society, whose representative was interested but could find no evidence that the report had any historical foundation. (At one time I went personally to the NHS library at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln to check for myself.) There is every reason to believe the story is fiction and no reason to believe otherwise.

Only a relative handful of anomalists have spent a whole lot of time reading 19th-C. newspapers. Only those of us who have put in the effort can fully appreciate how often those old papers published outright fantasy for the edification and amusement of readers. The supposed UFO crash in 1884 is simply one of those. It's notable, perhaps, as one example of period interest in the notion of otherworldly visitors or as yet one more frontier tall tale with which our hardy Northern American ancestors loved to regale the credulous tenderfoot. But that's it.

I would like to think this is the last we'll hear of the Nebraska crash. Sad to say, I know better. I can see it now: cheesy cable-TV pseudo-documentaries, a book or two, an annual community celebration to separate slack-jawed, bug-eyed tourists from their dollars, and indignant responses to this posting for my refusal to be so open-minded as to let my brains fall out of my head.

Jerry Clark

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Re: O'Hare Communications Center & UN Connection?

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 12:12:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 17:28:19 -0400
Subject: Re: O'Hare Communications Center & UN Connection?

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It looks to me as if the two organisations happen to be clients
of the same company. I think this is reaching, somewhat. Oooh,
the UN!

Brian Ally

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Re: UFO Over Mexico's Atizapan Airport - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 13:39:18 -0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2007 08:03:01 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Over Mexico's Atizapan Airport - Ledger

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 14:22:38 -0400
>Subject: UFO Over Mexico's Atizapan Airport

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>By this time they had been given the green light for take off.
>When passing over the highway, the instructor told him that the
>strange object was flying above the canyon. Subsequently, [the
>Cessna] rose into the air, conducting its normal flight
>operations, and they did not see the object again.

>According to the description given, the object looked like a
>metal sphere; they cannot recall the date with any certainty,
>explaining that the event took place several weeks ago, perhaps
>in late February or early March 2007.

Scott this sounds a bit odd. Have someone ask them to check
either the C-150's Journey Log for the date and exact time from
take-off to landing or either pilot's personal Pilot's Log book
for the date and time of the flight. There's three sources right
there. If they can't come up with that then the rest is baloney.

Don Ledger

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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2007 08:04:28 -0400
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Okay then, the other option was that he was too embarrassed to
share his own involvement and decided to play it safe with the
voters by flip-flopping 180 degrees and ridiculing it. Methinks
now he's attempting to garner favor with the public for some
other reason-the public which I suspect was/is a little ticked
off with the attitude of there elected reps. - not that that's
somethin new.

Don

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Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 16:11:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2007 08:05:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Shell

>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 19:28:04 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
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uitless.

We need to know type of video camera. Lens type and focal length. How camera was mounted, or was it hand held? Any other pertinent data would be helpful.

It's a very interesting clip, but without backup data it doesn't tell us anything.

Bob Shell

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Roy Wimmer Passes

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 17:10:54 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2007 08:07:43 -0400
Subject: Roy Wimmer Passes

List:

I just learned from Brad Sparks that Roy Wimmer, one of the key witnesses from the 1953 Santa Barbara Channel case, passed away last week (on the 12th, I believe).

I may be wrong, but I think he was the last surviving witness.

The info on the case can be found at:

<http://www.nicap.org/lockufoinc.htm>

In his report on the incident for Lockheed, Wimmer wrote:

"I was watching it all the time so I was able to see it for several seconds after the rest of the crew had lost sight of it. Right up until the time it disappeared it maintained its sharp outline and definite shape so I know it was not a cloud that dissolved... I am convinced this was a large object some distance away."

My condolences to Mr. Wimmer's family.

Best regards,
Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Wilson

From: Kathrina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 21:05:52 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2007 08:31:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Wilson

>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 19:28:04 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
>Subject: Nellis UFO Video May 1995

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It appears to me that it is a helicopter testing an airbag-type device that might be used to cushion the chopper and the pilot the same way an airbag cushions and protects people in vehicles.

This part of the test appears to have been done to see how the chopper (structurally) and the pilot (navigation wise) handle the airbag once it has been deployed.

It seems logical to test this aspect of an "airbag" for a helicopter prior to testing how it works before the test pilot puts the helicopter through a "controlled crash."

Just an idea.

K. Wilson

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Dark Matters & George Knapp

From: Don Ecker" <decker0726.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2007 08:57:25 -0400
Subject: Dark Matters & George Knapp

Greetings UFO UpDates List Members,

Just uploaded and ready for download is my interview with Award Winning Journalist and television broadcaster George Knapp.

George joined me for a fascinating hour where we hit many topics, to include... but not limited to Area 51, Hunt for the Skinwalker, Dr. Jack Sarfatti... and much more. George Knapp gives his very unique perspective on a wide range of paranormal topics and his experiences. This is a "do not miss" show.

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Re: O'Hare Communications Center & UN Connection?

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 21:54:34 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2007 08:59:21 -0400
Subject: Re: O'Hare Communications Center & UN Connection?

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 12:12:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: O'Hare Communications Center & UN Connection?

>>From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 15:59:32 -0600
>>Subject: O'Hare Communications Center & UN Connection?

>>The O'Hare Communications Center have had one or two
>>communication upgrades I've discovered, part of the (O'Hare's
>>modernization program). These systems were deployed in 2003,
>>then installed by 2005?

<snip>

>>"Semotus Solutions IQLinkXS, Deployed At United Nations"

>It looks to me as if the two organisations happen to be clients
>of the same company. I think this is reaching, somewhat. Oooh,
>the UN!

Possibly so a bandwidth test. Purpose for the close look-in
inside range of the radio bubble sphere. To connect your dot
to dot (servers) these nodes of a common network interface. BTW,
those distress calls each have the filter with a unique ID to
prevent such things...

John

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Fruitless.

>We need to know type of video camera. Lens type and focal
>length. How camera was mounted, or was it hand held? Any other
>pertinent data would be helpful.

>It's a very interesting clip, but without backup data it
>doesn't tell us anything.

This film has been around a long time, though I've only seen
clips on TV before. I would hope somebody has had a go at it by
now?

The camera is stated to have been mounted on a radar antenna I
think, but maybe "hand directed" remotely even if not hand held.
There's quite a bit of tracking data on screen.

The range azimuth and elevation is presumably radar data but it
isn't very clear. Without graphing it I have the feeling that
the tracking point progresses at least relatively smoothly from
az 219 el +01 to az 296 el +39 in 2 min 35 sec between 23 20 39
and 23 23 14 (presumably this is UCT as it appears to be
daylight) so the erratic motions of the object look to be due to
jerky camera tracking.

The range (RNG, top right) changes from 006955 to 009135 which
is difficult to interpret because the distance from the
camera/radar is obviously reducing not increasing. Perhaps this
is showing target distance downrange from some reference point?
And does anyone know what the units are? Feet or meters, it's
only in the range of about 10-30 knots which isn't fast. Could
it be a cluster of balloons maybe?

Martin Shough

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 15:35:15 -0000
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 14:57:58 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>>From: Mike Good <boneheadart.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2007 10:05:55 -0700 (PDT)
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible [was: UFO Photos The Future]

>><snip>

>>And science does not take "a literal view of a material
>>universe". This harks back to an archaic philosophical
>>distinction between materialism and spiritualism, arising from
>>a classical Newtonian notion of matter as inert stuff.

Hi Cathy

Nice to hear from you again. We must complete our last
discussion some time . I'll try and keep this brief I think.

>I'm afraid I find this a rather narrow, and historically not
>very accurate, way of defining materialism.

Well I was sketching a historical context rather than intending
to "define materialism" there. However I stand by the statement
(which I think I made very explicitly elsewhere in another
passage) that its meaning derives from its antithesis to
spiritualism (the philosophical doctrine that reality is partly
immaterial and therefore spiritual; more generally, the belief
in incorporeal entities and forces) and culturally related
movements such as vitalism, and that it owed its form to 17th C
conceptions of mechanically interacting matter.

>My Penguin dictionary of philosophy defines materialism as:-
>"the theory that matter alone exists. It immediately implies a
>denial of the existence of minds, spirits, divine beings, etc,
>in so far as these are taken to be non-material."

Quite so, which is essentially what I've said. But this is the
obsolete context. You're complaining below about the prevalence
of materialist presumptions: Well here's an example, but not
from physics of course (because the notion that "matter alone
exists" is, and has been ever since Newton, physical nonsense),
and the result is the potential for confusion and hilarious
circularity in the last phrase - "in so far as these are taken
to be non-material" - when you assume that physical = material.

But there is no faintest necessity in physics to deny mind, for
example. It is entirely a phenomenal point of view. Of course
mind exists as a useful classification of something given in our
experience, even if it presently escapes clear interpretation.
It has been brought into the heart of physical theory in various

ways, if not in ways that have commanded complete agreement, and not because mind is being concretised or mechanised any more than because physics is being abstracted. The entities of physics are not the concrete or mechanical ones that spiritualists dislike(d).

More and more physics seems to be about relationships of flows of information. (There is a thriving digital subculture which sees the ultimate physical models as just computational algorithms.) What status and function does mind have in the information loops? I certainly don't know. It is a fascinating problem. But ironically it's only an interpretation of mind in terms of the "archaic distinction" between matter and spirit that denies that mind can be part of the loop, that denies science the right to model it, and then complains because science won't recognise it.

>What is at issue here is the question of physical completeness,
>not whether matter is "inert".

Not my issue

>I think you are right that, in
>the aftermath of QM and Relativity, it no longer makes sense to
>talk about "matter" as the universal constituent of anything.

OK

>But the doctrine of physical completeness - which is actually
>what most people today mean by materialism -

"most people today" yes, because today materialism has acquired different connotations from those of yesterday (when it had a clearly defined meaning as the obverse of spiritualism) and this is precisely because the scope of the idea of "physical completeness" has expanded like a floodtide and washed across archaic category boundaries to submerge both of those ancient islands - but for small hilltops, where tiny remnant populations of archaists gaze balefully at one another across the rising water.

>survives under the
>name of "physicalism". The same dictionary defines this as
>follows:-

>"The view that everything is constituted of the entities taken
>to be basic by the physical sciences... This is the modern
>version of materialism."

But physical science defines as physical any entity that is basic to its model of the world. It is perfectly capable of considering not just "observers" but mind in general or human consciousness in particular to be essential to that model. A great deal of interpretation of QM has revolved around such issues. Personally I suspect that the persistent difficulty of these points of view is exactly because they are too much a historical product of the obsolete dualism and that the physicality of mind in the world will not be understood until yet another completely new framework of possibilities is stumbled on. In other words I think mentalism or spiritualism is as crude and primitive as its evil twin materialism. Obviously we can't know ahead of time what this framework is, though we can have suspicions. But it will be calculable in some sense, predictive in some sense, and economically integrative, and it will still be physics, call it whatever you want.

Physical entities don't have to be "material" unless you define materiality as physicality. That's up to you but is just verbally redundant. Matter in the old sense of materialism does not exist in physics any more. What physics cares about is being able to predictively model systems and measure outcomes, it doesn't "matter" (ha!) in what kind of phase space those systems can be constructed. It is no longer even required that either predictions or measurements be definitely attached to any precise object or location in spacetime.

>So first, it's clearly not true that materialism is "archaic".

I said "archaic philosophical distinction" of materialism from spiritualism. I didn't say that there was no type of thought today that had any historical connection with materialism.

>The question is whether it makes any sense. I think one can
>argue a good case that physicalism is simply nineteenth-century
>materialism with a few changes of name, in which "matter" is
>replaced by "the entities taken to be basic by the physical
>sciences" as the placeholder for some sort of metaphysical
>"stuff" out of which everything in the universe is supposed to
>be made.

If you think that transition from 17th-19th C "matter" to those
21st C "entities" can be made as simple as a few changes of name
then I'm doubtful about the possibility of further fruitful
discussion.

>To the extent we regard the entities of physical science
>as mathematical abstractions, this is evidently rather daft -
>how are conscious living beings supposed to be made up entirely
>out of mathematical abstractions?

Your odd subtext is that it would be possible for unconscious
dead beings or objects to be so made up. Well look, there has to
be some substrate, whether your preferred route of abstraction
tends towards the cybernetic or the astral. But the answer to
your question is that I don't have an answer to Wigner's
question about the unreasonable effectiveness of mathematics.
And the great thing is that science tells me it's perfectly OK
not to have an answer. I don't have to do penance or cast runes
or believe in anything just for the "fun" of it. I have some
optimism that, if we all let it, science has a chance of
answering in due time.

>But the philosophical significance of QM and Relativity is
>precisely that the entities of modern physical theory can no
>longer be interpreted as measures of some sort of metaphysical
>"stuff" - or that if they could, no-one knows how to do it.

This is not right. Metaphysical stuff is by definition exactly
what physics could not want in it, and it defines in its own
terms what is physical by means that have only historical
connections with materialist philosophy. QM is full of physical
"stuff" that already looks metaphysical to materialists but
why should it want to import what by definition it could not
deal with? What it may need, though, is some different
physical stuff. It will have to find/invent what it needs.

That no-one knows how to reconstruct QM is correct, but that it
will need to be reconstructed is an increasingly widely held
view in connection with the stubborn issue of gravitation and it
is possible to speculate that this might allow reinterpretation
of the old issues surrounding determinism/indeterminism and the
status of so-called hidden variables.

But if the fact that no-one knows all the answers now is
unacceptable, then I guess the vandals must be right. It's the
End. Science has Failed. Turn out the lights and leave the
hordes to sack it. This is the implication of the views you are
defending.

>Given this situation, it seems to me we have three alternatives.
>One is to stick to pure operationalism - eg, the Copenhagen
>interpretation. The second is to throw out materialism. But the
>third is simply to hold on to materialism regardless and just
>ignore the philosophical implications of the last hundred
>years.

Do you think it possible that there might be an alternative you
haven't thought of? For example, to worry less about bookish
definitions - or rather, not to project that worry onto the
activities of physics - and just carry on doing and thinking
science until someone understands how to re-categorise things in
a way that resolves apparent conflicts between present
interpretative options on a new level?

>Mr Good and Mr Dickenson appear to be saying that, in practice,
>most physicists are adopting the third approach - I think they
>are probably right. And I can say for sure that, even if this
>is not the case in physics, it is definitely the case in other
>disciplines such as neuroscience and consciousness studies.

I can believe that it is the case in neuroscience and
consciousness studies. Personally, I can imagine it remaining

the case in these areas, paradoxically, very much longer than in theoretical physics itself because I think they have an enormous poverty of hypotheses compared with the huge, rich and strange and expanding world of concepts and tools that is modern physics. They will always be waiting for scraps from the table. Left to themselves they will remain in the role of doing perpetual "normal science" (to the extent that consciousness studies is science at all) when it comes to understanding the profound mystery at the heart of them.

The quiet majority of physics workers as you say probably also ignore most of the frontline philosophical and interpretative ambiguities and just do their "normal science" jobs in industry or academe; this is exactly what I said. But they are the body of a phoenix that every so often burns itself to ash in a revolutionary fervour and wakes up with new feathers (sorry for my purple metaphors today - must be the wearther!)

My personal view is that most people don't actually think about it in 'ism' terms at all, exactly because they are not inclined to be philosophers, not of a deeply speculative turn of mind, just well-educated, competent practitioners of their specialisms who try to make modest advances that people in other fields rarely care much about except for lucky accidents when some result escapes from a backwater of materials science into the big time because it happens to be relevant to superconductivity or whatever. But isms, schisms, what does it matter to them? Just make the experiment and write the paper. And why not? Not everyone can be at the frontiers of profound problems as a pure theoretical physicist, which has been described as one of the most difficult of all human activities; and only a few of those can be lucky and clever enough to be in at the birth of a new paradigm of thought. But you, and some others, seem to find some cause for opprobrium in this fact. I don't. Neither I think does any person with a sensible and pragmatic view of what science is and how it works. But I've been boring on this elsewhere.

>And as for your point about Young Turks and Old Professors, I
>think it's worth noting the Old Professors are now considered to
>be people like Schrodinger, Wigner and, especially, Neils Bohr -
>people who were only too well aware of the philosophical
>implications of modern physics, and were not afraid of facing up
>to them. By contrast the Young Turks, it seems to me, are now
>peddling a distinctly dusty, old-fashioned version of
>deterministic local realism. It's difficult for me to see what
>could possibly be motivating this other than an esthetic
>commitment to the sort of nineteenth-century materialism which,
>you confidently tell us, has long since been dispensed with (by
>all the best people, at any rate).

What motivates it is the search for something that works. Yes it is possible to discern a subtle change in mood, the feeling that maybe those arguments that ruled out deterministic underpinnings for all time should be revisited. You evidently dislike this rather much for personal emotional reasons - "peddling" "old fashioned" "distinctly dusty". I wouldn't myself want to proscribe any attempt to make theories that work. If they don't, they don't. I think they might. But you are free to make any alternative suggestion you wish.

Martin

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The collaboratively written online encyclopedia Wikipedia, created in 2001, has steadily grown in popularity, credibility and influence to the point that it is now used and referenced in U.S. Government intelligence products.

A March 19 profile of Indian Congress Party Leader Rahul Gandhi prepared by the Open Source Center (OSC) of the Office of Director of National Intelligence is explicitly derived from "various internet sources including wikipedia.org." A March 21 OSC profile of Rajnath Singh, president of India's Bharatiya Janata Party, is likewise "sourced from wikipedia.org."

An OSC report last year on the leader of the terrorist group Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, Velupillai Prabhakaran, noted that he and his wife "have two children, a girl and a boy. According to wikipedia.com, the boy is named Charles Anthony and the girl, Duwaraha."

The relatively new attentiveness of U.S. intelligence agencies to Wikipedia and other unorthodox sources (including fas.org) seems like a healthy development. Of course, like any source and moreso than some, Wikipedia cannot be used uncritically.

Last December, according to another OSC report, a participant in an online jihadist forum posted a message entitled "Why Don't We Invade Wikipedia?" in which "he called on other participants to consider writing articles and adding items to the online Wikipedia encyclopedia.... and in this way, and through an Islamic lobby, apply pressure on the encyclopedia's material."

For various topics related to space physics, "Wikipedia was the most complete source of information" compared to other highly ranked web sites, according to an article in the American Geophysical Union's Eos magazine (13 March 07) by Mark B. Moldwin, et al. But some Wikipedia entries on space physics, the authors found, also contained mistaken use of terminology, factual errors and omissions.

"Wikipedia lets anyone write or edit it, which of course makes it vulnerable to vandalism--as when a picture of the evil

Emperor Palpatine from Star Wars briefly adorned the entry for the new Pope [Benedict]," notes Eric Rauchway in The New Republic Online (March 21).

Someone (not us) created a brief Wikipedia entry for Secrecy News.

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

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISERS (CRS)

The suggestion that it would be inherently inappropriate for presidential advisers to testify under oath before Congress regarding the firing of U.S. attorneys was swiftly batted down with numerous references to a 2004 Congressional Research Service report on the subject.

CRS analyst Harold C. Relyea identified dozens of cases in which presidential advisers had been summoned to testify to Congress, and did so.

See "Presidential Advisers' Testimony Before Congressional Committees: A Brief Overview," April 14, 2004:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/crs/RL31351.pdf>

VARIOUS RESOURCES

The Office of Naval Intelligence has published an unclassified assessment of Chinese naval forces, which have been modernizing and growing in capability over the past decade. See "China's Navy 2007":

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/oni/chinanavy2007.pdf>

The National Intelligence Council released an April 2006 "Annual Report to Congress on the Safety and Security of Russian Nuclear Facilities and Military Forces." See:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nic/russia0406.html>

U.S. Army space operations in the 2015-2024 timeframe are considered in a recent Concept Capability Plan from U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. See "Space Operations: 2015-2024," 15 November 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/spaceops.pdf>

Military doctrine to support joint operations with foreign military forces is addressed in a new Joint Chiefs of Staff publication. See "Multinational Operations," Joint Publication JP 3-16, 7 March 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3-16.pdf>

THE FINANCIAL COST OF WAR (CRS)

The cost of post-9/11 U.S. military operations has now reached \$510 billion, according to an updated estimate from the Congressional Research Service.

See "The Cost of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Global War on Terror Operations Since 9/11," updated March 14, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33110.pdf>

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Well they have. I've just been informed off-List about David
Rudiak's very detailed pages on this case at

http://www.roswellproof.com/Nellis_Main.html

Seems to be a lot of data here to chew on. Very interesting
indeed.

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>Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 16:11:21 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995

>>>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
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>Fruitless.

>>We need to know type of video camera. Lens type and focal
>>length. How camera was mounted, or was it hand held? Any other
>>pertinent data would be helpful.

>>It's a very interesting clip, but without backup data it
>>doesn't tell us anything.

>This film has been around a long time, though I've only seen
>clips on TV before. I would hope somebody has had a go at it by
>now?

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Dave Rudiak is probably the most informed about this event. He
presented on this incident in Henderson, Nevada-2004. Maybe he
can enlighten us.

Don Ledger

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Scot 'Attacked By Spaceship' Dies

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Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 08:08:46 -0400
Subject: Scot 'Attacked By Spaceship' Dies

Source: The Glasgow Daily Record - Scotland, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2384sn>

22 March 2007

Scot 'Attacked By Spaceship' Is Dead
Cops probed UFO sighting
By Marie Sharp

The Scot at the centre of the only UFO police inquiry in British history has died, aged 89.

Forestry worker Bob Taylor was 61 when he reported a bizarre encounter with a spaceship which he said happened while he was walking his dog.

It triggered a criminal investigation into the incident which was treated as assault.

Almost 30 years later, police say the case remains open and unsolved.

Bob told officers that he had found the craft - a metal sphere, about 20ft across - in Dechmont Woods, Livingston, West Lothian.

As he approached it, two smaller spheres, each about 3ft wide and with metal spikes sticking from them, dropped down.

He said the smaller spheres rolled towards him and attached themselves to his trousers.

Bob described an acrid smell before collapsing unconscious on the ground.

When he came round 20 minutes later, he said his head was pounding and he was unable to talk or walk.

But as he recovered, he crawled back to his truck and managed to make his way back home.

A doctor who examined him found grazes on his leg and under his chin.

There was no sign of head injury or any condition which could have caused a blackout.

But the heavy trousers he had been wearing were ripped around the ankles.

Police called to the scene reported finding ladder-shaped indentations in the ground where the craft was said to have stood and marks following the path of the mine-like objects.

They said they were "completely baffled" by what had happened.
The story sparked interest around the world.

Dechmont is regularly visited by UFO enthusiasts

Bob moved away from the area following the encounter.

He had been living in a nursing home at an undisclosed address
when he died from bronchial pneumonia last week.

Speaking three years ago - on the 25th anniversary of the
November 9, 1979, incident - Bob insisted he had no doubt about
what he had seen.

He said: "I stand by every word of my account.

"I told it as it happened and it's as clear as yesterday. It is
the most amazing thing that ever happened to me.

"I know what I saw and it looked like a spaceship, a huge flying
dome.

"I'm not surprised there has been so much interest in it over
the years as it was such an incredible thing to happen."

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Former Governor Says He Saw UFO - CNN

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Subject: Former Governor Says He Saw UFO - CNN

Source: CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 Blog

<http://www.cnn.com/CNN/Programs/anderson.cooper.360/blog/>

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Posted By Gary Tuchman
CNN Correspondent
5:52 PM ET

Former Governor Says He Saw UFO

It's not everyday a former Governor tells you he witnessed a UFO that he believes came from another world. Ok, that's an understatement. I don't believe a person who has served as a governor has ever uttered such words on camera. But that's what Fife Symington, who served as governor of Arizona for six years in the 1990s, just did.

Symington took me to a park in Phoenix where he says he saw what is now referred to as the "Phoenix Lights". Exactly 10 years ago, thousands of Arizonans saw an object in the sky described by witnesses as larger than a football field with brilliant lights. It was also videotaped by many. Witnesses say it made no noise.

Symington was Governor at the time, and not only did he never publicly mention that he saw it, but there are many who feel he ridiculed those who did. The Governor held a news conference after the sightings in which he claimed the case had been solved. At that point, a man in an alien costume walked into the room. That 'alien' was his chief of staff.

The former Governor told me he held the news conference (which in all fairness, many found very amusing) to create some levity in a state where many people might have been getting panicked. Fast forward a decade.

The creators of a film about UFOs called Out Of The Blue contacted Symington because they are updating their documentary. After being asked questions about the 1997 episode, Symington told the filmmakers that he did indeed see the UFO but said nothing publicly, in part, because he didn't want to scare Arizonans.

Symington told me that what he saw in the sky that night was "otherworldly" and he believes it was an "alien spacecraft". He is a U.S. Air Force veteran who served in Vietnam and is highly doubtful it was some secret military craft.

Symington said he did privately try to have people investigate the sightings, but got nowhere. But for the first time, he is talking about it publicly, and saying that not only was he not concerned, but he would love to see a sight like this again.

What was it? Frankly, I have no idea and wouldn't hazard a guess. But Symington's revelation a decade later only adds to the mystery surrounding this event.

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Fife Symington On CNN Transcript

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Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 08:31:59 -0400
Subject: Fife Symington On CNN Transcript

Source: CNN.Com Transcripts - Atlanta, Georgia, USA

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0703/21/acd.01.html>

Aired March 21, 2007 - 22:00

Anderson Cooper 360 Degrees

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JOHN ROBERTS: Earlier this month, a man in Tennessee reported seeing a dime-shaped object whirling through the sky at incredible speed. He's not sure that it was a UFO, but for three out of 10 Americans, the answer may be obvious.

There are many true believers out there, and one of them held the highest office in Arizona. CNN's Gary Tuchman reports.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

GARY TUCHMAN, CNN CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): Fife Symington is now a businessman. He was the Republican governor of Arizona for six years, elected when the first George Bush was president.

Now, a decade after leaving the statehouse, he takes me to a Phoenix park and discloses something unlike anything uttered by any other high level U.S. politician.

FIFE SYMINGTON: If you... if you had been here 10 years ago, standing out there looking up there at the lights and the view, you would have been astounded. You would have been amazed.

TUCHMAN: Governor Symington is referring to what is now known as the Phoenix lights, an object videotaped by many and seen by thousands over several nights in the Arizona sky in 1997.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Major sighting here.

TUCHMAN: It was described by witnesses as larger than a football field and silent.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It was giant V. All right? And the right side of the V went over us. The left side was like a couple blocks over it.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: You just didn't know what to do. You know? It was just like, my God, how big is this thing?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: ... the great state of Arizona, Fife Symington.

TUCHMAN: The former governor, a Vietnam Air Force veteran, had never publicly acknowledged seeing it until now.

SYMINGTON: And I suspect that, unless the Defense Department proves us otherwise it was probably one form of an alien spacecraft.

TUCHMAN: So why didn't he say anything then? Partly because he didn't want people to panic.

SYMINGTON: I think as a public figure you have to be very careful about what you say because people can have pretty emotional reactions. And I said my goal wasn't to try to stir the pot.

TUCHMAN: And he went to humorous and controversial lengths not to stir the pot. He held a news conference after the Phoenix lights to announce the mystery had been solved.

SYMINGTON: And now, I'll ask Officer Stein and his colleagues to escort the accused into the room so that we may all look upon the guilty party.

Don't get him too close to me, please.

TUCHMAN: In the alien costume, the governor's chief of staff.

SYMINGTON: This goes to show that you guys are entirely too serious.

TUCHMAN: UFO enthusiasts were not amused, especially since the governor was believed to have seen nothing. But now he's coming out.

SYMINGTON: The lights were really brilliant. And it was just fascinating. I mean, it was enormous. It just felt otherworldly. You know, in your gut, you could just tell it was otherworldly.

TUCHMAN: Symington will be talking about this in an updated film about UFOs called "Out of the Blue". He is also talking with an organization that wants UFO information more out in the open.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: It's very significant that someone of the stature of a governor would come out and say they that experienced that they'd experienced a UFO, because it brings a lot of credibility and strength to the case.

TUCHMAN: Governor Symington says he did tell his family, friends and staff about what he saw early on.

SYMINGTON: I still, behind the scenes, tried to investigate it, but I got nowhere. TUCHMAN (on camera): So what were the Phoenix lights? Frankly, we don't know. What we do know is that it's as much of a mystery today as it was a decade ago.

Gary Tuchman, CNN, Phoenix.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

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Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2007 18:02:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 08:33:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Shell

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2007 13:02:54 -0000
>Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995

>The range (RNG, top right) changes from 006955 to 009135 which
>is difficult to interpret because the distance from the
>camera/radar is obviously reducing not increasing. Perhaps this
>is showing target distance downrange from some reference point?
>And does anyone know what the units are? Feet or meters, it's
>only in the range of about 10-30 knots which isn't fast. Could
>it be a cluster of balloons maybe?

My initial thought was that it was some sort of kite on a
tether, but it could also be a cluster of tethered balloons.

Bob Shell

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Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2007 16:34:25 -0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 08:35:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Nellis UFO Video May 1995 - Rudiak

>From: Kathrina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 21:05:52 -0500
>Subject: Nellis UFO Video May 1995

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>It appears to me that it is a helicopter testing an
>airbag-type
>device that might be used to cushion the chopper and the pilot
>the same way an airbag cushions and protects people in
>vehicles.

>This part of the test appears to have been done to see how the
>chopper (structurally) and the pilot (navigation wise) handle
>the airbag once it has been deployed.

>It seems logical to test this aspect of an "airbag" for a
>helicopter prior to testing how it works before the test pilot
>puts the helicopter through a "controlled crash."

>Just an idea.

Kathrina and List,

I've extensively analyzed the video, using the overlaid tracking data to compute the trajectory, speed, etc. There are a number of reasons why this object cannot be a helicopter.

Over one two minute period the object covers about 10 miles for an average speed of about 300 miles per hour, and has bursts of speed up to 700 miles per hour. Therefore definitely NOT a helicopter (or a balloon).

Maximum acceleration at one point was on the order of 9 or 10 g's. So again not a helicopter.

At another time the object also climbs about 3600 feet in only 40 seconds or a rate of climb of about 5400 feet per minute. This is far in excess of even military attack helicopter climb rates. E.g., the AH-64 Apache has a maximum climb rate of about 2500 feet/min.

Also the camera gets a good view of the object during close approach (about 2 miles) and there is no evidence of any sort of external propulsion system like rotors, propellers, jet engines, etc.

For details see my website:

http://www.roswellproof.com/Nellis_Main.html

http://www.roswellproof.com/Nellis_discussion.html

For a quick overview of the trajectory, speed, distance, changing appearance, and range operator comments see a 3D animation from the UFO's 'point of view' I put together at:

http://www.roswellproof.com/Nellis_flyover.html

David Rudiak

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1986 Dalnegorsk Crash

From: Paul Stonehill <rurcla.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 05:04:21 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 08:41:59 -0400
Subject: 1986 Dalnegorsk Crash

This is a recent interview from a Russian newspaper.

<http://anomalia.kulichki.ru/news14/750.htm>

Russian scientist, V. Dvuzhilni has provided some new interesting information about the Dalnegorsk Crash (the internationally famous UFO incident took place in 1986, on January 29, at 7:55 p.m).

Dalnegorsk is a small mining town in the Far East of Russia.

That January day a reddish sphere flew into this town from the southeastern direction, crossed part of Dalnegorsk, and crashed at the Izvestkovaya Mountain (also known as Height or Hill 611, because of its size).

Dr. Dvuzhilni's conclusion has always been that it was a malfunctioning alien space probe that crashed into the Hill 611.

The case is described in great detail in Mysterious Sky: Soviet UFO Phenomenon (2006), the book I co-wrote with Philip Mantle.

The interview is truly interesting, and I hope to have it translated in the near future (perhaps other UFO UpDates colleagues will want to have it translated now and have the capability to do so).

Dr. Dvuzhilni possesses some material objects recovered at the crash site (for instance, all around the site remnants of silica rocks were found: splintered (due to exposure to high temperatures), and "smoky". Many pieces, and a nearby rock, contained particles of silvery metal, some "sprayed"-like, some in the form of solidified balls).

It has been reported that Korean and Japanese ufologists have been quite interested in the case, as it did occur in their 'backyard'.

Another interesting detail:

Russian newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda in its December 1, 2000 issue published an article about the Dalnegorsk case (NLO svili v Primorje gnezdo).

Most interesting was Andrey Pavlov's (the author of the newspaper article) reference to the fact that in the early 1990s Russian generals from the anti-aircraft forces became concerned about the UFO activity in the area, and contacted local UFO researchers. An exchange of information ensued.

It is newsworthy when a major Russian newspaper mentions such facts (the author actually quoted Dr. Dvuzhilni, the chief investigator of the Height 611 UFO crash).

Paul Stonehill

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Scientists Stunned At 'Impossible' Sun Discovery

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 10:23:36 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 16:01:18 -0400
Subject: Scientists Stunned At 'Impossible' Sun Discovery

How many times have we seen stories where our scientists find themselves stunned and amazed at the impossible occurring?

It's like the only way you know science is working is when something doesn't fit within the realm of science.

In this case this Japanese satellite has discovered things about our Sun that no one had expected and science said was impossible.

<http://tinyurl.com/2b7ub7>

Chalk one up for the impossible, eh?

My point being that in ufology we have two camps that shout out what is possible and impossible. What is absurd and what is not absurd. What is ridiculous etc., etc., etc. Those two camps are pro and con UFO. Some ufologists I find actually blurting out how ridiculous, or nut case someone else's theories are. What nerve! Skeptibunkers will stand on their soapboxes with their own declarations and invalidations as to what is real, possible, and capable.

Both sides do us all a disservice.

Here we see with our own star, the Sun that we didn't know all there was about it and it's right here. All we needed to do was look at it the right way with new instruments. Now we've got to rewrite the text books... again!

We don't know everything about physics so we should shut up when it comes to the topic in regard with what phenomena occur.

Que sera, sera.

The condescending do not a researcher make.

Best,

Greg

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France Releases UFO Files Today

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 12:52:02 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 16:03:13 -0400
Subject: France Releases UFO Files Today

I have to admit, with a roughly 25% unexplained ratio these reports should prove quite interesting to the researcher.

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

However, I wouldn't put too much faith in there being anything in these files other than the usual grasp at straws and cliffhanger cliffnotes.

Still, a first though.

Best,

Greg

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Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 06:54:19 -0400
Subject: 'Phoenix Lights' A UFO? CNN Video

CNN continues the Media's mis-naming the events of March 13th 1997 in the title of this video-clip from Wednesday night's edition of Anderson Cooper 360:

<http://tinyurl.com/3yqwoe>

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Fife Symington On CNN Transcript - Berger

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Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 07:17:20 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 07:00:31 -0400
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I lived in Phoenix at the time and like many others I did _not_
appreciate Symington's stupid stunt. So this new bit doesn't
impress me. He should have had the nerve at the time to stand up
and react like an adult.

Crystal

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France Opens Secret UFO Files Covering 50 Years

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Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 07:31:42 -0400
Subject: France Opens Secret UFO Files Covering 50 Years

Source: Yahoo News - Sunnyvale California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/yo893n>

Thu Mar 22 2007

France Opens Secret UFO Files Covering 50 Years
by Marlowe Hood

France became the first country to open its files on UFOs Thursday when the national space agency unveiled a website documenting more than 1,600 sightings spanning five decades.

The online archives, which will be updated as new cases are reported, catalogues in minute detail cases ranging from the easily dismissed to a handful that continue to perplex even hard-nosed scientists.

"It is a world first," said Jacques Patenet, the aeronautical engineer who heads the office for the study of "non-identified aerospace phenomena."

Known as OVNIs in French, UFOs have always generated intense interest along with countless conspiracy theories about secretive government cover-ups of findings deemed too sensitive or alarming for public consumption.

"Cases such as the lady who reported seeing an object that looked like a flying roll of toilet paper" are clearly not worth investigating, said Patenet.

But many others involving multiple sightings - in at least one case involving thousands of people across France - and evidence such as burn marks and radar trackings showing flight patterns or accelerations that defy the laws of physics are taken very seriously.

A phalanx of beefy security guards formed a barrier in front of the space agency (CNES) headquarters where the announcement was made, "to screen out uninvited UFOlogists," an official explained.

Of the 1,600 cases registered since 1954, nearly 25 percent are classified as "type D", meaning that "despite good or very good data and credible witnesses, we are confronted with something we can't explain," Patenet said.

On January 8, 1981 outside the town of Trans-en-Provence in southern France, for example, a man working in a field reported hearing a strange whistling sound and seeing a saucer-like object about 2.5 meters (eight feet) in diameter land in his field about 50 meters (yards) away.

A dull-zinc grey, the saucer took off, he told police, almost immediately, leaving burn marks. Investigators took photos, and then collected and analyzed samples, and to this day no satisfactory explanation has been made.

The nearly 1,000 witness who said they saw flashing lights in the sky on November 5, 1990, by contrast, had simply seen a rocket fragment falling back into earth's atmosphere.

Patenet's answer to questions about evidence of life beyond Earth was sure to inflame the suspicions of those convinced the government is holding back: "We do not have the least proof that extra-terrestrials are behind the unexplained phenomena."

But then he added: "Nor do we have the least proof that they aren't."

The CNES fields between 50 and 100 UFO reports ever year, usually written up by police. Of these, 10 percent are the object of on-site investigations, Patenet said.

Other countries collect data more or less systematically about unidentified flying objects, notably in Britain and in the United States, where information can be requested on a case-by-case basis under the Freedom of Information Act.

"But we decided to do it the other way around and made everything available to the public," Patenet said.

The aim was to make it easier for scientists and other UFO buffs to access the data for research.

The website itself - which crashed host servers hours after it was unveiled due to heavy traffic - is extremely well organized and complete, even including scanned copies of police reports.

To visit the website: www.cnes-geipan.fr.

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More Reports Of Berwick UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 07:37:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 07:37:24 -0400
Subject: More Reports Of Berwick UFO

Source: Berwickshire Today - Berwick-Upon-Tweed, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3bup2t>

22 March 2007

More Sightings Of UFO

Fresh from reports in last week's 'Berwickshire News' that a suspected UFO was spotted hovering over Berwick, we have received more calls and e-mails to suggest that there might well be something out there.

Last week a local driver told the paper that when travelling through Paxton last Monday, March 17 at around 7.30pm, he spotted five lights in the sky above nearby Berwick.

The driver said that the lights reminded him of lights you'd see on a motorway but what he found strange was that they were big and disappeared into thin air after 30 seconds.

Since the story went in last week, a host of callers have responded to the driver's sightings and shared in his confusion over what the lights could have been.

Alan Archer from Spittal said he saw the lights heading north towards Berwick from Holy Island.

"The lights were in a v-shape and there were definitely five of them. I looked out onto Spittal Bowling Green and saw orange lights hanging just above from the floodlight. What startled me is that they were so low in the sky and large in size.

"Before and after I spotted them I noticed that there was some activity in the area.

"I noticed a jet and helicopter fly over and a lifeboat out at sea in a short space of time."

In fact it is one of these appliances that could go some way to explaining the phenomon of the bright lights in the sky.

Tom Wakenshaw, operations manager at Berwick Lifeboat Station, said that rather than being a UFO, the lights were actually flares released as part of a lifeboat training exercise.

" I was very surprised when I read that people thought they saw a UFO hovering over Berwick on Monday.

"At the time when people say they saw the bright lights, we were firing five out of date parachute flares into the sky at the same time. It was a simple training exercise."

Another keen-eyed reader, Ruth Adcock, admitted that although at first she was surprised by what she saw, she thinks there was probably a more straight forward explanation.

"I have to admit to seeing the same lights myself, when I was driving past Paxton, on my way into Berwick on Monday evening.

"Thinking logically, I came to the conclusion that it was either something to do with the RNLi (a flare perhaps), or more likely, the RAF doing one of their usual flypasts, but with five aircraft switching on their afterburners at once. I'm not averse to thinking it was UFOs, but we should rule out other possibilities first."

However, someone else who saw the lights last week was Georgie Carr from Wooler and he is adamant that what he saw was something out of the ordinary.

"My friend and I were in the car coming from Wooler to Berwick for a darts match and were just coming up Wrangholm Road when we saw some rectangular lights. As we were climbing a bank I first thought that they could have been a tractor, combine or street lights, but they were in some kind of sequence and after watching them for a minute they disappeared all of a sudden."

Someone who shares in Mr Carr's view that the lights weren't just flares or fireworks is a resident from Freeman's Court, Berwick, who said that she may have even seen them on two consecutive nights. She also used her digital camera to capture exactly what she was looking at.

Local researcher for the British UFO Research Association, George Niedzwiedz, said that there are daily reports worldwide of odd flying aircraft that remain unexplained. He added that a number of photos, both genuine and fake, are taken and in the case of the 'Berwick lights' we'll just have to wait and see what transpires. George is interested to hear from anyone who saw the lights last week or any other strange activity. You can contact him on: 07968696259.

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Secrecy News -- 03/22/07

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CRS CLAMPS DOWN ON PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

In what is being characterized by subordinates as an act of "managerial dementia," the Director of the Congressional Research Service this week prohibited all public distribution of CRS products without prior approval from senior agency officials.

"I have concluded that prior approval should now be required at the division or office level before products are distributed to members of the public," wrote CRS Director Daniel P. Mullohan in a memo to all CRS staff. "This policy is effective immediately."

While CRS has long refused (with Congressional concurrence) to make its electronic database of reports available to the public online, it has still been possible for members of the press, other researchers, and other government officials to request specific reports from the congressional support agency.

But now, "to avoid inconsistencies and to increase accountability, CRS policy requires prior approval at the division level before products can be disseminated to non-congressionals," Director Mullohan wrote.

The new policy demonstrates that "this is an organization in freefall," according to one CRS analyst. "We are now indeed working for Captain Queeg."

"We're all sort of shaking," another CRS staffer told Secrecy News. "I can't do my work."

"There's not a day that goes by that I don't talk to someone in another agency, another organization, or someone else outside of Congress and we share information," the staffer said. "Now I can't do that?"

A copy of the March 20 memorandum from Director Mullohan, entitled "Distribution of CRS Products to Non-Congressionals," was obtained by Secrecy News and is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/crs032007.pdf>

It was also reported by Elizabeth Williamson in the Washington

Post today.

None of the CRS personnel contacted by Secrecy News was able to explain exactly what prompted CRS Director Mulhollan to issue the policy memorandum this week.

While other parts of government strive to eliminate unnecessary obstacles to information sharing, the new CRS policy may be seen as an experiment in what happens when barriers to information sharing are arbitrarily increased. It probably won't be good.

With some frequency, CRS analysts contact FAS with requests for information or documents. (A recent CRS report on Chinese naval modernization reprinted a large excerpt of an analysis of Chinese submarine patrols by FAS analyst Hans Kristensen.) We haven't been shy about requesting information or documents in return. And both sides seem to have benefitted.

"More important, Congress has benefitted," a staffer said. But now such working relationships may be jeopardized.

A MEMOIR OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS RESEARCH

Beginning in the mid-1950s, the U.S. Army conducted research involving thousands of human subjects on various chemical agents, including LSD, BZ and marijuana derivatives, to assess their utility for chemical warfare applications.

Now one of the leading participants in that enterprise, Dr. James S. Ketchum, has published a memoir entitled "Chemical Warfare: Secrets Almost Forgotten."

"It is a detailed autobiographical reconstruction of the Edgewood Arsenal program of evaluating possible incapacitating agents in human volunteers (enlisted men) during the 1960s," he told Secrecy News. "It reveals facts buried in restricted archives for many years and includes a voluminous appendix of research data acquired, much of which has not previously been released to the public."

The self-published volume is a candid, not entirely flattering, sometimes morbidly amusing account of a little-documented aspect of Army research.

"I had early misgivings that my [manuscript] might raise some red flags in [the Army] Security Office, but was pleasantly surprised when none appeared," he writes.

Among other things, Dr. Ketchum co-authored the chapter on incapacitating agents in the CBW volume of Textbook of Military Medicine.

"Definitely someone to take seriously," a colleague of Secrecy News wrote. "Although I expect to disagree with much of his opinion, the historical information will be very useful, much of it not available elsewhere."

Further background and book order information is available here:

<http://www.forgottensecrets.net/>

EVALUATING CLASSIFIED BIODEFENSE RESEARCH

"Classified research constitutes a much smaller portion of the U.S. biodefense program than many might suspect," according to Gerald L. Epstein, a specialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"Nevertheless, classified DHS biodefense research will constitute one of the most controversial parts of the U.S. biodefense program," he observed in Congressional testimony earlier this month.

"Even more so than in other areas of science, the biological sciences have enjoyed a tradition of openness and international collaboration--and this heavy presumption of openness should continue. Since disease continues to kill millions of people around the world each year, any restrictions on relevant scientific knowledge could have serious consequences," he told a

House Science Subcommittee.

"Yet the existence of hostile, witting adversaries that are determined to wreak devastation and that are known to be interested in biological weapons mandates that this openness not be absolute."

In March 8 testimony, Dr. Epstein presented his views on how to reconcile these conflicting imperatives. See (at pp. 6-8):

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2007/030807epstein.pdf>

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Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO - Fleming

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 13:53:33 -0500
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 07:41:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO - Fleming

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2007 13:12:40 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Fwd Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 09:52:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO - Smith

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2007 22:33:41 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO

<snip>

>>I still think it's important that the credibility of people in
>>positions of authority needs to be called into question when
>>their stories change with time, whether the authority is the
>>U.S. Attorney General, who's had some problems with that
>>recently, or a famous astronaut. I'd like to hear Buzz Aldrin
>>explain why his story changed in the years since the Apollo 11
>>mission debriefing when he essentially rejected the panels as a
>>likely explanation.

>Perhaps, but I am cynical and always suspect "authorities". I
>prefer to spend my time arriving at answers to the UFO question
>using my own data than relying on their authority and their
>data.

I'm probably at least as cynical as you are. But it's
authorities such as famous astronauts to whom appeals are made
in support of the view that the UFO issue is not worth serious
attention from serious people. The bizarre characters who are
attracted to the UFO subject certainly don't help gain support
for scientific UFO research, but I think the scientific
community's dismissive attitude toward UFOs would be essentially
the same, even if everyone who called themselves UFO researchers
was stone cold sober, so long as people like Aldrin and
Armstrong show such open contempt for the subject. Given the
enormous influence of celebrities like Apollo astronauts (not to
mention the vast amounts of public monies spent to send them
into space as objective observers), I think we should expect
more objectivity from them and they should be held to account
(but won't, of course). Their opinions matter much more than
mere facts do. Stepping down from my political soapbox, I'll
return to the specifics of the Apollo 11 case that I think is
interesting.

>>By the way, it occurred to me that the midcourse correction you
>>found out about could make some other source of debris from the
>>CSM/LM less likely. Assuming that the object was something more
>>than an ice particle, the only events that I can think of that
>>would have generated any major debris would have been the
>>separation of the spacecraft from the booster and docking with
>>the LEM. The 485-mile downtrack distance between the panels and
>>the spacecraft that you computed for the midcourse correction
>>would also be the distance to any big chunks of debris left
>>floating around near the booster after the transposition and
>>docking, barring the off chance that the debris got a good kick
>>in the downtrack direction from a thruster or explosive bolt.
>>And whatever debris there was would have been a lot smaller than
>>the SLA panels and even harder to see at that distance.

>Yes, this is true. However, they did have a waste water dump in
>the hours prior to the UFO sighting (the switch to passive
>thermal control flight mode occurred after the dump).

But from the original descriptions of the object by all three
astronauts in their debriefing, it sounded like the object was
something considerably more substantial than an ice particle.
Astronaut Collins said in the debriefing:

"The fact that we didn't see it much past this one time period -
we really don't have a conclusion as to what it might have been,
how big it was, or how far away it was. It was something that
wasn't part of the urine dump, we're pretty sure of that.
Skipping ahead a bit, when we jettisoned the LM, you know
we fired an explosive charge and got rid of the docking rings and
the LM went boom. Pieces came off the LM. It could have been
some Mylar or something that had somehow come loose from the
LM."

So Collins, at least, ruled out the water dump explanation. And
the problem remains that there doesn't seem to have been any
major mission event that occurred prior to the object's sighting
and after the midcourse correction that would have generated
substantial debris, such as the debris he described from the
jettisoning of lunar module much later in the mission. Maybe it
was just an unusually large chunk of ice and the astronauts were
letting their imaginations run away with them, as some "UFO"
witnesses do. But given the astronauts' obvious biases concerning
UFOs, this seems unlikely to me.

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Mayan Calendar & 2012 AD

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 16:18:47 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 07:44:57 -0400
Subject: Mayan Calendar & 2012 AD

What in the world the Mayan calendar has to do with UFOs is beyond me.

For some odd reason we're all now supposed to be worried to fritz about the year 2012.

As if we didn't have enough problems with 1999, 2000, and 2001 AD.

Why do people take dates and plan doom?

I think the term is Merchant of Chaos.

What's going to happen in 2012? We'll be wondering why we spent 2011 living like idiots worried about 2012.

Next thing you know there'll be t-shirts and lunch boxes and movies and mini-series involving some mystical 2012 bs.

Mind you, it's the_Mayan_Calendar.

Look what happened to the Mayans.

If their calendars were so accurate they would have prepared themselves for their own destruction from within and without.

It reminds me of an ad the seniors in college were pondering one day. A dozen of them from some advanced brain breeding group from Washing D.C. sat around the cafeteria gobsmacked over about an advertisement that read something like, "Learn Superior Memory Techniques From Ancient Long Forgotten Civilizations!"

My point to them as an upstart freshman was if the techniques were so superior how'd the civilization they came from become so long-forgotten in the first place?

The senior class president wrote me a recommendation for that one.

We don't need anymore evil comets, faces on other planets nor pending doom nonsense. We have enough snake oil to digest on as it is.

Oh I had forgotten that Y2K nonsense.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Bermuda Triangle The True Story - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 00:24:17 -0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 07:45:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Bermuda Triangle The True Story - Pope

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2007 11:38:22 -0000
>Subject: Bermuda Triangle The True Story

>UK's Channel Five are showing a new documentary on the Bermuda
>Triangle on Tuesday evening at 8pm.

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The production company emailed me today. The documentary got
1.8m viewers - unprecedented for that slot.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Classic UFO Encounter

From: **Bill Weber** <wweber1.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 07:51:31 -0400
Subject: Classic UFO Encounter

Hi All,

Nothing important - more of the same. A friend's car broke down today so I gave him a ride to work. We listened to CNN's coverage of the Symington admission on the way. It was 5:00 a.m., and I've worked with the guy for twenty years - and never, ever talked about UFOs. He's been a good friend and he's the quintessence of the mild-mannered accountant. You can hear the click-clack of the account's gears in his head before he answers a question. He says, "I don't how to tell you this, so I'll just tell you."

The guy then relates a story of a classic UFO encounter and an ensuing cat and mouse chase along a two-lane country road in the Carolinas.

He was working two jobs at the time and drove home down a road all of us living in the area are familiar with. It was about 10 p.m. It gets very dark in the Carolinas at night. It's a 'rich getting richer and the poor getting nuttin' sort of free-marketer's resulting end-dump lack of infrastructure type of darkness - the kind that makes you think you're going blind until you realize there's no streetlights... anywhere... outside of subdivisions that can afford them, of course.

He begins his story as Symington is saying, "It was otherworldly - you just knew it in your gut that it wasn't ours." Maybe Symington's statement inspired him.

My friend said he was tired and heading home after a long day of clicking and clacking. He rounded a curve and saw an object hovering over the pines lining the road. (He then points out a semi on the road in front of us and says it was about three times the size of the truck, and glowing with a brilliant - almost blinding - white light. It was round - like a ball.)

In his early life he trained as a pilot. He assures me it was not a helicopter or plane. It shocked him, and then made him increasingly nervous as it seems to notice him.

After safely rounding the turn, he sped up and the object speeds up too - matching his pace and not going any faster. He then hits the gas and the object again keeps pace.

He said there were no other cars on the highway. The trees are close to the road with very little shoulder. He's scared and alone and the thing seems to be coming after him - and he's already driving much too fast given the darkness and the narrow curves. (He's an accountant - not Richard Petty.)

He blasted through an intersection about two miles further down the road and turned to look for the object. It was gone. (No, I didn't ask about missing time. I wouldn't have asked him about UFOs to begin with. I work with the guy - but then again, I work with the guy. I didn't push it. And I don't recall ever catching him hallucinating at the office.)

He said he'd returned home to tell his story to the great hilarity of his wife and two teenaged kids.

So, how many people do I know who have had UFO experiences who wouldn't under ordinary circumstances divulge them? How many might you know? How many times has that question been asked and addressed on this List?

I wonder how many people will share their accounts as the Symington story quickly fades from CNN's coverage. It's probably more than anyone cares to count.

Bill

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Letter To Arizona Republic Editor

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Subject: Letter To Arizona Republic Editor

Letter to the Editor,
Arizona Republic,
March 22, 2007

Symington=92s Sighting

"...unless the Defense Department proves us otherwise, it was probably some form of alien spacecraft." Former Governor, Fife Symington, CNN interview on Phoenix Lights, 3/21/07

Symington waited ten years to announce his Phoenix encounter with "strange unidentified flying objects." As former Governor, his alien stunt offended constituents and colleagues. Yet today, many in the Phoenix Lights community are grateful for the Arizona Republic=92s reporting of Symington=92s surprising announcement.

Lights go on and off in the world of UFO disclosure. Sightings are a brief blip on the news and then darkness. They are gone. Only powerful questions and experiences remain. Isolation and ridicule silence the energy of sightings; an energy that may lead to awakening. So every time an individual steps forward, especially when it is a recognized former political leader quoted in a major newspaper, others follow their footsteps.

"...why is he coming clean now about seeing the lights? Well, because people asked him." Arizona Republic, Symington Comes Out of the Space Closet, 3/21/07

Arizona Republic, please continue your coverage of unexplained sightings. Fife Symington, please keep talking about yours. We identify with the awe, drama, and unsolved nature of your experience. During the Phoenix Lights of March 13, 1997 many were pulled from their comfortable reality to witness the inexplicable.

Arizona Republic and Fife Symington, please use your influence. We concur with Symington=97"no more flakey stories" from "government entities"=97as he shared with investigative journalist, Leslie Kean (<http://www.freedomofinfo.org>). Flakey stories and confusion fade when citizens move into a dialogue of disclosure. It is a dialogue that needs to occur in every Earth institution=97politics, education, religion, science, military, media and medicine. It=92s about seeing the light and so much more.

We invite you and the community to join us at two important Phoenix Lights educational events, presented by key witness, Dr. Lynne Kitei: March 28, 2007 at Paradise Valley Community College and April 11, 2007 at Arizona State University. Details available at:

<http://www.thephoenixlights.net>

Respectfully,

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Re: Fife Symington On CNN Transcript - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 07:13:00 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 08:15:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Fife Symington On CNN Transcript - Boone

>From: Crystal Berger <wingsofcrystal.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 07:17:20 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Fife Symington On CNN Transcript

>UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul> >posted:

>>Source: CNN.Com Transcripts - Atlanta, Georgia, USA

>><http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0703/21/acd.01.html>
>>Aired March 21, 2007 - 22:00

>>Anderson Cooper 360 Degrees

>>This is a rush transcript. This copy may not be in its final
>>form and may be updated.

>>JOHN ROBERTS: Earlier this month, a man in Tennessee >>reported
>>seeing a dime-shaped object whirling through the sky at
>>incredible speed. He's not sure that it was a UFO, but for >>three
>>out of 10 Americans, the answer may be obvious.

>>There are many true believers out there, and one of them >>held
>>the highest office in Arizona. CNN's Gary Tuchman reports.

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>I lived in Phoenix at the time and like many others I did _not_
>appreciate Symington's stupid stunt. So this new bit doesn't
>impress me. He should have had the nerve at the time to stand >up
>and react like an adult.

Right on Crystal!

I am with you 100%!

Symington should win the 'Dr. Zachary Smith Award' for most
useless person during an UFO event.

I expect him to be publishing a book and shopping Hollywood for
the movie version.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO - Smith

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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 06:10:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO - Smith

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 13:53:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: Armstrong On The Apollo 11 UFO

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>So Collins, at least, ruled out the water dump explanation. And
>the problem remains that there doesn't seem to have been any
>major mission event that occurred prior to the object's sighting
>and after the midcourse correction that would have generated
>substantial debris, such as the debris he described from the
>jettisoning of lunar module much later in the mission. Maybe it
>was just an unusually large chunk of ice and the astronauts were
>letting their imaginations run away with them, as some "UFO"
>witnesses do. But given the astronauts obvious biases concerning
>UFOs, this seems unlikely to me.

Yes but they also thought at the time that something had come off the CSM, a piece of hardware. Its hard to eliminate all these things. They are all possible, although very infrequent. Just because they did not ever see ice or minor debris that looked like it, did not mean it could not have happened, just that they had no visual knowledge in their cumulative space flight experience (which was not that long for those days).

To try to get a feel for this debris I looked at the 16mm and TV coverage during the translunar phase. The 16mm film coverage showed the transposition and docking phase and did not show the panels, but some minor debris was visible.

On their way to the moon, aimed the TV camera at the Earth four times. These times were prior to the UFO event (10:32MET, 30:28 MET (in passive thermal control attitude, the other times were not), 34:00 MET and 56:45 MET).

So they purposely looked back at Earth for extended periods at several times when the panels were much closer than when the UFO was seen, but they did not report anything. I think the panels were in the field of view of the TV camera but since the camera sensitivity was so poor it was inadequate to show even the stars.

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Reason

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 06:14:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Reason

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 21:57:24 -0000
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

Hi Martin

>Nice to hear from you again. We must complete our last
>discussion some time .

Indeed we must, although I'm afraid my understanding of
parcellular mechanics is likely to be no better now than it was
last time.

>I'll try and keep this brief I think.

I doubt I can match you for brevity, but I'll do my best ;-)

>Well I was sketching a historical context rather than intending
>to "define materialism" there. However I stand by the statement
>(which I think I made very explicitly elsewhere in another
>passage) that its meaning derives from its antithesis to
>spiritualism (the philosophical doctrine that reality is partly
>immaterial and therefore spiritual; more generally, the belief
>in incorporeal entities and forces) and culturally related
>movements such as vitalism, and that it owed its form to 17th C
>conceptions of mechanically interacting matter.

Although materialism is these days more often opposed to
Cartesian dualism, rather than to spiritualism (mentalism,
idealism or whatever you prefer to call it). Cartesian dualism
bears no cultural relationship to vitalism, being an ontological
doctrine and not an epistemological one. No ontological
materialist of the nineteenth century would have regarded any
"incorporeal entities and forces" which may be found in the
physical theory of the time as anything other than material. I
doubt if any modern physicalist would do so either. In this
sense, I believe your historical understanding is in error.

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>More and more physics seems to be about relationships of flows
>of information. (There is a thriving digital subculture which
>sees the ultimate physical models as just computational
>algorithms.) What status and function does mind have in the
>information loops? I certainly don't know. It is a fascinating
>problem. But ironically it's only an interpretation of mind in
>terms of the "archaic distinction" between matter and spirit
>that denies that mind can be part of the loop, that denies
>science the right to model it, and then complains because
>science won't recognise it.

A lot depends on what you are assuming about the nature of mind.
There is nothing about a distinction between matter and spirit,
"archaic" or otherwise, which requires that mind cannot be
scientifically understood, or be "part of the loop". If you are
assuming nothing a priori about the nature of mind, then I agree
that what you are saying is wholly unexceptionable - but it
certainly is not the case that materialism, either in the

nineteenth century or today, assumes nothing a priori about the nature of mind.

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>>But the doctrine of physical completeness - which is actually
>>what most people today mean by materialism -

>"most people today" yes, because _today_ materialism has
>acquired different connotations from those of yesterday (when it
>had a clearly defined meaning as the obverse of spiritualism)
>and this is precisely because the scope of the idea of "physical
>completeness" has expanded like a floodtide and washed across
>archaic category boundaries to submerge both of those ancient
>islands - but for small hilltops, where tiny remnant populations
>of archaists gaze balefully at one another across the rising
>water.

In which case the question remains, does materialism in its modern sense (or what you see as its modern sense) make a priori assumptions about the nature and type of the entities which fall within its scope, or does it not? If not, then materialism as a concept is now tautological, indeed redundant.

>But physical science defines as physical any entity that is
>basic to its model of the world. It is perfectly capable of
>considering not just "observers" but mind in general or human
>consciousness in particular to be essential to that model. A
>great deal of interpretation of QM has revolved around such
>issues. Personally I suspect that the persistent difficulty of
>these points of view is exactly because they are too much a
>historical product of the obsolete dualism and that the
>physicality of mind in the world will not be understood until
>yet another completely new framework of possibilities is
>stumbled on. In other words I think mentalism or spiritualism is
>as crude and primitive as its evil twin materialism. Obviously
>we can't know ahead of time what this framework is, though we
>can have suspicions. But it will be calculable in some sense,
>predictive in some sense, and economically integrative, and it
>will still be physics, call it whatever you want.

As I indicated to you on a previous occasion, it's impossible for me to argue with this conception of physics because it's so all-encompassing as to be meaningless. The entities which are basic to physics are simply those entities which are basic to the constitution and structure of the universe. No-one can or would argue with such a doctrine, because it's completely trivial.

<snip>

>>So first, it's clearly not true that materialism is "archaic".

>I said "archaic philosophical distinction" of materialism from
>spiritualism. I didn't say that there was no type of thought
>today that had any historical connection with materialism.

But if you're right there really shouldn't be, because the version of materialism you espouse is so trivial as to be unworthy of mention.

>If you think that transition from 17th-19th C "matter" to those
>21st C "entities" can be made as simple as a few changes of name
>then I'm doubtful about the possibility of further fruitful
>discussion.

Of course it cannot. That indeed is the point. The science has changed beyond all recognition, but the philosophy has in no way kept up with these changes. Physicalism is simply materialism with a few changes of name.

>>To the extent we regard the entities of physical science
>>as mathematical abstractions, this is evidently rather daft -
>>how are conscious living beings supposed to be made up entirely
>>out of mathematical abstractions?

>Your odd subtext is that it would be possible for unconscious
>dead beings or objects to be so made up.

The subtext is rather that no-one can know what it is like to be a dead being or an unconscious object, and hence no-one can know

how they are made up.

>Well look, there has to
>be some substrate, whether your preferred route of abstraction
>tends towards the cybernetic or the astral. But the answer to
>your question is that I don't have an answer to Wigner's
>question about the unreasonable effectiveness of mathematics.

It has nothing to do with the effectiveness of mathematics. It has to do with the nature of the mathematical objects themselves, and the impossibility of interpreting them as measures of anything outside themselves other than relationships with other mathematical objects or, ultimately, relationships between phenomenal observations.

>And the great thing is that science tells me it's perfectly OK
>not to have an answer. I don't have to do penance or cast runes
>or believe in anything just for the "fun" of it. I have some
>optimism that, if we all let it, science has a chance of
>answering in due time.

Yes, if you are going to stick to the trivial conception of materialism you describe above, this is perfectly reasonable, since you are making no a priori assumptions or metaphysical commitments. But that is not at all what materialism is usually taken to mean.

>>But the philosophical significance of QM and Relativity is
>>precisely that the entities of modern physical theory can no
>>longer be interpreted as measures of some sort of metaphysical
>>"stuff" - or that if they could, no-one knows how to do it.

>This is not right. Metaphysical stuff is by definition exactly
>what physics could not want in it, and it defines in its own
>terms what is physical by means that have only historical
>connections with materialist philosophy.

This is fine if you are going to stick rigidly to pure operationalism (which is indeed what Bohr and others suggested we should do). But how many people are prepared to do that? David Bohm is reported to have said that, in his opinion, no physicist would ever be prepared to do that. And as soon as you go beyond pure operationalism, as soon as you make the assumption that the entities of physical theory refer to some ontological reality outside of themselves, you are making some sort of metaphysical commitment, whether you like it or not.

>QM is full of physical
>"stuff" that already looks metaphysical to materialists but
>why should it want to import what by definition it could not
>deal with? What it may need, though, is some different
>physical stuff. It will have to find/invent what it needs.

QM will find/invent nothing at all Martin, since it is purely an abstract theoretical construction. It's real-life human beings who will do the finding and inventing. And real-life human beings are prone to all sorts of individual and social prejudices and preconceptions, which predispose them to find and invent what they want as much as what they need.

>That no-one knows how to reconstruct QM is correct, but that it
>will need to be reconstructed is an increasingly widely held
>view in connection with the stubborn issue of gravitation and it
>is possible to speculate that this might allow reinterpretation
>of the old issues surrounding determinism/indeterminism and the
>status of so-called hidden variables.

And it's quite reasonable to speculate along these lines. But I think your interpretation of the actual state of affairs is rather too generous. What I see is not so much an opening up of possibilities, but a shutting down.

>But if the fact that no-one knows all the answers now is
>unacceptable, then I guess the vandals must be right. It's the
>End. Science has Failed. Turn out the lights and leave the
>hordes to sack it. This is the implication of the views you are
>defending.

If science has failed (and that is an "if" because I'm not necessarily endorsing the view that it has) then surely the appropriate course of action is to ask why. Smolin appears to

put the blame on an increasingly rigid and institutionalized bureaucracy with the academic community itself. It's certainly true that science as a social enterprise is a very different thing today from what it was fifty years ago. It may also have something to do with the exponential increase in the cost and complexity of the equipment needed to perform even basic observations in some fields, together with an increase in the complexity of theories and correspondingly in the amount of data needed to specify them.

>>Given this situation, it seems to me we have three alternatives.
>>One is to stick to pure operationalism - eg, the Copenhagen
>>interpretation. The second is to throw out materialism. But the
>>third is simply to hold on to materialism regardless and just
>>ignore the philosophical implications of the last hundred
>>years.

>Do you think it possible that there might be an alternative you
>haven't thought of? For example, to worry less about bookish
>definitions - or rather, not to project that worry onto the
>activities of physics - and just carry on doing and thinking
>science until someone understands how to re-categorise things in
>a way that resolves apparent conflicts between present
>interpretative options on a new level?

Yes indeed, this is exactly the pure operationalism I mentioned above. It looks like Bohr was right again.

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>My personal view is that most people don't actually think about
>it in 'ism' terms at all, exactly because they are not inclined
>to be philosophers, not of a deeply speculative turn of mind,
>just well-educated, competent practitioners of their specialisms
>who try to make modest advances that people in other fields
>rarely care much about except for lucky accidents when some
>result escapes from a backwater of materials science into the
>big time because it happens to be relevant to superconductivity
>or whatever. But isms, schmisms, what does it matter to them?
>Just make the experiment and write the paper. And why not? Not
>everyone can be at the frontiers of profound problems as a pure
>theoretical physicist, which has been described as one of the
>most difficult of all human activities; and only a few of those
>can be lucky and clever enough to be in at the birth of a new
>paradigm of thought. But you, and some others, seem to find some
>cause for opprobrium in this fact. I don't. Neither I think does
>any person with a sensible and pragmatic view of what science is
>and how it works. But I've been boring on this elsewhere.

The question is whether this is really what is happening or whether latent or even unrecognized assumptions are restricting the development of theory, not in the mainstream of science, but at the very frontiers of knowledge. Why might this be? Perhaps because theory has been allowed to proliferate in the absence of any sort of empirical test. Perhaps because the sheer difficulty of doing observations in some fields means there are no longer enough genuinely independent observers to produce the avalanche of new observations which could trigger a Kuhnian paradigm shift. Perhaps because academia as an institution is now so ossified that it could not respond to such an avalanche of results even if it were to appear. Or perhaps for some other reason.

Kuhn's theory of science is after all retrospective rather than predictive - but science simply hasn't been in existence long enough for us to say that it follows a regular pattern of punctuated equilibrium. Science today is not what it was twenty, thirty, fifty, or a hundred years ago.

>What motivates it is the search for something that works. Yes it
>is possible to discern a subtle change in mood, the feeling that
>maybe those arguments that ruled out deterministic underpinnings
>for all time should be revisited.

I don't think there's anything subtle about it Martin. It looks to me like a wholesale attempt to turn the clock back to the materialist dogmas of the past. Admittedly, I haven't taken a poll of any sort but it does look to me like a generational thing.

Let's be quite clear about this - nothing could possibly be

objectionable about an expansion of the range of inquiry, even if that involves re-examing some of the assumptions of the past. For example, although I think Penrose's Orch OR is ad hoc and unlikely to amount to much in the end, I fully appreciate what he is trying to do, and above all, I appreciate the philosophical integrity with which he is trying to do it.

What is objectionable is work which seems motivated solely by a priori philosophical considerations, in which the philosophy is amateurish, self-contradictory and shambolic beyond belief. In this respect I think Bohr was extraordinarily far-sighted - he appears to have predicted exactly what would happen if physicists started trying to turn themselves into amateur philosophers and in effect, to have warned them to stick to pure operationalism - an wise injunction which has subsequently been described as "mysticism" or even "brainwashing".

>You evidently dislike this
>rather much for personal emotional reasons - "peddling" "old
>fashioned" "distinctly dusty". I wouldn't myself want to
>proscribe any attempt to make theories that work. If they don't,
>they don't. I think they might. But you are free to make any
>alternative suggestion you wish.

I dislike nonsense that is peddled as solving problems when in fact it does nothing of the kind, Martin. Particularly nonsense that involves a lot of waffle about decoherence (check out that dreadful article in last week's New Scientist) and which tries to pass off anything remotely embarrassing to a modern materialist point of view (such as Wigner's idea about consciousness "collapsing" the wavefunction) as an obsolete notion we should erase from our mental vocabulary.

Cathy

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French UFO Fever Crashes Website
By Emma Jane Kirby
BBC News, Paris

France's national space agency has opened its UFO files to the public by launching a website which documents reported sightings over five decades.

So many people have already tried to look at the files that it has become impossible to access the site.

France is the first country to open up fully its UFO files to the public.

Although other countries including the UK collect data on UFOs, files can be requested only on a case-by-case basis under the Freedom of Information Act.

Now, thanks to a small team of space agency researchers who call themselves the Office for the Study of Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena, the French will be able to access some 10,000 documents about UFOs, including photographs, police reports and videos sent in by witnesses.

The team offers explanations for some of the sightings - for example when 1,000 people reported seeing flashing lights in the sky one November night 17 years ago, the researchers were able to prove it had been a rocket fragment falling back into the earth's atmosphere.

But only about 9% of France's UFO cases have ever been fully explained, the group says.

And of the 1,600 cases registered since 1954, nearly a quarter are known as Category D - meaning that in spite of good data and witnesses, the mysterious sightings remain inexplicable.

The online archives will be updated whenever new cases are reported.

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Former Arizona Governor Boosts UFO Claims

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Former Arizona Governor Boosts UFO Claims

Ten years after 'Phoenix Lights', Symington says he was a witness

PHOENIX - Former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington, who trotted out an aide dressed as an alien 10 years ago to spoof the frenzy surrounding mysterious lights in the Phoenix sky, now says the lights were actually an alien spacecraft.

Now a pastry chef and business consultant, Symington is keying in on the anniversary of the sighting of the so-called "Phoenix Lights" by reversing course, saying the lights were really extraterrestrial and that he saw a UFO himself.

"I'm a pilot and I know just about every machine that flies", Symington said Thursday. "It was bigger than anything that I've ever seen. It remains a great mystery. Other people saw it, responsible people. I don't know why people would ridicule it."

During a news conference in 1997, Symington, a former Air Force captain then in his second term as governor, told the assembled press that an alien had been captured. He then ushered out his chief of staff, Jay Heiler, dressed in a costume complete with oversized head and eyes.

"This just goes to show that you guys are entirely too serious", Symington said at the time.

Later that year, he was convicted of bank fraud charges stemming from his bankrupt real estate empire. The conviction later was overturned and he was pardoned by President Clinton in 2001 before federal prosecutors decided whether they would retry the case.

Symington recently told a UFO investigator making a documentary that he hadn't acknowledged his own encounter at the time because he didn't want people to panic. He repeated the story in an interview on CNN and other media, saying the craft he saw was "enormous. It just felt otherworldly. In your gut, you could just tell it was otherworldly."

Heiler, who says Symington is one of his closest friends, said he isn't surprised he believes in UFOs.

A "Trekkie" who enjoys discussing space travel, Heiler said Symington is convinced that earthlings will travel to distant solar systems at above the speed of light "in our lifetimes."

Heiler said he remained "the earthbound skeptic" in those talks.

The lights, which appeared in a V shape on March 13, 1997, as they moved across the sky, were widely explained as flares dumped by a military training flight, though many still doubted the government was telling all it knew.

Tucson astronomer and retired Air Force pilot James McGaha said he investigated two sightings over Phoenix that March night and traced them both A-10 aircraft flying in formation at high altitude.

"It was clearly aircraft in formation, flying at two different times and then dropping flares and it's clear to any rational person that's what it was", McGaha said.

McGaha said Symington "is not a trained observer and what he feels in his gut doesn't make any difference."

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Raelians Sue Indiana University & Hashem

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Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Involved In
Extortion Plot And Civil Rights Violation

The US Raelian Movement has filed a tort claim against the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) regarding employees who have been involved in a plot to extort millions of dollars from the Raelian Movement and its leader Rael. Threats of violence and an attempt to prevent Raelians from exercising their First Amendment rights were also involved as well as multiple violations of the IUPUI ethical codes regarding research with live subjects. See the full claim IUPUI tort claim

Ricky Roehr, leader of the US Raelian Movement declared:
"Although they tried to portray a dangerous infiltration of the Raelian Movement, Abdullah Hashem, an IUPUI researcher and his team were granted full access to the annual Raelian seminar and interview of Rael and Raelian Movement members. This access was subject to our standard contract which states that any film footage is and remains the Raelian Movement's property and that any edited footage could not be released without approval of the Raelian Movement."

Hashem did not honor that agreement and along with his partners produced a film that falsely and sensationally accused the Raelians of criminal acts. Its premiere was hosted in November 2006, by the IUPUI Department of Religious Studies at Lilly Hall despite the knowledge that the footage was stolen and the content a biased and inaccurate portrayal of the Raelian Movement.

In December 2006, a further outrage was perpetrated by Hashem when the disputed film footage was used to incite a disabled man to make threats of violence against Rael.

To add to the offense Hashem offered to hand over the film footage to the Raelians, if the Raelians would cease all operations in the United States and Egypt and disburse all funds belonging to the Raelian Movement.

The parties named in the tort claim against IUPUI are: Abdullah Hashem, Joseph McGowen, Catherine Crouch, Dragonslayer Productions, Hashem Films, Mariah White, Brandon Javella, Professors David Craig, Kelly Hayes, and Thomas J. Davis and the IUPUI Religious Studies Student Association.

Ricky Roehr added: "This is not Abdullah Hashem's first brush with misconduct. At IUPUI, in March 2006; he was sanctioned by the University Student Government and disqualified from running for office due to Voter Fraud and False Accusations of Misconduct."

Brigitte Boisselier, Raelian official spokesperson, declared:
"There is one annual seminar per continent where Raelians gather and enjoy sharing their philosophy and their joy to attend the teachings of their spiritual leaders. These seminars are a mixture of celebration and spiritual awakening... no place for criminal acts there... The only criminals are those who come there to hurt us as our doors are wide opened to all... but we also know how to use the law to protect ourselves. We know we will not change individuals like Hashem who are eager to make money out of anything, but when a university is involved, encouraging hatred like they have done supporting the work of Hashem, then something needs to be done!"

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Re: Letter To Arizona Republic Editor - Maccabee

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>Subject: Letter To Arizona Republic Editor

>Letter to the Editor,
>Arizona Republic,
>March 22, 2007

>Symington's Sighting

>"...unless the Defense Department proves us otherwise, it was
>probably some form of alien spacecraft." Former Governor, Fife
>Symington, CNN interview on Phoenix Lights, 3/21/07

I have been informed by Leslie Kean that Symington recalls that
his sighting occurred about 8 PM that night. This indicates that
he saw the dark triangle/boomerang.

Someone should go with him to the sighting location and have him
point out which direction(s) he was looking.

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Re: Classic UFO Encounter - Maccabee

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>Subject: Classic UFO Encounter

>Hi All,

>Nothing important - more of the same. A friend's car broke down
>today so I gave him a ride to work. We listened to CNN's
>coverage of the Symington admission on the way. It was 5:00 a.m.,
>and I've worked with the guy for twenty years - and never, ever
>talked about UFOs. He's been a good friend and he's the
>quintessence of the mild-mannered accountant. You can hear the
>click-clack of the account's gears in his head before he answers
>a question. He says, "I don't how to tell you this, so I'll just
>tell you."

>The guy then relates a story of a classic UFO encounter and an
>ensuing cat and mouse chase along a two-lane country road in the
>Carolinas.

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>He begins his story as Symington is saying, "It was otherworldly
>- you just knew it in your gut that it wasn't ours." Maybe
>Symington's statement inspired him.

>My friend said he was tired and heading home after a long day of
>clicking and clacking. He rounded a curve and saw an object
>hovering over the pines lining the road. (He then points out a
>semi on the road in front of us and says it was about three
>times the size of the truck, and glowing with a brilliant -
>almost blinding - white light. It was round - like a ball.)

>In his early life he trained as a pilot. He assures me it was
>not a helicopter or plane. It shocked him, and then made him
>increasingly nervous as it seems to notice him.

>After safely rounding the turn, he sped up and the object speeds
>up too - matching his pace and not going any faster. He then
>hits the gas and the object again keeps pace.

I wonder if Venus was in the sky at the time of this sighting.
(A classic case of bright very distant light that appears to
move along with a traveling car?)

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I think his ignorance of the subject and his strong bias can be
readily seen in the tape which includes the Q and A session.

Stan Friedman

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>Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 17:01:57 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 21:55:24 -0600
>>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

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>>>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 11:56:11 -0600
>>>>Subject: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

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>>>>If the panels were traveling at a speed of 2.5 m/s relative to
>>>>the Apollo spacecraft, the distance between the panels and the
>>>>spacecraft would have been about 517 km, or 320 miles after
>>>>that amount of time.

>>>>I don't think its so easy to deduce anything like this.

>>>>True. That's why I made it a conditional statement, not a deduction.

It's not that simple and not correct at all even as a
"conditional" ("if") statement. Over the long 57 hours from the
SLA panel ejection to the time of the object sighting the Apollo
11 had gone from the earth's vicinity about 4,000 miles above
the surface to within an hour of passing into the moon's
gravitational dominance very roughly 200,000 statute miles from
earth. The earth's gravity had progressively slowed the Apollo
11 and its ejected SLA panels from about 17,000 mph to about
2,000 mph but the velocity is lost very quickly closest to the
earth's strong retarding gravity (down to about 11,000 mph
within just an hour of SLA panel ejection then to about 9,000
mph, 7,000 mph, then 5,000 mph, at each succeeding hour, etc.).

Hence any delta-V between the Apollo and the SLA panels of about
2.5 meters/sec or 5.6 mph would be reduced by a factor of how
much of the 5.6 mph velocity is in the radial direction with
respect to the earth, where gravity would slow it over the
course of the long 2-1/2 day flight path to the moon's gravity
domain. If I read the mission report correctly it looks like at
panel ejection the Apollo 11 was heading about 45 degrees from
earth-radial direction. This angle gradually steepened to about
10 degs from radial (80 degs from horizontal perpendicular to
radial) or almost directly away from the earth or radially, at
the time of the sighting.

At that time gravity would be reducing the reduced-5.6 mph
(gravity-reduced to about 3 mph see below) very little further
because that SLA panel ejection velocity was now roughly

perpendicular to the line of flight. Now that the spacecraft and SLA panels were both headed almost directly away from the earth, the vector angle of the separation velocity (now down to about 3 mph from 5.6 mph) would be pointed almost perpendicular to the earth's gravity vector hence almost unaffected by it.

When at about 45 degrees and for the next four hours or so, the SLA panels' separation velocity of 5.6 mph from the Apollo (if 5.6 mph is assumed correct) would be cut down to about 4 mph due to earth's gravity slowing the radial component of that velocity. This would gradually reduce still further to roughly 3 mph by the time of the sighting, by which time there was little earth-radial component left to it and thus no longer much that could be affected by earth gravity.

A very crude average or effective separation velocity would be about 3-1/2 mph over the course of the 57 hours or only about 200 statute miles separation not 320 miles, but that still is not the correct actual distance because of other complicating factors, which I will get into below. These factors include the fact that there were two significant Apollo 11 rocket firings: (1) the separation or evasive maneuver at 4h40m, then (2) the one midcourse correction at 26h45m, and (3) the need to consider the directions the Apollo 11 was thrust into by these maneuvers, which could have been into the direction of one of the SLA panels, bringing it closer not farther.

Even before dealing with those factors, we need to consider whether our data on the SLA panel ejection velocity is even accurate.

NASA engineers in the 70's told me that the SLA panels were ejected by explosive bolts at about 15 to 20 ft/sec (10-14 mph) radially outward from the S-IVB third stage of the Apollo, at an angle of about 75 to 90 degrees to the S-IVB axis with the 75 degs referring to backwards or retrograde from the axis (the axis being approximately the same as the line of flight) by 15 degs. The figures I now see in Apollo reports are smaller, such as one stating ejection velocity was 11 +/- 3 ft/sec (around 7 mph or between 5 and 9 mph).

And none of the reports I find online refer to explosive bolts in the final ejection only some kind of spring mechanism. So there is some uncertainty about the SLA panel ejection mechanism and flight dynamics. The direction of ejection could vary by as much as 15 degrees (or more) if the info I obtained from NASA flight engineers was correct.

However most of these SLA panel ejection velocity figures (the 10-14 mph and 7 mph figures) are greater than the 5.6 mph ejection velocity used here. So that increases the separation distance from Apollo 11 if all other factors were neutral (but they aren't) and that would help eliminate the SLA panel explanation. For example the 14 mph figure at 90 degs after gravity reductions would result in about a 500 statute mile distance rather than 200 or 320 miles, but this distance is still wrong as I will explain below.

More on the velocity complication factors below. My conclusion is that the object was probably metallized Mylar debris knocked loose by excessive firings of the Apollo's attitude control rockets (see my analysis at the end). So I am not trying to defend the SLA panel theory.

>>>Then there is the matter of midcourse correction. How does that >>>affect the position of the panels? Maybe it improves it or maybe >>>worsens it.

>>Yes, but I haven't seen anything to suggest that NASA or anyone >>else knows for sure.

>The Apollo 11 mission report states that the midcourse >correction occurred at 26 hr 45 min and was an increase of >velocity of 20.9 ft/sec. This appears to be fairly close to the >direction of motion (velocity change along X axis = -14.19 >ft/sec, Y axis = +13.17 ft/sec, Z axis = +7.56 ft/sec in the earth >centered interial coordinate system). So we can basically assume >that the spacecraft sped up by 20.9 ft/sec. The crew sighted the >UFO at 60 hr 49 min. So the total time which the SLA and CSM >diverge from the midcourse correction is about 34 hr and 4 min

>or 122640 seconds. 20.9 ft/sec over this time period gives
>2563176 ft or 421 nautical miles/485 statute miles/781 km.

Even before the Mid-Course Correction at 26h45m there was an Apollo Separation (Evasive) Maneuver at 4h40m to get the Apollo crew away from the vicinity of the S-IVB third stage and its ejected SLA panels. Both rocket firings were described in NASA reports as "retrograde," thus slowing the Apollo down and both were roughly 20 ft/sec total velocity. Thus the minus sign (-) on the X axis velocity change of -14.19 ft/sec means retrograde. But the SLA panel ejection may also have been retrograde too, according to the 75-90-degree ejection angle figures I was given by NASA flight engineers (see above).

If SLA panels were ejected at 14 mph and 75 degs then that means the 15 degs retrograde velocity component along the X-axis was at about 3-1/2 mph (5 ft/sec).

If the X axis is along the Apollo's direction of motion, then the Y axis is evidently 90 degrees from X, within the plane of the trajectory, and Z axis is perpendicular or out of that plane to the North of the ecliptic if I understand the spacecraft coordinate system correctly. Each of these Y and Z velocities were large or comparable to the velocity along the spacecraft's line of motion, so the total motion change was not NOT "fairly close" to the Apollo's direction of motion!

There are four (4) SLA panels that eject at about 90-degree intervals around a 360 circle from the S-IVB longitudinal axis. The sizeable Y and Z directions of the two Apollo rocket firings could have aimed the Apollo straight towards one of the SLA panels, and even at best the direction could not have been farther than about 45 degrees from right in the middle between two SLA panels. When I say "straight towards" I don't mean bullseye shots towards but only the azimuthal directions, as the retrograde relative motions would need to be considered, as I will do now.

The much more important Apollo-S-IVB Separation Maneuver at 4h40m gave velocity increments of $X = -9.76$ ft/sec, $Y = +14.94$ ft/sec, $Z = +8.96$ ft/sec. The vector combination of Y and Z would be 17 ft/sec or 12 mph in some direction less than 45 degrees away from some SLA panel. This Apollo maneuver would completely cancel out the SLA panel ejection velocity and result in Apollo overtaking the SLA panel ejection velocity if at the ejection velocity figures of 5.6 or 10 mph. Only at the highest figure I was given, about 14 mph SLA ejection, would this 12 mph Y/Z maneuver by Apollo 11 not quite catch up but the difference is a miniscule 2 mph and only a one and a half hour head start for the SLA panels. As before, this 2 mph would be reduced by earth's gravity to an average of roughly 1-1/2 mph over the next nearly 56 hours, so the distance from the Apollo to one of the SLA panels might have been only about 84 statute miles, until we next account for the MCC at 26h45m.

Hence it is also possible though less likely, that by a fluke one SLA panel's velocity and the Apollo's maneuvers ended up in such a nearly exact parallel that their relative velocity canceled out, thus putting them very close together. How close would be impossible to tell given the number of variables and uncertainties. For now I have ignored the X-axis velocities in the direction of flight because they are smaller than the Y-Z velocities and because it is uncertain how much retrograde or -X velocity the SLA panels got, which might or might not have been canceled by the retrograde burns of the Apollo crew (for example suppose the SLA panels or some of them were ejected backwards by say 30 degrees instead of just 15 degs, at say 12 mph, that would mean an X velocity change of -6 mph, with the Apollo's Sep Maneuver thrusting about -6 mph in X, thus roughly canceling out relative motion between them at least in the X direction).

The strongest distance argument against the SLA panels might be that the Mid-Course Correction burn put in an additional Y-Z delta-V of about 10 mph in almost the same azimuthal direction, only about 1.1 degree away from the Sep Maneuver. Though late in the game so to speak, this could have a large effect on distance to the SLA panels, depending on the exact angle and velocities, and by this time such a velocity vector normal to the earth's gravity vector would mean gravity would reduce this Y-Z velocity very little over the next 34 hours or so. If I understand these dynamics correctly then the MCC might have put as much as 340

statute miles of distance between the Apollo and any "lucky" SLA panel that might have been ejected closest to the direction of both Sep and MCC Maneuvers, and put still more distance to the other 3 SLA panels heading in other directions.

Even if such a "lucky" velocity cancellation coincidence had occurred, then the "lucky" SLA panel would have had to stay in the Apollo's vicinity for a very long time, it could not "go anywhere," so the sightings would have taken place over a long time, not a short time where there was an impression of increasing distance. In this hypothetical case since the relative velocities had cancelled, the SLA panel had no means of propulsion and the Apollo fired no rockets, hence no relative movement was possible. But in fact the actual object seems to have all-but-disappeared due to gradually increasing distance in the approximately 1-1/2 hours it was in view from about 9:00 to 10:30 PM (CDT) on July 18, 1969.

My 1-1/2-hour time duration estimate is based on evidence in the Debriefing where astronaut Collins commented it was only seen at this one period in the flight, on the air-ground transcripts that bracket the time, and on Aldrin's 2005 comments as to how it started and ended before a sleep period.

>This does not include the divergence due to the jettison
>velocity which at best is supposed to be 8 ft/sec. The SLA
>panel jettison occurs at roughly 3 hr 17 min giving 57 hr and
>32 min of travel time (207120 sec). For 8ft/sec over this time
>period gives 1656960 ft/272nautical miles/314 statute miles/
>505km.

>Combining the two axes/dimensions of divergence provides
>a total distance of the SLA panels from the CSM of 577 statute
>miles/930km!

See analysis above. With so many confusing factors to consider one cannot really be dogmatic in asserting that "the" SLA panels were "all" X miles away and thus could not possibly have been visible at the time of the Apollo 11 astronauts' sighting. If I have missed some additional dynamics factor then all these results might change again.

For example, there is the factor of geometric spread. Imagine that two spacecraft are heading directly outward from the earth and imagine that one is at 12 o'clock on a clock face centered on the earth's center, and the other ship is heading outward at say 1 o'clock, or in other words 30 degrees apart from each other. Suppose they are at a point 8,000 miles from the earth's center traveling at the same speed outwards, assumed for simplicity to be escape velocity. They would be at a distance of about 4,140 miles apart from each other, straight-line distance on a chord. But when the ships reached 80,000 miles from the earth's center they would be at a slant range of about 41,400 miles from each other and without having deliberately expended propellant to separate themselves.

The bottom line is that the best way to determine the SLA panels' location may be to find astronomical observatory photos of the Apollo and its SLA panels. I believe that Jim Oberg has found some such photos of either Apollo 11 or 12 or both, if memory serves, from Pic du Midi observatory in France.

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>Therefore, the UFO sighting remains an unknown, although I
>think it is likely the same kind of debris seen around Shuttles/ISS,
>namely tiny stuff. I have watched alot of the video of Apollo
>and they had alot of debris during parts of the missions.

>>As I said before, what I find most interesting about this case is
>>that Aldrin changed his story. During the debriefing after the
>>return to Earth, he seems to have ruled out the possibility that
>>the object was one of the SLA panels for the very logical reason
>>that their shape didn't match the shape of the object he saw.

>>None of these views match the description of the L-shaped object
>>that Aldrin described or the "open suitcase" that Armstrong
>>described it.

>Yes, I agree it is unlikely an SLA panel on these grounds too.

In my reconstruction the crew had placed the Apollo 11 in a stable Passive Thermal Control (PTC) slow roll of 3 revs per hour to evenly distribute sunlight over the spacecraft, after an unsuccessful attempt to get it into PTC (this is important for later discussion of what caused the sighting). Then the astronauts settled down for a 9-hour sleep period and were told "good night" by the Houston control night team, at 8:57:07 PM CDT on July 18, 1969 (60h25m07s Ground Elapsed Time or GET).

It was evidently as they were settling down to sleep that the astronauts noticed the object out a window, that was at the very limits of resolution by the human eye. According to Armstrong "it was right at the limit of the resolution of the eye. It was very difficult to tell just what shape it was. And there was no way to tell the size without knowing the range or the range without knowing the size." (Debriefing).

It was at 60h45m46s into the flight or 9:17:46 PM CDT (Houston time) on July 18, 1969, when Neil Armstrong asked the question about the S-IVB's location.

Biomedical telemetry showed that the crew soon after went to sleep on their 9-hour sleep period. The telemetry shows that Armstrong went to sleep at about 61h49m (10:21 PM) and Aldrin and Collins at about 62h0m (about 10:30 PM rounding off the time). The sighting had started at around 9:00 PM. Hence a total duration of about 1-1/2 hours (and see next for additional argument).

The NASA Public Affairs Officer on the broadcast feed seemed slightly surprised that the crew had not yet gone to sleep, which was obvious from the telemetry readings even though there was no radio communication from the astronauts. The PAO comment was over an hour after they had first tried to settle to sleep. We now know it was this object sighting that kept them awake and they must have spent this extra 1 to 1-1/4 hours watching the tumbling reflective object in various ways, after probably an initial 1/4 hour watching it before asking about the S-IVB's position.

Here is my explanation for the sighting as best I can reconstruct it. It may have been a piece of metallized highly-reflective Mylar (or some metallized kapton) as Michael Collins suggested in the Debriefing, which came off of the Lunar Module (LM) at some point. The Mylar must have been floating along out of view until the problems with the Passive Thermal Control (PTC) rotation of the Apollo spacecraft caused an attitude control rocket gas to hit the Mylar, sending it off into space to a position where it could be spotted by the crew. The Mylar could easily have had a neat fold or crease in it which would explain the "L-shape" or "open-book shape" seen (Collins in Debriefing), and at the other end it could have retained the cylinder shape of, perhaps, a LM landing leg, which being rolled around and thus look like the "hollow cylinder" (also stated by Collins in Debriefing).

At 8:17:55 PM (59h45m55s GET) ground control notified the Apollo crew that their PTC rotation was wrong, strangely off 20 degrees in pitch angle, and may need to be done all over again - meaning more RCS (Reaction Control System) rockets automatically firing at different angles to get just the right rotation. If not corrected right away it would result in the RCS jets continually firing off and on trying to adjust it, using up vital propellant and keeping the astronauts awake with the noise. The original PTC was established at around 6:40 PM. The new PTC rotation mode was successfully established at around 8:40 PM. The object sighting began around 9:00 PM.

To illustrate how a piece of Mylar, say 2 feet in size, could have moved and could fit the sighting circumstances, suppose the firing of the attitude control jets at around 8:40 PM had caught the Mylar and sent it off at, say, around 1 mph (1.5 ft/sec). These size, velocity and timing numbers can of course be adjusted to improve the fit on this explanatory model. After 20 minutes or so, the astronauts caught sight of it, at which time this Mylar would have moved a total distance of 1/3 mile away from the Apollo. It would have an angular size of about 4 arcminutes (1/8 Full Moon) which was small but bigger than a pinpoint.

After another hour it would have gradually drifted another mile away to a distance of about 1.3 miles where now "it was right at the limit of the resolution of the eye" as Armstrong put it in Debriefing, as now the Mylar would be only 0.8 arcminutes in size (1/40 Full Moon). Visual acuity on earth is around 1 arcminute but in space the glare of sun and earthshine and dirty windows made stars and other objects in space difficult to see. At this point the object was gradually drifting away as it tumbled, getting too small to see well, so the astronauts lost interest and went to sleep. When they woke up around 9 hours later it would have been too small to see, at about 10 miles away and only 0.1 arcminute in angular size.

Another factor in the visibility besides distance would be brightness. An object that is too small to resolve may still be seen if it is bright enough (and "contrasty" enough against the background) to register on the retina. An empirical formula for brightness of typical satellites in space sighted by astronauts was derived in the Condon Report and it gives results similar to ground-based sightings of satellites. However, space visibility is severely limited by dirty spacecraft windows (including ice) and sun glare. It seems that a limiting stellar magnitude for astronaut observations may be around 0 stellar mag (CR p. 201) rather than the usual excellent vision limit of mag +6 on earth.

$$\text{mag} = -7.16 - 5 \log \text{diameter meters} + 5 \log \text{range km} \quad (\text{CR p. 190})$$

Thus a 0.6 meter (2 ft) metallized Mylar piece of debris at about 16 km (10 mi) distance might have a stellar magnitude of about -1 and hence might still be barely visible if the astronauts knew exactly where to look and if the windows were not dirtier than usual. But this seems doubtful. This might be pinned down better if there was a NASA study of object visibility through the Apollo windows.

Many years ago I scoured the transcripts of Apollo flights looking for the most distant sightings of objects of known size and distance in order to get an impression of typical object visibility through spacecraft windows. I can't be sure I really had a comprehensive coverage but I did find an astronaut sighting of the LM in earth orbit in the Apollo 9 mission at what might have been an extreme range of 140 km. Using the formula given above this would yield a magnitude of about -0.3, thus roughly confirming 0 magnitude as a rule-of-thumb brightness limit for sightings of objects in space from Apollo spacecraft windows.

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I'm glad I bought one...

Coal to Newcastle I know, but it compelled this outraged review, Sir,
remember too:

"...Which brings me, albeit the long way around, at last, to the
Friedman/McGaha debate at TSUM on January 24, 2004, or what may
come to be known as, The Day CSICOP Died...

The punk is lit, folks. The box of fireworks is opened. The fun starts.

There is precious little hyperbole in the preceding and the aforementioned debate is an _apt_ citation in strong support of the ufological attitude change proclaimed at the beginning [unprinted part] of this essay!

A "standing room only" crowd witnessed the complete and total demolition of all of CSICOPia in the person of one (decidedly less than intrepid) Mr. McGaha. Apparently Magaha is the only person in all of CSICOPia willing to stand toe to toe with Mr. Friedman in a controlled debate. The reader can witness the rout, the carnage... on tape, herself, for a small (tres reasonable!) fee. Goliath gets stomped, again, by David.

The plainly one-sided debate began with Mr. Friedman, his usual faultless ufological rationality in full sail! He stuck to the facts, outlined his justifications splendidly, and did one more significant thing. He refrained from any gratuitous insult.

Mr. McGaha, quite simply, failed to perform in a, remotely, similar fashion. His 'facts' were blustery proclamations, his justifications were silly, specious, and unconvincing, and... he was sneering thinly veiled insult from one end of his unpracticed presentation to the other... not-so-lightly-intimating that Mr. Friedman was a fool to be discounted out of hand.

The reader will understand when I say it was perfectly obvious who the fool really was, reader! The outrage!

Mr. McGaha paid (and will continue to pay, I suspect) heavily, I'm sure, for his easy insolence and reflex disrespect. He was rude, presumptuous, condescending, unclear, pedantic, arrogant, patronizing, and not a little duplicitous... where Friedman was the textbook opposite of these things, verily. Additionally, McGaha was a case study of Friedman's Four Laws of Fraudulent debunkery... To wit:

1) "What the public doesn't know, we certainly won't tell them."

A look of flawless innocence on his moon-like face, McGaha resold the Robertson Panel and the Condon Report as straight-up peer reviewed reports born of balanced science... instead of the admitted torpedoes to serious ufology they were first designed to be and then found as they actually were! Well documented, reader!

There were more than a few of these anecdotes proffered by Mr. McGaha... some of them real head-scratchers... He claimed, for example, that the sheer volume of reports regarding different UFO appearances was proof they didn't exist! All the descriptions of UFOs should be the same to demonstrate the remotest verity... McGaha expected us to believe... ?!?

Astonishing...

2) "My mind is made up, don't bother me with the facts."

His nose thrown high in almost laughing and unjustified scorn... he pontificated during one of his pompous verbal faux pas that there was "...zero physical evidence of UFOs... PERIOD," and this was after Mr. Friedman had just talked about what constituted physical evidence, indicated some 5000 trace cases, and showed some slides of same. What a feather-brained and oblivious thing for Mr. McGaha to do and say. An example of the "big lie" and cognitive dissonance in solicitous action...

3) "If one can't attack the data, attack the people. It is easier."

A large portion of Mr. McGaha's presentation was taken up with insult to those of us decidedly not in Mr. McGaha's camp, deriding the abduction community, or dismissing the rest of anyone else with an open mind - forgetting those thoroughly convinced, like myself - as malingerers "little" people trying to connect to something "big"... patent misleaders, the credulous mislead, or the weak-willed mentally ill!

Finally, dismissing the noted professor Dr. Peter Sturrock - a trained scientist with more courage in a nail paring than can be found in a gaggle of soppy pelicanists or pompous klasskurxians - as a credulously thoughtless "believer"! This was simply infuriating. Sturrock is one of a hand-full of men and women willing to be eye to eye with the deepest levels of our reality, whatever the reality really is.

4) "Do ones research by proclamation rather than investigation."

I don't think Mr. McGaha answered one question asked of him that evening, at all, that sparks didn't just fly like angry bees off the CSICOPian axe he ground in the faux-answering of them! Additionally, he was clear as churned mud with half of what he said all evening, anyway - all of it airy proclamation of his scientistic (sic) faith, bland misinformation, and pointless ideological sabre-rattling.

Moreover, his overuse of the expression, "Period," was amateur, ill-informed, and unconvincing. He used it like it was a citation all its own when all it really was... was a demonstration that he had no citation. "There are no UFOs... (wait for it!) ...Period"!

Oh, OK... Mr. McGaha said, "Period"! Everyone turn in your tin-foil hat and laser pointer post haste! We can at last disband and go our separate ways"! Such is the verity and validity of McGaha's citation: "Period"! Mmm-no... Reader! We're not idiots to be shined on, children to be wrongly inculcated, marks easily impressed with sonorous proclamation... mere workers to be mal-employed!

Doing more harm to his denialist CSICOPian position than would have been forecast, reader, Mr. McGaha's strutting patronization pointed up only the paucity of his facts, his startling ignorance regarding the topic he attempted to debate, his reliance on fallacy and misdirection to make his point, and, finally, his illumination of the certainty that the hallmark of CSICOPia is 'reflexive thinking' in support of the 'suspect status quo', and not 'reflective thinking' in support of the 'advancement of individual human efficacy'.

He and his knee-jerk reactionary institution are the fuel on the fire of my rejection of same!

He allows me, nay, compels me, provokes me, tasks me to pull off my gloves and be solicitous, no longer, of the specious sensibilities of persons with a ready sneer, a complacent ignorance, or a self-closed mind!

Why... McGaha's put me into a situation where I have to "start scaring the straights," (to quote Bill Murray), too, and that's regrettable... but, it's not me kicking the spokes out of their cultural wheels, but that their 'spokes' were bad - or missing altogether - to begin with! The emperor is nude, brothers and sisters!

Couple the preceding with the stark refusal of these same persons to perceive that their 'emperor', or Mr. McGaha for that matter, is decidedly without a stitch of cognitive clothing... and a mandated shift in ufological attitude becomes more than justified!

Shift where? Again, if it hasn't been clear.? That is, reader, to shift from the apologetic and unsettled 'fringe' as a reviled and dismissed "believer" (as purposefully degraded by Mr. McGaha), to the brave and un-conflicted individual, comfortable and confident that he/she holds the higher rational ground, would do the purer, more courageous science (given tools and fund-age), be more in line with where the mainstream should be, and so should be the mainstream, in fact!

These 'new' mainstreamers alluded to can be secure in their more supportable convictions regarding the 'reality of things' as it pertains to the ufological and its peripheral ancillary issues... based on a stunning mass of 'six kinds' of evidence for same - anecdotal, photographic, historical/artistic, physical, scientific, and personal!

Finally, it's seen that they discredit themselves the disrespect

they prosecute for you, reading truth-seeker! They disabuse, themselves, the validity of the contempt they say they have for you! It's them the enemies of reason, reader, not yourself. The irony is rife!

Look up with a hard new eye! It's down to you, reader. It always has been.

Unfounded and unsupported criticisms of canted and denying bias from this 'former' mainstream remove it to the "real" fringe, friends and neighbors, and the higher pressure open-minded move in to supplant the resulting void! That's when we take off in this new millennium, fellow motes, and not before! My feelings...

It is a new age. Prepare to live in it. There's no other choice. The non-nuanced sub-realities of George W. Bush aren't remotely enough if you think man lives by bread alone, sour gruel from a grudging soup kitchen... I'd have a more satisfying board, thanks.

And? The kingdom is at hand remember. What lies at the approaching denouement is heaven or hell, reader, is a repudiation of soullessness and misogynous domination or a God that has never known a woman. It is the discredit of a science that sets itself as the final arbiter with regard to questions on the reality of things... when it does not even do itself the courtesy of following its own rules or adhering to its own ethics!

Step off! Don't debate definitions of science with ME, boyo! I'll rip you a new one! Science is finally going to be... what is accomplished in its name, the attitudes and motivations of the men and women practicing it, and how the past is bowdlerized to facilitate the fallacies of the mal-contrived future! You know a tree by its fruit after all, reader, right?

Oh, and pleasantly surprise both of us and try to do something more than railing at me for reminding you of the just preceding, with my thanks. Regardless, I'll give as good as I get. Sincerity, examined faith, and supported conviction are my protectors and impervious to darts, sticks, and stones.

Lead... follow... but get out of my way. If you're getting this? Buckle up.

To close: Buy the Friedman/McGaha debate tape by contacting Stanton Friedman at:

fsphys.nul

I'd wager Mr. McGaha won't be providing them.

Read on.

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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 16:01:28 -0400
Subject: That's May-Gay-Hey [was: Former Arizona Governor

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>>From: ufoupdates.nul
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>Date: Saturday, March 24, 2007 7:27 AM
>>Subject: Former Arizona Governor Boosts UFO Claims
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>>Source: MSNBC - USA
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>>http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17761943/
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>>March 23, 2007
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>Middle Tennessee State University on January 28, 2004.
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>I think his ignorance of the subject and his strong bias can be
>readily seen in the tape which includes the Q and A session.
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Regarding Stan's assessment of James McGaha... I would agree. I have known McGaha for a number of years and he is rather close-minded and fixed in his opinions.

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Re: Classic UFO Encounter - Weber

From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 11:10:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 16:03:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Classic UFO Encounter - Weber

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 01:34:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: Classic UFO Encounter

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Hi,

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indeed - three times the size of the truck in front of us.

Best,

Bill

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Re: Rael Admits Cloning Scam - McGowen

From: Joseph McGowen <hashemfilms.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 10:14:57 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 16:20:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Rael Admits Cloning Scam - McGowen

>From: Joseph McGowen <hashemfilms.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 18:01:46 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Raelians Sue Indiana University & Hashem

>Source: Raelianews.Org - Geneva, Switzerland

><http://raelianews.org/news.php>

>Mon 19 Mar 2007

>Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Involved In
>Extortion Plot And Civil Rights Violation

>The US Raelian Movement has filed a tort claim against the
>Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)
>regarding employees who have been involved in a plot to extort
>millions of dollars from the Raelian Movement and its leader
>Rael. Threats of violence and an attempt to prevent Raelians
>from exercising their First Amendment rights were also involved
>as well as multiple violations of the IUPUI ethical codes
>regarding research with live subjects. See the full claim IUPUI
>tort claim.

<snip>

Here are links to a couple of the videos they are suing over and Hashem, McGowen and the University also absolutely deny trying to get any money from the Raelians.

Their claim is absolutely ridiculous:

Rael Admits Cloning Scam For Money And Publicity

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAjN0J9g0BA>

Raelians Deny Life Exists On Earth

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUVRr3jWiGA>

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Re: Former Arizona Governor Boosts UFO Claims -

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 15:40:36 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 16:25:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Former Arizona Governor Boosts UFO Claims -

>Source: MSNBC - USA

><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17761943/>

>March 23, 2007

>Former Arizona Governor Boosts UFO Claims

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>PHOENIX - Former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington, who trotted out an
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>they moved across the sky, were widely explained as flares
>dumped by a military training flight, though many still doubted
>the government was telling all it knew.

As usual the Unthinking (or stupid?) press mixes up the two
events. Well, can't blame the press for mixing it up,
considering the hype about the 10 PM videos by some ufologists.

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>feels in his gut doesn't make any difference."

I have now been informed that Symington's house at the time was
on the north side of a mountain - Camelback - so he couldn't
have seen the 10 pm lights. His recollection is that he saw the
triangle at about 8 PM or so.

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Re: French UFO Fever Crashes Website - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 15:49:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 16:27:17 -0400
Subject: Re: French UFO Fever Crashes Website - Maccabee

>Source: BBC News - London, Endgland, UK

><http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/6486287.stm>

>Friday, 23 March 2007

>French UFO Fever Crashes Website

>By Emma Jane Kirby

>BBC News, Paris

Yup! Tried several times. Couldn't connect.

Zut alors!

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'Found' Anomalies

From: David Galvin <d.galvin.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 17:16:56 +0000
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 16:31:43 -0400
Subject: 'Found' Anomalies

Greetings List,

I'm always thrilled to run across what I call "found" anomalies - casual reports of strange goings-on delivered in the midst of unrelated narratives. They're few and far between, which makes them all the more memorable.

Here are two gems I've kept for years.

From Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki - 35th Anniversary Edition, 1984, Pocket Books, page 118:

"We saw the shine of phosphorescent eyes drifting on the surface on dark nights, and on one single occasion we saw the sea boil and bubble while something like a big wheel came up and rotated in the air, while some of our dolphins tried to escape by hurling themselves deliberately through space."

While the context would suggest that the sighting is of some kind of squid it sure sounds like a UFO. I don't know if Kon-Tiki was originally published in Norwegian. If it was, could any Norwegian speakers on the List compare the original text for a translation or other error?

Another favorite quote is from big-game hunter Jim Corbett's Man-Eaters Of Kumaon, 1946, Oxford University Press. Corbett says on page 17, referring to a bungalow in Champawat:

"I have a tale to tell of that bungalow but I will not tell it here, for this is a book of jungle stories, and tales 'beyond the laws of nature' do not consort well with such stories."

While fascinating, this remark may of course have nothing to do with UFOs. I guess we'll never know.

Regards,

David Galvin

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From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 15:23:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 16:33:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Classic UFO Encounter - Lehmberg

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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I suspect the good Doctor was being facetious... otherwise I
gots ta whack 'im with my "board-a-matic" (tm).

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Fwd Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 16:49:05 -0400
Subject: Pair Report Unidentified Lights

Source: BBC News - Scotland, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2umnl2>

Friday, 23 March 2007

Pair Report Unidentified Lights

A mother and daughter have been trying to gain an explanation for "strange lights" in the sky over Dumfries as they returned home.

Debbie and Imogen Easton were heading home with a takeaway meal on Glasgow Street when they saw a set of lights.

They spotted further bright objects in the sky near the town's Ice Bowl.

A spokesman for Dumfries Astronomical Society said the description was "highly unusual" but may have been caused by a satellite or fighter jet.

It is the third such report of unusual lights in the region so far this year.

Earlier this month a similar incident was reported by a woman in Tinwald village and in January there were calls to police from people reporting a "fireball" in the sky over Dumfries.

That was later attributed to Comet McNaught.

Mrs Easton said she had just picked up her Indian meal at about 2000 GMT when she spotted what she described as an unusual glow in the sky.

"It was like two big orange balls of light - bright orange - just coming towards us," she said.

"I said to my daughter let's just watch them and see what happens.

"I was actually hoping they would come right over so we could see what they were."

Fizzled out

However, she said the lights disappeared before they could get a closer look.

"They came towards us slowly and just very slowly fizzled out together at the same time," said Mrs Easton.

"I thought, gosh, what was that? That was strange.

"We drove off just as another one came from the same direction - by this time we were round at the Ice Bowl."

The pair said they stopped and got out of their car as yet another light appeared.

"They all just fizzled out at the same time, at the same point," she said.

"It was an unidentified flying object - because I don't know what it was."

Mrs Easton said her daughter was more scared by the experience.

"My daughter said I'm getting back into the car - am I going to be abducted by aliens? Is it going to be the end of the world?" said Mrs Easton.

"I said 'I don't think so' - but it was strange."

'Iridium satellites'

Mark Toner, president of Dumfries Astronomical Society, said the incident was certainly unusual.

"It doesn't sound like anything astronomical," he said.

"There are things called Iridium satellites - they are quite low and tend to reflect the sun very brightly.

"One of those can catch the light and it looks like a searchlight has been turned on."

However, he said the light was usually white and it was not common to spot more than one at a time.

Mr Toner said another explanation might have been the glow of engines of a fighter jet in the distance which had then banked away.

[Thanks to Chaz Stuart for the lead]

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Re: Classic UFO Encounter - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 19:04:44 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 07:32:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Classic UFO Encounter - Ledger

>From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 11:10:23 -0400
>Subject: Re: Classic UFO Encounter

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 01:34:42 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Classic UFO Encounter

>>>From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 22 Mar 2007 20:55:59 -0400
>>>Subject: Classic UFO Encounter

<snip>

>>>After safely rounding the turn, he sped up and the object speeds
>>>up too - matching his pace and not going any faster. He then
>>>hits the gas and the object again keeps pace.

>>I wonder if Venus was in the sky at the time of this sighting.
>>(A classic case of bright very distant light that appears to
>>move along with a traveling car?)

>It would have had to have been a very large version of Venus
>indeed - three times the size of the truck in front of us.

You can take that to the bank, too.

More, more, Bill. Any distinguishing object details?

Best,

Don

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Re: That's May-Gay-Hey - Aldrich

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 18:30:37 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 07:35:33 -0400
Subject: Re: That's May-Gay-Hey - Aldrich

>From: David Iadevaia <api.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 06:56:17 -0700
>Subject: Re: That's May-Gay-Hey [was: Former Arizona Governor Boosts UFO Claims]

>>>From: ufoupdates.nul
>>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>>Date: Saturday, March 24, 2007 7:27 AM
>>>Subject: Former Arizona Governor Boosts UFO Claims

>>>Source: MSNBC - USA

>>><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17761943/>

>>>March 23, 2007

>>>Former Arizona Governor Boosts UFO Claims

>>>Ten years after 'Phoenix Lights', Symington says he was a witness

>><snip>

>>>The lights, which appeared in a V shape on March 13, 1997, as
>>>they moved across the sky, were widely explained as flares
>>>dumped by a military training flight, though many still doubted
>>>the government was telling all it knew.

>>>Tucson astronomer and retired Air Force pilot James McGaha said
>>>he investigated two sightings over Phoenix that March night and
>>>traced them both A-10 aircraft flying in formation at high
>>>altitude.

>>>"It was clearly aircraft in formation, flying at two different
>>>times and then dropping flares and it's clear to any rational
>>>person that's what it was", McGaha said.

>>>McGaha said Symington "is not a trained observer and what he
>>>feels in his gut doesn't make any difference."

>><snip>

>>>I should point out that I had a formal debate with McGaha at
>>>Middle Tennessee State University on January 28, 2004.

>><snip>

>>>I think his ignorance of the subject and his strong bias can be
>>>readily seen in the tape which includes the Q and A session.

>>Regarding Stan's assessment of James McGaha... I would agree. I
>>have known McGaha for a number of years and he is rather close-
>>minded and fixed in his opinions.

>David Iadevaia
>Professor Astronomy and Physics
>Tucson, AZ
>www.api-az.com

Re: That's May-Gay-Hey - Aldrich

I talked to McGaha about the Minot AFB B-52 case. Even though he had been in the AF, I found his ignorance about SAC and the Personal Reliability Program (PRP) troubling when he tried to tell me he had transported nuclear weapons.

Well, after talking to him, he was just the driver and not the responsible individual. I am rather skeptical of the uses of debates in advancing this subject, but a debate with him would be a waste of time.

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Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 00:22:00 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 07:39:07 -0400
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 07:52:25 EDT
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2007 17:01:57 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>>>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 28 Feb 2007 21:55:24 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>>>Date: Tue, 27 Feb 2007 17:07:35 -0500 (GMT-05:00)
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>>>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming6.nul>
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>>Date: Sat, 24 Feb 2007 11:56:11 -0600
>>>>>Subject: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

><snip>

>>>>>If the panels were traveling at a speed of 2.5 m/s relative to
>>>>>the Apollo spacecraft, the distance between the panels and the
>>>>>spacecraft would have been about 517 km, or 320 miles after
>>>>>that amount of time.

>>>>>I don't think its so easy to deduce anything like this.

>>>>>True. That's why I made it a conditional statement, not a deduction.

<snip>

>It's not that simple and not correct at all even as a
>"conditional" ("if") statement.

Actually, it is that simple given the assumption that the
panel jettison velocity was the only factor, which turns out not
to be the case.

>Hence any delta-V between the Apollo and the SLA panels of about
>2.5 meters/sec or 5.6 mph would be reduced by a factor of how
>much of the 5.6 mph velocity is in the radial direction with
>respect to the earth, where gravity would slow it over the
>course of the long 2-1/2 day flight path to the moon's gravity
>domain.

Your physics is wrong there. If two objects starting at the same
position are subjected to the same acceleration, A, but have
different initial velocities V1 and V2 in the direction of the
acceleration, their respective positions at time T are:

$$\begin{aligned} D1 &= V1*T + 1/2A*T^2 \text{ and} \\ D2 &= V2*T + 1/2A*T^2 \end{aligned}$$

The difference in the objects' positions, D1 - D2 is $(V1 - V2) * T$.

That is an oversimplification since the accelerations wouldn't be exactly equal and wouldn't be exactly in the same direction, but it's a reasonable approximation. It is NOT incorrect.

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>reports as "retrograde," thus slowing the Apollo down and both
>were roughly 20 ft/sec total velocity. Thus the minus sign (-)
>on the X axis velocity change of -14.19 ft/sec means retrograde.

The negative sign doesn't indicate retrograde motion. Velocities and positions of NASA spacecraft are given in the M50 Earth-centered inertial (ECI) coordinate system. The +X direction is toward the position of the vernal equinox relative to the fixed stars as of Jan 1, 1950, The +Z direction is toward the Earth's north pole on the same date.

<snip>

>The much more important Apollo-S-IVB Separation Maneuver at
>4h40m gave velocity increments of X = -9.76 ft/sec, Y = +14.94
>ft/sec, Z = +8.96 ft/sec.

If those are ECI Cartesian coordinates also, then the separation maneuver delta-V direction in polar coordinates was declination 26.7, right ascension 123.2. The Cartesian coordinates Smith gave for the midcourse correction are equivalent to a declination 21.3 RA 137.1. I don't know the direction the spacecraft was traveling at those times, but the delta-Vs for both maneuvers were in similar directions in the ECI system.

If the midcourse correction delta-V was in the direction the spacecraft was already traveling, then the delta-V for the separation maneuver probably was, too. I'd be surprised if it were retrograde. We'd need the ECI values for the spacecraft velocities at the times of the maneuvers as well as the coordinates of the delta-Vs know for sure whether the delta-Vs were prograde or retrograde. This maneuver is a factor that we overlooked, but if it wasn't a retrograde maneuver, it would have put the panels farther behind the spacecraft.

As for your theory that the object could have been Mylar from the LM, I understand how an RCS rocket might be responsible for moving debris to a new position where the astronauts would see it, but I still don't see that any event occurred that would have knocked something off the LM in the first place. A command module thruster might impinge directly on the LM, but I would think they designed the spacecraft to avoid any significant RCS impingement on the LM for obvious reasons.

On some other things you brought up, the information you gleaned from the Condon Report about the visibility of objects in space is interesting. I'm puzzled by the differences in the panel jettison speeds you got earlier and what other documents indicate.

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Aztec Symposium Explores Mysteries

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Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 18:14:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 18:14:02 -0400
Subject: Aztec Symposium Explores Mysteries

Soure: The Durango Herald - Colorado, USA

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UFO Symposium Explores Mysteries Of Unexplained

By Ted Holteen
Herald Staff Writer

AZTEC, N.M. - Only the truly uninitiated would come here to the 10th annual UFO Symposium expecting to see little green men or to even meet someone who believes in such things.

"These people are serious researchers - we're not a dog-and-pony show," said Katee McClure, the event planner for the symposium.

The UFO Symposium has become part of Aztec's identity since its inception in 1999 and is the largest fundraiser for the Aztec Public Library. McClure said this year will bring between 200 and 300 people throughout the weekend and raise more than \$6,000 for the library.

Aztec's place in paranormal lore was secured in March 1948 when witnesses reported hearing and seeing a crash about 10 miles northeast of town in Hart Canyon. The story, as first published in 1950 by Frank Scully, maintains that the craft was a circular disk made of a foreign metal 100 feet in diameter, and inside were found the charred remains of 16 human-like bodies. A full recounting of the story is available at www.aztecufo.com.

Dennis Balthaser, who has attended and been a speaker at all 10 symposia, believes there is little doubt that something happened, but reminds truth seekers that a UFO is in fact an unidentified object until it's identified.

"I'm one of the few researchers who won't say 'this is what happened,' but I will look at the possibility that it could have happened," Balthaser said. "At first I wasn't too sure about Aztec, but the more research that's being done, the more I believe something actually did happen here."

Balthaser believes the military recovered whatever crashed and took it to Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio where the bodies were kept in cold storage and the craft analyzed. He compares the Aztec incident to the more famous Roswell incident, which happened 10 months earlier in 1947.

"My theory on both Roswell and Aztec is that whatever crashed, we don't know what it was, we don't know where it was found, and we don't know how it operates. Witnesses said it wasn't ours (the United States) and it wasn't Russian. At that time in history, there's really no one else it could've been," Balthaser said.

McClure has been fascinated with the Aztec crash site since she moved to the area in 1998 from Hollywood. After attending the first UFO Symposium in 1999, McClure purchased 10 acres of land in Hart Canyon near the Bureau of Land Management parcel on which the crash was alleged to have occurred. She now lives just more than a mile from the crash site.

"You used to be able to see the broken and bent trees," McClure said. "And people found garbage buried 18 inches underground that was military rations. How can anyone say nothing happened here?"

The Hart Canyon crash, while a dominant topic at the symposium, is not the sole subject. Speakers covered a range of topics including abductions, ancient civilizations and their technologies, crashes, sightings and government cover-ups. While many debate if the origins of UFO mysteries are terrestrial or otherwise, most agree that official information is in short supply.

"I think cover-up has become a way of life in the U.S.," Balthaser said. "They cover up and lie about so many things, it will be hard for them to ever tell the truth. I think our only hope is to have deathbed confessions."

The UFO Symposium concludes today with a noon screening of Roy Forbes' film "Fallen Angels," which documents an incident in Kingman, Ariz., as well as the Aztec crash. The film will be followed by a panel discussion with many of the weekend's speakers.

Also speaking today is Christopher O'Brien, who gained national prominence for chronicling a series of unexplained sightings in Colorado's San Luis Valley in the 1990s.

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Re: Raelians Sue Indiana University & Hashem -

From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 03:16:49 -1000
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 18:19:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Raelians Sue Indiana University & Hashem -

>From: Joseph McGowen <hashemfilms.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 18:01:46 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Raelians Sue Indiana University & Hashem

>Source: Raelianews.Org - Geneva, Switzerland

><http://raelianews.org/news.php>

>Mon 19 Mar 2007

>Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Involved In
>Extortion Plot And Civil Rights Violation

>The US Raelian Movement has filed a tort claim against the
>Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)
>regarding employees who have been involved in a plot to extort
>millions of dollars from the Raelian Movement and its leader
>Rael. Threats of violence and an attempt to prevent Raelians
>from exercising their First Amendment rights were also involved
>as well as multiple violations of the IUPUI ethical codes
>regarding research with live subjects. See the full claim IUPUI
>tort claim

<snip>

Hmm, I wonder if action could be taken against the Raelians for
fraudulent claims of cloning?

Josh Goldstein
Hashish Films

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Re: Classic UFO Encounter - Weber

From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 10:00:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 18:22:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Classic UFO Encounter - Weber

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 19:04:44 -0300
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>You can take that to the bank, too.

>More, more, Bill. Any distinguishing object details?

Time to strap on your plastic sandals and your knee length black
dress socks, Don, and c'mon down and ask him yourself! And in
the meantime, we could sample some Palmetto Ale.

Bill

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Re: Classic UFO Encounter - Weber

From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 10:05:24 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 18:24:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Classic UFO Encounter - Weber

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 15:23:03 -0500
>Subject: Re: Classic UFO Encounter

>>From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 11:10:23 -0400
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>I suspect the good Doctor was being facetious... otherwise I
>gots ta whack 'im with my "board-a-matic" (tm).

Sorry... sorry... I missed it. Not the first time, either.

Bill

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From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 11:37:06 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 18:25:22 -0400
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 Mar 2007 07:52:25 EDT
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>on the X axis velocity change of -14.19 ft/sec means retrograde.
>But the SLA panel ejection may also have been retrograde too,
>according to the 75-90-degree ejection angle figures I was given
>by NASA flight engineers (see above).

I have to agree with Lan about the coordinate system being Earth
Centered Inertial and not body (CSM) centered as you seem to
think it is. Thus the -X is not really retrograde.

>See analysis above. With so many confusing factors to consider
>one cannot really be dogmatic in asserting that "the" SLA panels
>were "all" X miles away and thus could not possibly have been
>visible at the time of the Apollo 11 astronauts' sighting. If I
>have missed some additional dynamics factor then all these
>results might change again.

Yeah, gravity does play a role and really should be
considered if you want an accurate assessment.

>At 8:17:55 PM (59h45m55s GET) ground control notified the Apollo
>crew that their PTC rotation was wrong, strangely off 20 degrees
>in pitch angle, and may need to be done all over again - meaning
>more RCS (Reaction Control System) rockets automatically firing
>at different angles to get just the right rotation. If not
>corrected right away it would result in the RCS jets continually
>firing off and on trying to adjust it, using up vital propellant
>and keeping the astronauts awake with the noise. The original
>PTC was established at around 6:40 PM. The new PTC rotation mode
>was successfully established at around 8:40 PM. The object
>sighting began around 9:00 PM.

Interesting observation.

Perhaps an examination of imagery of the CSM/LM can identify
missing mylar. They took alot of pictures of the LM on the lunar
surface.

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 17:06:12 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 12:21:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Shough

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 16:26:44 -0000
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 21:57:24 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

Hi Cathy

I've thought about this over the weekend, trying to understand/sympathise with your point of view on materialism. I haven't done very well I'm afraid. But, deep breath . . .

I suspect you might feel less antagonistic to a physicalistic monism if it called itself idealism (perhaps along the lines of Jeans' "great thought"), but of course the question, "Is the monistic substrate material or mental?" turns out to be empty, because the world remains unchanged under the transformation.

So therefore I take it you are a dualist by inclination and are sceptical about the hope of physical completeness because of an expectation - derived in part from 20thC quantum philosophy - that the programme of physics will eventually encounter (if it hasn't already) mental entities or qualities that cannot in principle be represented in other than mental form - i.e, are not "material" in terms of your broad definition of physicalism.

It feels to me as though you are going to define as "material" - and thus by implication as straight-jacketed by an a priorism - whatever entities, actions etc constitute the scientific model of nature at any future time - unless it incorporates an irreducibly mental substance or quality.

So, what has physics encountered? It is at the moment pluralist, unlike either materialism or idealism, and the parts of its ontology relate in strangely abstract and sometimes counterintuitive ways. The conventional standard model contains a number of types of entities and qualities that may themselves have inimical dual characters and are in tension with one another. For example, we presently have particle/wave, boson/fermion, observer/observed (subject/object), particle/antiparticle, real/imaginary, categories which cut across one another in various ways. The term "matter" now sums over a rather complicated set of symmetry groups and categories of other kinds with multiple ambiguous and contingent quantum properties, set generally against the background of a currently still-continuous spacetime metric of unknown dimension and unknown topology in a way which is not at all understood (spacetime/matter or continuity/discontinuity) .

Still, the aim of final unification is to integrate these various entities, qualities and interactions within one coherent possibly supersymmetric quantum description. Even though this final description is presently held to be self-destructive (only fully realised in the moment of creation, so very remote from the diverse world of our mental experience) arguably that will

lead to a discretist rather than to a continuous description, and discreteness is culturally identified with materiality, as opposed to continuity which has associations of intangible immateriality. So if it is held that mental phenomena are to be sought somewhere in amongst these entities and interactions then there's a casual sense (though a technically redundant sense) in which physicalism might still be called materialism. But names are emotive. Call the unified stuff of this physics quality X.

Let's suppose we are not happy with that - that we have tried to model mentation using loops of chaotic spacetime, or self-organised causal set theory, or whatever unknown thing it might be (this being the future), without success, and there are no permutations left. We have exhausted physicalism, it would seem to fair to say, and (it follows) materialism as well, and have to postulate some additional quality beyond the physics of X, call it quality Y. By definition we don't know much about quality Y, mainly we have some negative properties of its antisymmetry to quality X. Possibly we know as little about it as we knew about quality X in the time of ancient Greek materialists, or even less. Y-ology is evidently going to be tricky and slow, probably highly abstract. Some physicists may complain at the start that it isn't proper physics at all, and some critics may even claim that it's the end of science. But any guarantee that the problem will forever resist investigation is a hostage to fortune. Once people start to think about knitting strands of Y-theory into the loose ends of X-theory the probability that they will eventually discover how to rotate X and Y into one another inside a Z theory becomes non-zero.

Is Z theory still physicalist? Of course. Is it still materialist? If anyone by then still remembers what that meant I don't think they will care.

Yes it might happen that Z theory crashes, or only gets as far as Z theory v.3, that science does end for ever at the borders of the mind - howsoever redefined the conception of mind and its borders may be by that time. It might fail in other ways - for example we might populate the universe and yet still fail to explain the origin of spacetime before it is destroyed. But I don't see the possibility of ever proving a physical non-completeness theorem in the present.

Nobody disputes that some people espouse opinions that seem psychologically related to those of 19th C materialists. Let's say that had they lived at that time one feels they would have characterised themselves as materialists, even if they deprecate the term. But what we feel as objectionable about this is surely not that this 19th C person might have been sceptical of the wisdom or economy of a dualistic ontology, not that he might have cautioned that a future physics would so redefine the terms of the apparent dichotomy as to resolve it on an unforeseeable new level; but that he would have insisted on the comprehensibility of mental phenomena within the terms of the physics of his day.

Since that physics did not include ideal substance, he would have been an anti-idealist, and therefore by default a materialist, which, encouraged by the popular scientific philosophy of his day, he probably would have interpreted in a manner shall we say lacking nuance - basically Laplacian causal determinism played out on the big billiard table in the sky - without much inquiring into the meaning of "matter" beyond possibly kicking the leg of his own billiard table with a Johnsonian boot after a postprandial snifter.

I do see some cases of people defending what they see as established truths from the past, too important to their own philosophy to be exposed to challenge, but I don't think this is necessarily the psychology (in general) of those who are re-examining the issue of objective probability in QM. You take issue with this tendency as though it were a harking back to the 19th C classical reductive causal determinism of Laplace, but I don't see that. On the contrary I see the possibility that an orthodoxy in which "hidden variables" seemed to become a swear word may be approaching a rebirth. With genuine respect, I do wonder if you are inclined to see it the way you do because you have a prejudice in favour of the ideal and this point of view retains a clearer form by perpetuating the dichotomy.

There's no going back to 19thC determinism, for one thing

because it is now well established independently of QM that it had always been incoherent even in classical terms. Exner and Schrodinger independently showed around 1920 that even the simplest classical system of particles is not predictable in the Laplacian sense, because initial conditions include velocity and are thus unknowable in an instant. The future motion of a particle is not determined at an instant but is context-dependent over time. This is obviously related to the unpredictability of chaotic systems with their sensitivity to "initial conditions" and the discovery that approximately deterministic-type behaviour is really a rather special case of isolated systems in nature. This doesn't come from QM, but it does have implications for QM and highlights a question about its borrowing of the classical notion of indeterminism as a model for quantum systems. It might be better to say that QM begins a process of redefining what probability is, and to suggest that chance may not be bedrock is in this sense not at all a return to a fallacious classical determinism but is a second phase of a continuing revolution overturning it.

A future new quantum physics incorporating nonlocal correlations and complex system behaviour might reinterpret the whole thermodynamical picture and with it the meaning of probability, in effect perhaps explain what chance is - and why we are - in terms of an entirely new causal order, instead of accepting it as a given. Perhaps the causal structure need not be the same as the local-historical structure after all, but a distributed structure - something like Bohm's implicate order, neither prior nor final cause but if you like an orthogonal point of view that subsumes both.

Of course there will be a mixed bag of responses to this possibility, and some individuals may indeed be encouraged in a secret nostalgia for Victorian simplicity. But I think for the most part it has some attraction for the quite good reason that many people are still uncomfortable with the resolution (or lack of resolution) of the measurement problem, and with the technical completeness of QM, and get discouraged by failure to resolve the old incompatibility with GR. So they look around for another framework. There is no reason in the world why we should think it creditable for physicists to suppress their consciencious suspicions so as not to appear to "peddle" ideas that some people will find offensive. That would be just the sort of politically-correct self-censorship that critics could rightly condemn as establishment science gone bad.

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>>ironically it's only an interpretation of mind in
>>terms of the "archaic distinction" between matter and spirit
>>that denies that mind can be part of the loop, that denies
>>science the right to model it, and then complains because
>>science won't recognise it.

>A lot depends on what you are assuming about the nature of
>mind.

I'm not assuming anything about it, because I think the nature of mind remains to be understood. But I can see that the terms of the question are already very different from those of the 19th C, because of developments in physics including nonlocal entanglement and self-organised complex systems, and I fully expect that next century the terms will have been altered again, unpredictably, because formal changes in future physics will be coupled to massive changes in outlook. The world will have a different flavour and texture to 22ndC philosophers. I don't see any likelihood of spontaneous philosophical revolution occurring except insofar as it is coupled to the system of self-regenerating theories and reality-checks that is physics.

>There is nothing about a distinction between matter and spirit,
>"archaic" or otherwise, which requires that mind cannot be
>scientifically understood, or be "part of the loop". If you are
>assuming nothing a priori about the nature of mind, then I
>agree that what you are saying is wholly unexceptionable - but
>it certainly is not the case that materialism, either in the
>nineteenth century or today, assumes nothing a priori about the
>nature of mind.

Physicalism assumes nothing a priori about anything - it is an abstraction ;-). People do, of course. But the point to hang on

to is that neither they nor science can operate at all without doing so. It is inevitable that we send conjectures into the future and that they will be refuted. It is essential that people and science pursue ideas that are mistaken. What makes science possible is that we are ignorant. Omniscience would be the heat death of the intellect.

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>>>But the doctrine of physical completeness - which is actually
>>>what most people today mean by materialism -

>>"most people today" yes, because _today_ materialism has
>>acquired different connotations from those of yesterday (when it
>>had a clearly defined meaning as the obverse of spiritualism)
>>and this is precisely because the scope of the idea of "physical
>>completeness" has expanded like a floodtide and washed across
>>archaic category boundaries to submerge both of those ancient
>>islands - but for small hilltops, where tiny remnant populations
>>of archaists gaze balefully at one another across the rising
>>water.

>In which case the question remains, does materialism in its
>modern sense (or what you see as its modern sense) make a
>priori assumptions about the nature and type of the entities
>which fall within its scope, or does it not? If not, then
>materialism as a concept is now tautological, indeed redundant.

Well, people make individual assumptions. But insofar as the product of those assumptions translates into some evolving thing we can call physics, my point of view is that physics makes only the assumptions connected with necessary consistency, integrativity, intelligibility, refutability, measurability and predictivity. Obviously consistency means that new ideas and entities must make contact with past ones, hopefully improving the whole (no sane person would envisage wiping the slate clean at each paradigm shift - this would defeat the whole notion of progress). So there is an array of tools and "materials" that serves as the basis state for each new adaptation and the adaptation can be dramatic but not arbitrary. Does this amount to "assumptions"? Yes. A priori assumptions? No. Individual attempts at a priorism do sometimes work, but only by rare accident.

So to get to a priori assumptions I think you have to go right back to the basic desiderata of measurability and predictivity etc. Making these stipulations initially is, as far as I can see, a priori in a strict sense, and it does lead to certain parts of experience being unamenable to science's method. That very definitely doesn't mean that everything science leaves out is unreal or unimportant. At one time of course the amenable part was very tiny; nowadays it's rather larger, but because science expands the totality of experience it is constantly running to catch up with itself and the TOE which explains not only quark-gluon interactions but also the ineffably pitiable wave of mystery that suddenly engulfs your mind in the 3AM darkness is not even a gleam in anyone's eye. But, although the decision to corral off measurable and predictable systems of observables as giving rise to a special type of knowledge is not justifiable a priori it is so far justified by its results. The area of experience incorporated has continued to grow before, despite periodic crises. I don't see any compelling evidence that the growth (of the whole process, of both conjecture and refutation) must stop at any point.

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>>QM . . . will have to find/invent what it needs.

>QM will find/invent nothing at all Martin, since it is purely
>an abstract theoretical construction. It's real-life human
>beings who will do the finding and inventing.

Exactly. Which has been a large part of my point in objecting, since before you joined this thread, to an infantile conception of science that expects of it the whole Truth and wants it now, that screams "unfair" and "cover up" when all that is forthcoming is the imperfect product of conscientious human effort, and which seems to me to abuse the luxurious freedom afforded them by science to belabor it with cudgels of its own hard-fought making.

>And real-life human
>beings are prone to all sorts of individual and social
>prejudices and preconceptions, which predispose them to find
>and invent what they want as much as what they need.

This is to me so self-evidently and exhaustively true of all activities as to take the definition of "trivial" to a new level. The predispositions of human beings are involved in all their productions, good and bad, right and wrong, the conjecture and the refutation. "Character is fate". Individually, culturally and specifically we are in hock to our past.

But what you need to remember is that without our past we would have no ideas at all and any type of cultural progress would be unthinkable - literally. This is why we have no alternative but to put up with imperfect mental constructions, of which the inherited dualism of material and ideal substances, or the inherited monistic point of view towards which science tends because it believes it to be simpler, may either or both be examples.

>>That no-one knows how to reconstruct QM is correct, but that it
>>will need to be reconstructed is an increasingly widely held
>>view in connection with the stubborn issue of gravitation and
>>it is possible to speculate that this might allow
>>reinterpretation
>>of the old issues surrounding determinism/indeterminism and
>>the status of so-called hidden variables.

>And it's quite reasonable to speculate along these lines. But I
>think your interpretation of the actual state of affairs is
>rather too generous. What I see is not so much an opening up of
>possibilities, but a shutting down.

You seem to see what ought to be a smooth curve of advance towards your preferred destination having a kink put in it by the sheer perverseness and/or crudity of a generation of theorists unwilling to concede the completeness of the form of QM hammered out during the mid 20th C and disrespectful of received wisdom with no good reason. I disagree. What I see is that the two-branched paradigm of 20thC physics (QM +GR) has failed to unify itself by internal means and the whole thing is jostling up against a limit to growth that causes friction points and some questioning reflection. This questioning is natural and right when progress appears stymied. What happens if you tweak this? Has anyone really tried pushing that obviously wrong idea to the limit? What happens if we relax this condition? And it is most natural and most right that attention focuses especially on those areas which have widely been spotlighted in the past as extraordinary central characteristics of the old paradigm.

>>But if the fact that no-one knows all the answers now is
>>unacceptable, then I guess the vandals must be right. It's the
>>End. Science has Failed. Turn out the lights and leave the
>>hordes to sack it. This is the implication of the views you are
>>defending.

>If science has failed (and that is an "if" because I'm not
>necessarily endorsing the view that it has) then surely the
>appropriate course of action is to ask why.

We can ask why new physics should seem so difficult these days. I think much of it is an illusion born of unrealistic expectations on the part of the hugely swollen numbers of people following the activity as interested spectators and commentators. Physicists can become minor celebrities at a young age. More pressure for the new big theory, the new big book. Part of it is the speed of communication, the ease with which results and ideas are spread around in blogs and e-archives. There is an accelerated reaction rate and a certain febrile quality that couldn't have been there a few decades ago, so the clock rate is faster and the world of real change seems sluggish in relation to the information flow.

But underlying this it seems that the wagon train of theoretical physics has got itself into difficult terrain where the going is getting difficult and two lines of wagons are stuck in divergent ruts. As you say the appropriate thing is to ask how they got there, in order to be able to spot a route to some virgin hard

ground. Unfortunately the hard ground is off the current map on the sheet that you haven't got yet. You don't know which direction it lies in and you don't know what the magnetic variation might be over there either. The only way to predict how to get there is to go back over the old ground looking for where you might have taken a different turning in the past. This is what I think is happening and will probably have to happen more radically yet. QM and GR might both have to go back a long way, in some sense, to go forward. Whether the old philosophical compass will still be useful when they set out across that unknown territory it isn't really possible to know.

>Smolin appears to
>put the blame on an increasingly rigid and institutionalized
>bureaucracy with the academic community itself. It's certainly
>true that science as a social enterprise is a very different
>thing today from what it was fifty years ago. It may also have
>something to do with the exponential increase in the cost and
>complexity of the equipment needed to perform even basic
>observations in some fields, together with an increase in the
>complexity of theories and correspondingly in the amount of
>data needed to specify them.

It's a tough old game I'm sure and is not likely ever to get easier. I don't see any need to blame anybody. Still less do I see the justification for some people ranting about institutionalised corruption and suppression of the Truth in theoretical physics.

That current models are almost certainly flawed would be an unexceptionable claim in any age, as science's own critical self-examination of how and why it works has taught us. To throw that back in the face of physics with the accusation that the game is systematically "fixed", on the evidence that physics is in disarray, is outrageous and internally inconsistent. Yes there is indeed, now as so often before, trouble in paradise, and I'm certain none knows that better than the physicists who've fomented it and who, if allowed to, will put the next 50-year sticking plaster on the open wound that is the human condition. Should we take surgery out of the hands of doctors because none of us live forever? By all means let's give them advice, but let's not ransack the operating theatre out of self-defeating impatience.

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>>My personal view is that most people don't actually think about
>>it in 'ism' terms at all, exactly because they are not inclined
>>to be philosophers, not of a deeply speculative turn of mind,
>>just well-educated, competent practitioners of their specialisms
>>who try to make modest advances that people in other fields
>>rarely care much about except for lucky accidents when some
>>result escapes from a backwater of materials science into the
>>big time because it happens to be relevant to superconductivity
>>or whatever But isms, schisms, what does it matter to them?
>>Just make the experiment and write the paper. And why not? Not
>>everyone can be at the frontiers of profound problems as a pure
>>theoretical physicist, which has been described as one of the
>>most difficult of all human activities; and only a few of those
>>can be lucky and clever enough to be in at the birth of a new
>>paradigm of thought. But you, and some others, seem to find
>>some cause for opprobrium in this fact. I don't. Neither I think
>>does any person with a sensible and pragmatic view of what science
>>is and how it works. But I've been boring on this elsewhere.

>The question is whether this is really what is happening or
>whether latent or even unrecognized assumptions are restricting
>the development of theory, not in the mainstream of science, but
>at the very frontiers of knowledge.

Well certainly they are. I wouldn't know how to begin to converse with someone who held any other view. The implication that we might ever have unrestricted freedom to know inner nature in some way other than through theories which are there to be disproved as quickly as possible strikes me as astonishing. Minds laced with latent assumptions generate all the successful theories as well as the dud ones. But which ones are the restrictive ones? At a point of paradigm shift it's possible that the bottleneck turns out to be not little assumptions around the edges but one at the middle so big and so much a part of the furniture that no-one sees it anymore. What

might there be in QM, say, that has this character? Right away you'd guess it might have some connection with the measurement problem or the "actualisation of probabilities". Lots of people assume that already. No-one knows quite what has to be done. But you should perhaps anticipate that the issues surrounding our 20thC framing of the measurement problem could change - and in particular that speculations about mental reduction of the quantum state _might_ one day become irrelevant. I would say this is as likely as anything else.

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>Kuhn's theory of science is after all retrospective rather than
>predictive - but science simply hasn't been in existence long
>enough for us to say that it follows a regular pattern of
>punctuated equilibrium. Science today is not what it was
>twenty, thirty, fifty, or a hundred years ago.

Of course it isn't. And in Kuhn's "day" (c.1960?) it was very different from science in the days of Copernicus, Kepler, Priestley, Roentgen, Newton, Maxwell, Faraday, Einstein or many of the others whose work he uses to construct his thesis. A mere account of a particular scientific event in Berkeley in 1960 would rightly have given Kuhn lasting obscurity. What gave his theory value and resonance was finding the universal in all these particulars. The implication that we live in a special time when the usual patterns of change have ceased to apply seems to me like special pleading and, when coupled with hints of the End of Science (title of an unintentionally amusing retrospective on the last days of a dying culture, published by John Horgan 10 or 12 years ago now) has almost millennialist overtones.

>>What motivates it is the search for something that works. Yes
>>it is possible to discern a subtle change in mood, the feeling
>>that maybe those arguments that ruled out deterministic
>>underpinnings for all time should be revisited.

>I don't think there's anything subtle about it Martin. It looks
>to me like a wholesale attempt to turn the clock back to the
>materialist dogmas of the past. Admittedly, I haven't taken a
>poll of any sort but it does look to me like a generational
>thing.

OK, but isn't it always a generational thing? Every major change starts as or becomes a generational thing. It might be possible to characterise someone's sticking up for the philosophical conventions established by the big names of the early 20thC as a generational reaction against those young whippersnapper "peddlers of dogma" seeking to undermine the great work of the past :-)

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>>You evidently dislike this
>>rather much for personal emotional reasons - "peddling" "old
>>fashioned" "distinctly dusty". I wouldn't myself want to
>>proscribe any attempt to make theories that work. If they
>>don't, they don't. I think they might. But you are free to make
>>any alternative suggestion you wish.

>I dislike nonsense that is peddled as solving problems when in
>fact it does nothing of the kind, Martin.

It's usually difficult to tell what suggestions will work to solve problems until after they have been suggested. I see no alternative to allowing theorists and experimenters to put ideas before their colleagues and before nature to find out if they work or not. If you are in a better position than they to see that the problematical mid-20thC formalisations and explications of QM are bedrock for all time then you are clearly gifted in this area and I can only suggest that you redouble your efforts to persuade them.

>Particularly nonsense
>that involves a lot of waffle about decoherence (check out that
>dreadful article in last week's New Scientist) and which tries
>to pass off anything remotely embarrassing to a modern
>materialist point of view (such as Wigner's idea about
>consciousness "collapsing" the wavefunction) as an obsolete
>notion we should erase from our mental vocabulary.

I haven't seen the article so can't comment on your objections re decoherence, but note that Wigner's Friend was the product of a physicist who got his Nobel for fundamental work on symmetry groups in quantum theory. The Friend grew out of decades of agonising by physicist's about Schrodinger's cat paradox and that eminent physicist's own speculations about a unitary cosmic consciousness. And whilst we're on the topic of what "works", Wigner's original intention did not work, as he proposed that his Friend required changes to the rules of QM, which if found necessary would have been evidence for his theory. But they weren't found necessary and I don't believe any experimental evidence has ever been inconsistent with the decoherence point of view. Nevertheless it was part of a highly influential strand of thought and the resulting cultural debate about the human significance of the QM measurement problem has come to represent QM in the eyes of the world. I can't for the life of me see any justification whatsoever for thinking that physics has been shy of these issues. On the contrary I don't see any evidence that the issues would exist for discussion were it not for physics.

The difficulty with Wigner's point of view is that although it has been analysed inside and out by some of the smartest people in the world for decades and has motivated huge changes in popular philosophy, it has not got anywhere concrete. It was developed in the context of a quantum theory which everybody agrees is difficult to interpret, not really rigorously well-defined, and is presently unable to cope with large areas of the world of our experience.

I may be wrong, but I don't think the "consciousness collapse" interpretation has since the 1930s been able (any more than "many worlds" has) to introduce a single change into the formalism of QM, or helped to explain or remove questions surrounding the use of renormalisation group methods (Feynman's "dippy hocus pocus"), or predict anything like a new effect or a new symmetry, or reconcile QM with general relativity. In short the topic of consciousness remains in QM, but not of QM. Should it be the essence of QM? Maybe it should. But we can't resort to established QM as authority for the claim that consciousness must be central to interpreting it, or for the even larger claim that physical coherence is unrealisable, if there are good reasons for believing that QM itself is not fully coherent. I think the issue is vulnerable to changes in the underlying theory that are not predictable but are inevitable.

Which brings us back to the question of whether this imperfect and changeable state of affairs is due to a conspiracy of suppression on the part of a corrupt and incompetent scientific establishment or whether it is because science is very difficult, because existence is very mysterious and because plateaux in the curve of advance are the natural order of things - in short because it is the human condition to do our best and find perpetually that it is not enough.

And the secondary question is whether things can be improved by taking control of the process in some different way that corrects whatever it is about the way people's minds work that causes us to be unable to see today what conclusions they are going to reach tomorrow. I don't think there is any evidence in favour of this. As long as there is progress in physics - as elsewhere - there will always be an orthodoxy and there will always be people who complain about it. Fortunately, some of those people will be physicists and they are the people who (influenced of course by cross-fertilisation between other cultural areas) will lay the foundations of the next orthodoxy to become the taken-for-granted reference basis of another generation of scientists, their popularisers and their critics. I think it's a realistic possibility that by the time QM and GR are turned upside down to be reborn inside 22nd C physics the terms of the question "why do I exist?" will have changed so dramatically that if the answer were given us now none of us would recognise it.

Anyway, that's as far as I can go at the moment with this mysteriously-titled thread - I'll leave the last word to you as I'm all out of energy and the sun is shining. But it's all very interesting.
Sorry for the prolixity.

Martin

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Professor Howell passed away at 81.

He redefined anthropology six ways to Sunday.

He's not an UFO subject, but I raise a praise to him because of how he changed the face of one field of study. He did what a real professional should do.

Remember, in his day anthropology faced numerous hurdles and public scorn. It still does today, yet because of scholars like Howell, we've a better picture of early man and life on Earth.

He added the other sciences and studies to anthropology and changed cultures for the better.

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It keeps one sharp and appreciative of other cultures and generations and life in general.

Best,
Greg

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By Mohamed Amiin.

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Villagers report that the device fell five days ago in area which lies forty kilo meters north of Buulo Burde town.

The device is occupying in an area of one hundred meters square as villagers who spotted this device confirmed to Shabelle Radio.

"In the evening of last Wednesday, a large device flew over our head and moments later, we heard a large sound, bam" said Ilyas Ali, a villager who lives nearby where this large device has fallen.

Ilyas spoke of the device, telling that in the daylight it glitters and in a night time, it turns lights and speaks a strange language which can't be understood by the villagers.

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"...it hovered for almost a minute or two above us. It swayed from side to side and at one point stood up and looked tall but then went back to it's triangular shape...we could see pulsating white and red lights...and it was huge!..."
- Gridley, Illinois NUFORC report, 2-20-07

"What I did see was 3 white, bright circles in a triangular formation and a fading red light between the back 2..."
- Mequon, Wisconsin NUFORC report, 2-20-07

"...What the hell is that!"
- Hermitage, Tennessee NUFORC report, 2-22-07

"...Notice object hovering when I looked out from my deck...I have never seen anything like this before..."
- Kansas testimony MUFON report with Video footage, 2-22-07

[More...]

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 13:51:51 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 07:23:43 -0400
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 11:37:06 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

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On checking Starry Night, the Moon's position was dec 6 degrees,
RA 143 degrees on 7/16/69. The velocity changes for the
separation maneuver (dec 26.7, RA 123.2) and the midcourse
correction (dec 21.3 RA 137.1) were both in the general
direction of the moon, so it appears that neither maneuver was
retrograde. There's still this evasive maneuver that Brad Sparks
pointed out that we don't know anything about. It might have
been sufficient to put the spacecraft closer to the panels, but
I would suppose an evasive maneuver would have the opposite
effect.

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>>results might change again.
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>Yeah, gravity does play a role and really should be
>considered if you want an accurate assessment.

You'd need it for more precise assessments, but I think it can
be ignored for the purpose of testing the notion that an SLA
panel was close enough for the astronauts to have discerned its
shape through their 28X telescope. As I pointed out in my last
message, the gravitational acceleration term cancels out,
assuming that the spacecraft and the panel were subjected to the
same gravitational forces. It would only be a factor if they
were so far apart that there would have been major differences

in the magnitudes and directions of the gravitational forces that they experiencing, in which case there would be no question at all that the panels couldn't have been seen by the astronauts.

>>At 8:17:55 PM (59h45m55s GET) ground control notified the Apollo
>>crew that their PTC rotation was wrong, strangely off 20 degrees
>>in pitch angle, and may need to be done all over again - meaning
>>more RCS (Reaction Control System) rockets automatically firing
>>at different angles to get just the right rotation. If not
>>corrected right away it would result in the RCS jets continually
>>firing off and on trying to adjust it, using up vital propellant
>>and keeping the astronauts awake with the noise. The original
>>PTC was established at around 6:40 PM. The new PTC rotation mode
>>was successfully established at around 8:40 PM. The object
>>sighting began around 9:00 PM.

>Interesting observation.

>Perhaps an examination of imagery of the CSM/LM can identify
>missing mylar. They took alot of pictures of the LM on the lunar
>surface.

If only a small strip of Mylar was removed, the photographs might not even show it. But this does seem to be a possibility that you can't really rule out. Maybe a relatively gentle puff of exhaust gases from a thruster would be enough to dislodge a piece of mylar from the LM that was already loose, but certainly not enough force to rip something off that was firmly attached.

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Galvin

From: David Galvin <d.galvin.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 21:22:08 +0000
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 07:54:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Galvin

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 17:06:12 +0100
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Mar 2007 16:26:44 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 20 Mar 2007 21:57:24 -0000
>>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>Hi Cathy

>I've thought about this over the weekend, trying to
>understand/sympathise with your point of view on materialism. I
>haven't done very well I'm afraid. But, deep breath . . .

>I suspect you might feel less antagonistic to a physicalistic
>monism if it called itself idealism (perhaps along the lines of
>Jeans' "great thought"), but of course the question, "Is the
>monistic substrate material or mental?" turns out to be empty,
>because the world remains unchanged under the transformation.

<snip>

>Anyway, that's as far as I can go at the moment with this
>mysteriously-titled thread - I'll leave the last word to you as
>I'm all out of energy and the sun is shining. But it's all very
>interesting.

>Sorry for the prolixity.

Mr. Shough and the List,

With the greatest of respect I confess that I am reminded by
your post of a lecture I attended in Waterloo, Ontario at the
tail end of the first Gulf Slaughter.

The speaker was Gwynne Dyer, the Canadian journalist and
military historian. After his talk, which if I remember
correctly concerned the putative New World Order, the floor was
thrown open for questions.

A tall, pale and ascetic-looking young man stood, stroked his
scruffy beard in obvious earnest reflection, and asked, "Um, is
your argument, then, a teleological one?"

To which Dyer shot back, breaking up the whole room, "Don't even
know what the word means!"

Regards,

David Galvin

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Ball Lightning Data Collection Project In Spain

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 00:23:54 +0200 (CEST)
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 07:56:56 -0400
Subject: Ball Lightning Data Collection Project In Spain

Dear UFO Ccolleagues:

Just a few lines to inform you that a programme for the collection of eyewitness testimonies of sightings of ball lightning in Spain has been launched, in co-ordination with a number of web sites, blogs and magazines. To this end, a specific questionnaire has been designed and placed on-line for observers to submit their data.

Although it is in Spanish, I have thought some of you could be interested to take a look.

The on-line form is iat:

<http://www.formassembly.com/forms/36347>

and some additional information can be found in the blog noted below. Sincerely,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

FOTOCAT Blog <http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

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Secrecy News -- 03/26/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 17:00:23 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 07:58:56 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 03/26/07

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FORUM: CONGRESSIONAL ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFO

The ability of Congress to gain access to classified executive branch information, which is the enabling condition for legislative oversight of national security activities, will be discussed at a public forum on March 30 sponsored by the Center for American Progress and OpenTheGovernment.org.

"What options does Congress have when the executive branch refuses to provide the information it requests? When is it appropriate for Congress to make national security information available to the public and the press?"

These and related questions will be discussed in a keynote address by Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA), who is now chair of the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Intelligence.

Her talk will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Mark Agrast of the Center for American Progress and featuring Eleanor Hill, former staff director of the congressional Joint Inquiry into 9/11; Suzanne Spaulding, former staff director of the House Intelligence Committee; Eric Lichtblau of the New York Times; and myself.

The event, which is open to the public, will be held at the Center for American Progress. For more information, see:

<http://www.americanprogress.org/events/2007/03/classified.html>

A convenient analysis of the underlying issues was provided in "Congressional Access to Executive Branch Information: Legislative Tools," Congressional Research Service, May 17, 2001:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RL30966.pdf>

AWARDS OF ATTORNEYS FEES, AND MORE FROM CRS

Last year a federal court ruled in favor of the Federation of American Scientists in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, finding that the National Reconnaissance Office had unlawfully withheld certain unclassified budget records from disclosure.

Although we won the lawsuit and finally got the records this year, we were not entitled to recovery of attorneys' fees, since we litigated the case without an attorney. Which makes sense. Instead, the government was obliged to reimburse our costs, particularly the \$250 filing fee to bring the lawsuit. A check is supposed to be in the mail.

Anyway, the legal practices and procedures governing the award of attorneys' fees in legal proceedings of all kinds are fairly complicated, with numerous exceptions and qualifications.

A newly updated report from the Congressional Research Service presents what seems to be a comprehensive treatment of the subject (in 123 pages).

See "Awards of Attorneys' Fees by Federal Courts and Federal Agencies," updated March 1, 2007:

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

Some other noteworthy CRS products that are not readily available in other public collections include these.

"Intelligence Issues for Congress," updated February 27, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL33539.pdf>

"China-U.S. Aircraft Collision Incident of April 2001: Assessments and Policy Implications," updated October 10, 2001:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL30946.pdf>

VARIOUS RESOURCES

In the last quarter, the Department of Energy (DOE) reviewed over 690,000 pages of publicly available records at the National Archives and found 590 pages containing classified nuclear weapons information that it said should not have been disclosed, according to a newly released report to Congress.

At Congressional direction, DOE has proceeded on the assumption that absolutely no disclosure of classified nuclear information is tolerable, no matter how old or obsolete it may be. This is a poor premise for security policy and it ensures that scarce resources will be diverted from their optimal use.

See the Twenty-Fourth Report to Congress on Inadvertent Disclosures of Restricted Data and Formerly Restricted Data, February 2007 (redacted version released March 2007):

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/inadvertent24.pdf>

The U.S. Navy is seeking to expedite its technology development and acquisition practices to meet "urgent capability needs" arising from the "global war on terrorism."

"The GWOT" -- the expansive Bush Administration term for everything from the pursuit of al Qaeda to the attempted suppression of violent sectarian disputes in Iraq -- "has generated rapidly evolving military needs that require responsive materiel solutions," according to a new Navy Notice.

The March 8, 2007 Notice from the Secretary of the Navy specifies that the Naval Innovation Laboratory (NaIL), a virtual organization, "will bring together, on demand, multidisciplinary teams to develop and deliver rapid, innovative solutions to [an urgent capability need] and will ...develop, integrate, test and deliver fieldable prototypes for use by the warfighter."

See SECNAV Note 5000, "Rapid Development and Deployment Response to Urgent Global War on Terrorism Needs."

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/secnavnote5000.pdf>

Recently published hearing records from the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence include the following.

"Current and Projected National Security Threats to the United States," February 2, 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/020206threat.html

"Confirmation Hearing of Kenneth L. Wainstein to be Assistant Attorney General for National Security," May 16, 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/wainstein.html

"Confirmation Hearing of General Michael V. Hayden to be the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency," May 18, 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/hayden.html

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UFO Esoterica?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 08:14:40 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 08:14:40 -0400
Subject: UFO Esoterica?

I received this yesterday - would any astronomers/researchers care to comment - after looking at the site?

ebk

From: Ted Anderson <Ted.nul>
To: <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 21:03:55 -0700
Subject: UFO Portal

<http://www.we-are-not-alone.us/>

Something is happening - Extremely important - Something is happening - Do our Governments know about this?

I've been watching a special location in the Heavens for 30 years, (UFO Universe Freeway Entrance/Portal) and have seen several hundred mother ships and planetary vehicles come and go. Since August, something has changed.

Three (3) small red Alien Ships are controlling the entrance. I've not seen one Alien mother ship come or go since this started. They move fast, they chase one another, they hold in place; this has been going for several weeks now. You don't require anything more than your own eyes. But you have to be in a dark location, you will not be able to see them if your in a city. If you can see the Big Dipper, look to the south around Arcturus and watch between 9 pm and Midnight. They are too dark and move too fast to record with any normal camera.

I think they're here for a reason. Are they protecting our planet for some reason? If so - WHAT? - WHY?

They have to be security ships - very powerful and are controlling what alien civilizations visit our galaxy - what other reason could there be?

I hope you can see the Big Dipper from your home. Good luck, enjoy, this is exciting, but scary at the same time!

<snip of site content>

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UK MP's Parliamentary Condign Question Answered

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Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 08:37:25 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 08:21:13 -0400
Subject: UK MP's Parliamentary Condign Question Answered

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2007 12:05:44 -0000
>Subject: UK MP Tables Question On Condign Report

>Norman Baker Member of Parliament - who has previously asked the
>Government about my UFO investigations at the MoD - tabled a
>question in Parliament yesterday concerning Project Condign:

>"To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much was spent
>producing the report Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air
>Defence Region; who the author was; what the author's
>qualifications in this subject were; to whom the report was
>circulated; what actions were taken on the recommendations of
>the report; and if he will make a statement."

>The question is numbered 143 and can be viewed on the
>Parliamentary website about halfway down the list of questions
>for future answer, here:

><http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmordbk2/70319o01.htm>

The Government have now replied to this question as follows:

"It is not possible to provide accurate details as to the cost of producing the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena report as this was one of several tasks that were included within a single contract and detailed costings for each of these tasks is not available. However, it is estimated that the overall cost was approximately =A350,000.

The author of the report was a contractor and was employed by the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS) on a long-term contract. Further details of the author, including the name, are being withheld under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998.

The report was circulated within the DIS and to other branches of the Ministry of Defence and RAF. As recommended by the report, the DIS ceased to monitor unidentified aerial phenomena sighting reports (and therefore reaped a saving in staff time) as they contained no information of Defence Intelligence interest and no further action was taken."

The question and answer can be viewed on the Parliamentary website, fourth down at the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/youpd7>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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There is a nice diagram in an official NASA document, "Guidance
and Control Systems: Command and Service Module Stabilization
and Control System," NASA Johnson Space Center, NASA Technical
Note TN D-7785, September 1974, available online at the
following webpage and link:

http://klabs.org/history/apollo_experience_reports/index.htm

At PDF p. 12 in the above NASA report there is a drawing of the
Apollo Command-Service Module marking the X, Y and Z axes. The X
axis goes right through the length of the spacecraft,
longitudinally, with the +X direction marked at the front nose
of the Apollo and also marked "+X translation" meaning +X
direction of straight-line translated motion instead of rolling
motions in yaw-pitch-roll.

The Apollo 11 Mission Report describes the effects of the
Separation (or Evasive) Maneuver on its arrival at the moon as
slowing the spacecraft arrival time by about 32 minutes, meaning
the burn was indeed _retrograde_. Velocity changes from
maneuvers in that report in Table 7-II Trajectory Parameters are
related to what is designated the "Space-fixed Velocity" changes
in the "body-centered, inertial reference coordinate system."
(PDF p. 93). But when the report tabulates the maneuvers with X,
Y and Z components in Table 8.6-II Maneuver Summary a footnote
states that "Velocities are in earth- or moon-centered inertial
coordinates; velocity residuals are in body coordinates."

In any case, regardless which coordinate system was used, a

sizable Z-velocity component means significant velocity out-of-plane, and potentially off in the direction of one of the four SLA panels. At least 2 of the SLA panels would have had major velocity components in Z compared to the total velocity change.

Another NASA report on pyrotechnics online at that same webpage (above) describes the explosive bolts (detonators and cartridges) and explosive trains using RDX high explosive to separate and eject the SLA panels. Explosive cartridges actuated the spring-loaded thrusters that ejected the SLA panels from the S-IVB Saturn third stage. Unfortunately it does not give a velocity of SLA jettison.

But it does show drawings that seem to indicate about a 50-degree forward not backward ejection contrary to the 75-to-90-degree backward ejection angles I was given by NASA engineers many years ago, relative to the spacecraft body X-axis. (See PDF p. 16.) This would mean that there could be a forward 40-degree velocity component instead of a backward 15-degree velocity component to the SLA panel ejection.

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I may have to modify or correct my previous analysis of gravitational effects on the respective velocities of the Apollo and the SLA panels. The effects of gravity depend greatly on radial distance from the earth, due to the inverse-square distance relation. The Apollo Separation Maneuver and SLA panel ejection put distance between the astronauts and the SLA panels. Thus the distances of the SLA panels to the earth will be significantly different than the Apollo's distance to earth.

Since this relative difference in distances to the earth between SLA and Apollo will also be increasing with time the differential gravitational deceleration effect will also increase. Gravity will then slow the SLA and the Apollo down at different rates, thus also changing the effective delta-V's between SLA panels and Apollo in the earth-radial direction.

For a crude example let's take the situation about 1 hour after the SLA panel ejection at 3h17m into the flight, i.e., at about 4h17m. Suppose the SLA panels were ejected forwards as now seems possible (see above) with say a 5 mph velocity relative to the Apollo in the earth's direction, thus leaving the Apollo behind. After that hour their separation distance in the earth-radial direction will be about 5 statute miles. Thus the Apollo will be closer to the earth than the SLA panels by this 5 miles. They would both be about 20,000 miles from the center of the earth. If we assume the Apollo at exactly 20,000 miles for sake of argument then the SLA panels would be at 20,005 miles from earth center.

Earth's gravity will decelerate or slow the Apollo and SLA panels by almost 1 mph every second (or 1.3 ft/sec/sec). Let's assume for the SLA panels it is exactly 1.0 mph for simplicity of illustration. But for the Apollo it will be about 1.0005 mph/sec deceleration because the Apollo is five miles closer to the earth and earth's gravity is slightly stronger.

That seemingly little difference of 0.0005 mph every second accumulates rapidly after thousands of seconds (hours). After say another hour (3600 secs) a cumulative difference of about 1.8 mph would develop if these relative rates remained the same (they would actually worsen). Thus a cumulative difference in velocity between SLA and Apollo would increase the original 5 mph to about 6.8 mph between them, relative to the earth's direction.

If for illustration we assume the Apollo had been traveling at exactly 10,000 mph relative to the earth then the SLA panels would have been traveling at 10,005 mph. And after about another hour if we assume Apollo at exactly 9,000 mph then the SLA's were speeding at 9,006.8 mph relative to earth center, the

velocity gap having widened due to differential gravity effects.

In that second hour the distance would have increased still further at that new faster velocity of almost 7 mph, also increasing the gravity difference effects between SLA and Apollo and thus increasing the radial separation velocity further, etc. etc. Imagine the velocity and distances after 55 more hours, at the time of the object sighting. Or imagine one SLA panel that happened not to be at a different distance from the earth than the Apollo. Or imagine a SLA panel somewhere in between those extremes. The uncertainty is tremendous in pinning down SLA panel velocities and distances. It's a differential equation and I'm not sure if there is an exact analytical solution or only a numerical solution.

This reiterates what I said about the difficulty in dogmatically asserting the true distances and directions of the SLA panels from simplistic calculations of a _single_ number for velocity, such as say 5 mph, without regard to directions of motion, gravitational changes in single numbers like "5 mph," geometric spread effects, and the two critical Apollo rocket firings. It may be better to simply study earth-based telescopic photos of Apollo 11 with its SLA panels.

>>At 8:17:55 PM (59h45m55s GET) ground control notified the Apollo
>>crew that their PTC rotation was wrong, strangely off 20 degrees
>>in pitch angle, and may need to be done all over again - meaning
>>more RCS (Reaction Control System) rockets automatically firing
>>at different angles to get just the right rotation. If not
>>corrected right away it would result in the RCS jets continually
>>firing off and on trying to adjust it, using up vital propellant
>>and keeping the astronauts awake with the noise. The original
>>PTC was established at around 6:40 PM. The new PTC rotation mode
>>was successfully established at around 8:40 PM. The object
>>sighting began around 9:00 PM.

>Interesting observation.

Also note that the misfirings of the attitude control jets for up to 2 hours was what had probably dislodged the metallized Mylar, not some normal routine situation.

>Perhaps an examination of imagery of the CSM/LM can identify
>missing mylar. They took alot of pictures of the LM on the lunar
>surface.

Good idea but probably would take an Apollo LM engineer who was thoroughly familiar with the LM to spot a missing Mylar sheet.

Brad Sparks

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January 07 UFO Mystery At RAF Lakenheath

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 08:31:12 -0400
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<http://tinyurl.com/3526b9>

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UFO Mystery At RAF Lakenheath

Mystery surrounds claims that jets from RAF Lakenheath were called to intercept a UFO.

UFO experts claim to have a recording which they have posted on the internet as proof that London Military Air Traffic Control contacted a flight of US Air Force

F-15s from the base, after a UFO was picked up on their radar on January 12.

But air traffic control denies making the call =96 and RAF Lakenheath will not comment without having more detail over the alleged incident.

Steve Johnson, features writer for UFO Data Magazine, said: "We are still looking into it and we have made a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry of Defence and have also contacted RAF Lakenheath =96 but they haven't got back to us yet."

The magazine and UFO Monitors East Kent are analysing an audio file picked up by radio enthusiasts purporting to be a call made by London Military Air Traffic Control to a crew of F-15s flying out of RAF Lakenheath.

They claim it tells the American airmen to intercept an unknown target at 3,000 to 4,000ft.

The F-15s get a radar lock on the target and make a 'pass' at 17,000ft and then again at 17,700ft.

Pilots described the black rock like object as unlike any aircraft they have ever seen.

"One pilot was heard to say to another: 'Did you see that?' And the other replied: 'Yes, but I don't want to talk about it,'" said Chris Rolfe, of UFO Monitors East Kent.

It is also claimed that the object occasionally appeared to come to a complete halt.

UFO monitors are unable to give a location or a time for the incident, saying only that it happened in the afternoon. The base itself said it was unable to look into the incident without these details.

A spokesman for London Military Air Traffic Control said: "I've spoken with both the civil and military supervisors at London Control. Neither has any record of an intercept request on or around January 12 =96 and intercept requests are recorded =96 so I

cannot verify this account."

You can hear the audio file for yourself at www.ufodata.co.uk =96
click on F-15s UFO incident.

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

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Abducting America's Records

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 08:41:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 08:41:49 -0400
Subject: Abducting America's Records

Source: The Western Courier - University of Western Illinois,
Macomb, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/ynq3mp>

3/26/07

Abducting America's Records

The truth is out there, and it is now readily accessible online
for all UFO enthusiasts to enjoy.

Last Thursday, a French space agency began publishing decades'
worth of local police reports, photos and videos of documented
extraterrestrial evidence. Now it is the United States' turn to
follow suit and release our nation's 'X-Files' into the public
domain.

The site

<http://www.cnes.fr>

has made global headlines for its success. In fact, its
popularity has overwhelmed servers, sometimes crashing the site
and making it virtually impossible to view.

What makes the Web site most interesting, however, is how only 9
percent of the 1,600 documented reports have any official
explanation or conclusion behind the phenomena. Almost one-
fourth of those listed have a "D" classification, which means
"despite good or very good data and credible witnesses, we are
confronted with something we cannot explain," said Jacques
Patenet, the engineer in charge of the French "study of
nonidentified aerospace phenomena."

Unfortunately in the U.S., our government holds a more
conservative stance on releasing similar information. This
sentiment is felt across the country; a 2002 Sci-Fi Channel poll
revealed that 72 percent of the American public does not feel
its government reveals everything it knows about UFO activity.

France set precedence by becoming the first nation to create a
central location for such material. By doing so, the National
Centre for Space Studies - the French equivalent of NASA - took
a positive step forward in proving to its nation's citizens that
sensitive information doesn't necessarily remain classified.

Before and after the Roswell, N.M., incident, America has had
its fill of reported UFO sightings that hail in comparison to
the few French encounters of the third kind. How intriguing it
would be if the U.S. would come out with a similar Web site,
which trumps that of the French and appeals to a more broad
audience.

At the very least, NASA surely has servers capable of handling
the excessive traffic that would come with hosting such a page.

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Upcoming Phoenix Lights Presentations

From: Lynne Kitei <drlynn@nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 17:12:11 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 08:51:17 -0400
Subject: Upcoming Phoenix Lights Presentations

With the stunning announcement on CNN this past week of our Former-Governor and Phoenix Lights Witness, Fife Symington, our historic and still unexplained sighting is making waves around the world.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Dgg6cGCAB2Ck>

We are so fortunate to have two exciting and informative events scheduled, where you and your family can learn the 'rest of the story'...

Please join us:

Wednesday evening, March 28 at 7 pm

Phoenix Lights presentation, book signing and Q & A by Lynne D. Kitei, M.D.

Paradise Valley Community College =96 Center for the Performing Arts [CPA]

18401 N. 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85032

Contact: Dr. Ed Rosenthal ed.rosenthal@nul
\$8.00 General \$5.00 Students/seniors

Or

April 11 at 4:30 pm Arizona State University

Phoenix Lights presentation, book signing and Q & A by Lynne D. Kitei, M.D.

Arizona State University

Physical Sciences Building F166 ASU Tempe Campus

Contact: Scott Murphy, Exhibit Curator 480.965.6224
www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/asuma FREE

In the meantime, here's the new International UFO Magazine link, featuring the Phoenix Lights:

<http://www.ufomag.com/PDFs/vol22pdf/vol22.3pdf/March2007UFO.pdf>

Enjoy!

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Re: January 07 UFO Mystery At RAF Lakenheath -

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 15:07:08 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 07:21:43 -0400
Subject: Re: January 07 UFO Mystery At RAF Lakenheath -

>Source: Bury Free Press - Bury St Edmunds, England, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/3526b9>

>27 March 2007

>UFO Mystery At RAF Lakenheath

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>click on F-15s UFO incident.

This is a potentially interesting one. Chris Rolfe solicited
offers of help on this List (03/03/07) but an email from me has
gone unanswered for 3 weeks, and the URL above takes you to a
page reading

"Not Found - The requested URL /F15sANDUFO.wav was not found on
this server"

none of which is very helpful.

[It works, as of this post --ebk]

Fortunately an FOI request was made independently by Dave
Clarke, who was able to tell me promptly that according to MoD
there is no record of military ATC involvement but that USAF
planes detected the object on onboard radar and made a number of
passes "on their own initiative", believing it to be football-
sized and moving with the wind. I understand that a second
request to MoD for the source of this information is pending.

Martin Shough

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 16:02:38 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 07:27:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Shough

>From: David Galvin <d.galvin.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 21:22:08 +0000
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 17:06:12 +0100
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>With the greatest of respect I confess that I am reminded by
>your post of a lecture I attended in Waterloo, Ontario at the
>tail end of the first Gulf Slaughter.

>The speaker was Gwynne Dyer, the Canadian journalist and
>military historian. After his talk, which if I remember
>correctly concerned the putative New World Order, the floor was
>thrown open for questions.

>A tall, pale and ascetic-looking young man stood, stroked his
>scruffy beard in obvious earnest reflection, and asked, "Um, is
>your argument, then, a teleological one?"

>To which Dyer shot back, breaking up the whole room, "Don't
>even know what the word means!"

I know just what you mean David.

Only the other day I heard of someone who was visiting a friend
when a difficult documentary about the horrors of the Gulf War
came on the TV. With a sigh the host grabbed the remote and
switched to a soap opera. Well there's only so much of that sort
of stuff one can take just after dinner.

"Nothing to do with me anyway," he said. "Couldn't even find the
Gulf on a map!"

Oh how they laughed.

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Re: UFO Esoterica? - Groff

From: **Terry Groff** <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 09:47:29 -0600
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 07:29:41 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Esoterica? - Groff

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 08:14:40 -0400
>Subject: UFO Esoterica?

>I received this yesterday - would any astronomers/researchers
>care to comment - after looking at the site?

>ebk

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>From: Ted Anderson <Ted.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 21:03:55 -0700
>Subject: UFO Portal

><http://www.we-are-not-alone.us/>

>Something is happening - Extremely important - Something is
>happening - Do our Governments know about this?

ebk, list

It seems that a series of careful observations would determine
the validity of this claim. I'll see if I can get my computer
telescope set up properly. (it's a real PITA)

Terry

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Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 12:02:53 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 07:32:03 -0400
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 05:26:29 EDT
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 11:37:06 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>I have to agree with Lan about the coordinate system being Earth
>>Centered Inertial and not body (CSM) centered as you seem to
>>think it is. Thus the -X is not really retrograde.

>The Apollo 11 Mission Report describes the effects of the
>Separation (or Evasive) Maneuver on its arrival at the moon as
>slowing the spacecraft arrival time by about 32 minutes, meaning
>the burn was indeed _retrograde_. Velocity changes from
>maneuvers in that report in Table 7-II Trajectory Parameters are
>related to what is designated the "Space-fixed Velocity" changes
>in the "body-centered, inertial reference coordinate system."
>(PDF p. 93). But when the report tabulates the maneuvers with X,
>Y and Z components in Table 8.6-II Maneuver Summary a footnote
>states that "Velocities are in earth- or moon-centered inertial
>coordinates; velocity residuals are in body coordinates."

Re-examining the Apollo 11 Mission report (Table 7-II) shows
that you are right about the "retrograde" firing. It lists the
space fixed velocity before and after firing. For the separation
and midcourse maneuvers, there is a velocity reduction. Live
and learn! TLI and TEI have velocity increases as one would
expect before and after firings. Also the LOI has a velocity
reduction as one would expect. So much for my calculations.

Now we are left with the complex situation you have described
already.

>But it does show drawings that seem to indicate about a 50-
>degree forward not backward ejection contrary to the 75-to-90-
>degree backward ejection angles I was given by NASA engineers
>many years ago, relative to the spacecraft body X-axis. (See PDF
>p. 16.) This would mean that there could be a forward 40-degree
>velocity component instead of a backward 15-degree velocity
>component to the SLA panel ejection.

The minimum jettison angle with respect to the S-IVB axis was
supposed to be 90 degrees, thus no forward velocity component at
release. Only these telescopic SLA images can help here.

>This reiterates what I said about the difficulty in dogmatically
>asserting the true distances and directions of the SLA panels
>from simplistic calculations of a _single_ number for velocity,
>such as say 5 mph, without regard to directions of motion,
>gravitational changes in single numbers like "5 mph," geometric
>spread effects, and the two critical Apollo rocket firings. It
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>Apollo 11 with its SLA panels.

Yes.

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Reason

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 18:22:07 +0100
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 07:36:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Reason

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 17:06:12 +0100
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

Hi Martin

>I've thought about this over the weekend, trying to
>understand/sympathise with your point of view on materialism. I
>haven't done very well I'm afraid. But, deep breath . . .

Indeed, we do seem to be talking past each other for some reason
I quite can't figure out.

Ok, I wrote out this reply very quickly last night and responded
to your points more or less paragraph by paragraph. This isn't
the way I normally write; usually I prefer to gather the material
together into coherent strands. As a result this may seem a
little disconnected and there are a number of separate issues
here which aren't all that clearly delineated. But as this is
supposed to be the last word hopefully this won't matter ;-)

I've also skipped some points which are really beyond the scope
of this discussion (mainly to do with philosophy of mind) and
which I simply don't have time to go into. Even so what's left
is still rather long and I would advise anyone who tries to work
their way through this to take a packed lunch and some warm
clothing, as it may take some time. Ok, here goes:

>I suspect you might feel less antagonistic to a physicalistic
>monism if it called itself idealism (perhaps along the lines of
>Jeans' "great thought"), but of course the question, "Is the
>monistic substrate material or mental?" turns out to be empty,
>because the world remains unchanged under the transformation.

Actually this isn't so. Ontologically the world would change
substantially (literally so) under such a transformation, even
if there were no observable consequences. And by no means is it
certain that the nature of the substrate will have no observable
consequences.

But if the nature of the substrate had no observable
consequences, then as scientists we should ignore it, is that
what you are saying? I agree. Except... I don't believe that is
an accurate description of how scientists - physicists or
otherwise - actually deal with metaphysical questions. This is
really the core of my objection, Martin. There seem to be some
metaphysical questions that are just too tempting for physicists
to ignore - and because they are physicists, not philosophers,
they fall headlong into whatever pitfall lies in front of them.
This is what Bohr was warning about.

>So therefore I take it you are a dualist by inclination and are
>sceptical about the hope of physical completeness because of an
>expectation - derived in part from 20thC quantum philosophy -
>that the programme of physics will eventually encounter (if it
>hasn't already) mental entities or qualities that cannot in
>principle be represented in other than mental form - i.e., are
>not "material" in terms of your broad definition of

>physicalism.

This is a complete non-sequitur. If you assume that physicalism is indistinguishable from idealism, then why on earth should either be distinguishable from dualism?

Yes, I do believe there exists some aspect of mind which is ontologically irreducible - though not because of anything to do with QM. I believe this should in principle be experimentally testable. I don't believe the irreducibility of mental phenomena should be assumed a priori, but neither do I believe it should be rejected a priori. Neither do I believe it leads inevitably to dualism, or idealism, or to any other -ism recognizable to us today.

As to whether mind is "material" according to the broad definition of physicalism, well I've already indicated that I regard that definition as pretty meaningless.

>It feels to me as though you are going to define as "material" -
>and thus by implication as straight-jacketed by an a priorism -
>whatever entities, actions etc constitute the scientific model
>of nature at any future time - unless it incorporates an
>irreducibly mental substance or quality.

Now it seems to me here that you're looking for a rigid definition of materialism, and that in itself indicates to me that you're approaching philosophical concepts in the wrong way. Philosophical concepts simply can't be defined rigidly. I'm tempted to say they cannot be treated rigorously either, but that would be somewhat misleading. Certainly they cannot be rigorously developed in the way mathematical concepts are developed; if they could then they would be mathematical concepts.

I regard materialism as any doctrine which entails certain assumptions about mind, notably that mind emerges from the fundamentals of existing physical theory or of some foreseeable physical theory, and that mind is supervenient on those fundamentals. I'm not particularly interested in how those theories might develop a thousand years hence, because as you say we have no idea what knowledge those theories will encode and certainly no way of predicting what their fundamentals will be. And I reject as science any theory which incorporates these assumptions in a way that is completely untestable.

>So, what has physics encountered? It is at the moment pluralist,
>unlike either materialism or idealism, and the parts of its
>ontology relate in strangely abstract and sometimes
>counterintuitive ways.

Whoa there - do you mean that physics is ontologically pluralist, or just epistemologically pluralist? If you really do think physics is ontologically pluralist, I think you're probably in a minority of one - though you may have plenty of company from the vast army of amateur philosophers who simply have no idea whether they are talking about ontology or epistemology.

>The conventional standard model contains
>a number of types of entities and qualities that may themselves
>have inimical dual characters and are in tension with one
>another. For example, we presently have particle/wave,
>boson/fermion, observer/observed (subject/object),
>particle/antiparticle, real/imaginary, categories which cut
>across one another in various ways. The term "matter" now sums
>over a rather complicated set of symmetry groups and categories
>of other kinds with multiple ambiguous and contingent quantum
>properties, set generally against the background of a currently
>still-continuous spacetime metric of unknown dimension and
>unknown topology in a way which is not at all understood
>(spacetime/matter or continuity/discontinuity) .

It's also a mathematical abstraction which has no obvious ontological interpretation, nor indeed any ontological interpretation which doesn't get instantly mired in metaphysical confusion. Nor is this solely a result of QM: The mass-energy relation from Relativity equates matter to a quantity which is an abstract property of a system. This is fine for doing science. But it is not fine if you want to engage in any sort of ontological speculation or inquiry. My point is that you have to

choose which it is you want to do. If you just want to stick to the science, then fine, just stick to the science and leave the ontological questions to one side. This is the purely operational approach which, in the case of the measurement problem, is represented by the Copenhagen interpretation.

But you cannot claim to be doing pure science while at the same time meddling with the ontology in a way which is philosophically amateurish, slapdash and frankly embarrassing.

<snip>

>But I
>don't see the possibility of ever proving a physical non-
>completeness theorem in the present.

And I can't see why anyone would even want to, since this definition of completeness is completely trivial. It simply asserts that everything in the universe is in fact a constituent of the universe.

<snip>

>I do see some cases of people defending what they see as
>established truths from the past, too important to their own
>philosophy to be exposed to challenge, but I don't think this is
>necessarily the psychology (in general) of those who are re-
>examining the issue of objective probability in QM. You take
>issue with this tendency as though it were a harking back to the
>19th C classical reductive causal determinism of Laplace, but I
>don't see that. On the contrary I see the possibility that an
>orthodoxy in which "hidden variables" seemed to become a swear
>word may be approaching a rebirth. With genuine respect, I do
>wonder if you are inclined to see it the way you do because you
>have a prejudice in favour of the ideal and this point of view
>retains a clearer form by perpetuating the dichotomy.

I'm sorry Martin, I just don't agree. I think a lot of this work is simply rubbish. And for the same old reason - physicists meddling with philosophical issues which they don't understand, and can't be bothered take the trouble to try to understand.

It's not that I have a categorical prejudice against hidden variable theories. I fully appreciate Bohm and Hiley, for example - but's because they knew what they were doing. They knew they were going beyond what was observable, they had a clear ontological principle, and they developed it.

By contrast, let's take simple decoherence. Does it remove the observer from the measurement problem? No it doesn't - decoherence is an observer-dependent process. Even if one argues (which is true) that no macroscopic object could possibly be coherent from the perspective of any conceivable real-life observer, decoherence is still a process. You still need a collapse postulate to select a term from the superposition and, being a process, decoherence tells you nothing about where that occurs or even where it might be likely to occur.

All you get from decoherence is Copenhagen by another name - but Copenhagen repackaged to make it look as though it solves all the ontological problems instead of simply sidelining them. And don't even get me started on De Witt and Many Worlds with its meaningless probability "measure" and its a hoc selection of bases.

<snip>

>There is no reason in the world why we should
>think it creditable for physicists to suppress their
>consciencious suspicions so as not to appear to "peddle" ideas
>that some people will find offensive. That would be just the
>sort of politically-correct self-censorship that critics could
>rightly condemn as establishment science gone bad.

Who on earth has suggested they should do anything of the kind? What I object to is half-baked philosophical speculation by people who quite plainly have no idea what they're doing.

>Physicalism assumes nothing a priori about anything - it is an
>abstraction ;-).

Is it? I was getting the idea that physicalism was some sort of philosophical school of thought. If it's an abstraction, we seem to have a hell of a hard time pinning down what that abstraction actually is.

>People do, of course. But the point to hang on
>to is that neither they nor science can operate at all without
>doing so. It is inevitable that we send conjectures into the
>future and that they will be refuted. It is essential that
>people and science pursue ideas that are mistaken. What makes
>science possible is that we are ignorant. Omniscience would be
>the heat death of the intellect.

Please, save me from speeches at this time in the evening ;-)

But the key phrase is "...that they will be refuted". That's the difference between science and philosophy. Ideas that cannot be refuted are philosophical baggage.

>Well, people make individual assumptions. But insofar as the
>product of theose assumptions translates into some evolving
>thing we can call physics, my point of view is that physics
>makes only the assumptions connected with necessary consistency,
>integrativity, intelligibility, refutability, measurability and
>predictivity. Obviously consistency means that new ideas and
>entities must make contact with past ones, hopefully improving
>the whole (no sane person would envisage wiping the slate clean
>at each paradigm shift - this would defeat the whole notion of
>progress). So there is an array of tools and "materials" that
>serves as the basis state for each new adaptation and the
>adaptation can be dramatic but not arbitrary. Does this amount
>to "assumptions"? Yes. A priori assumptions? No. Individual
>attempts at a priorism do sometimes work, but only by rare
>accident.

We all have to believe this is what happens eventually, Martin, otherwise we would have to stop believing in science altogether. But you're dodging the question, which is whether the community of physicists working today are subject to a set of assumptions in the form of a priori philosophical baggage. As I've said before I haven't taken a poll, but I think the problem is more widespread than you're admitting.

>But, although the
>decision to corral off measurable and predictable systems of
>observables as giving rise to a special type of knowledge is not
>justifiable a priori it is so far justified by its results.

This may have something to do with the fact that observables which were not measurable or predictable, could never be justified by any sort of results.

>The
>area of experience incorporated has continued to grow before,
>despite periodic crises. I don't see any compelling evidence
>that the growth (of the whole process, of both conjecture and
>refutation) must stop at any point.

This is a bit melodramatic, isn't it? You seem to think of science in terms of some sort of Chardinesque teleology, an inexorable ascent to ever greater and more glorious heights. Since when was any human institution ever anything like that? Since when was human history - or, indeed, biology - ever anything remotely like that? I don't see anything inevitable in the perpetual continuance of scientific progress.

>Exactly. Which has been a large part of my point in objecting,
>since before you joined this thread, to an infantile conception
>of science that expects of it the whole Truth and wants it now,
>that screams "unfair" and "cover up" when all that is
>forthcoming is the imperfect product of conscientious human
>effort, and which seems to me to abuse the luxurious freedom
>afforded them by science to belabor it with cudgels of its own
>hard-fought making.

Why should the imperfect product of conscientious human effort expect to be immune from the imperfect product of conscientious human criticism?

>>And real-life human

>>beings are prone to all sorts of individual and social
>>prejudices and preconceptions, which predispose them to find
>>and invent what they want as much as what they need.

>This is to me so self-evidently and exhaustively true of all
>activities as to take the definition of "trivial" to a new
>level. The predispositions of human beings are involved in all
>their productions, good and bad, right and wrong, the conjecture
>and the refutation. "Character is fate". Individually,
>culturally and specifically we are in hock to our past.

It may be more than trivial, Martin, but it's also more than occasionally overlooked. I have the feeling you're trying to have your cake and eat it. On the one hand, you say that scientists are imperfect but conscientious human beings. If one suggests therefore they may be subject to arbitrary metaphysical assumptions, you reply that scientists aren't interested in metaphysics and what counts is only what works and is testable.

>But what you need to remember is that without our past we would
>have no ideas at all and any type of cultural progress would be
>unthinkable - literally.

Do you really think we are forgetting this?

>This is why we have no alternative but
>to put up with imperfect mental constructions, of which the
>inherited dualism of material and ideal substances, or the
>inherited monistic point of view towards which science tends
>because it believes it to be simpler, may either or both be
>examples.

I question the idea that monism is "simpler" - this seems to me a fallacy based on a misunderstanding of Occam's Razor.

>You seem to see what ought to be a smooth curve of advance
>towards your preferred destination having a kink put in it by
>the sheer perverseness and/or crudity of a generation of
>theorists unwilling to concede the completeness of the form of
>QM hammered out during the mid 20th C and disrespectful of
>received wisdom with no good reason. I disagree.

No. The last thing I expect is for science to advance in a predictable direction. But neither do I expect the course of science to be determined by arbitrary dogma. Determinism is a dogma. So is materialism. These things may be right - or they may be wrong. But they are not right just because people want to believe in them. And whatever you say, Martin, people do want to believe in them.

>What I see is
>that the two-branched paradigm of 20thC physics (QM +GR) has
>failed to unify itself by internal means and the whole thing is
>jostling up against a limit to growth that causes friction
>points and some questioning reflection. This questioning is
>natural and right when progress appears stymied. What happens if
>you tweak this? Has anyone really tried pushing that obviously
>wrong idea to the limit? What happens if we relax this
>condition? And it is most natural and most right that attention
>focuses especially on those areas which have widely been spot-
>lit in the past as extraordinary central characteristics of the
>old paradigm.

Yes, this is what ought to happen. But once again, Martin, we are talking past each other. Because while this is what ought to happen, I'm by no means convinced that it's what is actually happening. There are a handful of physicists who are questioning materialism - but they're a very small minority. And there are even fewer who are linking up with neuroscience and philosophy of mind. And almost no-one is addressing the basic question of whether modern physical theory is actually compatible with any sort of ontology whatsoever.

And I'll repeat this once again because I just don't think this is getting through - none_of_this_would_matter if people were sticking to the science.

>We can ask why new physics should seem so difficult these days.
>I think much of it is an illusion born of unrealistic
>expectations on the part of the hugely swollen numbers of people
>following the activity as interested spectators and

>commentators. Physicists can become minor celebrities at a young
>age. More pressure for the new big theory, the new big book.
>Part of it is the speed of communication, the ease with which
>results and ideas are spread around in blogs and e-archives.
>There is an accelerated reaction rate and a certain febrile
>quality that couldn't have been there a few decades ago, so the
>clock rate is faster and the world of real change seems sluggish
>in relation to the information flow.

All this may be true, but I hardly think it explains thirty
years of theory (and not even particularly rigorous theory, if
Smolin is correct) without a single testable prediction.

>But underlying this it seems that the wagon train of theoretical
>physics has got itself into difficult terrain where the going is
>getting difficult and two lines of wagons are stuck in divergent
>ruts. As you say the appropriate thing is to ask how they got
>there, in order to be able to spot a route to some virgin hard
>ground. Unfortunately the hard ground is off the current map on
>the sheet that you haven't got yet. You don't know which
>direction it lies in and you don't know what the magnetic
>variation might be over there either. The only way to predict
>how to get there is to go back over the old ground looking for
>where you might have taken a different turning in the past. This
>is what I think is happening and will probably have to happen
>more radically yet. QM and GR might both have to go back a long
>way, in some sense, to go forward. Whether the old philosophical
>compass will still be useful when they set out across that
>unknown territory it isn't really possible to know.

Yes - did it occur to you some of us might have figured this out
for ourselves ;-) The problem is, I'm used to dealing with
psychologists. And from them I have heard excuse after excuse
just like this for years, and after a while it all starts to
sound a little hollow.

>>The question is whether this is really what is happening or
>>whether latent or even unrecognized assumptions are restricting
>>the development of theory, not in the mainstream of science, but
>>at the very frontiers of knowledge.

>Well certainly they are.

Well that's something! ;-)

>I wouldn't know how to begin to
>converse with someone who held any other view. The implication
>that we might ever have unrestricted freedom to know inner
>nature in some way other than through theories which are there
>to be disproved as quickly as possible strikes me as
>astonishing.

Um... what? You mean we have just spent how long and God knows
how many words talking about a priori assumptions and the whole
lot has just gone and passed you by?

It's not the theories which are disproved as quickly as possible
that are the problem, Martin. It's the a priori assumptions that
are never tested in the first place.

>Minds laced with latent assumptions generate all
>the successful theories as well as the dud ones. But which ones
>are the restrictive ones? At a point of paradigm shift it's
>possible that the bottleneck turns out to be not little
>assumptions around the edges but one at the middle so big and so
>much a part of the furniture that no-one sees it anymore. What
>might there be in QM, say, that has this character? Right away
>you'd guess it might have some connection with the measurement
>problem or the "actualisation of probabilities". Lots of people
>assume that already.

Well then, it's hardly an assumption that no-one sees anymore,
is it? And let's be honest, it never really was. Insofar as
Copenhagen was an orthodoxy, it was an injunction to keep to the
science and stay out of philosophical quagmires. The fact that
hardly anyone seems to have understood this warning for what it
was indicates just how clueless most physicists are about
philosophy.

If you want a candidate for an assumption so big no-one sees it
anymore, I'd suggest the assumption that physical theory can be

interpreted as some sort of ontological "map" when the very nature of the mathematics screams out the reverse.

>No-one knows quite what has to be done. But
>you should perhaps anticipate that the issues surrounding our
>20thC framing of the measurement problem could change - and in
>particular that speculations about mental reduction of the
>quantum state _might_ one day become irrelevant. I would say
>this is as likely as anything else.

Or about as unlikely as anything else. This is complete guesswork Martin and you know it. Not that there's anything wrong with guesswork, especially if the guesses can be tested. But this particular bit of guesswork is in danger of becoming an untestable orthodoxy.

>Of course it isn't. And in Kuhn's "day" (c.1960?) it was very
>different from science in the days of Copernicus, Kepler,
>Priestley, Roentgen, Newton, Maxwell, Faraday, Einstein or many
>of the others whose work he uses to construct his thesis. A mere
>account of a particular scienrific event in Berkely in 1960
>would rightly have given Kuhn lasting obscurity. What gave his
>theory value and resonance was finding the universal in all
>these particulars.

This is verging on the unbelievable. I expect this sort of nonsense from social scientists, but for heaven's sake...

Kuhn's theory is a mixture of observation and enlightened conjecture, not a cast-iron law of nature. It has resonance because a lot of people think it sounds right, not because it's a rigorously formulated and tested theory of science. To refer to Kuhn's model as "universal" is completely to misunderstand what philosophy of science is all about - most of all the fact that it _is_ philosophy.

>The implication that we live in a special
>time when the usual patterns of change have ceased to apply
>seems to me like special pleading and, when coupled with hints
>of the End of Science (title of an unintentionally amusing
>retrospective on the last days of a dying culture, published by
>John Horgan 10 or 12 years ago now) has almost millenialist
>overtones.

I find this naive in the extreme. The actual history of science cannot sample more than a minute fraction of the space of possible human collective experience. There is nothing at all that justifies calling the observed patterns of change within that microscopic range as in any way "usual".

>OK, but isn't it always a generational thing? Every major change
>starts as or becomes a generational thing. It might be possible
>to characterise someone's sticking up for the philosophical
>conventions established by the big names of the early 20thC as a
>generational reaction against those young whippersnapper
>"peddlers of dogma" seeking to undermine the great work of the
>past :-)

Except I'm part of the generation which supposed to be kicking over the traces. But in fact it's not typical of any generational conflict that I'm aware of for the younger generation to be perceived as more dogmatic, more fuddy duddy, more small-minded than the generation they are replacing. Usually quite the reverse.

>It's usually difficult to tell what suggestions will work to
>solve problems until after they have been suggested. I see no
>alternative to allowing theorists and experimenters to put ideas
>before their colleagues and before nature to find out if they
>work or not. If you are in a better position than they to see
>that the problematical mid-20thC formalisations and explications
>of QM are bedrock for all time then you are clearly gifted in
>this area and I can only suggest that you redouble your efforts
>to persuade them.

This really is a spectacular piece of misunderstanding. First of all, Copenhagen was not an explication - it was a non-explication. It was designed that way to protect physics from irresponsible metaphysical speculation. And the keyword is _irresponsible_ metaphysical speculation - that is, speculation and dabbling in philosophy by people who quite obviously have no

idea what they are doing. If we were dealing with testable propositions, then this wouldn't matter - but in that case, we would no longer be in the territory of philosophy and there would be no need to protect physics from it. But what is characteristic of the proliferation of attempts to interpret the measurement problem is that not a single one is testable. And many of them are not even philosophically coherent.

>I haven't seen the article so can't comment on your objections
>re decoherence, but note that Wigner's Friend was the product of
>a physicist who got his Nobel for fundamental work on symmetry
>groups in quantum theory. The Friend grew out of decades of
>agonising by physicist's about Schrodinger's cat paradox and
>that eminent physicist's own speculations about a unitary cosmic
>consciousness. And whilst we're on the topic of what "works",
>Wigner's original intention did not work, as he proposed that
>his Friend required changes to the rules of QM, which if found
>necessary would have been evidence for his theory. But they
>weren't found necessary and I don't believe any experimental
>evidence has ever been inconsistent with the decoherence point
>of view.

Of course not, because any macroscopic superposition is decoherent from the point of view of any conceivable observer, as Wigner himself admitted.

>Nevertheless it was part of a highly influential strand
>of thought and the resulting cultural debate about the human
>significance of the QM measurement problem has come to represent
>QM in the eyes of the world. I can't for the life of me see any
>justification whatsoever for thinking that physics has been shy
>of these issues. On the contrary I don't see any evidence that
>the issues would exist for discussion were it not for physics.

They wouldn't. (Not in this form, anyway.) But in physics, Wigner's interpretation is all too often presented as an obsolete, discredited orthodoxy. None of this is true. It isn't obsolete, there are no grounds for considering it discredited, and it was certainly never an orthodoxy.

>The difficulty with Wigner's point of view is that although it
>has been analysed inside and out by some of the smartest people
>in the world for decades and has motivated huge changes in
>popular philosophy, it has not got anywhere concrete. It was
>developed in the context of a quantum theory which everybody
>agrees is difficult to interpret, not really rigorously well-
>defined, and is presently unable to cope with large areas of the
>world of our experience.

So Wigner's point of view is untestable? Yes indeed. But the nature of the measurement problem is such that all of the proposed solutions to it are untestable. Hence Bohr's warning - if you don't like untestable propositions, stay away from the measurement problem.

>I may be wrong, but I don't think the "consciousness collapse"
>interpretation has since the 1930s been able (any more than
>"many worlds" has) to introduce a single change into the
>formalism of QM, or helped to explain or remove questions
>surrounding the use of renormalisation group methods (Feynman's
>"dippy hocus pocus"), or predict anything like a new effect or a
>new symmetry, or reconcile QM with general relativity. In short
>the topic of consciousness remains in QM, but not of QM.
>Should it be the essence of QM? Maybe it should. But we can't
>resort to established QM as authority for the claim that
>consciousness must be central to interpreting it, or for the
>even larger claim that physical coherence is unrealisable, if
>there are good reasons for believing that QM itself is not fully
>coherent. I think the issue is vulnerable to changes in the
>underlying theory that are not predictable but are inevitable.

In no way do I intend to be an evangelist for the "consciousness collapse" theory, Martin. I cite it purely as an example of an idea which has been marginalized because it doesn't suit the prevailing dogma.

>Which brings us back to the question of whether this imperfect
>and changeable state of affairs is due to a conspiracy of
>suppression on the part of a corrupt and incompetent scientific
>establishment or whether it is because science is very
>difficult, because existence is very mysterious and because

>plateaux in the curve of advance are the natural order of things
>- in short because it is the human condition to do our best and
>find perpetually that it is not enough.

I'd suggest part of the problem is that physicists don't stick
to the science, but they think they do.

Ok, that really is enough I think. Enjoy the sunshine ;-)

Cathy

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The Mechanics Of The Mayan Calendar

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 15:52:10 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 07:39:45 -0400
Subject: The Mechanics Of The Mayan Calendar

The Mechanics Of The Mayan Calendar

From my Mayan Calendar 2007:

"Mayan dates were written with four signs:

- (1) a day-number from 1 to 13, written with bars and dots
- (2) a day-name, one of 20, written with a day-glyph
- (3) a day-of-the-month number, from zero to 19, written with bars and dots
- (4) a month-name, one of 19, written with a month-glyph"

The calendar is very complicated and I'm not certain I should post the entire explanation since it is copyrighted. The calendar, if you can still purchase one, is very interesting and has a complete description of how to read it and how it works. I recommend anyone who is interested in this to buy one. I can't wait to see what the calendar will look like for the year 2012. Will December 21, 2012 read: Oops, end of the World! :-)

For more information go to: www.mayan-calendar.com

They also have some interesting links to scientific sites on their links page.

One view of why the Mayan calendar Ends in 2012 can be found at:

<http://www.levity.com/eschaton/Why2012.html>

My father (a Ph.D.) has studied this culture for most of his life and he too thinks the whole idea of the calendar ending and all of the beliefs that go along with it, are unwarranted.

And, just as an FYI: During one of my experiences, I was shown that the years 2012, 2020 and 2040 would be "turning point" years for the Earth and its inhabitants. Oh-hum....

K. Wilson

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Re: UFO Esoterica? - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 16:16:14 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 07:41:56 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Esoterica? - Nielsen

>I received this yesterday - would any astronomers/researchers
>care to comment - after looking at the site?

>ebk

>From: Ted Anderson <Ted.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 21:03:55 -0700
>Subject: UFO Portal

><http://www.we-are-not-alone.us/>

>Something is happening - Extremely important - Something is
>happening - Do our Governments know about this?

>I've been watching a special location in the Heavens for 30
>years, (UFO Universe Freeway Entrance/Portal) and have seen
>several hundred mother ships and planetary vehicles come and go.
>Since August, something has changed.

<snip>

I'm no good at astronomy. But one doesn't have to be a very good astronomer to know that any stars would be too far away to mark the corners of a "portal" leading to Earth, or anywhere else in our solar system.

Maybe those more qualified, would be able to check the entire length of the triangular column from Earth to that hypothetical set of coordinates.

But I predict, IMHO, that that effort would be fruitless.

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Arcturus Books Moving Sale 50% Off UFO Books

From: Patricia Welsh <mysticalsearch.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 18:15:24 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 08:22:06 -0400
Subject: Arcturus Books Moving Sale 50% Off UFO Books

[RGirard321](#).nul writes:

After 20 grueling years in Georgia and Florida, 20 years of heat, humidity, ants, hurricanes and drought, not to mention medical bills, its time to go back north. I expect to move within 3 months, presumably to the Boston area.

However, if any of you would rather have Arcturus in your town, talk to me - very, very soon. I am open to suggestion. If you can help with my relocation, that would be a big plus. _Not_ considering: Gulf Coast, California or desert areas.

Buy these UFO titles at 50% off. Further lists of other subjects will follow.

R. Girard

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A .doc file with pages of discounts--ebk]

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Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 22:04:03 -0500
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 08:24:11 -0400
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 05:26:29 EDT
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

<snip>

>Velocity changes from
>maneuvers in that report in Table 7-II Trajectory Parameters are
>related to what is designated the "Space-fixed Velocity" changes
>in the "body-centered, inertial reference coordinate system."
>(PDF p. 93). But when the report tabulates the maneuvers with X,
>Y and Z components in Table 8.6-II Maneuver Summary a footnote
>states that "Velocities are in earth- or moon-centered inertial
>coordinates; velocity residuals are in body coordinates."

Yes, and the velocities stated are in earth-centered inertial
coordinates, just like I said they were. Will you at least
concede that much?

Nobody is being "dogmatic" here, so what's your point in
attacking that strawman? When the decrease in gravitational
acceleration with distance is taken into account, the distances
between the faster object and the slower object are greater than
they would be when assuming a constant acceleration. I did a
simulation for the the midcourse correction given the velocity
and altitude in the mission report. The difference after 48
hours is more than 900 miles, so the estimate of 400 miles
arrived at by assuming a constant acceleration was too
conservative. (The simulation I did considered only radial
velocity, whichs isn't too bad an assumption for the midcourse
correction because the velocity was mostly radial with respect
to the Earth at that time.)

>Also note that the misfirings of the attitude control jets for
>up to 2 hours was what had probably dislodged the metallized
>Mylar, not some normal routine situation.

Possibibly, maybe, but what basis do you have to claim that it is
probable? There were firings of RCS thrusters throughout the
mission before and after the sighting of this object, many of
which would be as likely as any other firing to dislodge
something from the lunar lander. Designing the spacecraft so
that there would be sufficiently forceful impingement of RCS
exhaust upon the lunar lander to dislodge something would seem
to be a very poor and potentially lethal decision.

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They Start A UFO Website Then It Crashes

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<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/europe/article1563805.ece>

March 25, 2007

Spooky... They Start A UFO Website Then It Crashes

Matthew Campbell in Paris

The first official government website in the world to document UFO sightings has collapsed under a stampede by the public to gain access.

The National Centre for Space Studies, the French equivalent of Nasa, opened the website on Thursday, unveiling an archive of documents about hundreds of unidentified flying object sightings in France over the past 50 years.

Such was the excitement and scramble to pick through this treasure trove that the website was overloaded and "crashed".

The archive includes photographs, police records of interviews with witnesses and even video recordings.

It covers cases ranging from the obviously ludicrous =97 there are numerous sightings of little green men =97 to several that have stumped even the most sceptical scientists.

"It is a world first," said Jacques Patenet, an aeronautics engineer in charge of the space centre=92s "study of nonidentified aerospacial phenomena".

Known as OVNIIs in France, UFOs have always generated intense public debate in Paris as well as conspiracy theories about American cover-ups and findings considered too sensitive or too alarming for public consumption.

"Cases such as the lady who reported seeing an object that looked like a flying roll of toilet paper" were clearly not worth reporting, said Patenet. But other incidents involving multiple witnesses have for long been baffling the experts.

Of the 1,600 cases registered since 1954, almost a quarter are classified as "D", meaning that "despite good or very good data and credible witnesses, we are confronted with something we cannot explain", said Patenet.

For example, in 1994 the crew of an Air France flight from Nice to London saw a giant disk that seemed to keep changing shape and colour. After a minute or so it disappeared.

On January 8, 1981, in southern France, a man working in a field reported hearing a strange whistling sound. He saw a saucer-like object about 8ft in diameter land in his field about 50 yards

away.

The object took off almost immediately, leaving burn marks. Investigators took photographs and collected and analysed samples, but they have not been able to explain the phenomenon.

Nearly 1,000 witnesses said they saw flashing lights in the sky on November 5, 1990, but this was just rocket fragments falling back into the Earth=92s atmosphere.

Perhaps the best documented European incident involved the scrambling of two Belgian air force jets in March, 1990, to investigate an aircraft flying over the south of the country in a manner "outside the normal performance envelope of any air-plane", as the chief of Belgian air force operations described it afterwards.

The new French website, once reactivated, will be updated whenever there is a new sighting, but experts in the field were doubtful that the archive would shed any light on the mystery.

"It=92s useless," said Jean-Pierre Petit, a retired aerospace researcher, referring to the archive. "It=92s just reports from the gendarmes."

He said that the police had long ago been issued with equipment for gathering chemical samples and that this had often been used. "What is the result of that research? That is what we want to know."

It is not the first time that the French government has released information about UFOs. In 1999, the Institute of Higher Studies for National Defence published a 90-page report called UFOs and Defence: What Must We Be Prepared For? It has become a bible for UFO enthusiasts the world over.

It says in the preamble: "The accumulation of well-document-ed observations compels us now to consider all hypotheses as to the origin of UFOs, especially extraterrestrial hypotheses."

The report discusses 15 cases, including one in which British jet fighters were scrambled from RAF Lakenheath to investigate mysterious objects over East Anglia in 1956.

It says that hoaxes are easily detectable and calls the position of America "still one of denial". It concludes: "The physical reality of UFOs, under control of intelligent beings, is almost certain."

The American attitude is exemplified by the former Arizona governor Fife Symington, who trotted out an aide dressed as an alien 10 years ago to spoof the frenzy surrounding mysterious lights in the Phoenix sky.

Now he says he saw the lights and believed from the start that they were extraterrestrial. Symington, who faced fraud charges at the time, said this week he did not need the problems such an admission would have created.

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Re: Arcturus Books Moving Sale 50% Off UFO Books

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 09:45:00 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 09:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Arcturus Books Moving Sale 50% Off UFO Books

>From: Patricia Welsh <mysticalsearch.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 18:15:24 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Arcturus Books Moving Sale 50% Off UFO Books

<snip>

>After 20 grueling years in Georgia and Florida, 20 years of
>heat, humidity, ants, hurricanes and drought, not to mention
>medical bills, its time to go back north. I expect to move
>within 3 months, presumably to the Boston area.

>However, if any of you would rather have Arcturus in your town,
>talk to me - very, very soon. I am open to suggestion. If you
>can help with my relocation, that would be a big plus. _Not_
>considering: Gulf Coast, California or desert areas.

>Buy these UFO titles at 50% off. Further lists of other subjects
>will follow.

>R. Girard

>[See:

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Reason

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 13:59:52 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 29 Mar 2007 08:01:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Reason

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 18:22:07 +0100
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 17:06:12 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

Just a quick clarification:

Martin had written:

>>This is to me so self-evidently and exhaustively true of all
>>activities as to take the definition of "trivial" to a new
>>level. The predispositions of human beings are involved in all
>>their productions, good and bad, right and wrong, the
conjecture
>>and the refutation. "Character is fate". Individually,
>>culturally and specifically we are in hock to our past.

And I'd answered:

>It may be more than trivial, Martin, but it's also more than
>occasionally overlooked. I have the feeling you're trying to
>have your cake and eat it. On the one hand, you say that
>scientists are imperfect but conscientious human beings. If one
>suggests therefore they may be subject to arbitrary metaphysical
>assumptions, you reply that scientists aren't interested in
>metaphysics and what counts is only what works and is testable.

Reading through this again I can see this is very unclear, and
doesn't get at the problem I have with what Martin appears to be
saying.

As I understand it, Martin is acknowledging that scientists, as
individual human beings, may have unjustified a priori
assumptions but that science as a collective process will always
find these out and test them. I agree that sometimes this will
happen. But I'm not at all sure the process is inevitable in the
way Martin appears to be claiming. It seems to me in the nature
of philosophical assumptions, in particular those which are
shared throughout a culture, that they tend to remain untested
for a very long time and that they tend to be self-reinforcing.
It may sometimes be the case that the weight of evidence against
these assumptions will eventually become so overwhelming as to
trigger a scientific revolution in the Kuhnian sense. I'm just
not convinced there's anything inevitable about this process.

This is the crux of our disagreement, I believe.

Cathy

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Re: UFO Esoterica? - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcelular.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 14:26:42 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 29 Mar 2007 08:11:37 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Esoterica? - Shough

>From: Ted Anderson <Ted.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 21:03:55 -0700
>Subject: UFO Portal

><http://www.we-are-not-alone.us/>

>Something is happening - Extremely important - Something is
>happening - Do our Governments know about this?

Do they? Well I suggest Mr Anderson consults his own website, where we are told that "NORAD/DOD" have been busily sending "reconnaissance satellites" through his portal for some time in order to observe the aliens' reactions. Apparently they have been doing this ever since he personally asked them to. Perhaps he has forgotten.

Late last night the unexpected sound of a large twin-rotor lured me outside. I couldn't see it for nearby trees, but I happened to notice the Big Dipper so took the opportunity to look at the Universe Freeway Portal. It wasn't perfect seeing by any means, but it's pitch black here with no lights for miles. I can report that I didn't see any little red alien ships.

Martin Shough

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Re: January 07 UFO Mystery At RAF Lakenheath -

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 14:09:36 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 29 Mar 2007 08:13:12 -0400
Subject: Re: January 07 UFO Mystery At RAF Lakenheath -

>>Source: Bury Free Press - Bury St Edmunds, England, UK

>><http://tinyurl.com/3526b9>

>>27 March 2007

>>UFO Mystery At RAF Lakenheath

><snip>

>>You can hear the audio file for yourself at www.ufodata.co.uk -
>>click on F-15s UFO incident.

>This is a potentially interesting one. Chris Rolfe solicited
>offers of help on this List (03/03/07) but an email from me has
>gone unanswered for 3 weeks, and the URL above takes you to a
>page reading

>"Not Found - The requested URL /F15sANDUFO.wav was not found on
>this server"

>none of which is very helpful.

>[It works, as of this post --ebk]

Thanks Errol, yes it does now work.

However, a tip: Instead of going through the main page as above
go directly to

<http://www.uforeview.co.uk/F15sANDUFO.wav>

Then you can hear the audio without having the website's
ludicrous musak playing over the top of it.

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Odd Hexagon Photographed In Saturn's Atmosphere

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 13:19:23 EDT
Fwd Date: Thu, 29 Mar 2007 08:16:27 -0400
Subject: Odd Hexagon Photographed In Saturn's Atmosphere

The Daily Mail - London, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/27nmxe>

Okay, this is a story of interest in the fact that it is indeed an odd thing to behold.

However, I expect any day now a book and DVD and on the air warnings about how this is another doom and gloom thing.

I expect it to be tied in with the Egyptian pyramids, Stonehenge, Mayan Calendar 2012, the Face on Mars and Athlete's Foot Fungus.

Give it a chance to take root, you'll see.

Best,

Greg

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Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming6.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 12:52:58 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 29 Mar 2007 08:19:32 -0400
Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO -

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 12:02:53 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 05:26:29 EDT
>>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2007 11:37:06 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>>Subject: Re: An E-Mail To BadAstronomy On Apollo 11 UFO

>>>I have to agree with Lan about the coordinate system being Earth
>>>Centered Inertial and not body (CSM) centered as you seem to
>>>think it is. Thus the -X is not really retrograde.

>>The Apollo 11 Mission Report describes the effects of the
>>Separation (or Evasive) Maneuver on its arrival at the moon as
>>slowing the spacecraft arrival time by about 32 minutes, meaning
>>the burn was indeed retrograde. Velocity changes from
>>maneuvers in that report in Table 7-II Trajectory Parameters are
>>related to what is designated the "Space-fixed Velocity" changes
>>in the "body-centered, inertial reference coordinate system. "
>>(PDF p. 93). But when the report tabulates the maneuvers with X,
>>Y and Z components in Table 8.6-II Maneuver Summary a footnote
>>states that "Velocities are in earth- or moon-centered inertial
>>coordinates; velocity residuals are in body coordinates."

>Re-examining the Apollo 11 Mission report (Table 7-II) shows
>that you are right about the "retrograde" firing. It lists the
>space fixed velocity before and after firing. For the separation
>and midcourse maneuvers, there is a velocity reduction. Live
>and learn! TLI and TEI have velocity increases as one would
>expect before and after firings. Also the LOI has a velocity

You're right, but I'm a little doubtful about the accuracy of
the velocities listed in that table because none of them are
above escape velocity:

$$v\text{-escape} = (\text{sqrt } 2MG/R).$$

R is the distance from the Earth's center to the spacecraft, M
is Earth mass (5.98e24kg), and G is gravitational constant
(6.73e-11 in MKS units). The escape velocity at SIVB second cut-
off altitude should be 36,088 ft/sec, but the table lists a
final velocity of 35,567 ft/sec. m/ft). Unless I'm mistaken,
the Apollo spacecraft was supposed to have reached escape
velocity. Plus, the polar coordinates of the delta-velocity
vector indicate a prograde direction relative to the moon's
position.

But regardless of whether the delta-v was retrograde or
prograde, taking gravitational differences into account makes
the distances between an SLA panel and the spacecraft larger
than they would be assuming they both have the same

acceleration. (I was wrong in the last message, the distance would be 550 miles due to the midcourse correction, when the UFO was sighted, not 900 because the time from the midcourse correction was 36 hours, not 48.) The distance is much larger if you take the first maneuver by itself into account because more time elapsed and the gravitaty gradient much greater close to Earth. I suspect that the S-IVB ended up 6000 miles away from the spacecraft due to a similarly small change in velocity, maybe around 20 ft/s, too. They only vented some propellants to get whatever delta-V was needed; they didn't have to fire the booster engines again.

The simulation is pretty easy to program, by the way. All you have to do is select a small enough time step. DT, (like 1/10 second), and then on each iteration, add $(MG*DT/R^2)$ to the velocity, V, and then add $DT*V$ to the distance, R. You can see the effect a small initial velocity difference makes by running the simulation twice. I used a delta-V of 6 meters/second. This is a "brute force" simulation. There are far more sophisticated methods NASA used to compute trajectories, and in 3 dimensions rather than one, of course.

>The minimum jettison angle with respect to the S-IVB axis was
>supposed to be 90 degrees, thus no forward velocity component at
>release. Only these telescopic SLA images can help here.

The panel jettison angle and speed no longer seem very important, since the the speeds of the spacecraft maneuvers are considerably larger.

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From: **Steven Aftergood** <saftergood.nul>
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Subject: Secrecy News -- 03/28/07

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EMBATTLED CRS DIRECTOR SPEAKS OUT ON EARMARKS

A Wall Street Journal column on March 26 reported that the Congressional Research Service "will no longer respond to requests from members of Congress on the size, number of background of [budget] earmarks." The new CRS policy, the Journal article alleged, "is helping its masters hide wasteful spending."

"The article is replete with mischaracterizations of CRS work and policies," wrote CRS Director Daniel P. Mulhollan in a memo to all CRS staff. "Such attacks on our independence cannot go unanswered."

Mr. Mulhollan defended his agency in a letter to the editor of the Wall Street Journal, circulated with his March 26 memo. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/crs032607.pdf>

The Journal article "gratuitously alludes to issues related to public access to CRS work," Mr. Mulhollan wrote in his letter. "The restriction on publication of CRS work was established long ago by Congress. CRS internal policies regarding distribution of its products ensure compliance with congressional directives.

We leave to Members and committees the discretion to share CRS products how and when they wish."

"CRS has recently been subjected to much scrutiny because we have not shied away from analysis of controversial issues," Director Mulhollan told CRS staff.

AIPAC COURT CONSIDERS "SILENT WITNESS" PROCEDURE

The forthcoming trial of two former officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee who are charged with mishandling classified information "won't be a closed trial," said Judge T.S. Ellis III at a March 15 hearing, notwithstanding some "hyperbolic" suggestions to the contrary.

But there is open question as to whether the prosecution may employ something called the "silent witness" rule. That refers

to the practice of providing evidence to the defense and to the jury, but withholding it from the public.

Such a procedure would amount to "closing" the courtroom in effect, the defense argued, "because, once inside, the public and press would not, in any meaningful sense, actually hear the central evidence in the case."

The government proposal is "unworkable, prejudicial and fundamentally unfair," the defense stated in a March 21 motion. It "will not only make meaningful cross-examination of critical government witnesses impossible, but will send a continuous message to the jury that the information at issue is [national defense information] deserving of protection -- the very issue that the jury must itself decide."

"I have to resolve this significant issue about whether this is really constitutional," Judge Ellis said on March 15. He ordered additional briefs on the subject from both parties. The defense brief, filed March 21, is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/rosen032107.pdf>

The government brief, due March 28, is not yet available. The transcript of the March 15 hearing is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/rosen031507.pdf>

The closely-watched trial is scheduled to begin on June 4.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported that "the FBI was considering expanding its investigation into AIPAC and classified information leaks in early 2005 when the pro-Israel lobbying powerhouse fired two staffers already under scrutiny."

See "Defense: Feds eyeballed AIPAC until it cut off Rosen, Weissman" by Ron Kampeas, March 27:

<http://www.jta.org/cgi-bin/iowa/news/article/20070327AIPACtrial.html>

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT PILOTS

Though it may sound like one hand clapping, an unmanned aircraft must have a pilot -- just not on the plane. And someone has to worry what may happen if the pilot becomes incapacitated.

"Although the term 'unmanned aircraft' suggests the absence of human interaction, the human operator/pilot is still a critical element in the success of any unmanned aircraft operation," according to a new study from the Federal Aviation Administration. "For many UA systems, a contributing factor to a substantial proportion of accidents is human error."

"Regarding the risk of pilot incapacitation, at least a few factors distinguish this risk from manned aircraft," the study noted. Since the pilot is on the ground, the effects of changes in air pressure can be ignored. Also, many advanced UA systems have procedures for communications failures or "lost data link," which is "functionally equivalent to pilot incapacitation." The most advanced systems, such as Global Hawk, "will continue normal flight whether a pilot is present or not."

The study therefore recommended adoption of a minimal medical certification for pilots, including a waiver process that would also permit handicapped persons to be certified. "This process gives individuals who might not be able to fly manned aircraft an opportunity to receive medical certification for flying an unmanned aircraft."

See "Unmanned Aircraft Pilot Medical Certification Requirements," Federal Aviation Administration, February 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/program/collect/ua-pilot.pdf>

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Silvis Illinois Woman Sees Triangle

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Fwd Date: Thu, 29 Mar 2007 09:32:13 -0400
Subject: Silvis Illinois Woman Sees Triangle

Source: The Moline Dispatch - Illinois, USA

<http://qconline.com/archives/qco/display.php?id=332103>

March 28, 2007

Silvis Woman Claims To Have Seen A UFO Maybe

By Anthony Watt
awatt.nul

At first, she thought what she was seeing was something ordinary.

"As I pulled out of my driveway, I noticed it," Theresa Sinclair, 58, Silvis said. "I thought it was an airplane that was very low."

It was about 6:30 a.m. March 23, and Ms. Sinclair was on her way to her job at the Rock Island Arsenal. What she saw through the open window of her car was a triangular shape in the sky, with bright red, green and white lights along its edges, outlining the shape.

When Ms. Sinclair first saw it, the triangle appeared to be over a high-rise building at the intersection of 10th Street and Crosstown Avenue. She couldn't say what distance it actually was away from her, but it appeared big.

She said she then looked away because she was concentrating on driving west on Crosstown, but when she looked up again, it was moving -- fast.

"It just, like, zipped to Jewel (grocery store), then it zipped to over by Colona Road," Ms. Sinclair said.

She stopped her car at the intersection of Crosstown and 10th Street and got out to have a better look.

"I decided I was intrigued at this point," Ms. Sinclair said. "Then I looked up, and it was gone."

The whole episode only took three or four minutes, she said.

The whole time she observed the object, she did not hear anything like the sounds of jet engines or helicopter blades. It appeared to stay the same distance away from her the whole time.

"I heard nothing, I heard nothing at all," Ms. Sinclair said.

And apparently neither did anyone else.

Local and federal authorities, including the National Weather Service, the Federal Aviation Administration and Quad City International Airport said they received no reports of anything

odd in the sky during that time.

Ms. Sinclair said she did not report it either. "I was just so taken aback by it," she said.

She did tell some of her co-workers about it, though. Jokes about little green men ensued.

"You laugh, but stranger things happen," she told them.

The next day, Ms. Sinclair went out at the same time, but did not see anything. There wasn't a second show.

She said Wednesday that she's not on any medications, had not had any alcohol, nor suffered any recent blows to the head.

Many officials, and some local astronomers, also could not or, in some cases, would not, explain what she saw.

"Chances are she wasn't seeing what she thinks she saw," said Black Hawk College professor Richard Harwood, who teaches geology, geography and astronomy.

He said that Saturn and Jupiter would have been visible in the sky as bright stars that morning. It's possible one of them could have appeared moving because Ms. Sinclair's vehicle was in motion.

"In her case, who can say," Mr. Harwood said. "Nobody else saw it, it's hard to tell."

When asked what she thought it was, Ms. Sinclair replied with a laugh that it was an unidentified flying object, or UFO.

But then she added, "I can't say."

"I would like to have been able to say it was a plane or a weather balloon," she said. "But I don't know. It was unidentifiable."

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

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<http://saucerscience.blogspot.com/>

Monday, March 26, 2007

Coming Here, Going There
by David Barclay

Whether it is ET wanting to come here or us wanting to go there, it would seem obvious that we here on planet Earth still don't get it, otherwise we might already have realized that our modern science is less than adequate.

We have made the assumption that space travel is restricted by the speed of light, whereby we are assured that interstellar space travel is beyond reason at this time. Therefore it is firmly asserted that it would be impossible for space travelers from other star systems to visit our Earth or even our solar system.

But how valid is this well established belief? Are we even sure that light does in fact have a linear speed?

We assume that it should be possible to measure the speed of light in a manner similar to determining the speed of a train or bus. We know the speed of a train or bus is measured in terms of miles per hour whereas the speed of light is measured in terms of meters per second, but its the same idea. We assume that light travels in a linear manner just as trains, buses and rockets travel in a linear manner.

If we examine the method by which the speed of light is measured we will find that the basic idea is to measure the time it takes for light to travel one meter in a vacuum and at the present time it is agreed that it takes exactly 1/299,792,458ths of a second for light to travel one meter in a vacuum. This translates to a speed of exactly 299,792,458 meters per second.

Now, the problem here is that we are measuring the speed of light, not the speed of a train or bus, as we intend to use the speed of light to measure both the size and age of universe. So we are not talking about some localized duration of time or a localized length of distance.

As there are no absolute numerical values associated with any physical action or interaction, we must understand that each of the 299,792,458 portions of a second cannot be of the same absolute duration. Furthermore no two meter rules are of the same absolute length.

So how accurate is our evaluation of light speed? It is described as an exact speed, yet it is not an absolute value, it is an approximate value.

We impose this evaluation on the size and age of universe, whereby we assume that time in terms of seconds and distance in

terms of meters remains equivalent throughout the entire universe. This allows us to determine the universe to be roughly 14 billion years old and the distance from our Earth to the furthest reaches of universe to be roughly 14 billion light years.

Yet, we know that the universe is expanding and that the rate of expansion is accelerating, whereby the size of universe is continuously increasing at an ever increasing rate. So it would seem logical that the very fabric of space and time is being stretched, which would mean that the length of the meter is increasing with distance and time is slowing with distance.

So what is the age and size of universe? Do we have any idea? It would seem not.

Another question we must ask ourselves is whether light is actually in linear motion or is the apparent motion of light simply a condition of field associated with the dynamic condition of universe remaining relative to our planet Earth?

If light is not in linear motion it would appear that we have taken a wrong turn, as our evaluation of universe is based on the linear motion of light.

We might therefore consider the possibility that the apparent motion of light is due to the non-linear condition of the field in which we exist, in terms of a unified field system. And if this is the case neither we or ET are restricted by the speed of light, in relation to interstellar space travel.

What we are actually restricted by is our existing perception of universe and our limited understanding of the scientific principles involved.

I would suggest that it is time to move forward.....

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The Moncla Memories Documentary

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For Canadian readers...

Candadian documentary creator David Cherniack's The Moncla Memories will be broadcast this week on VisionTV in Canada.

David wrotee, in an e-mail:

"The Moncla Memories is an enquiry into the extraordinary memories of Gord Heath, a Canadian computer systems engineer who has recollections of a prior life as Gene Moncla, the captain of a USAF fighter jet that was lost intercepting a UFO over Lake Superior in November 1953.

This one hour film is an exploration of the nature of unusual memories and, by extension, all memory. It was shot during my four month odyssey last summer driving 18000 miles around North America in an RV. I was shooting a two hour documentary on the cultural history of the UFO Phenomenon to be broadcast on the History Channel next year and I became aware of Gord Heath's story while researching the Kinross incident. I thought it deserved its own film."

The film will be broadcast on VisionTV (only in Canada)
Saturday 31st March and Monday 2nd April at 10pm. EDT

Synopsis

The Moncla Memories

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In the early evening of November 23, 1953 a USAF F-89 jet was scrambled from Kinross AFB in Sault St. Marie, Michigan to intercept an unknown target over Lake Superior. As it approached the 'bogey' its radio transmissions, according to one radar operator who watched the incident, became increasingly jumbled by static. The two blips merged on the radar scope over Canadian waters. The single blip moved off to the North West and then disappeared.

Lt. Felix Eugene Moncla, the pilot, his radar operator, Lt. Robert L. Wilson, and their F-89 fighter were never seen again. The official USAF accident report stated their plane had crashed intercepting an RCAF C-47 transport flying 30 miles off course. The RCAF and the pilot of the C-47 claimed they were right on course and had never seen the jet.

Gord Heath recalls many strange events occurring throughout his life. Heath, a computer systems engineer presently living in Vancouver, was born in Fort William in the Spring of 1954, about nine months after the Kinross incident. After a UFO sighting in 1999 he became interested in the UFO phenomenon and he began reading up on its history. When he came across the Kinross

Incident bells went off. It resonated with many of the strange occurrences stretching back to his early childhood as if it was connecting all the dots. It prompted Gord to do a flurry of research. He mounted his own web site and began to devote his vacation time to visiting the places where Gene Moncla had lived. And the memories began to come...not just vague images, but detailed recollections of the life of Gene Moncla and, even stranger, the detailed recollection that Gene Moncla was his genetic father.

Heath makes no truth claim about his memories.

He is fully aware of the confabulating abilities of the mind. Nevertheless, what he 'recalls' tells an fascinating story about reincarnation, UFOs, and how we give meaning to our lives. And through genetic testing one crucial aspect of the story, his relationship to Moncla, is verifiable. Should the test be negative, the story still tells us much about the enigma of memories and the human mind... and its extraordinary creative, and maybe even transpersonal, abilities.

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More On Release Of French UFO Files

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Subject: More On Release Of French UFO Files

To All,

I met, for a second time, with Jacques Patenet, the engineer in charge of GEIPAN, the new French service of UFO studies at the French Space Agency CNES - Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, or National center for Space Studies - and I can give some more information on the release of those UFO files.

We talked at a TV debate ("C Dans l'air"), recorded yesterday, airing tomorrow, Friday, March 30, on the French national network France 5.

Some more information, and some corrections of what has been already reported:

The name GEIPAN means Groupe d'Etudes et d'Information des Phenomenes Aerospaciaux Non identifiés, (Group for Studies and Information on Unidentified Aerospacial Phenomena). It was created in September 2005, to replace the SEPRA which closed in January 2004. Also put in place at that time, a steering committee (COPEIPAN) presided over by Yves Sillard, former director of CNES, and comprising about fifteen members, whose names are not known.

In January 2006, Jacques Patenet announced that GEIPAN was going to put all its UFO files on the web site of CNES, during 2006. The project had been delayed but has now begun with the release of some 400 files this monthh, covering the period 1988-2005.

Initial inquiries by CNES began in 1977 on the creation of the first service called GEPAN, but there are files from the fifties, and even one from 1937.

There are a total of 1,650 files, including some 6,000 testimonies, and a volume of some 100,000 pages, A4 format (not 100,000 files, as stated somewhere!).

This month, Jacques Patenet has given a number of interviews, in which he warned that we are not going to find any new big case. The best cases, such as Trans-en-Provence in 1981, are known already.

However, there is new information worth mentioning. The number of unidentified cases after serious study (the "PAN D" category), is now estimated at 25 to 28% (depending on the day of the interview, apparently). This is much more than previous figures. In recent years, it was given at around 13%. So, the revision of the files has at least brought this bonus for French ufology...

Two main ideas are being put forward by Jacques Patenet, in several interviews. First: "There are no secrets, and we are releasing all the files. Our purpose is to put to rest allegations of UFO secrecy. Second, the extraterrestrial hypothesis is conceivable, but there is not the slightest solid proof for it, or against either."

For my part, the point I want to stress is that, yes, these files at GEIPAN are not "secret" files. They are mainly

sightings by civilian witnesses, gathered and reported by the Gendarmes - the military police. If there are really secret files in France, they are somewhere else, probably of military nature. At the debate yesterday on French TV, we pushed him a bit on that question, and he had to admit it. So, his first statement is somewhat misleading, in fact. If there are secret files, he just does not have them!

I also want to correct another mistake, seen in the Sunday Times article of March 25, "Spooky... They Start a UFO Website Then it Crashes". It mentions the COMETA Report (without naming it), published in 1999, as being a publication of the French government, at the IHEDN (Institut des Hautes Etudes de Defense Nationale). It had been said by some people at the time, but it is not true. This report was from a private group, the COMETA, even if its true that it had been encouraged at the beginning by the head of IHEDN, General Norlain.

In all, I think that we can consider that publication of French UFO files as a very positive effort, wich has already the effect of renewing interest for UFOs in the French media, and perhaps of putting France back on the map of ufology!

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: UFO Esoterica? - Olson

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>Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 14:26:42 +0100
>Subject: Re: UFO Esoterica?

>>From: Ted Anderson <Ted.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 21:03:55 -0700
>>Subject: UFO Portal

>><http://www.we-are-not-alone.us/>

>>Something is happening - Extremely important - Something is
>>happening - Do our Governments know about this?

>Do they? Well I suggest Mr Anderson consults his own website,
>where we are told that "NORAD/DOD" have been busily sending
>"reconnaissance satellites" through his portal for some time in
>order to observe the aliens' reactions. Apparently they have
>been doing this ever since he personally asked them to. Perhaps
>he has forgotten.

>Late last night the unexpected sound of a large twin-rotor lured
>me outside. I couldn't see it for nearby trees, but I happened
>to notice the Big Dipper so took the opportunity to look at the
>Universe Freeway Portal. It wasn't perfect seeing by any means,
>but it's pitch black here with no lights for miles. I can report
>that I didn't see any little red alien ships.

Martin, you need to look at the Universe Freeway Portal with an
extremely open mind (I find that several six packs of cheap
beer and a generous pinch of peyote helps!).

Last night, with my mind so opened, I watched through my
binoculars - and not only saw red space ships, but the Pelaidian
Galactic Choir perform several Bach cantatas and a rousing
rendition of the Doors' "Break on Through" (it appears that Jim
Morrison was one of 'theirs'!)

And that was using only low-powered binoculars!!

Jeff

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>Monday, March 26, 2007

>Coming Here, Going There
>by David Barclay

I think that we must not forget that the same relativity that indicates that the speed of light is a limit also indicates that time slows down as one gets close to c. The slowing down depends on how close one gets. For example at 99.99% of c it only takes about 6 months pilot time to go a distance of 37 light years. We physicists and mother nature make particles that go much closer to c than that.

Furthermore, discussions about the age and size of the universe are truly irrelevant to the question of visits from planets around stars in our local Neighborhood such as Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli 39.2 light years away.

Of course our understanding of physics will continue to grow... we haven't been working on it that long. Universal travel is for theoretical physicists who need topics for research projects. Sticking closer to home seems far more appropriate to me. If I need a loaf of bread for dinner, I don't plan a trip to a fine bakery in Sidney, Australia. The super-store is 1.5 miles away. Incidentally it is also convenient to think of the speed of light as about 670 Million miles an hour. The solar system is a few billion miles across or a few light hours.

Stan Friedman

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BILL SEEKS INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Global climate change "represents a clear and present danger to the security and economy of the United States," according to a bipartisan bill introduced in the Senate yesterday, and it therefore warrants the focused attention of U.S. intelligence agencies.

"For years, many of us have examined global warming as an environmental or economic issue," said Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL). "We also need to consider it as a security concern. Our bill begins this process by requiring a National Intelligence Estimate to assess the strategic challenges presented by the world's changing climate."

"In this legislation, we ask for the intelligence community to provide a strategic estimate of the risks posed by global climate change for countries or regions that are of particular economic or military significance to the United States or that are at serious risk of humanitarian suffering," Senator Durbin said. "This NIE will assess the political, social, agricultural, and economic challenges for countries and their likely impact."

The new bill is jointly sponsored by Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) and Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA).

"Senator Durbin and I differ on policy initiatives designed to reduce the impact of climate change," said Sen. Hagel. "We do agree, however, on the need to assess potential impacts of the changing climate on U.S. national security interests so that our Nation can develop responsible, forward-thinking policies that ensure the continued safety and prosperity of the American people."

See their March 28 introductory statements and the text of the new bill (S. 1018) here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/s1018.html

Among the eleven "policy coordinating committees" at the National Security Council that were established by President Bush's National Security Presidential Directive 1 in February 2001 is one on "Global Environment." But this NSC committee has

left no identifiable public trace on U.S. policy.

GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT TO JOINT OPERATIONS

A newly updated doctrinal publication from the Joint Chiefs of Staff describes the various types of geospatial intelligence products produced by U.S. intelligence agencies and their role in the conduct of joint military operations.

Geospatial intelligence (GEOINT) includes imagery, maps and other data that characterize a target or area of intelligence interest.

The new publication "covers the foundation and evolution of GEOINT; discusses GEOINT support to operations; provides a complete discussion of the roles and responsibilities for GEOINT; discusses GEOINT in terms of the intelligence process;" and more.

See "Geospatial Intelligence Support to Joint Operations," Joint Publication 2-03, 22 March 2007 (135 pages, 2.3. MB PDF):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp2-03.pdf>

HONEY BEE POPULATION DROPS SHARPLY, AND MORE FROM CRS

A "sharp decline" in the U.S. population of honey bees is examined in a new report from the Congressional Research Service.

"This phenomenon first became apparent among commercial migratory beekeepers along the East Coast during the last few months of 2006, and has since been reported nationwide," the CRS report said.

Various potential causes have been postulated, including parasites, pathogens, chemical contaminants, poor nutrition, and "stress."

The declining bee population is the subject of a hearing today before the House Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture.

See "Recent Honey Bee Colony Declines," Congressional Research Service, March 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33938.pdf>

Despite the best efforts of CRS management to impede public access to CRS products, the following CRS reports were obtained by Secrecy News.

"Federal Advisory Committees: A Primer," updated March 20, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL30260.pdf>

"Critical Infrastructures: Background, Policy and Implementation," updated March 13, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homsec/RL30153.pdf>

"Defense Acquisition: Use of Lead System Integrators (LSIs) -- Background, Oversight Issues, and Options for Congress," March 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RS22631.pdf>

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Re: The Moncla Memories Documentary - Good

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>memories and the human mind... and its extraordinary creative,
>and maybe even transpersonal, abilities.

Well, it is a little difficult to rationally look at a story
like this without having to ponder the metaphysical
implications. No? I realize that this is scary territory for the
strict rational- materialists out there (you know who you are).

So, how does this guy know what he knows? Could we be looking at
an example of Jung's collective unconscious? Jung believed there
was a collective reservoir of thoughts and experiences which we
can, under certain circumstances, tap into. That could be an
explanation.

Or, are we looking at reincarnation? This idea is nothing new
(is anything?). It has been with us since time immemorial. In
our materialist prejudices, we have a tendency to poo-poo ideas
that have so little material substantiation to them. But does

that automatically make them invalid? We can pretend that we are all rational types that do not allow such supers- titious notions to sully our scientific epistemologies. But, at the end of the day, consciousness is a thing which will not simply go away to assuage our pre-concieved notions.

Nope! Consciousness is a thing we all have to deal with whether we like it or not. Without consciousness, we know nothing, experience nothing and have no perceptions to base our scientific ruminations upon. Without consciousness, we are simply inanimate lumps of biological goo, incapable of life or thought. It does not take any superstitions, religious ideation or metaphysical mumbo jumbo to see that this is so.

So, Mr. heath says that he is fully aware of the confabulating abilities of the mind. My question here would be, why does he have to imagine himself confabulating anything at all? He simply knows stuff!

This is nothing more than a weak rationalisation confabulated to assuage the delicate sensibilities of the rational materialist types who would, otherwise, be laughing at his silliness for knowing stuff that he has no business knowing. Balderdash!

How cool for Mr. Heath that he knows stuff! How cool for all of us that he knows stuff! And what a fascinating riddle it poses to truly curious and open minded people that he knows stuff!

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your (rational materialist) philosophies...

Mike Good

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This person seems to have quite a detailed knowledge of the
purpose of these "spaceships". One must assume that his
PowerPoint presentation must have been sent to him directly from
the gate-keepers up there, explaining it all.

Oh, and you couldn't see that whirlybird last night because *it*
was black.

Brian

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Re: Odd Hexagon Photographed In Saturn's

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Mar 2007 17:10:51 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Mar 2007 07:29:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Odd Hexagon Photographed In Saturn's

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 13:19:23 EDT
>Subject: Odd Hexagon Photographed In Saturn's Atmosphere

>The Daily Mail - London, England, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/27nmxe>

>Okay, this is a story of interest in the fact that it is indeed
>an odd thing to behold.

Very interesting. My first impression is that it has something
to do with a strange phenomena I read about last year. I Googled
around a bit and came up with this link:

<http://www.nature.com/news/2006/060515/full/060515-17.html>

That's not the original article I saw (mine had more images,
plus video) but that link was posted on another site in response
to the Saturn image as well, as it turns out.

<http://bbs.stardestroyer.net/viewtopic.php?p=2409774>

>However, I expect any day now a book and DVD and on the air
>warnings about how this is another doom and gloom thing.

>I expect it to be tied in with the Egyptian pyramids,
>Stonehenge, Mayan Calendar 2012, the Face on Mars and Athlete's
>Foot Fungus.

>Give it a chance to take root, you'll see.

The fungus? Yeah, gotta be careful of that stuff!

Brian

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NASA Telescope Finds Planets Thrive Around Stellar

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Date: Thu, 29 Mar 2007 19:39:26 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Mar 2007 07:35:00 -0400
Subject: NASA Telescope Finds Planets Thrive Around Stellar

From: NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
To: Martin Shough
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2007 6:32 PM
Subject: NASA Telescope Finds Planets Thrive Around Stellar Twins

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Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif.

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March 29, 2007

NASA Telescope Finds Planets Thrive Around Stellar Twins

The double sunset that Luke Skywalker gazed upon in the film "Star Wars" might not be a fantasy.

Astronomers using NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope have observed that planetary systems - dusty disks of asteroids, comets and possibly planets - are at least as abundant in twin-star systems as they are in those, like our own, with only one star. Since more than half of all stars are twins, or binaries, the finding suggests the universe is packed with planets that have two suns. Sunsets on some of those worlds would resemble the ones on Luke Skywalker's planet, Tatooine, where two fiery balls dip below the horizon one by one.

"There appears to be no bias against having planetary system formation in binary systems," said David Trilling of the University of Arizona, Tucson, lead author of a new paper about the research appearing in the April 1 issue of the *Astrophysical Journal*. "There could be countless planets out there with two or more suns."

Previously, astronomers knew that planets could form in exceptionally wide binary systems, in which stars are 1,000 times farther apart than the distance between Earth and the sun, or 1,000 astronomical units. Of the approximately 200 planets discovered so far outside our solar system, about 50 orbit one member of a wide stellar duo.

The new Spitzer study focuses on binary stars that are a bit more snug, with separation distances between zero and 500 astronomical units. Until now, not much was known about whether the close proximity of stars like these might affect the growth of planets. Standard planet-hunting techniques generally don't work well with these stars, but, in 2005, a NASA-funded astronomer found evidence for a planet candidate in one such multiple-star system

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.cfm?release05-115>

Trilling and his colleagues used Spitzer's infrared, heat-seeking eyes to look not for planets, but for dusty disks in double-star systems. These so-called debris disks are made up of asteroid-like bits of leftover rock that never made it into rocky planets. Their presence indicates that the process of building planets has occurred around a star, or stars, possibly

resulting in intact, mature planets.

In the most comprehensive survey of its kind, the team looked for disks in 69 binary systems between about 50 and 200 light-years away from Earth. All of the stars are somewhat younger and more massive than our middle-aged sun. The data show that about 40 percent of the systems had disks, which is a bit higher than the frequency for a comparable sample of single stars. This means that planetary systems are at least as common around binary stars as they are around single stars.

In addition, the astronomers were shocked to find that disks were even more frequent (about 60 percent) around the tightest binaries in the study. These coziest of stellar companions are between zero and three astronomical units apart. Spitzer detected disks orbiting both members of the star pairs, rather than just one. Extra-tight star systems like these are where planets, if they are present, would experience Tatooine-like sunsets.

"We were very surprised to find that the tight group had more disks," said Trilling. "This could mean that planet formation favors tight binaries over single stars, but it could also mean tight binaries are just dustier. Future observations should provide a better answer."

The Spitzer data also reveal that not all binary systems are friendly places for planets to form. The telescope detected far fewer disks altogether in intermediately spaced binary systems, between three to 50 astronomical units apart. This implies that stars may have to be either very close to each other, or fairly far apart, for planets to arise.

"For a planet in a binary system, location is everything," said co-author Karl Stapelfeldt of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

"Binary systems were largely ignored before," added Trilling. "They are more difficult to study, but they might be the most common sites for planet formation in our galaxy."

Other authors on the paper include: John Stansberry, George Rieke and Kate Su of the University of Arizona; Richard Gray of the Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.; Chris Corbally of the Vatican Observatory, Tucson; Geoff Bryden, Andy Boden and Charles Beichman of JPL; and Christine Chen of the National Optical Astronomical Observatory, Tucson.

JPL manages Spitzer for NASA's Science Mission Directorate, Washington. Science operations are conducted at the Spitzer Science Center at the California Institute of Technology, also in Pasadena. The multiband imaging photometer for Spitzer was built by Ball Aerospace Corporation, Boulder, Colo.; the University of Arizona; and Boeing North American, Canoga Park, Calif. Co-author Rieke is the principal investigator.

For more information and graphics, visit:

www.spitzer.caltech.edu/Media and <http://www.nasa.gov/spitzer>

More information about extrasolar planets and NASA's planet-finding program is at:

<http://planetquest.jpl.nasa.gov>

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Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Mar 2007 07:38:58 -0400
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Source: The Sun - London, England

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/article/0,,2-2007140807,00.html>

March 30, 2007

=A350,000 On ET Probe

By John Troup

The Government has been blasted for spending =A350,000 of taxpayers=92 money on a secret probe into UFO sightings.

Defence Minister Adam Ingram admitted the cash went on a report titled Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region.

But after being quizzed about the ET survey in Parliament he refused to say who undertook it or reveal its findings.

Mr Ingram was forced to acknowledge the report=92s existence after being quizzed by Lib Dem Norman Baker. He told MPs: "The author was a contractor employed by the Defence Intelligence Staff. As recommended by the report, the DIS ceased to monitor UFO reports as they contained no information of defence intelligence interest."

But Mr Baker said: "It begs the question just what was found."

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P-47: UFOPOP.org 2nd Birthday!

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Mar 2007 07:44:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 30 Mar 2007 07:44:03 -0400
Subject: P-47: UFOPOP.org 2nd Birthday!

From: Jim Klotz <fadedgiant.nul>
To: project-1947.nul
Date: Thu, 29 Mar 2007 12:11:00 -0700
Subject: UFOPOP.org 2nd Birthday!

UFOPOP Celebrates 2nd Birthday

On March 17, 2007, the website UFOPOP.org [Flying Saucers in Popular Culture] celebrated its second birthday.

The purpose of UFOPOP is to preserve and display images of UFOs and Flying Saucers presented in various aspects of our 'popular culture' including comic books, magazine and book covers, advertising and products, toys and games, and more.

Beginning with a thousand comic books, the site has grown to over 5,400 images. The Merchandising Gallery, opened a year ago, now has 1,600 ads, products, and promotional items which clearly show the extent to which UFO/Flying Saucer and alien imagery have permeated our culture. Plans for the site include a Toy Gallery, which will soon be added, and this will be followed by a Miscellaneous Gallery for those things which just don't fit elsewhere.

If you are interested in UFOs/Flying Saucers, popular culture, enjoy spacecraft artwork, or just want to stroll down memory lane, then you are invited to visit UFOPOP.org, the site that has been written about in the International UFO Reporter and Britain's Fortean Times Magazine.

Visitors are invited to return often as new items are constantly being added. Emails are also welcome [through the link at the site].

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

PDF Notice here:

http://www.ufopop.org/Special/UFOPOP_2nd_Birthday.pdf

UFOPOP Creators: Jim Klotz & Les Treece-Sinclair

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Re: Defending The Indefensible - Shough

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Mar 2007 14:48:50 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Mar 2007 08:01:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible - Shough

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 13:59:52 +0100
>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2007 18:22:07 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 17:06:12 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Defending The Indefensible

<snip>

Hi Cathy

OK you've flushed me out of retirement on this one - but only briefly, Errol, I promise!

>As I understand it, Martin is acknowledging that scientists, as
>individual human beings, may have unjustified a priori
>assumptions

I'm not weakly acknowledging it, I'm strongly claiming it. The justified ones will be self-justified by their results, the unjustified ones will sometimes be specifically rejected but more generally their status and even their existence will be simply unknown.

>but that science as a collective process will always
>find these out and test them. I agree that sometimes this will
>happen.

Not always find them out and test them, no. But nobody knows of any other way to find the justified ones than to make them into coherent theories, where possible, and test them to see what happens. The fact that this leaves an unknown number of incoherent and even unrecognised assumptions embedded in all our thinking, individually and culturally, presumably going at least as deep in our natures as anything that we can recognise as "thought" and probably deeper, is something we all just have to put up with.

Which among even those untested prejudices we _can_ all detect within ourselves from time to time are skewing our thoughts in a potentially useful way, and which not? Some of them are surely scientifically useful if only we knew how to frame them properly, but we don't, and we are not helped by some people (picking up here your "having cakes and eating them") who will happily cherry-pick scientific results and opinions as authority for their "cool" prejudices whilst eagerly decrying science and rationality in the same breath. Most of us can't even tie our shoes objectively.

>But I'm not at all sure the process is inevitable in the
>way Martin appears to be claiming.

I never intended to give that impression for one moment. Seeing the future is not what I'm claiming. I agree with you there is nothing inevitable about it. It is possible that mankind may never make another significant breakthrough and that the 20thC will be looked back on nostalgically as the end of a marvellous but ultimately futile adventure (but I confess my prejudice that I find this very hard to believe).

>It seems to me in the nature
>of philosophical assumptions, in particular those which are
>shared throughout a culture, that they tend to remain untested
>for a very long time and that they tend to be self-reinforcing.

I agree with that as well.

>It may sometimes be the case that the weight of evidence against
>these assumptions will eventually become so overwhelming as to
>trigger a scientific revolution in the Kuhnian sense. I'm just
>not convinced there's anything inevitable about this process.

I would never claim that there is, but we can only make sensible extrapolations from past experience. You are strictly speaking right to object (as you did) that the history of science is short and that the Kuhnian thesis, based on a limited sample, is not an unassailable basis for predicting that the future development of science will have the same episodic structure into the future. I would turn that around and say that by the same token you have little basis on which to suggest (as you did) that the current physical paradigm has remained unreformed for too long not to be - in spite of its known inconsistencies and shortcomings - science's last throw of the dice.

>This is the crux of our disagreement, I believe.

And of our agreement apparently :-)

Martin

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Re: UFO Esoterica? - Goldstein

From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Mar 2007 07:56:05 -1000
Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Mar 2007 08:02:44 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Esoterica? - Goldstein

>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Mar 2007 09:40:23 -0600
>Subject: Re: UFO Esoterica?

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Mar 2007 14:26:42 +0100
>>Subject: Re: UFO Esoterica?

>>>From: Ted Anderson <Ted.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2007 21:03:55 -0700
>>>Subject: UFO Portal

>>><http://www.we-are-not-alone.us/>

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Aloha Jeff,

Mahalo (thanks) for your information. Today I must go out and
buy a new telescope. The government is launching those
reconnaissance rockets here in Hawaii from their Barking Sands
rocket base in Kuwauai.

I must get a new telescope and find out how to contact them
because I am a music producer and I want to sign The Pleiadean
Galactic Choir to a recording contract. This would be the first
interplanetary music contract. II want to produce the recording
of their next album. I will probably have to share management

with their Pleadean manager. I'm sure we will be able to get a huge recording contract with a major record company here on Earth.

I want to also sign their top innovative artists. I plan to start an intergalactic show that will be named Pleadean Idol. The contestants can only be those who write their own music and songs. I am looking for real artists and not singers who are taught to make once warmed over covers (copies) of past pop hits. We will have the first week's competition up there. The next concert will take place here on Earth when the Pleadean contestants arrive. It will alternate like that for a number of weeks. Every week it will be watched by an audience both here and there. Each series will end with a Pleadean winner chosen from the votes of both Pleadeans and Earthlings. Every year we will have a Grand Prix Meeting of the Masters. That will be when all the winners from the past year have to compete against each other.

I must contact the Pleadeans with a couple of deal offers and they can give me promo packs of their artists. My projects will only be able to begin when the Pleadeans will assure me that the portal will never be blockaded again.

I hope they soon transport me up there.

Josh

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Re: UFO Esoterica? - Maccabee

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 31 Mar 2007 08:04:42 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Esoterica? - Maccabee

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Yes but you were drinking high-power beer.

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Third Close Encounter In Dumfries

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Subject: Third Close Encounter In Dumfries

Source: The Dumfries & Galloway Standard - Scotland, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2npc7v>

Mar 30 2007

Third Close Encounter

By Craig Robertson

A mother and daughter saw a UFO over Dumfries =97 the third sighting this month.

Debbie Easton and daughter Imogen witnessed unusual objects in the sky last Thursday.

Their sighting adds further intrigue to the Dumfriesshire UFO Mystery which has left the public and the police baffled.

Debbie and Imogen were driving along Glasgow Street in the town at around 8.30pm when four strange lights appeared in the sky.

But as they stopped for a closer look, the light disappeared.

"It was very strange," said housing worker Debbie.

"There were four lights in total.

"Two of them were together and the other two seemed to fly across the sky to join them.

"So it could have been one, two or even four different UFOs, I don=92t know.

"But they were round shaped objects.

"It has been suggested it was a fighter jet trail but I have been to air shows and I know what that looks like in the sky and it wasn=92t like this."

Debbie drove round towards the Ice Bowl and stopped to look closer at the lights which seemed to be above the Locharbriggs area =97 close to where a Tinwald woman saw them a week earlier.

"They were a few hundred feet in the sky but there was not a sound," she said.

"Then they just seemed to fizzle out and disappear as if someone had switched them off.

"I can=92t explain it.

I wish I could.

But it was definitely not a plane, a comet or a star."

Debbie says 15-year-old Imogen was worried it was the end of the world.

She joked: "She was worried we were getting invaded by aliens or that the world was going to end, but I told her it was ok."

Debbie=92s experience ties in with the sightings of the Tinwald mother and a pensioner, Brian Stead from Ecclefechan who both saw a UFO on the night on March 15.

They both described it as being a round object with lights on it, making no noise and flying very fast.

That incident was reported to police who checked it out with air traffic control and the RAF but said it "remains unexplained".

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

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