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Kiviat Talks Alien Autopsy With UfoWatchdog.Com

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Kiviat Talks Alien Autopsy Film With Ufowatchdog.Com

http://www.ufowatchdog.com/aafilm_kiviat.html

I had a very interesting conversation with Robert Kiviat today. Among other subjects, we spoke at length about the AA Film and Kiviat provided me with information he says has not been released to anyone else.

Now, I know I said I was taking a break from UFOs, but I wanted to be sure this information was available.

As of now, I am resuming my break.

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Watford UFO Mystery Solved

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http://tinyurl.com/27cog9

Monday 30th July 2007

UFO Mystery Solved By Neil Skinner

For the dozens of internet posters (some more serious than others) discussing recent mysterious lights in the skies, this photograph may go some way to unlocking the mystery.

The floating, circling UFOs seen last Saturday night were, it would appear, little more than Chinese lanterns released as part of a wedding celebration at the Bushey Police Club.

Robert Rosamond from the British UFO Research Organisation (BUFORA) confirmed residents weren't "seeing things" and that his organisation had received a great many similar reports in recent months.

He said: "Chinese lanterns or variations upon a similar theme are being sighted up and down the country at present.

"Common traits are flying in formation (due to the fact that they are more often than not tied together); that they are all apparently of a uniform colour and generally of equal brightness.

"Often one or two are observed to rotate around each other or perform some other kind of independent manoeuvre (the wind will obviously have different affects upon any single or number of lanterns in the group at any given time.)

"One or two or various of their numbers will and often do suddenly 'disappear' or even flare up and then disappear (depending upon the sequence of pre-launch candle lighting.)

"Ufology has been aware of this particular trend for the past four years or more, so it isn't particularly new to us. The fire service is equally unimpressed with them on the basis that they are potentially serious fire hazards under the right circumstances."

Bushey resident Debbie James was one of many people to witness the lights.

She said: "Thank goodness they were just lanterns. I'm having a party later in the year and will be buying some of my own. They are really beautiful.

"In reality the back gardens of Bushey wouldn't be the first port of call for aliens."

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So Is There Really Something Out There?

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Source: The Yorkshire Post, Leeds, UK

http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/features?articleid=3D3071870

31 July 2007

So, Is There Really Something Out There? By Chris Benfield

Until 60 years ago, nobody had heard of flying saucers. Now, one in three of us believes they have already brought aliens to Earth.

The growth of what might be called humanity's most recent religion is traced in Flying Saucerers, by David Clarke, a former Yorkshire Post reporter, now lecturing on journalism at Sheffield Hallam, and Andy Roberts, an ex-Brighouse veteran of investigations into the odd, now living in North Wales.

Their book was inspired partly by Yorkshire's part in the story of saucery. But they are pretty clear that it all started in the US, in June 1947, when a businessman called Kenneth Arnold radioed his home airfield, in Utah, after an unsettling experience as he flew over Washington State.

He said he had seen nine strange craft moving in formation, faster than anything he had ever seen, "like a saucer skipping on water". When he landed, the reporters were waiting.

During the war, airmen commonly reported mysterious craft they called "foo fighters" =96 for reasons which have been lost, although the French (and Cajun) for fire (feu) or madness (fou) or fake (faux) might have been involved.

When the war finished and nobody owned up to the foo fighters, there was a vacancy for an explanation. And pulp fiction had been developing the theme of space travel since the 20th century started.

"Flying saucers were an idea whose time had come," summed up one historian of the phenomenon.

The first sighting was followed by many, all over the world. And before the year was out, the US Airforce had added to the frenzy by trying to avoid telling the truth about an experimental surveillance balloon which fell out of the sky in New Mexico =96 the mundane explanation, according to this book, of the famous Roswell Incident.

Around that time, the USAF also contributed the term UFOs, for Unidentified Flying Objects.

This was an age when an aeroplane eight miles up was at the frontier of human exploration. It is hard, now, to appreciate fully the mix of fascination and terror created by the idea of space travellers.

The authors have a nice quote from a Sheffield woman, Edie Rutherford, writing her diary for July 1947 for the Mass Observation Archive..."Husband much keyed up about the flying saucers. Papers can't report enough to satisfy him."

The authors describe themselves as "sceptics about any form of supernatural event, and agnostics about there being an extra-terrestrial element in any UFO sighting".

Their book is not about the sightings but about the people who have believed in them =96 passionately enough to change the world, in some ways.

They have included some remarkably senior military men and royalty (Mountbatten and, allegedly, Prince Philip) and, later, quite a lot of rock stars, including Brian Jones of the Stones, David Bowie and John Lennon. At first, the interest was in the "nuts and bolts" of alien craft, as the authors put it =96 where they might have come from and how they might be powered. Gradually, the interest and the explanations became more mystical.

Carl Jung, a great believer in the power of the human spirit, seemed to propose =96 in a notoriously obscure book in 1959 =96 that the saucers were either created by a worldwide yearning for change or were called in by it, from elsewhere in the universe or some other dimension.

This half-thing, half-ether theory appealed to all sorts of people, and the "nuts and bolts" men, with their cardigans and pipes, found themselves mixing with occultists and ley-line followers and rollers of reefers =96 not to mention the opportunists, the con-artists, the self-publicists and the deranged.

The authors do not say which category they think George King belonged to, but they drop some hints.

King was a taxi driver and a student of Eastern philosophies who was washing up in his Maida Vale flat in 1954, as he later told the story, when a voice announced: "Prepare yourself. You are to become the voice of Interplanetary Parliament."

King founded the Aetherius Society, which still has a following among people who do not see why a taxi driver should be any less likely to get messages from God than your own chosen prophet. But as with L Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology, there are reasons to believe that King saw the business opportunity before he saw the light.

King passed on a number of messages from Venus, proposing nuclear disarmament and peace with the Soviet Union, and was eventually investigated by Special Branch, as a possible Communist agent. This helped to give Saucery a pacifist, antiestablishment kind of image, attractive to the "beatniks", who paved the way for the hippies, who bequeathed us the New Age tendency.

It was way back in 1962, Clarke and Roberts remind us, that the first settlers came together at the Findhorn Community, in Scotland, "The Vatican Of The New Age".

Central to Findhorn's origins, they say, was a belief "that flying saucers existed and their occupants were in psychic contact".

There were still quite a lot of claims of physical contact, too =96 including a barmy Birmingham woman's explanation to the Sunday papers of a son who was clearly not her husband's.

Life on other planets might be a problem for people who take this world's religious teachings very literally, and some decided that the alleged spacemen were actually agents of the Devil, bringing his message in disguise.

When Stephen Spielberg released Close Encounters Of The Third Kind, in 1978 =96 having used a weird Wyoming rock formation, known as The Devil's Tower, for the climactic scenes =96 there was serious unease in the Christian churches about it being shown, the book reminds us. For some years now, for whatever reasons, UFO "sightings" have been declining. The era of the flying saucer has even been declared over.

But Clarke said yesterday: "Although Close Encounters was a high point, the interest has never gone away. It keeps coming back in different forms. Crop circles is the latest thing and a lot of people still believe they have an extra-terrestrial origin, despite all the evidence about how humans can make them and have done. When crop circles are over, there will be something else."

Although he calls himself "open-minded" about unexplained phenomena, he says researching for the book convinced him that it is the Saucerers =96 the human believers =96 who drive the cycles of interest. Wiltshire was UFO central in the '60s and '70s because of an interested reporter on the Warminster Journal. And in the '80s and '90s, Yorkshire, and particularly the Skipton area, became a hotspot because of the Birdsall brothers, who published UFO magazine from Leeds =96 until Graham Birdsall died, in 2003, and it faded away.

In Flying Saucerers, the authors sum up: "Each generation finds its own unique way to express supernatural beliefs, and faith in flying saucers and aliens is ultimately a product of our time, as belief in witchcraft was a characteristic of the Middle Ages.

"For the 20th century, UFOlogy was just one manifestation of humanity's quest to find an answer to the question: Are we alone? It remains to be seen if that question will be answered in the millennium which lies ahead."

Flying Saucerers: A Social History of UFOlogy, is published by Heart of Albion Press (www. hoap.co.uk) at =A314.95. To order from the Yorkshire Post Bookshop, call free on 0800 0153232 or go to yorkshirepostbookshop.co.uk. Postage and packing is =A31.95.

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Bat Boy You Will Be Missed

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http://www.thesunchronicle.com/articles/2007/07/31/columns/columns48.txt

Monday, July 30, 2007

Bat Boy, You Will Be Missed Tom Reilly

The news hit this reporter like a crashing UFO (piloted, of course, by Amelia Earhart.)

The Weekly World News (official motto: "The World's Only Reliable Newspaper" - no really) is ceasing publication.

I blame the aliens.

Because where else except in this publication are you going to read about what the aliens are up to? For example, in this week's issue is the shocking story of a man who's being harassed by extraterrestrial telemarketers, in clear violation of the national "Do Not Call List." (Headline: "ETs phone his home.")

But we are getting ahead of our story.

Last week, American Media Inc., the Boca Raton, Fla.-based owner of a number of weekly tabloids, announced that Weekly World News would fold after 28 years of printing headlines about sightings of Elvis, Hitler, JFK, Bigfoot and a race of space aliens who worship Oprah.

According to published reports, one employee at the paper said the staff was called into a meeting and told they would all be out of jobs as of Aug. 3. "The reasons they gave don't even make sense." Well maybe not in Weekly World News land, but this is a familiar story in the rest of the publishing world..

The company, which also publishes The National Enquirer and The Star, said that changes in the market for magazines had made publication of WWN much more difficult. It was reported that the company had said the circulation of the magazine had dropped to 83,000 in 2006 from 153,000 in 2004.

Now, if a newspaper that prints headlines like "Angel of Death Visits Earth" can't maintain its circulation, what hope is there for the rest of the print media?

I mean, for us, a sexy headline is something like "Board to mull eyeing report." It just doesn't have the same panache.

WWN was always the poor stepchild of the supermarket tabloid family. According to urban legend, when the Enquirer and Star upgraded to all-color printing, the publishers started Weekly World News as a way of getting some use out of the black and white press equipment they still owned. And when the other tabs switched to covering celebrity gossip, WWN stuck to its roots with stories about Mother Nature endorsing Al Gore for president.

But no longer. Some other publication is going to have to keep track of those sightings of Elvis. Oh no, I forgot. After years of reporting that Elvis was still alive, a few years ago the paper reported that Elvis was, in fact, now dead. (Or was he?)

Ed Anger, the famously irascible columnist who used to tell readers that he was "pig-bitin' mad," is going to have to find another outlet for his wrath. (Fox News may have an opening.)

And how will we keep up with the exploits of Bat Boy, the halfhuman, half-bat youngster discovered living underground and later recruited to fight Osama Bin Laden because of his cave exploring skills?

And, most importantly, what are we going to read in the checkout line?

Tom Reilly is a Sun Chronicle news editor. And in a shocking exclusive, he can be reached at 508-236-0332 or at treilly.nul At least that's what Jimmy Hoffa says.

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UFO East of Merida Yucatan Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <<u>lornis1.nul></u> Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 07:08:30 -0400 Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 08:31:45 -0400 Subject: UFO East of Merida Yucatan Mexico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology July 31, 2007

Source: Ana Luisa Cid Date: 07.31.07

A UFO EAST OF MERIDA, YUCATAN (MEXICO)

According to the research of Emilio Cetz and the AUM and Ovni Merida groups, a very important item of UFO evidence was secured in the city of Merida.

Photos taken by Alberto Perez Valencia, who employed his cellphone camera to take a video of what he could see in the sky.

According to his report, he was sleeping in his room when he heard strange metallic noises which caused him to get out of bed and take a look. Looking straight ahead through the window, he saw a large object at some 50 meters over the ground over an abandoned lot. The witness says that the UFO was as big as a truck.

The cellphone employed was a Sony Ericsson K300 and recording took place at 3:00 $\rm pm$

Mr. Alberto Perez, according to the Merida-based ufologists, is a cook from a humble background and has no computer image manipulation skills. They add that there is a "cenote" (a sacred Mayan well) near the place where the sighting occurred, and that very large carved stones were unearthed as the street was being paved.

Preliminary investigation suggests that this event is neither a hoax nor a prank and that the video, over a minute long, appears to be genuine evidence.

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Kepler & Faster Than Light [was: Why The Cover-Up?]

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Subject: Kepler & Faster Than Light [was: Why The Cover-Up?]

>From: Stan Friedman <<u>fsphys</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 11:05:05 -0300
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Michael Stimson <<u>Michael001</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 14:23:03 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>I think deductive logic applies to the UFO situation. If we >>apply our human knowledge to the situation, then what do we know >>or think we know?

>>Interstellar travel at the speed of light is impossible.

>>Deductive logic tells you that they must be coming from closer >>to home. Take the Roswell crash as an example. It was a fairly >>small craft, and there were reports of bodies. There have been >>no reports of any food, water, or life support systems.

>>Deductive logic tells us that it has to have been a short range >>craft. There were no provisions for long term travel or >>emergencies.

>>In space, there's no up or down, left or right so if you're
>>travelling in a small craft from umpteen light years away, with
>>no food, water, life support, or emergency procedures, then
>>Earth is going to be a hard place to find!

>>I agree with the Earth theory. I called it 'Binary Evolution'
>>and it was put online in 2001 here:

>><u>http://projectprove.com/Arts/BnEv/BnEv.php</u>

>How many times does it have to be pointed out that, not >surprisingly, there are many reports of huge "mother ships". >Think Martin Jacek's Yukon case .6-1.2 miles long. Or JAL, twice >the size of an aircraft carrier. Think of huge aircraft carriers >and small airplanes. The nuclear reactors on the carriers need >refueling every 18 years. The planes need fuel after a few hours >of flight. The planes have no food or beds. They operate in >drastically different environments.. Outer space between stars >in low gravity... and in high gravity in an atmosphere where one >certainly doesn't want to fly at the speed of light...1/7th of a >second to go around the planet. At 99.99% of the speed of light, >it only takes 6months pilot time to travel 37 Light years . Lets >get real.

Kepler...

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

gives ways to make sytems that enable craft to go faster than the speed of light.

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Bert RvB.

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Argentine Cattle Mutilations On Rise Again

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Subject: Argentine Cattle Mutilations On Rise Again

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Cattle Mutilations on the Rise Again

Sudden deaths concern local residents

A cattleman from Maci=El showed his concern when he found one of his cattle "mutilated, with perfect incisions." As reported by Canal Once, this event is disquieting because similar cases have been reported in the area.

Alfredo Crettaz, a cattleman from the town of Maci=E1 in the department of Rosario del Tala, Entre Rios, was "visibly concerned' by the strange appearance of a seven or eight month animal found dead. "The perfect cut on the jaw is striking," he says, alarmed, and describes that "the animal has its entire nape of the neck peeled off, the tail completely peeled," he stressed in the report offered by Canal Once in Paran=E1 during the Semanario Entererriano de Noticias broadcast.

Crettaz suggested that "it wasn't possible that the animal was sick, "because he fell in this place and what is strange is that other creatures haven't come to feed off of it."

Cretaz found the animal during the first days of the week and according to him, "this is the first time that this happens in this field." The countryman made this clarification because similar cases have been occurring in the region and cases with similar characteristics continue to repeat over and over. In mid-May of this year, a Hereford cow was found in Maci=E0 by Moises Enrique, its owner. In early June 2007, Felipe Weber, another local rancher, found a dead cow with the typical characteristics of mutilations: extirpation of genitalia, jaw muscles, eyes, tongue and udders. Weber had also experienced a similar occurrence a year earlier.

"Those who have seen this do not know what it could be," said Crettaz, looking at the animal and unable to dismiss his amazement in the interview with the Semanario Entreterriano de Noticias. He said that a local vet told him, after seeing similar cases, that it could be "an instance of sudden death". Faced with this, Crettaz did not doubt that it could've been a case of sudden death because "the animal fell dead and was stayed there." He added, however, that "the animal looked somewhat flayed - that's what doesn't make any sense."

As a farmer, he dismissed the possibility that "a red-muzzled mouse" could've been the cause of the death.

The strange factor in mutilations are the nature of the injuries: The cows had perfect, cauterized incisions on their heads and bodies, their tongues and saliva glands had been removed, and their mammary glands, rectums and large intestines were missing.

Argentine Cattle Mutilations On Rise Again

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Unintelligent Speculation [was: The ETH]

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>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:00:40 -0700
>Subject: Re: The ETH

>>Such a belief is not only an example of Unintelligent >>Speculation, but also of the wild, tabloid variety.

>But to call it "unintelligent" without a crumb of evidence as to >why you feel this way, is a great example of unintelligent >criticism.

Ed,

I think the problem is that most people who are doing the name-calling have not had any formal training in evolution. Most educated laymen have not even heard of convergent evolution, much less have any understanding of how it is theorized to work.

Jason's comment above is a good example. It reminds me of how many people, scientists included, dismissed evolution when old Charlie Darwin first proposed it. It was 'Unintelligent Speculation'. If supermarket tabloids had existed at the time, no doubt his critics would have said that was where his writings belonged.

Convergent evolution is not wild-assed speculation, it is an observed phenomenon in biology. Similar environmental niches often create similar creatures or structures of creatures. I learned about this in my zoology classes in college, and that's been some years ago, and the theory has only gained more confirmation during those years.

To the critics, I say educate yourself first before making accusations.

Bob Shell

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Re: The ETH

From: **Greg Boone** <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:36:19 EDT Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 09:07:34 -0400 Subject: Re: The ETH

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 21:41:28 +0100
>Subject: Re: The ETH

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:48:46 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The ETH

>>We humans aren't all on the same page regarding genetics and >>intelligence.

>Good point. Two-edged, but good.

>>Some of us are smarter, faster, spell better than
>>others. Sometimes it's cultural based on simple survival
>>decisions or better yet nutrition.

>Misses the point entirely. Our individual attributes are pretty >much irrelevant. Man is a social animal that functions in >hierarchical groups: a big, dangerous, smart monkey that turns >out to be no more highly evolved than anything else on the >planet when he goes on a solo run. Look for the attributes and >dynamics of the group (Over a billion strong in one recorded >instance! What a swarm!) if you are in search of explanatory >factors.

>A key characteristic of the species is that the more >'successful' the group, the more prone it is to collective >conceit.

>This conceit clouds much discussion of the ETH, leading some to
>reject the hypothesis on grounds as speciously anthropocentric
>as 'no government/diplomatic contact, therefore no aliens';
>while luring adherents into even more speciously anthropocentric
>arguments such as those suggesting that we are so inherently
>special that we must constitute a fascinating field of study for
>advanced visitors (if it turns out that we are so fascinating,
>then rest assured that our alien visitors are at their
>equivalent of second grade level, poking their fishnets into the
>school pond, and delighting in the repetitive thrill of

>My point? It's this: whether conducting scientific study and >debate, or indulging in idle speculation, a lot more >sophistication and an even greater degree of humility is called >for if we are not to make asses of ourselves.

Again, well said.

Gerald, the problem is some folks get to resting on one idea and any alternative gets the raspberry.

It's ironic how 60 years ago when the ETH raised it's head it was ridiculed. Even though some in government had suggested it as a response to the public. Re: The ETH

Now that we've been indoctrinated into the ETH as though the only hypothesis, and the only hypothesis that makes tons of money, to suggest otherwise gets ridicule from ufologists? Rod Serling couldn't have written this better. Best, Greg Listen to 'Strange Days... Indeed' - The PodCast See: http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/

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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 14:43:06 +0100
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 09:08:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 09:52:05 -0600
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>From: Stuart Miller <<u>stuart.4</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 21:02:00 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:21:01 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

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>The question is _why_ did our common ancestor diverge into >bipedal and non-bipedal forms? If the wide-open savannah confers >some advantage to bipedal animals, or conversely, selects >against quadrapeds, one might well wonder why we do not see >additional bipedal forms in that environment.

After all that, it would appear that we don't know;

http://tinyurl.com/2pv98r

Realistically, it can ony be to do with two things; food and/or staying alive.

Stuart

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Bruce Maccabee

Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 10:07:51 -0400

Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 09:10:37 -0400

Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 19:59:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 10:05:39 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Yes, to anyone possessed of any scientific sophistication (or >>common sense for that matter) Gehrmanism is indeed silly. It's >>also silly to draw meteorites into the discussion. The evidence >>for meteorites was substantial, and eventually scientists of >>another era, when much less was known about the subject (or >>about any subject), were forced to acknowledge their reality. >>Something of the same will happen with the UFO phenomenon, >though rejection of UFOs-as-anomalies by scientists even now is >>hardly universal.

>You missed my point, again. The idea of 'stones falling from the >sky' was ridiculed. Not that they existed so much as the theory >that they came from space:

>http://www.meteorlab.com/METEORLAB2001dev/metics.htm

<snip>

>The point is that certain ideas that science initially laughed >at turned out to be true _when the evidence became available_.

Bottom line: Theories have been known to bite the dust in the face of ovewhelming evidence.

The 'theory' that 'they can't get here from there' (whoever 'they' are, wherever 'there' is) appears to have bitten the dust in the face of UFO/TRUFO/AFC evidence.

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Re: Core Case [was: The Fermi Paradox]

From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 15:16:23 +0100
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 09:14:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Core Case [was: The Fermi Paradox]

>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 08:57:07 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

<snip>

>It is sad that many NICAP members spent years fighting for the >release of the AF files, then when the AF files were finally >released it was too late, those fighting for release were gone >or had lost interest, or could not recruit assistants to tackle >such a huge project. To this day no one really knows what is in >all the AF files, publicly available for over 30 years now, as I >can show by the startling cases that I have found so far. Breezy >books skimming over a few sensational cases doesn't cut it. >Cutting corners by jumping to the 500+ Unidentified cases and >ignoring the probably 5,000 other unexplained cases won't cut it >either.

>A major drawback to some websites and case collections is the >commingling of disreputable cases and personalities with >legitimate UFO cases and researchers. This is an increasing >problem as apparently the US Air Force continues to propagate >disinformation to discredit the UFO field, by promoting >questionable organizations and claims that mix the legitimate >with the fraudulent. Whenever someone tries to point out these >discrediting associations the AF stooges and their unwitting >followers gang up on them.

>Another problem is the dogmatic insistence of UFO advocates that >the entire UFO problem must be solved all at once, or else none >at all. But this is not how science works. As much as some just >hate hearing this, science is fundamentally "reductionistic," a >fancy word meaning the "reduction" of a problem to its simpler >parts (not necessarily smaller parts, by the way, but _simpler_ >aspects which could very well be physically larger).

>UFO researchers sink their case by demanding that scientists >solve all of the UFO phenomenon all at the same time, including >the toughest cases right at the beginning, such as abductions >and CE III's, etc. This kitchen-sink approach is never going to >impress physicists at the American Physical Society or >astronomers at the American Astronomical Society. Don't come >back at me saying this has never worked, it will never work, >etc. It has never been tried before so you can't say that.

Brad, I have to agree with just about everything you say here, except in one respect: I'm not at all sure about the dynamics of cause and effect between public opinion and scientific activity. I agree that scientists need to be engaged, and engaged in the right way with the right data, but I also believe that that engagement will be much more successful if undertaken against a background of positive public opinion.

That's why I have responded positively to Eleanor's 'core case' suggestion for use with the popular media. The two approaches:

1. Serious/Scientific

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2. Popular/PR
are both necessary, and will support each other if undertaken
effectively.
Conversely, I think we shoot ourselves in the foot if we believe
that either one of these approaches can do the work all on its
own. Two very different jobs, but both essential.
 -- Gerald O'Connell
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Re: UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System?

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 10:24:59 -0400
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 09:42:54 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System?

>From: Katharina Wilson <<u>K Wilson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 15:06:13 -0500
>Subject: UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System?

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>Hello Again:

>Is it me, or does anyone else think it's strange that there >hasn't been one comment about the research this man has done?

This report seems similar to a report I have already studied and published in the MUFON Journal last year. The report is now at

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

I looked at the videos referred to above and they looked interesting, but there didn't seem to be a way to contact the witness/videographer. The possibility there there are objects of some nature that are visible only because of infrared radiation seems 'impossible' but must be considered if these videos are accurate and true.

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:41:55 -0500 Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 09:45:41 -0400 Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:31:51 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:56:58 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Did you even read what I wrote? You're simply repeating to me
>>what I already outlined, namely that _while skeptical of cosmic
>>origin_ - a point I made very clear, and related the basis of
>>such doubt - scientists did investigate meteorite reports.

>Yes, there were various theories at the time of course. But the >theory that these stones came from outer space was dismissed at >first; read the quotes again I posted before:

Why do you keep repeating what I wrote originally, all the while asserting that I never said what you're repeating?

One last try:

Scientists of the 18th Century investigated the evidence for meteorite reports. They investigated because the evidence for falling stones existed in abundance; they did not ignore it on the grounds, as you initially claimed, that because stones don't exist in the sky, stones cannot fall from the sky, case closed. Where scientists initially erred - not unusually in the history of any kind of inquiry, especially when the discipline is in its formative years - was in the interpretation, which was limited by the very modest scientific understanding (let me repeat: very modest scientific understanding) that prevailed more than two centuries ago. Between today's science and the science of 200+ years ago, an enormous knowledge gulf stretches. In due course, meteorites became explainable. Just like all kinds of other phenomena of nature.

Let me repeat the lesson: Abundant evidence vs. massive ignorance of early science leads to confusion about interpretation. Not to mention the generation of a dead horse that forever after, advocates of esoteric speculations of all kinds will beat as they wail about scientists' refusal to take their fantastic beliefs seriously.

Except by proclamation - yours - the meteorite episode has nothing to do with the reception of Gehrmanism. No evidence that would impress any modestly critical-minded, knowledgeable authority supports Gehrmanism's propositions; therefore, scientists aren't investigating it. Gehrmanism's extraordinary claims are not even a remote controversy among them, unlike, say, the fierce dispute that rages - though nearer now to being settled - among archaeologists and physical anthropologists about the identity of the first human beings in the Americas and the date of their arrival. Unlike Gehrmanism, this is actually an interesting subject (a small library of books has been written on it), showing scientists at both their best and their worst, with much fascinating material to chew over. Nothing in the relevant archaeological and related data, however, can be interpreted as supporting Gehrmanist beliefs.

Unlike some ufological mystery-mongers, who argue for an openmindedness so expansive that it allows the brains to drop out (or, as here, actively demands that they do so), scientists, historians, and other scholarly professionals do not hold that one idea, however far-fetched, is as good as another. Nor do they think that all ideas deserve respect simply because the non-scientist/non-professional who proposes them furiously pronounces himself "scientific" and whines that, as with Galileo, only inquisitors oppose his noble efforts. Scientific professionals devote their efforts to, you know, actual stuff, studied via well-established, demonstrably successful methodology, built upon many decades, even centuries, of accumulated established knowledge. They don't confuse free expression, the right to which everybody has, with intellectual seriousness, which some manifestly do not possess.

But if you indeed believe that Ed Gehrman may have discovered a truth so staggeringly important it rivals the discoveries of Galileo and Darwin, why in the world are you wasting time on UpDates? Why aren't you urging Gehrman to take his revolutionary insights to the scientific community for assessments by actual scientists in the relevant fields of paleontology, archaeology, history, anthropology, physics, aeronautics, engineering, and God knows what else that Gehrmanism, once it has triumphed, will overthrow?

Or is the answer to that obvious - that this is just a game to you guys and, beneath it all, you know perfectly well that this is second-grade science fiction?

Jerry Clark

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 15:44:47 +0100
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 09:46:31 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 17:33:08 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>See my earlier reply to Dick Hall regarding the latter point.
>Proof of ETV, or at least ETV as experienced by humans thus far,
>does not resolve the paradox in its broader sense (which
>becomes, Where is Everybody Hiding?).

Hi Mike,

I don't have enough `absolute' knowledge to even form an opinion. However, people I respect and have read in recent years - like Stewart & Cohen, Barrow, Smolin - seem to think there is no paradox.

Why? Because the factors involved: very large distances, very long time periods, very high levels of technology and `signalling' attainable by possible advanced groups, when set against humans' tiny amount of knowledge, humans' short period of `high technology', and humans' very brief period of reliable recording (if it yet exists) - mean we can't begin to answer Fermi's question.

So the question is meaningless to us.

We don't know what to look for and we wouldn't know if we've seen it.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System?

From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 15:51:30 +0100
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 09:51:29 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System?

>From: Katharina Wilson <<u>K Wilson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 15:06:13 -0500
>Subject: UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System?

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OK, since you asked. They first one is clearly a flight of geese or swans (sorry, definitely not pelicans) in a v-formation, as are the other v-shaped 'objects'. Most of the others seem to be birds, although not being an ornithologist I couldn't tell you of which particular variety.

Well, you did ask.

John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 13:10:40 -0300
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 09:53:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?
>From: Ed Gehrman <<u>egehrman</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 15:11:33 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?
>>From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger</u>.nul>

>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:26:33 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snipped>because it is a repitition of the same thing.

>Ed Fouche is who he says he is.

I'm whom I say I am.

>He wrote a book based on >information from friends, factual information, but had to >publish as fiction so the book would clear.

I say it isn't a fact.

>He says the TR3-b is a fact. I have no reason to doubt him. >Do you?

Of course I doubt him. He hasn't one fact to support him. He reported it as fiction because that's what it is if he's referring to some mile wide project as seen in Phoenix. And as for your secret government, what a silly way in which to elude the quaestion of why it would violate the network of airspace around Phoenix. You are using myth to support myth.

Don Ledger

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Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 11:11:01 -0600
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 09:54:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

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>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 08:56:10 -0400
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>We really still don't know what killed off the dinosaurs, and >until we do we can't really understand why some things lived >through that extinction. Birds, fish, crocodilians, lizards, >insects, small mammals, crustaceans, spiders, and many other >groups of animals survived. I think the real question is not why >did certain animals die out, but rather why did so many survive. >This is the main weakness in the asteroid impact theory. If >birds, which we now know are dinosaurs, survived, why not some >other lines of dinosaurs? Why not dinosauroid evolution?

I'm not certain about this, but I seem to recall that size was an important selection factor in the KT extinction... something to the effect that no line of land animal larger than a dog survived (correct me on that as necessary). This seems like a plausible scenario in the case that the vast majority of the browsable vegetation was destroyed (by fire?) and unable to regrow (sunlight blocked?). Large herbivores and their predators died off quickly, leaving a few mating pairs of small animals scraping by on what was left until normal plant growth resumed.

I would think that, even by that criterion, some dinosaur lines (aside from birds) would have survived. Again I am not certain here, but I believe that various species of roughly chickensized non-avian dinosaurs were extant at the time of the KT extinction. Perhaps the warm-vs.-cold-blooded distinction is more critical at smaller sizes.

Mike

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Re: The AA Film

From: **Steven Kaeser** <<u>steve</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 13:25:19 -0400 Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 09:57:27 -0400 Subject: Re: The AA Film

>From: Ed Gehrman <<u>egehrman</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 15:11:33 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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Hesitant as I am in getting into this...

>He never told me it was a hoax. He announced that they had done >a restoration. Except for Rays change of story, >there isn't any evidence that the AA is a hoax. Ray could not >explain or show how the restoration was accomplished.

>>I think you and others who have faith in the ETH have >>>invented a nice bedtime story. But science says it won't fly.

Ed,

While Ray has held onto his story as best he can (in part to avoid fraud charges, IMO), he also has created a neat little movie to show how he made the "recreation".

Meanwhile, we have a special effects expert that has come forward to claim that he made the creatures that were shown in the AA 'film'. For most of us, this is enough information to believe that the entire AA 'film' was a hoax from the beginning, but I hope you have fun chasing that particular myth further.

I know that you and Bob have held onto the semantics of Ray's phrasing and believe there's some greater truth involved, but let the rest of us know when you find something substantial.

Steve

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From: Jim Deardorff <<u>deardorj.nul></u> Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 11:16:24 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 09:59:18 -0400 Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

Another problem is the dogmatic insistence of UFO advocates that the entire UFO problem must be solved all at once, or else none at all. But this is not how science works. As much as some just hate hearing this, science is fundamentally 'reductionistic', a fancy word meaning the 'reduction' of a problem to its simpler parts (not necessarily smaller parts, by the way, but _simpler_ aspects which could very well be physically larger).

UFO researchers sink their case by demanding that scientists solve all of the UFO phenomenon all at the same time, including the toughest cases right at the beginning, such as abductions and CE III's, etc. This kitchen-sink approach is never going to impress physicists at the American Physical Society or astronomers at the American Astronomical Society. Don't come back at me saying this has never worked, it will never work, etc. It has never been tried before so you can't say that...

UFO-debunking scientists also make good use of the reductionistic approach. They ignore all reported aspects of a UFO sighting that suggest it was no mundane object, and just concentrate on those aspects that indicate it could have been a manmade or natural object/event. This is indeed a simple approach. I prefer to hold back on any hypothesis that is not consistent with all the available information that seems trustworthy.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 18:33:45 +0000
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 10:01:55 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:54:38 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 15:11:28 +0000
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<snip>

>Dick,

>You have simply reiterated your previous comment, without >addressing my question or noting my acknowledgement of the body >of UFO evidence.

This is flatly untrue! You asked to hear my arguments; I gave you my arguments. I don't understand what you are saying, and apparently you don't understand what I am saying. I guess we are talking past each other.

>Even if the majority of genuine 'unknowns' in the UFO record are >in fact ETs, Fermi's question remains troublesome. Fermi did >_not_ claim there are no ETs, nor did he claim we have not been >visited by them. The broader subtlety of the paradox goes beyond >the simple issue of whether ETs exist. The issue is, under very >reasonable assumptions, we should be _swimming_ in ETs. The most >plausible scenarios are that they are ubiquitous, or that they >are non-existent.

Fermi's famous quation that summed up his alleged paradox was, Where are they? I see nothing profound or even terribly relevant in such a proclamation by someone who doesn't even bother to examine the vbidence. I'm refrerring to Fermi, not to you.

>It is rather like throwing a burning match into a pile of dried >brush. If you go away and come back a year later, you will be >confident that the situation has resolved itself one way or the >other: either the entire pile was consumed, or the fire was >extinguished. There is no tenable 'in-between' scenario (e.g., >isolated flames still present along with unburned brush).

I have no idea what you are talking about here. My point is very simple and clear.

>But our current situation vis-a-vis ETs seems very much in this
>'in-between' category: very selective and limited (if any)
>visitations, few (or no) unambiguous artifacts, passive signals,
>or direct communications. It is clearly *not* the case that ETs
>are common and ubiquitous. I do not dispute your documented
>evidence for them, I dispute that they are right under our
>noses, and I dispute that Fermi's observation was 'remarkably
>blind', 'over-rated', 'off-the-wall', or 'uninformed'.

Well, I didpute your disputation. I say they are right under our noses.

Re: The Fermi Paradox

>You might consider perusing the available commentary on the >Fermi Paradox and efforts to resolve it. I think you'll find >that the issue is by no means settled, irrespective of whether >ETs have visited or how solid your evidence may be to that >effect.

I didn't say the issue was settled. Only that Fermi and those who find his proclamation so remarkable are ignoring a huge body of evidence. I have no interest in endlessly deconstructing it. I frankly find it essentially meaningless. Simply a proclamation based on ignorance of evidence. It can't be, therefore it isn't.

- Dick

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 17:03:08 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 10:03:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:31:51 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:56:58 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Did you even read what I wrote? You're simply repeating to me >>what I already outlined, namely that _while skeptical of cosmic >>origin_ - a point I made very clear, and related the basis of >>such doubt - scientists did investigate meteorite reports.

>Yes, there were various theories at the time of course. But the >theory that these stones came from outer space was dismissed at >first; read the quotes again I posted before:

>"In his book, however, Chladni took the next great leap and >concluded these objects could only come from space. For this he >was immediately ridiculed, then ignored."

>"Eventually the story found its way to the White House in >Washington, D.C. President Thomas Jefferson was a scientist as >well as statesman. When he heard this peculiar story he declared >it could not be true..."

Hi Paul and Jerome,

Society and our beliefs are greatly influenced by what our trusted leaders and esteemed scientists proclaim to be correct. This includes the U.S. people under President Thomas Jefferson who, along with a later popular President, Abraham Lincoln, were skeptics and atheists (even though for almost a century the U.S. Lincoln one cent coin still has "In God We Trust" on it).

While doing a quick background search on Thomas Jefferson and his views, I came across this interesting and I think relevant quote by him in Notes on Virginia, 1782.

"Ignorance is preferable to error, and he is less remote from the truth who believes nothing than he who believes what is wrong."

Readers of the UFO UpDates List are certainly not ignorant about UFOs and of the strange and unexplained things seen and reported in the sky and on the ground. From our years of study of UFOs, those on the list have come to believe in an extraterrestrial, extradimensional or even a religious explanation to the UFO phenomenon. Are our critics and skeptics like Thomas Jefferson right in claiming that we are far further from the truth than those that don't believe in nonsense such as UFOs originate from somewhere else other than Earth?

Some contributors on this list summarily dismissed my idea that in light of recent discoveries and what we already know, one day we may be able to circumnavigate the Earth by submarine or even a surface ship totally underground, as ridiculous. Recall that other ridiculous ideas such as continental drift are now accepted as fact by the scientific community.

Is anyone willing to seek out new life and new civilizations and to boldly go where no man has gone before (an expression taken from Star Trek) in a voyage through inner space this is, literally just beneath our feet? My hydrologist colleagues with Environment Canada where I worked as a marine climatologist may think I am nuts but a simple fact remains that there are huge underground bodies of water in places like the Canadian prairies and the deserts of Saudi Arabia which, I have good reasons to suspect, are interconnected by a vast network of underground flowing rivers.

If such a vast unexplored underground world is true, possibly occupied by previously unknown "alien" lifeforms, then those of us on this list who insist otherwise would be guilty of being part of the cover-up too.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: **Eleanor White** <<u>eleanor</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 17:19:56 -0400 Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 21:03:57 -0400 Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 21:54:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>You can tell me Greg, I'm an atheist with no other belief >systems holding me in place, and only gravity holding me down. >I've forgotten all of the History I learned, so nothing to lose >there. If the Navy can handle the truth, then I know I can.

Hey, Greg, I'm ex-US Navy. I can handle it too.

Eleanor White

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From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor.nul></u>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 17:26:23 -0400
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 21:05:07 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
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>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

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>But our current situation vis-a-vis ETs seems very much in this >'in-between' category: very selective and limited (if any) >visitations, few (or no) unambiguous artifacts, passive signals, >or direct communications. It is clearly *not* the case that ETs >are common and ubiquitous.

Not clear to me at all.

First, not all ET races are not necessarily interstellar space farers. They would be at different stages in that regard and some may be ruled by skeptibunkers preventing deep space exploration programs, or, they simply can't afford it.

Secondly, the 'in-between' situtation may be that there actually is an intergalactic federation of space-faring races, the rules for which strictly limit missions.

Eleanor White

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: **Eleanor White** <<u>eleanor</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 17:37:37 -0400 Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 21:06:06 -0400 Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 05:03:22 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

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>Their presence should be obvious, ...

Here's another thought, and given that UFOs are observed to 'zap out' of our 3D+t, and given that parallel dimensions where physics may operate differently are a very good candidate for how the speed of light problem may have been overcome, the presence of most of 'them' may well be that they spend most of their time in those parallel dimensions.

Fits well with the UFO sightings I've heard about.

Eleanor White

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From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 17:39:58 -0400
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 21:07:05 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 08:57:07 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

<snip>

>What I am mainly talking about is the pressing need for best >scientific UFO evidence to be carefully selected and presented to >the scientific community.

Well, printing up two different flyers for two different purposes doesn't seem like a big chore.

Eleanor White

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Re: UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System?

From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 16:09:23 -0600
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 21:08:32 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System?

>From: Katharina Wilson <<u>K Wilson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 15:06:13 -0500
>Subject: UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System?

>Hello Again:

>Is it me, or does anyone else think it's strange that there >hasn't been one comment about the research this man has done?

>The Why The Cover-up? posts do not seem to be about the cover-up >any longer... just a couple of observations.

For what it's worth, Katharina, I think these photos are eminently worthy of investigation. I've been waiting for our 'bigwigs' to comment.

How about that, Bigwigs - assuming you can tear yourself away from pummeling the "I think dinos developed into UFO pilots because you can't prove otherwise!" people? :)

Jeff Olson

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Re: The ETH

From: **Ed Gehrman** <<u>eqehrman</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 15:34:59 -0700 Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 21:10:48 -0400 Subject: Re: The ETH

>From: Jason Gammon <<u>BoyintheMachine</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 15:48:40 EDT
>Subject: Re: The ETH

>I 'seriously' think you should read up a bit more on >anthropological discoveries, let alone the history of mankind >before making 'Gehrmanesque'-proclamations.

Jason,

Folks should read more "history of mankind" and they'll find that there are few narratives that go unchallenged. There is a give and take of ideas and in many respects the field is open to serious hobbyists, especially those with money. Bob is correct. There are no reasons to discount an ancient hominid past.

I find it strange to have my name so closely associated with the hypothesis I sugg ested. Do you have a definition of Gehrmanism? I know you find it derogatory and cute and even smart, but I only find it strange. I don't mind since I believe I'll be proven to be correct. Maybe not 100%, but in the money. You on the other hand will be consigned to the hell reserved for those who could have bet on winners. It's not to late. They're still all at the gate.

Ed

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From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 20:27:18 -0700
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Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 11:24:45 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>When the story on the drones first broke I too found the subject >very interesting.

>I sent the pics published to experts in photoshop and other >special effects software and techniques. The majority felt the >photos were not kosher. That didn't however dismiss the >possibility. When in doubt ask a scientist says I.

Absolutely. That was the first important step to take.

>I did and was surprised to find there is real science behind the >probability of such devices. Long standing science behind it and >I posted those links on this List.

Yes, there is, apparently, I'm glad you mentioned it.

>For cryin' out loud, let the data reveal it. Let's wait 'til >more study on the photos and more solid, physical proof is >gathered before these leaps in speculation occur. They muddy the >waters and that's the reason the drone story has that 'you might >get cooties if you touch it' thing.

>One same step at a time when it comes to the fantastic.

Good advice. My only complaint was that some people here seemed content to dismiss the whole drone thing based on tentative analysis of a few of the photos, while the other eyewitness accounts were ignored. A very one-sided approach, imo. Any of the good, serious UFO investigators who I know would want to talk to them before jumping to conclusions. That is just proper, objective research and how the data can be obtained to either support the drones' existence or not. I don't want to speculate too much either, I'm just arguing for an objective approach to the subject.

Paul

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From: Jason Gammon <<u>BoyintheMachine</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 01:09:54 EDT Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 21:31:28 -0400 Subject: Re: The ETH

>From: Ed Gehrman <<u>egehrman</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:00:40 -0700
>Subject: Re: The ETH

>>From: Jason Gammon <<u>BoyintheMachine</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:49:28 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The ETH [was: Why The Cover-Up?]

>>>From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul>
>>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 10:54:02 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>Again, the ETH is only a valid hypothesis if one has the mindset >>>that we mere humans know everything there is about the planet >>>Earth, physics and a dozen or more physical sciences.

><snip>

>>Greg, you are not getting it. There is no proof that the UFO
>>Phenomena is in fact Extraterrestrial. Instead, the ETH
>>represents an example of Intelligent Speculation.

>>The notion that an advanced race not only coexists with us >>undetected here on the planet, but actually evolved here, makes >>absolutely no sense.

>What are your specific objections? Do you understand and/or have >a problem with convergent evolution?

My objection Ed, is that you have created a scenario more suited for a Sci-fi channel Saturday night movie, than what the current evidence suggests. All we know for sure is that a technology currently unreached by man is being displayed. You take this and leap into territory many will not venture.

>Are the time spans a >problem? Do you understand my argument that tool making is a >niche and has led to our general appearance or after successful >tool making experience, these hominids could have vacated earth >because it was undergoing vast change? Please help me understand >why you can't make "sense" of this hypothesis. I want you to try >and poke holes in my theory; insults don't count.

You can't poke holes in a ghost, Ed. Flesh out a true theory based on logic and I might support it.

>>Such a belief is not only an example of Unintelligent >>Speculation, but also of the wild, tabloid variety.

>But to call it "unintelligent" without a crumb of evidence as to >why you feel this way, is a great example of unintelligent >criticism.

>Ed

Re: The ETH

I'll give you that Ed, it does take intelligence to be imaginative. What you seem to be lacking is logic.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

From: David Galvin <<u>d.galvin.nul></u> Date: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 06:08:00 +0000 Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 21:34:40 -0400 Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Bob Shell <<u>bob</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 08:56:10 -0400
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:21:01 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

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>>We really still don't know what killed off the dinosaurs, and >until we do we can't really understand why some things lived >through that extinction. Birds, fish, crocodilians, lizards, >insects, small mammals, crustaceans, spiders, and many other >groups of animals survived. I think the real question is not why >did certain animals die out, but rather why did so many survive. >This is the main weakness in the asteroid impact theory. If >birds, which we now know are dinosaurs, survived, why not some >other lines of dinosaurs? Why not dinosauroid evolution?

Hi all,

I recently attended the Perimeter Institute public lecture by Jay Malosh (yeah, I've mentioned the Institute before, and no I don't work for them).

Dr. Malosh argued convincingly that the K/T-event meteoroid that hit the Yucatan area 65 million years ago blasted a huge amount of ejecta into space. When the ejecta fell back to earth it burned up in the atmosphere. The Earth's surface heated up like the interior of a pizza oven.

What is mind-boggling is that within _hours_ (_not_ eons, _not_ millennia, _not_ years or even months!) virtually all life on the surface of the planet was incinerated. The only land animals to survive were those small enough to burrow into the ground or fortunate enough to find refuge in caves or elsewhere. Sulphur from the meteoroid strike acidified the oceans. Smoke, dust and aerosolized sulfur blocked the sun and created a years-long global winter.

A truly nightmarish scenario! The lecture is well worth hearing for yourself. If it's not on the PI website by now it will be in due course.

Regards,

David Galvin

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From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 08:16:47 -0500 Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 21:36:56 -0400 Subject: Re: The ETH

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>>We humans aren't all on the same page regarding genetics and >>intelligence.

>Good point. Two-edged, but good.

>Gerald, the problem is some folks get to resting on one idea and >any alternative gets the raspberry.

>It's ironic how 60 years ago when the ETH raised it's head it >was ridiculed. Even though some in government had suggested it >as a response to the public.

>Now that we've been indoctrinated into the ETH as though the >only hypothesis, and the only hypothesis that makes tons of >money, to suggest otherwise gets ridicule from ufologists?

>Rod Serling couldn't have written this better.

It's ironic or revelatory that the only name mentioned in this discussion is somebody who has precisely nothing to do with the subject at issue.

Anyway, to the paragraph before it:

Let's have some names and quotes, please. This is my second request. Otherwise, as I noted before, one can only assume you're beating a straw man.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 08:38:54 -0500
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 21:40:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Bob Shell <<u>bob</u>.nul>
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>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:24:12 -0400
>Subject: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>From: Ed Gehrman <<u>egehrman</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:00:40 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The ETH

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For a discussion of convergent evolution in a ufological context, free of Gehrmanist or comparable pseudoscientific baggage, see the entry in my UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd. Ed. (Omnigraphics, 1998), pp. 368-73, examining the implications of convergent evolution for the development of intelligent life in other planetary contexts. Environmental scientist and ufologist Michael D. Swords elaborates elsewhere, e.g., "Science and the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis in Ufology" (Journal of UFO Studies n.s. 1 [1989], pp. 67-102).

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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 09:51:28 -0400
Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 21:42:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Stuart Miller <<u>stuart.4</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 14:43:06 +0100
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>The question is _why_ did our common ancestor diverge into
>>bipedal and non-bipedal forms? If the wide-open savannah confers
>>some advantage to bipedal animals, or conversely, selects
>>against quadrapeds, one might well wonder why we do not see
>>additional bipedal forms in that environment.

>After all that, it would appear that we don't know;

>http://tinyurl.com/2pv98r

>Realistically, it can ony be to do with two things; food and/or >staying alive.

Interesting but ill-informed article. Dr. Small seems not to know about the Bonobo, formerly called Pygmy Chimpanzee, and now recognized as a separate species. Bonobos walk erect much of the time although they are far from graceful at it and the resort to four legged locomotion when they are in a big hurry. They are also much more like humans in their culture and have recently been observed making spears and using them to hunt smaller animals. We used to say that walking upright and tool use separated us from the great apes...

So it is entirely possible that, as with Bonobos, our ancestors took to upright walking first and evolved the adaptations to make it more efficient later.

The main advantage of upright stance isn't so much to see over tall grass (Bonobos live in forests), but to free the hands and arms for other uses. We could never have been very efficient at tool use if we hadn't pulled ourselves up from a four legged stance.

To return for a moment to convergent evolution: Dinosaurs already had the advantage of bipedal stance from day one. Therapods (whose name means "beast footed") kept their bipedalism, while some other lines descended to four legged locomotion again as they evolved to be efficient plant eaters.

The problem early dinosaurs had was lack of stereoscopic vision and brians that were too small to do much with their hands. Evolution in hunters tends to favor larger brains and better 3D vision, and dinosaurs were moving that way.

Something happened that ended the Cretaceous Period, and with it most of the dinosaurs. As I've said before, we really don't know what happened. Why did the delicate and vulnerable birds survive while all of the pterosaurs (which were not dinosaurs) died? Why did lizards, crocodiles, snakes, turtles, and many other reptiles survive? Insects from the late Cretaceous look just like their modern counterparts. Obviously they survived. Why? And the pattern of extinctions in the oceans is just as peculiar, with all of the marine lizards dying out, but marine turtles doing just fine. The pattern of extinction just does not Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

make sense. That's where research ought to be directed.

If dinosauroids evolved and were highly intelligent and caused a "nuclear winter" of extinction, would we know? Would their survivors be very interested in another species that was going nuclear?

Bob Shell

[Here ends further non-UFO-related discussion on this thread --ebk]

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Blown Away By The Very Large Array

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 22:22:17 -0400 Archived: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 22:22:17 -0400 Subject: Blown Away By The Very Large Array

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Blown Away By The Very Large Array By Daniel Terdiman Staff Writer CNET News.com

Datil, N.M. - I'm standing in the middle of "the center of the known universe", as this room is sometimes called. And in a way, it feels like that's actually where I am.

That's because I'm in the control center of the Very Large Array, a collection of 27 dish antennas, each of which weighs 230 tons and has a diameter of 25 meters. Together, the antennas form the world's largest radio telescope.

The VLA, as it's known, is a true sight to behold. It is located at 6,970 feet in the Plains of San Agustin, about 50 miles west of Socorro, N.M., and I've come here as part of Road Trip 2007, my journey around the Southwest in search of some of the most interesting science- and technology-related destinations. This definitely counts.

This is awesome country, with gorgeous brown and tan mountains, a huge sky and, it turns out, some of the most advanced and prodigious scientific equipment the world has ever known.

You try looking at more than two dozen giant dish antenna spread over a giant plain on a beautiful day and not be impressed. Almost impossible.

Together, the 27 antennas combine to create the resolution of a single antenna 22 miles across, with the sensitivity of a dish 130 meters in diameter, according to the VLA's Web site. What that means is that "you can make images of almost anything you can look at in the universe", Dave Finley, the public information officer for the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), which operates the VLA, told me.

The VLA is a radio telescope, a message that Finley and the NRAO are eager to have people understand. But it doesn't collect sound. It collects radio waves, which, Finley tells me, are exactly the same as light waves. Only different.

Finley explains that optical telescopes like Hubble and Palomar are designed to collect light waves, while the VLA collects radio waves. The end result is the same: To understand what's going on in the universe. And it seems that the VLA is doing a good job of that.

"The VLA is the most scientifically productive ground-based

telescope in the history of astronomy", Finley said. "There are between 180 and 200 scientific papers a year that announce discoveries" based on research done at VLA.

The VLA is a project of the National Science Foundation, and as such, is available to any scientist who wants to use it, and who submits a successful proposal.

Finley explained that the NRAO receives about two hours of proposals for every hour of available time on the VLA, so it's a competitive process. But those who are accepted get access to incredible machinery.

The VLA was designed and built in the 1960s and '70s, and it was dedicated in 1980. Today, it is undergoing a multiyear process to upgrade all of the antennas from analog systems to all digital. This project, known as the Expanded Very Large Array, is expected to be completed by 2011 or 2012 at a cost of about \$75 million.

Finley explained that the upgraded VLA will be 10 times more capable as a scientific instrument than it was originally.

Today, the project is well under way, with 11 of the antennas having already been upgraded, and one literally being worked on while I'm here.

It's quite a sight, actually: a giant building, known as the "barn", with one of these mammoth antennas inside it. It's kind of the astronomy version of an auto mechanic, with the antenna seemingly up on blocks and technicians banging away at it, to make the necessary changes.

One major piece of the upgrade involves switching out the old analog microwave waveguide systems - essentially pipes that signal waves traveled through - with modern fiber optics.

Another major piece is installing a new "correlator", the complex system that takes the signals from all 27 antennas and combines them into one cohesive signal.

The current correlator is an all-analog system that's going to be replaced by a new one to be donated by Canadian scientists as their contribution to the Expanded Very Large Array.

The net effect of the upgrade, Finley says, is to get the equivalent of 10 VLAs for the cost of about one-third of the original (taking the original costs and factoring in inflation).

The idea, he explained, is to keep the VLA at the forefront of astronomy for the foreseeable future.

"We've already marked our 25th anniversary", Finley said. "I'm pretty sure we'll have people here to mark the 50th."

One major challenge associated with the upgrade is not reducing the amount of research that gets done while the antennas are being worked on. Finley said that for the most part, the VLA has been able to meet that goal, though there have been times when not all 27 antennas are available at the same time. But while that means slightly less data is available, it's not a critical problem, he said.

One question I had was why the VLA is here on the Plains of San Agustin, of all places. Clearly, it's good to have a place large enough to spread out three arms many miles long, but there are plenty of those in the West.

Finley said the Plains of San Agustin - which, he added, are about as big as Connecticut - were the perfect location because of the NRAO's criteria: a large, flat and dry site at high elevation that's away from large population centers so there is no problem with radio interference, but a site that is also close to good highways so it's easy to get equipment and people in.

Thus, here we are.

Today, the VLA is in its 'A' configuration, which means all three arms are spread out over the many miles. But the antennas at the VLA can actually be moved into seven different configurations depending on the time of year and the specific scientific need.

The 'D' configuration is the one most tourists - including myself - want to see because that's when all the antenna are clustered closely, all within .4 miles to the center. But alas, it wasn't to be. There's actually an online schedule for the different configurations, with "A" running until September 10.

And moving them is quite a production. The VLA has two giant transporters that lift the antennas and move them, on railroad-style tracks, from "pier" to "pier", the anchors where the antennas are locked down.

The whole idea behind the VLA, meanwhile, is to create as many different pairings of antennas - and the signals they can receive - as possible, and then combine them.

With 27 antennas, Finley explained, there are 351 different possible pairings. So the concept is to receive a signal with all these pairings, then turn the antennas a little and start over. That means another 351 sets of signals to add to the mix.

"So when you rotate the antennas, you get 351 new pieces of information", Finley said. "And Earth's rotation gives you 351 (more). You do it enough that if you have good enough software and computing power, you can get a good enough image."

Ultimately, that's what the VLA is about: imaging the universe. Even though it's a radio telescope, it produces images, not sounds. It's a common misconception that Finley said he is constantly trying to overcome.

To me, unfortunately, it's all a little bit of Greek. I can, however, understand the impact of so many of these incredible antennas, and how they can produce the data that is moving the science of astronomy forward.

And as I look out over the many, many miles of the plains, admiring the antennas far off in the distance, as well as the ones up close, I can't help but be captivated by the feeling that I'm at the center of the universe. Even if only for a little while.

[Thanks to Bob Shell for the lead]

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 09:57:51 -0500 Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 10:48:56 -0400 Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Nick Balaskas <<u>Nikolaos</u>.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 17:03:08 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:31:51 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:56:58 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

Hi, Nick,

>Society and our beliefs are greatly influenced by what our >trusted leaders and esteemed scientists proclaim to be correct. >This includes the U.S. people under President Thomas Jefferson >who, along with a later popular President, Abraham Lincoln, were >skeptics and atheists (even though for almost a century the U.S. >Lincoln one cent coin still has "In God We Trust" on it).

Off-topic, but since you raised the matter:

Lincoln, somebody I know something about, was not an atheist, at least in his mature years. In his youth, it's true, Tom Paine's free-thinking views were a strong influence, and ever after, Lincoln's political opponents sought to paint him as an 'infidel', a dangerous identification in an American even more Bible-besotted than the present one.

In his later years, Lincoln embraced religious faith, but not a Christian faith, however much the Christian right and other devout souls may want us to believe to the contrary. What he held was a profound personal conviction in a morality (including one focused on slavery's innate evil) based in good part on his (considerable) reading of the Bible. Beyond that, he rejected Christian doctrines but held to a belief in an inscrutable God who operated through history to achieve his own inscrutable ends and whose purposes human beings could only contemplate and try to puzzle out.

According to William C. Harris, Lincoln's most recent biographer, by the time of his election in 1860, "Lincoln seemed genuinely to believe that he needed God's blessing and assistance in order to succeed and save the republic of the Founding Fathers. Lincoln's spirituality and his search to know the will of the 'Almighty' became even greater during the war." His "God", however, would not be recognizable to most conventionally religious folk.

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Re: The AA Film

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 17:20:36 +0200
Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 10:51:04 -0400
Subject: Re: The AA Film

>From: Steven Kaeser <<u>steve</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 13:25:19 -0400
>Subject: Re: The AA Film

>>From: Ed Gehrman <<u>egehrman</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 15:11:33 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>Hesitant as I am in getting into this...

>>He never told me it was a hoax. He announced that they had done
>>a restoration. Except for Rays change of story,
>>there isn't any evidence that the AA is a hoax. Ray could not
>>explain or show how the restoration was accomplished.

>>>I think you and others who have faith in the ETH have >>>invented a nice bedtime story. But science says it won't fly.

>While Ray has held onto his story as best he can (in part to >avoid fraud charges, IMO), he also has created a neat little >movie to show how he made the "recreation".

>Meanwhile, we have a special effects expert that has come >forward to claim that he made the creatures that were shown in >the AA 'film'. For most of us, this is enough information to >believe that the entire AA 'film' was a hoax from the beginning, >but I hope you have fun chasing that particular myth further.

>I know that you and Bob have held onto the semantics of Ray's >phrasing and believe there's some greater truth involved, but >let the rest of us know when you find something substantial.

Steve,

The only point of agreement I have with you, is that the AA film was a kind of hoax from the beginning.

But I will add that Ray Santilli has been lying all the time, including for his new story, obviously.

He did not shoot, or recreate, any part of it. The special effects experts did not make the body, and the real nature of the film remains undetermined.

However, I do not share the ideas of Bob and Ed about it. I don't believe theirs theories of monotremes and ancient civilisations, hidden who knows where.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Unintelligent Speculation

From: BoyintheMachine.nul Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 11:29:20 EDT Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 10:56:06 -0400 Subject: Re: Unintelligent Speculation

>From: Bob Shell <<u>bob</u>.nul>
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>Subject: Unintelligent Speculation [was: The ETH]

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>evolution, much less have any understanding of how it is
>theorized to work.

>Jason's comment above is a good example. It reminds me of how >many people, scientists included, dismissed evolution when old >Charlie Darwin first proposed it. It was 'Unintelligent >Speculation'. If supermarket tabloids had existed at the time, >no doubt his critics would have said that was where his writings >belonged.

>Convergent evolution is not wild-assed speculation, it is an >observed phenomenon in biology. Similar environmental niches >often create similar creatures or structures of creatures. I >learned about this in my zoology classes in college, and that's >been some years ago, and the theory has only gained more >confirmation during those years.

You are absolutely right, Bob. Convergent Evolution is a valid concept. However, what you fail to understand is that to use Convergent Evolution as evidence for a terrestrial origin of UFOs is ridiculous. Convergent evolution can only be used in comparing two known species, such as goldfish and blue whales, they have the same basic body structure because such structure is best suited for the environment in which they live.

However, one doesn't compare an elephant to a 'purple snogledant', because such creature has never been proven to exist.

I'm not saying our visitors are jut as imaginary as a 'snogledant', I'm saying your 'theory' is futile because absolutely no knowledge about the origin, development, and characteristics of any alien species is fully and openly known.

>To the critics, I say educate yourself first before making >accusations.

>Bob Shell

Bob, taking one Biology class in College does not an expert make.

-Jason Gammon

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From: **Steven Aftergood** <<u>saftergood</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 12:00:01 -0400 Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 10:58:11 -0400 Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/01/07

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REPORTERS COULD BE PROSECUTED UNDER ESPIONAGE LAW, DOJ SAYS

The espionage statutes concerning classified information could be employed against journalists who publish such information without authorization, a Justice Department official told Congress recently, elaborating on remarks made last year by Attorney General Gonzales.

Those statutes, "on their face, do not provide an exemption for any particular profession or class of persons, including journalists," wrote Matthew W. Friedrich, DoJ Criminal Division Chief of Staff, in a March 2007 response to questions from the Senate Judiciary Committee that has been newly published.

He stressed that "the Justice Department's primary focus has been and will continue to be investigating and prosecuting leakers, not members of the press."

But he added that "it would be inappropriate to comment on whether the Department is now considering the prosecution of journalists for publishing classified information."

The congressional correspondence touched on several issues that are new or rarely addressed.

"What about conduct that is incidental to a journalist publishing a story," asked Senator Pat Leahy, "such as retaining classified documents that may be used later in a story, or communicating such information to a publisher or other reporters in the course of writing a story?"

The legality of these activities would "depend on the particular facts and circumstances," Mr. Friedrich replied. "It would be inappropriate to offer an advisory opinion about the legality of such conduct."

Could improper or unnecessary classification be used as a defense against prosecution? "We are aware of no case that affirmatively holds that such a defense is available to defendants in Espionage Act cases," Mr. Friedrich wrote. And he cited one Ninth Circuit decision that said that "under section 798 [one of the espionage statutes], the propriety of the classification is irrelevant."

He disclosed that "over the past five years, the Department has approved search warrants for materials related to the news gathering process... in four cases." These were not specified. Mr. Friedrich's answers to questions for the record from Senators Specter and Leahy, transmitted March 1, 2007, are posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006_hr/journalists-qfr.pdf

They were recently published in the record of a June 6, 2006 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing entitled "Examining DOJ's Investigation of Journalists Who Publish Classified Information: Lessons from the Jack Anderson Case":

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2006 hr/journalists.html

DNI ISSUES DIRECTIVES ON ANALYTICAL STANDARDS, DOCEX

Director of National Intelligence J.M. McConnell has issued new Intelligence Community Directives on standards for intelligence analysis and on document exploitation.

"Analysts and managers should provide objective assessments informed by available information that are not distorted or altered with the intent of supporting or advocating a particular policy, political viewpoint, or audience," the DNI instructed.

See "Analytical Standards," Intelligence Community Directive 203, June 21, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icd/icd-203.pdf

Meanwhile, a new interagency DNI Center called the National Media Exploitation Center "will serve to advance the IC's collective DOMEX [document and media exploitation] capabilities on behalf of the DNI."

See "Document and Media Exploitation," ICD 302, July 6, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icd/icd-302.pdf

Also new is "National Intelligence Board," ICD 202, July 16, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icd/icd-202.pdf

U.S. ARMY RANGER HANDBOOK

The U.S. Army Ranger Handbook, updated last year, provides an introduction to this branch of Army special operations forces with a mixture of history, lore, doctrine, operational guidance and survival tips.

"Tell the truth about what you see and what you do," advised a historic Ranger document from 1759, reprinted in the current Handbook. "There is an army depending on us for correct information. You can lie all you please when you tell other folks about the Rangers, but don't never lie to a Ranger or officer."

See "Ranger Handbook," U.S. Army, July 2006:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ranger.pdf

CRS REPORTS ON VARIOUS TOPICS

Recent reports of the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include the following.

"Defense: FY2008 Authorization and Appropriations," updated July 30, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL33999.pdf

"Africa Command: U.S. Strategic Interests and the Role of the U.S. Military in Africa," updated July 6, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL34003.pdf

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"Permanent Normal Trade Relations (PNTR) Status for Russia and U.S.-Russian Economic Ties," updated July 10, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RS21123.pdf

"Judicial Security: Responsibilities and Current Issues," updated July 9, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL33464.pdf

"Judicial Security: Comparison of Legislation in the 110th Congress," updated July 11, 2007:

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Robert Williams <<u>rhw007</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 12:05:30 -0400 Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 11:02:00 -0400 Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:41:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>Let me repeat the lesson: Abundant evidence vs. massive >ignorance of early science leads to confusion about >interpretation. Not to mention the generation of a dead horse >that forever after, advocates of esoteric speculations of all >kinds will beat as they wail about scientists' refusal to take >their fantastic beliefs seriously.

Dr. Sagan stated, "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence."

Well also true is that extraordinary evidence requires extraordinary investigation, and an extraordinary investigation requires an extraordinary review and discussion process that is publicly open and honest.

The most extraordinary piece of evidence that humanity has never been alone in the Universe is laying there uninvestigated unbiased by an unpoliticized science field and an unpoliticized and free news media.

It is required by 'science' to be unbiased in its investigations. This has not been the case with the UFO/ETI issue.

Mainstream media is also guilty of this also by still inclduing the 'giggle' factor when discussing military sightings of these phenomenon.

The only 'dead horse' being beat around the issue is more like leading that dead horse to water and thowing it in and then expecting it to mirracously drink and come alive. Science and mainstream media are the dead horses that can be drowned in 'proof' yet they still refuse to drink... i.e they're dead.

Robert Williams http://commonsensecentral.net/

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When Is UFO Magazine Not UFO Magazine?

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul> Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 12:07:19 -0500 Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 11:14:24 -0400 Subject: When Is UFO Magazine Not UFO Magazine?

UFO Mag Hijack

Got me a cracker-jack idea.

I bought-up the domain names Earthfiles.net, Coast2Coast.org, and Rense.us and I'm running a mash-up of paranormal foo-feraw I procure from others and don't properly attribute (rather like Victor Martinez) so as to capitalize on the traffic these sites generate and draw the spill-over back to me. Pretty slick, huh?

These sites I allude to shouldn't miss the few thousand hits to their pages in the first place, I'm just a not-for-profit "hobby-site" in the second, and in the third? Well, think of the free publicity I can generate for myself if any of these trespassed entities do squawk! I can play the part of stepped on little guy railroaded by the well-moneyed corporate big shots! You can't pay for publicity like that. Seems like a short-cut to the big vein of notoriety for me!

What?

Unethical you say? Unprincipled? Immoral? Unscrupulous? Dishonorable? Disreputable? Wrong?

Well, all this and more happened over the weekend, reader. Bill and Nancy Birnes, owners of the one and only UFO Magazine are being stepped on in a similar fashion. Their investment, integrity, and property, as considered by one Mike Coletta (ufogeek.com) are without legitimacy and beneath the remotest respect.

http://ufomagazine.net/

The first time I saw the URL I thought the Birnes had a new feature and went to the address expecting to see something from them. I suspect that's the problem, eh, and not all that "beyond belief" as Mr. Coletta whines unconvincingly. The Birnes have no excuse to be non-plussed in the affair? I mean how dare they?

Rather, "beyond belief" is Mr. Coletta's pretended incredulity and sullen intransigence in the matter!

I don't know the legalities involved, but the history, investment, and justice outraged by Mr. Coletta seems ponderous enough to trump whatever some crass pretender, like Mr. Coletta, might trot out in a slimy 'defense', you know?

With regard to Mr. Coletta, he obviously lives in a convenient dream-world where honesty and ethics are drawn only to suit himself. Sincerely, only one as apparently self-deluded such as Mr. Coletta could persist in seeing a lack of trespass in this matter. As to "watching and learning" as he advices on his Weblog!

I suspect that even his conjectured victory is likely to be pyrrhic, in the end. But he should try to have the fun he can, I suppose. I suspect there will be precious little of that as this unwinds to a tedious denouement. Additionally, Mr. Coletta indicates that I am in the tank for Bill and Nancy Birnes, wrongly proclaims I am in their employ and demands to know what my wages are!

As to wages paid to me by William Birnes? That's really none of his business, is it? I can get a wage and still be ethical, unlike Mr. Coletta it might be argued. I point out that the magazine is quite clear every issue and on their web-site; however, that they do not pay their contributors.

I contribute, as it happens, because my contributions were requested by the Birnes, and they have treated me with respect and collegiality since the beginning of our association. I trust this was clear enough for the bystander, and adequate explanation why I am behind them on this matter.

That said, I remind Mr. Coletta that, as he would admonish me, I will be "watching and learning". and commenting on his progress, too.

For now, the Birnes still have to dig into savings occasionally to get a legitimate magazine on press (they are decidedly _not_ Microsoft folks), but they'll be plugging along with great good will and joy, I'm sure, regardless.

This unctuously earnest pretender and trespasser, Mr. Coletta, seems so damned mean-spirited. Additionally and inexplicably playing the naif and painting the Birnes as "Big Biz" going after the "little guy", he prosecutes dodgy behavior he's admitted to before... or why would Radio Shack tuck tail and run? Crap, reader!

He's, in fact, more a seeming intellectual thief and an errant spoiler - no better than a guy who throws a bottle of lye through your brand new plate-glass storefront, a storefront so lovingly painted, as it turns out, by volunteer effort.

I'm appalled at Mr. Coletta, frankly. I suggest all fair-minded persons might be similarly appalled.

<u>alienview</u>.nul <u>www.AlienView.net</u> AVG Blog - <u>http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/</u> U F O M a g a z i n e - <u>www.ufomag.com</u> (legitimate)

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Re: Unintelligent Speculation

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 11:19:54 -0700
Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 11:16:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Unintelligent Speculation

>From: Bob Shell <<u>bob</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:24:12 -0400
>Subject: Unintelligent Speculation [was: The ETH]

>>From: Ed Gehrman <<u>egehrman</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:00:40 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The ETH

>>>Such a belief is not only an example of Unintelligent >>>Speculation, but also of the wild, tabloid variety.

>>But to call it "unintelligent" without a crumb of evidence as
>>to
>>why you feel this way, is a great example of unintelligent
>>criticism.

>I think the problem is that most people who are doing the >name-calling have not had any formal training in evolution. >Most educated laymen have not even heard of convergent >evolution, much less have any understanding of how it is >theorized to work.

<snip>

>Convergent evolution is not wild-assed speculation, it is an >observed phenomenon in biology. Similar environmental niches >often create similar creatures or structures of creatures. I >learned about this in my zoology classes in college, and that's >been some years ago, and the theory has only gained more >confirmation during those years.

>To the critics, I say educate yourself first before making >accusations.

Bob, a pure strawman argument on your part. Nobody is debating the validity of convergent evolution and most "critics" aren't nearly as dumb as you think. I for one have had a great deal of training various aspects of evolution, probably a lot more than either you or Ed, and I still think the whole bipedal, intelligent "platypus" argument is pure garbage. Why? Because there is zero evidence for any of it.

Arguing convergent evolution is a fine way to counter debunker arguments that aliens couldn't possibly look anything like us. These are the numbskulls who really don't understand evolution or the principle of natural selection. Why couldn't aliens look like starfish, or lobsters, or elm trees instead? Why don't they have 10 eyes on the end of 3 foot stalks or brains down in their ass? The short answer is because creatures like this either couldn't survive in the real world or could never build a civlization and spaceships that could eventually visit us, that's why.

However, you and Ed are instead trying to argue that convergent evolution somehow proves that there has been another intelligent species very much like us that has evolved here previously on planet Earth and is now playing hide and seek with us. No, convergent evolution doesn't say that at all. All it says is that under similar forces of natural selection, different creatures will _sometimes_ develop similar morphological features that represent one possible optimized solution for survival in a particular environment.

Thus icthyosaurs, porpoises, and sharks all resemble one another on the outside despite having very different evolutionary histories. They are all large predators optimized for speed in the water. They have similar streamlined shapes and features like a large dorsal fin and tail fins optimized for thrust. But that's about as far as the resemblance goes. Sharks, e.g., have been around a lot longer than porpoises, but still have much tinier brains.

Also similar environments don't somehow guarantee similar morphological development. We evolved on the savannah of Africa but no other creature out there with a different evolutionary history resembles us. (Baboons don't count since we share a common ancestor.)

Ed's monotremes are a very small, relatively primitive family of creatures compared to full-fledged mammals, with zero fossil or other evidence that they ever evolved into big brained creatures with hands and a technological civilization.

Even if humans were to vanish and our cities crumble into dust in millions of years, evidence of our existence would still be around somewhere. We still find fossils of our rather few ancestors from millions of years ago or stone tools, fire pits, etc. But where are the platypus-man fossils, artifacts, etc.?

Or where are the similar monotreme lifeforms? There are hundreds of living primate species with similar morphological features to us because of our common ancestory: monkeys, lemurs, great apes, etc. Where is the analogous monotreme "primate" line? We didn't spring into existence out of a vacuum and neither would "platypus man" if he ever existed. There would be similar monotreme lifeforms around just like our many primate cousins, or at least some fossilized remains. Where are they?

In short, we skeptics reject Ed's "platypus man" theory not because we are narrow-minded or uneducated yokels who don't understand evolutionary theory or concepts like convergent evolution, but because we understand these things all too well. There is absolutely no evidence to support the theory even though there should be if there was anything to it. We're not talking about creatures that come from another planet here where hard physical evidence is impossible to obtain (except for crashes), but creatures that supposedly evolved right here on planet Earth and should have left some sort of clear physical traces of their existence around.

None exists.

End of story.

David Rudiak

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 12:40:28 -0600 Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 11:19:04 -0400 Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox >From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul> >To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul >Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 18:33:45 +0000 >Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox >>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul> >>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:54:38 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox >>>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul> >>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul >>>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 15:11:28 +0000 >>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox >>You have simply reiterated your previous comment, without >>addressing my question or noting my acknowledgement of the body >>of UFO evidence. >This is flatly untrue! You asked to hear my arguments; I gave >you my arguments. I don't understand what you are saying, and >apparently you don't understand what I am saying. I guess we are >talking past each other. O.k. Dick, I'll hang it up with this one. All I can say is, do the math. >>Even if the majority of genuine 'unknowns' in the UFO record are >>in fact ETs, Fermi's question remains troublesome. Fermi did >>In fact Efs, Fermi's question remains troublesome. Fermi did
>>_not_ claim there are no ETs, nor did he claim we have not been
>>visited by them. The broader subtlety of the paradox goes beyond
>>the simple issue of whether ETs exist. The issue is, under very
>>reasonable assumptions, we should be _swimming_ in ETs. The most
>>plausible scenarios are that they are ubiquitous, or that they >>are non-existent. >Fermi's famous quation that summed up his alleged paradox was, >Where are they? I see nothing profound or even terribly relevant >in such a proclamation by someone who doesn't even bother to >examine the vbidence. I'm refrerring to Fermi, not to you. You would do well to review the link provided earlier by Kentaro Mori regarding the origin and context of the paradox:

http://www.osti.gov/accomplishments/pdf/DE00785733/05.pdf

(to include /05.pdf thru /07.pdf) You insist on framing Fermi's question as "Where are they?" with the implication that by simply finding a provable instance of ET visitation, the entire issue has been dismissed. That is *false*, and I am frankly surprised that you are unable or unwilling to acknowledge this.

>>It is rather like throwing a burning match into a pile of dried >>brush. If you go away and come back a year later, you will be >>confident that the situation has resolved itself one way or the >>other: either the entire pile was consumed, or the fire was
>>extinguished. There is no tenable 'in-between' scenario (e.g.,
>>isolated flames still present along with unburned brush).

>I have no idea what you are talking about here. My point is very >simple and clear.

I should avoid employing analogies when plain speech is going unrecognized. The spread of flames through the brush pile is meant to correspond with the spread of ET colonization. The deliberately-excessive one year interval is meant to correspond to the eons that have been available for our galaxy to have been thoroughly colonized *many times over*.

Yes, your point is very simple and clear. And not germane to the question.

>>But our current situation vis-a-vis ETs seems very much in this
>>'in-between' category: very selective and limited (if any)
>>visitations, few (or no) unambiguous artifacts, passive signals,
>>or direct communications. It is clearly *not* the case that ETs
>>are common and ubiquitous. I do not dispute your documented
>>evidence for them, I dispute that they are right under our
>>noses, and I dispute that Fermi's observation was 'remarkably
>>blind', 'over-rated', 'off-the-wall', or 'uninformed'.

>Well, I didpute your disputation. I say they are right under our >noses.

Your mind's made up. I get it.

>>You might consider perusing the available commentary on the >>Fermi Paradox and efforts to resolve it. I think you'll find >>that the issue is by no means settled, irrespective of whether >>ETs have visited or how solid your evidence may be to that >>effect.

>I didn't say the issue was settled. Only that Fermi and those >who find his proclamation so remarkable are ignoring a huge body >of evidence. I have no interest in endlessly deconstructing it. >I frankly find it essentially meaningless. Simply a proclamation >based on ignorance of evidence. It can't be, therefore it isn't.

Fermi put forward a question, the antithesis of a proclamation.

There are a large number of thoughtful people who continue to ponder and publish on this issue, most of whom I suspect are already convinced, on general principles, of the existence of ETs, without even having seen most of your body of evidence. Why do you suppose they continue to be concerned with something you find so trivial and meaningless? Clearly one side or the other doesn't understand or appreciate the problem.

Mike

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 23:37:24 -0700
Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 12:31:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:41:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Why do you keep repeating what I wrote originally, all the while >asserting that I never said what you're repeating?

>One last try:

>Scientists of the 18th Century investigated the evidence for >meteorite reports. They investigated because the evidence for >falling stones existed in abundance; they did not ignore it on >the grounds, as you initially claimed, that because stones don't >exist in the sky, stones cannot fall from the sky, case closed. >Where scientists initially erred - not unusually in the history >of any kind of inquiry, especially when the discipline is in its >formative years - was in the interpretation, which was limited >by the very modest scientific understanding (let me repeat: very >modest scientific understanding) that prevailed more than two >centuries ago. Between today's science and the science of 200+ >years ago, an enormous knowledge gulf stretches. In due course, >meteorites became explainable. Just like all kinds of other >phenomena of nature.

My point was specifically about _attitude_ only. I gave you a specific reference, how Chladni was _ignored_ and _ridiculed_ for believing that meteorites must have come from space, and even Thomas Jefferson _declared_ that it couldn't be true. I realize that scientific understanding was much more modest back then of course, but it is still limited now, more than a lot of people would like to admit. There is still that knee-jerk reaction to blindly dismiss certain ideas, and, in some cases, scientists again end up with egg on their faces. The ones I respect most are the ones who are willing to admit when they are wrong (such as Stephen Hawking a while ago re black holes).

The problem, as I noted before, is that modern science has increasingly come to accept the possibility of weird quantum physics, multiple universes, time travel, teleportation, etc., yet I still see some ufologists who dismiss these kinds of notions to explain UFOs. Ufology needs to keep up with and familiarize itself more with what is actually being discovered. "Silly" ideas like this _are_ starting to become more a part of mainstream scientific thinking (among some scientists at least), so people who hastily debunk them need to get their heads of the sand. I don't understand researchers who promote serious scientific thinking (which is good) but then don't bother to consider some of the latest findings coming from that science; I guess because some of those findings are still too "weird" for them. Skepticism is one thing (and healthy) but there is the danger of crossing the line into debunkery.

On that note, you didn't answer my other question yet:

"If similar evidence was to be confirmed supporting a terrestrial explanation for some UFO reports, would you be willing to acknowledge you were wrong?"

>Except by proclamation - yours - the meteorite episode has >nothing to do with the reception of Gehrmanism.

>Or is the answer to that obvious - that this is just a game to >you guys and, beneath it all, you know perfectly well that this >is second-grade science fiction?

A game? My posts had nothing directly to do with Gehrmanism specifically. I'm only outlining similarities in attitude toward new or unconventional ideas in general. That's it, nothing more, nothing less. That was my attempted point all along. And yeah, that's why I've invested the last 17 years or so now to serious research including with MUFON initially and then founding CCCRN back in 1995, with no financial gains from it (more debts, if anything), etc...

I don't really want to go on about this, I had just wanted to add my 2 cents as it were.

Paul

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Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 09:28:32 EDT
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>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 20:27:18 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 11:24:45 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>Good advice. My only complaint was that some people here seemed >content to dismiss the whole drone thing based on tentative >analysis of a few of the photos, while the other eyewitness >accounts were ignored. A very one-sided approach, imo. Any of >the good, serious UFO investigators who I know would want to >talk to them before jumping to conclusions. That is just proper, >objective research and how the data can be obtained to either >support the drones' existence or not. I don't want to speculate >too much either, I'm just arguing for an objective approach to >the subject.

>Paul

Thanks Paul.

I'm fortunate that over the decades I've had access to top scientists. I hang around scientists like they're big league pro ball players. Even tried to get my pals who produce the big trading cards to do a scientist line :).

One such scientist I'm very blessed to call a friend. He's old enough to be my dad but he's still fit and highly active in various fields. He's far more knowledgeable in the UFO field than anyone I know of and that's because he's had hands on experience. When I showed him the photos he shot back to me right away. He didn't buy the photos as authentic right off the bat as that's not his field for photo analysis but he'd seen devices and working technology similar as he's worked on top secret projects for three or four different governments.

He provided me with personal analysis, multiple links to historic data that bolstered his analysis. That's enough to go on for a start and when I kicked that data upstairs to other colleagues who would be working on such technologies, I got the silent treatment. I always know I'm on the right track when guys who normally argue all day and night suddenly shut up.

I for one am not going to follow the story too much because I have too many irons in the fire. Any data I get I'll forward to Ms. Howe. I'm sure she'll be able to solve it all.

Best,

Greg

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Last Night's C2C Friedman Vs. Shermer

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 09:34:33 EDT
Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 12:37:03 -0400
Subject: Last Night's C2C Friedman Vs. Shermer

Last night's Coast to Coast AM show was quite the edge of the seat thing.

It was Mr. Stanton T. Friedman vs Mr. Michael Shermer regarding UFOs.

I expected a knock-down drag out fight with referee George Noory to step in.

However, what I heard was Mr. Friedman giving Mr. Shermer the whippin' of his natural life. It wasn't even anywhere near an equal match of wits and wonders.

Shermer gave me the impression that doing homework was forbidden by some hidden law of his. He made broad generalities regarding so many areas that it wasn't even a scientific debate. He debated the argument and arguing the debate. Totally unprofessional.

Even George Noory had to step in and teach Shermer a thing or two or three.

Matter of fact, Shermer should pay Mr. Friedman for teaching him how to research, how to present research and how to debate professionally.

Talk about a beat down!

Best,

Greg

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From: Jim Deardorff <<u>deardorj</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 06:58:07 -0700 Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 12:39:11 -0400 Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
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>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 17:37:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 05:03:22 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

><snip>

>>Their presence should be obvious, ...

>Here's another thought, and given that UFOs are observed to 'zap >out' of our 3D+t, and given that parallel dimensions where >physics may operate differently are a very good candidate for >how the speed of light problem may have been overcome, the >presence of most of 'them' may well be that they spend most of >their time in those parallel dimensions.

>Fits well with the UFO sightings I've heard about.

Let's keep that thought in mind. They apparently flip out of that condition and into our normal state whenever they wish to supply some person, or small group, with a visual or radar or IR sighting. One may still call 'them' ETs if they originated on exo-planets.

Jim Deardorff

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From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
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>From: David Galvin <<u>d.galvin</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 06:08:00 +0000
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>I recently attended the Perimeter Institute public lecture by >Jay Malosh (yeah, I've mentioned the Institute before, and no I >don't work for them).

>Dr. Malosh argued convincingly that the K/T-event meteoroid that >hit the Yucatan area 65 million years ago blasted a huge amount >of ejecta into space. When the ejecta fell back to earth it >burned up in the atmosphere. The Earth's surface heated up like >the interior of a pizza oven.

>What is mind-boggling is that within _hours_ (_not_ eons, _not_ >millennia, _not_ years or even months!) virtually all life on >the surface of the planet was incinerated. The only land animals >to survive were those small enough to burrow into the ground or >fortunate enough to find refuge in caves or elsewhere. Sulphur >from the meteoroid strike acidified the oceans. Smoke, dust and >aerosolized sulfur blocked the sun and created a years-long >global winter.

>A truly nightmarish scenario! The lecture is well worth hearing >for yourself. If it's not on the PI website by now it will be in >due course.

By coincidence or serendipity I tuned in Nova Now on PBS last night and they had a story about mass extinctions. Basically they said asteroids hit the earth all the time in the past and didn't cause mass extinctions or even much of a ripple in life's history.

They seemed to be leaning more toward some sort of viral plague as the explanation, and then segued into a story about the killer flu epidemic in 1918 and researchers who are studying how that virus differed from ones around today.

You can find the program on the PBS website:

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/sciencenow/3318/01.html

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>From: David Galvin <<u>d.galvin</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 06:08:00 +0000
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 08:56:10 -0400
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:21:01 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

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>>We really still don't know what killed off the dinosaurs, and >until we do we can't really understand why some things lived >through that extinction. Birds, fish, crocodilians, lizards, >insects, small mammals, crustaceans,spiders, and many other >groups of animals survived. I think the real question is not why >did certain animals die out, but rather why did so many survive. >This is the main weakness in the asteroid impact theory. If >birds, which we now know are dinosaurs, survived, why not some >other lines of dinosaurs? Why not dinosauroid evolution?

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The key indicator that this strike was responsible for the subsequent demise of so many species, not just dinosaurs, was the presence at these mass extinction sites of a way to determine stratagraphic analysis with some known identifiable factor uniquely in common with that of the impact crater in the Gulf of Mexico. That factor was not just the iridium found in the host Kimberlite, but that the concentrate of iridium found in its ratio to other platinum group precisely matched.

Pretty conclusive.

JCH

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Edward J O'Connell <<u>ejayo</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 11:25:05 -0400 Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 13:06:13 -0400 Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

I have many personal solutions for the The Fermi Paradox.

I think to be scientifically honest, we have to admit, that almost any conjecture about extraterrestrial life, intelligence, technological capability, or motivation, is on the order of the sexual advice given by catholic priests. Having absolutely nothing solid to go on, we simply charge ahead and do our best based on our own mental models of the universal drives underlying life and intelligence. Discussions of the Fermi paradox are about as scientific as Sigmund Freud's 'science' of mind. Like Sigmund, we kick back in our armchairs and make stuff up. Then wedge all of our fragmentary anomalous data into our model.

The UFO record suggests to me like we are under a leaky quarantine.

The Brookings institute study gives us the reason; ETs have found it to be true; contact between vastly more technologically developed and less developed civilizations results in the destruction of the less developed. All of the contributions we could bring to inter-galactic civilization are negated by premature contact. We become cargo-cult dead-enders, begging the ETs for cancer cures and fixes for global warming.

We could be a valuable vintage; if uncorked prematurely, we're worthless grape juice.

The universe is teeming with intelligent species (as evidenced by the great variety of craft and denizens we've glimpsed over the years) The quarantine prevents the establishment of anything we would recognize as open diplomatic relations or widescale commercial exploitation. But the ETs are enough like us to cheat. Frequently. To be corrupt and corruptible. To poach. To prank. (crop circles sure look like pranks to me.) But they can't do it wholesale; pull u- hauls into orbit and empty the planet. That would trigger a response from the cops.

Unlike another recent poster, I think we would be guilty of anthro- self-deprecation if we _didn't_ see our species as being fascinating to extraterrestrial intelligence. Think of our own fascination with the old west, medieval europe, and biblical times. If ET civilizations develop anything like ours, then our earth could very operate as vast, quasi-legal pre-space theme park for ET species. Or a vast natural laboratory for theories about the development of civilization...

Arisia and Eddore

Of course we're fascinating - we are engaged in a wide variety of completely unsustainable activities, consuming the planet at an astonishing rate. We will either succeed in taming our most insane impulses or go extinct in the next century. We will either reach the singularity, or go down in flames. I suspect that most (but not all) intelligence is self-limiting, and that the moment where a species either creates technologies and institutions which can ensure its survival OR blows themselves up, would be a moment _well worthy of intense study._ If ETs represent a qualitatively higher form of intelligence, then we might represent to them a species as fascinating as chimps and Bonobos are to us. We may be _almost intelligent_ from their point of view. This would explain the lack of diplomatic relations. Naturalists don't ask to be presented to the queen termite to discuss the construction of embassies.

The only requirement for maintaining the leaky quarantine is to make sure that there's no technology transfer (none of those space alloys Carl Sagan demands to take ETs seriously) and no hard preponderance of hard scientific data to make an indisputable case for the quarantine's existence. Posing as angels, fairies, and demons, and saying really dumb, clumsy, silly things which would cause any thinking person to presume the phenomena is nonsense would be a simple way of inoculating the culture against the slips in quarantine. Once done, it would be self-perpetuating. Create one George Adamski, and the humans will then copy the pattern and help create a smokescreen of easily discarded experiences.

Other explanations include:

Grown-ups Don't Play Games

Our level of intelligence is transitory, a temporary blip on the road to super-intelliigence, and super-intelligence isn't interested in things that we assume it would be. Filling the physical universe with huge artifacts; colonizing every available surface; seeking out and exploring new life, and new civilization, creating dyson spheres, etc) As a kid, I imagined various things I would do when I had the resources of an adult. (They involved candy, toys, playboy magazines, and architecture) As an adult, I can remember some of these notions, but wouldn't act on these impulses now. Our naive notions of galactic empires, cosmic federations of creatures pretty much like us, may be a similar fantasy.

Paranoid Pre-emptive Unilateral War (Berserkers)

One great explanation for the silence is that the universe is dotted with robotic planet killing installations, that await the trigger of electromagnetic distrurbance, then dispatch robots to dislodge and aim planet killing asteroids to wipe out noisemakers. The first intelligent species (paranoids) capable of producing self-replicating machinery assures themselves that they will never be displaced by strangling any new species to death in it's cradle.

it's easy to stamp out small infections; once they've had a dozen generations to expand geometrically, you're doomed.

As our light cone expands, it eventually flip the trigger. May have already happened. The asteroid could strike any week now. By the time we could see it, chances are it would be too late.

All intelligence is Self-Limiting

This is a sad one, but logic tells me that it may be the simplest explanation. The Jeremy Rifkin's and the Erlichs have no problem explaining the silence. Intelligence disrupts natural systems based on competition for resources and global symbiotic balance, perturbing ecosystems into chaos which disrupts civilization. The greater the 'intelligence', the faster and more profound are the ecological disruptions. By nature we are designed to ruthlessly destroy nature.

technological Intelligence is self-limiting

As above, but we posit that what we think of as the free-market/ military industrial/scientific complex, is the real selflimiting component of intelligence - and it's also the only type of intelligence that could ever be space faring. Most of our technologies emerge out of warfare and unsustainable planetary exploitation. The internet is an artifact of the cold war; computers themselves evolved out of ballistic calculators. Fast shiny zippy gadgets are symptomatic of eventual environmental collapse.

These are my most favored explanations. I prefer quarantine, as it allows me to live in the most potentially fun universe. On my darker days, the others seem most likely. Jay O'Connell

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From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell.nul></u> Date: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 09:24:17 -0600 Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 13:09:00 -0400 Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 17:26:23 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:54:38 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

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>>But our current situation vis-a-vis ETs seems very much in this
>>'in-between' category: very selective and limited (if any)
>>visitations, few (or no) unambiguous artifacts, passive signals,
>>or direct communications. It is clearly *not* the case that ETs
>>are common and ubiquitous.

>Not clear to me at all.

>First, not all ET races are not necessarily interstellar space >farers. They would be at different stages in that regard and >some may be ruled by skeptibunkers preventing deep space >exploration programs, or, they simply can't afford it.

>Secondly, the 'in-between' situtation may be that there actually >is an intergalactic federation of space-faring races, the rules >for which strictly limit missions.

Eleanor,

I commend your making the intuitive leap (i.e., recognizing that the paradox is non-trivial) that in turn leads to such proposals as they can't afford it, there are strict rules against it, etc. There are a wide variety of such proposals, some more persuasive than others, none entirely satisfying in my opinion.

I am using "common and ubiquitous" in the strong sense, i.e., capable of being directly and frequently experienced by anyone who cares to look, or, literally 'right under our noses', as some would have it.

Mike

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 10:27:06 -0500 Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 13:11:08 -0400 Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Robert Williams <<u>rhw007</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 12:05:30 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:41:55 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Dr. Sagan stated, "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary >evidence."

Well, er, no. Though often falsely credited to Sagan, the expression was in fact formulated by my late friend, sociologist of science Marcello Truzzi - who, by the way, subsequently rejected it as question-begging and meaningless.

There is a valuable, insightful literature examining the relationship of science and anomalistics. Two of the finest books concerned with the matter are David J. Hufford's The Terror That Comes in the Night (University of Pennsylvania Press, 1983) and Henry H. Bauer's Science or Pseudoscience (University of Illinois, 2001). I recommend both to serious anomalists interested in this vital subject.

Jerry Clark

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
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>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:41:55 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>Let me repeat the lesson: Abundant evidence vs. massive >>ignorance of early science leads to confusion about >>interpretation. Not to mention the generation of a dead horse >>that forever after, advocates of esoteric speculations of all >>kinds will beat as they wail about scientists' refusal to take >>their fantastic beliefs seriously.

>Dr. Sagan stated, "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary >evidence."

>Well also true is that extraordinary evidence requires >extraordinary investigation, and an extraordinary investigation >requires an extraordinary review and discussion process that is >publicly open and honest.

>The most extraordinary piece of evidence that humanity has never >been alone in the Universe is laying there uninvestigated >unbiased by an unpoliticized science field and an unpoliticized >and free news media.

>It is required by 'science' to be unbiased in its >investigations. This has not been the case with the UFO/ETI >issue.

>Mainstream media is also guilty of this also by still inclduing >the 'giggle' factor when discussing military sightings of these >phenomenon.

>The only 'dead horse' being beat around the issue is more like >leading that dead horse to water and thowing it in and then >expecting it to mirracously drink and come alive. Science and >mainstream media are the dead horses that can be drowned in >'proof' yet they still refuse to drink... i.e they're dead.

>Robert Williams
>http://commonsensecentral.net/

Thanks Robert Williams for a clearly written and well thought out response.

I tried to ask Dr. Sagan about the extraordinary. He'd gone to college with friends and family of mine and we shared a similar affinity for the tv show Sesame Street. My parents and my seniors always considered him a cool guy.

I was then told the extraordinary is basically that which hasn't

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been confronted yet. Example the world being spheroid instead of flat. At one time it was extraordinary until someone had to let the science do the work.

Same with the ETH. It was extraordinary and now commonplace and unfortunately a blinder to one of those horses that can't find it's way home. :)

Best, and I am definitely bookmarking your website. It's a breath of fresh air.

Greg

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Best Scientific UFO Evidence [was The Fermi

From: Brad sparks <RB47x.nul>
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>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
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>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 17:39:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

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>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 08:57:07 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

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>>What I am mainly talking about is the pressing need for best
>>scientific UFO evidence to be carefully selected and presented to
>>the scientific community.

>Well, printing up two different flyers for two different >purposes doesn't seem like a big chore.

I think you missed the parts where I explained that it is easy to compile a list of high-publicity UFO cases for publicity and political purposes but it is very difficult scouring through 100,000+ pages of AF documents on UFO's to select the best scientific UFO cases for the scientific community. It hasn't been done yet even though the AF files have been available for over 30 years since their public release at the National Archives.

And it is more than just reading the documents. It requires careful study and cross-checking against our data sources (some AF cases were reported in the media or were investigated by civilian UFO investigators). Cases need scientific analysis looking for problems or corroborative evidence such as indeependent witnesses or instrument data that were missed by the AF, triangulations to help determine trajectories and object dimensions, physics analysis of flight dynamics, etc.

The UFO research community has no real idea what is in the AF files, as I said before. I've posted examples before, many times, and am tired of repeating myself.

As I said I am working to do this case selection. My case catalogs of 1,500 Unknowns are posted on various websites, NICAP, CUFOS, NIDS, etc. This is the data pool from which to later _select_ best cases to present to the scientific community. The whole list of 1,500 (now 1,600+) is not what is going to be presented.

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Friedman Vs. Shermer

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul> Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 12:03:46 -0500 Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 13:22:37 -0400 Subject: Friedman Vs. Shermer

David - Goliath. Still fighting it seems. One's over-cocky, and is once again reamed. One strides the mainstream opposed by too few; while his honored opponent's courageously true. One narrows scope to a slender percentage, the other is open to data, comprende? One is a scoffer in knee-jerk dismissals; the other's employing some facts as his missiles.

Filled with his confidence, and the weight of his creed, Goliath is ripe for a fall that he needs. David, well read, has prepared for his role; Goliath shows up with his head in a bowl. David shoots well, and infuses his points. He cited them, hell - he was owning the joint!

Bereft of his homework Goliath's ungainly. He fumbles around for his words so inanely. He cheery-picks data still grinding the axe to qualify models he knows shall not last.

Why, Goliath seems caught in his own vicious trap; he hadn't prepared and is pinned to the mat! Stone-marked and bleeding he writhes on the floor! He proves at his last that his less is not more.

Goliath is vanquished for arrogance, friend. He lies belly up for his close minded kin. Plus? The sneers from his camp are the stones that are used in the sling of a righteous, experienced few.

Round and around went the weight of Stan's sling; his arguments whistling like fiery stings on the physics, the cosmic, and base relativity! Shermer was mired in failure's proclivity; his ignorance plain in our search for the answers that excise our ignorance - our cognitive cancer.

See, Friedman could read and he'd read the man's book. He's studied his Rommel, so like Patton? He cooked.

Shermer, assured of his glorious might, that's he's to prevail in a "no contest" fight, was covered with gaps in his armor-cumscience... which weakened his impact beyond all reliance.

Goliath is beaten, but lives to admit that the intrepid David had merit and grit. Dismissal's outrageous, the listener concludes. The argument's valid, and the thought now intrudes that space is a huge place, completely unknown, and it's filled to the BRIM with anomalous foam!

Lost in its hugeness is mind undefined by concepts which limit and keep us 'confined'.

We hold to the tails of timid tradition - are blind to the front by this backward position.

Complacent, believing proud science must win, we turn a blind eye to the fringe that begins just a mean tiny distance from what we now know is the little we know of what's hidden there, Bro! What can be measured; what can be seen?

What is seen changes to fit any scheme!

Friedman won out once again 'cause he's right. His scholarship proves what he sees is the light!

Why, he has what compels me to question the 'man', for all the man's blandishment or well earned elan. He had the right stones, and he hurled them well. Degrees will mean nothing if buying to sell. So flourish, proud science, your arrogant spite - and feel that stone as _your_ forehead it strikes!

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When Dr. Shermer says the a 'spaceship' and 'body' would do it for him, frankly? He lies I suspect. That's just to start.

Sincerely. Nothing would *do it* for him, but that 'it's' sent back for additional analysis. He would continue to demand further analysis until 'it' was either proven wrong, however ephemerally, or he was checked into a rubber room and thorozined to incontinence.

Stanton Friedman believes we are not served by our ignorance in these matters. I suspect that Dr. Shermer believes we are. That's why he'll lose the debate.

Moreover, with regard to Dr. Shermer: I feel all his points are based on ignorance, misinformation and apparent will to promote these things. Who did he cite but fellow axe grinders? Axegrinders handily blown away by Friedman already, Clancy and Pflock spring to mind... but forget that.

Asked who tries to cleave to the closest science one can only give Stanton Friedman that nod. There's some irony, on the surface at least. Dig shallowly to find there's no irony, really, at all.

And did you notice, reader? At 27:33 remaining in the fourth hour... Dr. Shermer made still one more reference to an anal probe. What _is_ it with Dr. Shermer and anal penetration?

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From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 12:06:04 -0500 Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 13:24:13 -0400 Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 23:37:24 -0700
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>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
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>>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:41:55 -0500
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>My point was specifically about _attitude_ only. I gave you a >specific reference, how Chladni was _ignored_ and _ridiculed_ >for believing that meteorites must have come from space, and >even Thomas Jefferson _declared_ that it couldn't be true. I >realize that scientific understanding was much more modest back >then of course, but it is still limited now, more than a lot of >people would like to admit. There is still that knee-jerk >reaction to blindly dismiss certain ideas, and, in some cases, >scientists again end up with egg on their faces. The ones I >respect most are the ones who are willing to admit when they are >wrong (such as Stephen Hawking a while ago re black holes).

Uh huh, no argument. Scientists are human, and they can be wrong, and they can behave foolishly and mule-headedly. (Surely you're aware of scientists' concept of Type One and Type Two errors, aren't you?) Aside from that self-evident, trivial point, the larger reality is that science, if sometimes shortsighted in the short term, ultimately works. Unlike much of ufology, it is answerable to evidence in the end.

>The problem, as I noted before, is that modern science has >increasingly come to accept the possibility of weird quantum >physics, multiple universes, time travel, teleportation, etc., >yet I still see some ufologists who dismiss these kinds of >notions to explain UFOs.

And who would they be? Instead of hand-waving, let's have specific names and specific quotes.

>"Silly" ideas like this _are_ starting to become more a part of >mainstream scientific thinking (among some scientists at least), >so people who hastily debunk them need to get their heads of the >sand. I don't understand researchers who promote serious >scientific thinking (which is good) but then don't bother to >consider some of the latest findings coming from that science; I >guess because some of those findings are still too "weird" for >them. Skepticism is one thing (and healthy) but there is the >danger of crossing the line into debunkery.

Translated: One of the greatest thinkers in all of history, Ed Gehrman, who if proved right will be ranked with Galileo, Darwin, and Einstein because his ideas will change a wide range of knowledge and understanding of the earth and its history, is posting on a e-mail list catering to UFO buffs instead of seeking to publish his staggeringly significant discoveries in the scientific literature. And only we who have "crossed the line into debunkery" suspect that science and Gehrmanism are not likely synonymous. Actually, this debunker would express the fervent hope that ufology and Gehrmanism are not synonymous. >"If similar evidence was to be confirmed supporting a
>terrestrial explanation for some UFO reports, would you be
>willing to acknowledge you were wrong?"

Wrong about what, exactly? I wasn't aware that I was discussing any UFO hypothesis - terrestrial, extraterrestrial, interdimensional, psychosocial, or whatever - of my own. From every available indication, you have no idea what I think about UFOs and anomalies, though I have published on those subjects surely as much as anybody in the history of the controversy.

Let me try one more time:

We are _all_ answerable to evidence, and evidence alone. When no evidence exists for an ultra-extraordinary claim which, further, contradicts untold masses of well-established knowledge, rejection is the only option available to the same and reasonable. If arguably lamentable, ridicule in the face of such lunacy is an understandable temptation.

And speaking of rejecting a claim out of hand:

I plead guilty when it comes to the one that would have us believe the equivalent of Galileo, Darwin, and Einstein is posting on UpDates, his genius unrecognized by other posters heretofore never identified as debunkers. And I am happy to do so.

Jerry Clark

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Edward J O'Connell <<u>ejayo</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 11:25:05 -0400 Archived: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 18:30:58 -0400 Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

I have many personal solutions for the The Fermi Paradox.

I think to be scientifically honest, we have to admit, that almost any conjecture about extraterrestrial life, intelligence, technological capability, or motivation, is on the order of the sexual advice given by catholic priests. Having absolutely nothing solid to go on, we simply charge ahead and do our best based on our own mental models of the universal drives underlying life and intelligence. Discussions of the Fermi paradox are about as scientific as Sigmund Freud's 'science' of mind. Like Sigmund, we kick back in our armchairs and make stuff up. Then wedge all of our fragmentary anomalous data into our model.

The UFO record suggests to me like we are under a leaky quarantine.

The Brookings institute study gives us the reason; ETs have found it to be true; contact between vastly more technologically developed and less developed civilizations results in the destruction of the less developed. All of the contributions we could bring to inter-galactic civilization are negated by premature contact. We become cargo-cult dead-enders, begging the ETs for cancer cures and fixes for global warming.

We could be a valuable vintage; if uncorked prematurely, we're worthless grape juice.

The universe is teeming with intelligent species (as evidenced by the great variety of craft and denizens we've glimpsed over the years) The quarantine prevents the establishment of anything we would recognize as open diplomatic relations or widescale commercial exploitation. But the ETs are enough like us to cheat. Frequently. To be corrupt and corruptible. To poach. To prank. (crop circles sure look like pranks to me.) But they can't do it wholesale; pull u- hauls into orbit and empty the planet. That would trigger a response from the cops.

Unlike another recent poster, I think we would be guilty of anthro- self-deprecation if we _didn't_ see our species as being fascinating to extraterrestrial intelligence. Think of our own fascination with the old west, medieval europe, and biblical times. If ET civilizations develop anything like ours, then our earth could very operate as vast, quasi-legal pre-space theme park for ET species. Or a vast natural laboratory for theories about the development of civilization...

Arisia and Eddore

Of course we're fascinating--we are engaged in a wide variety of completely unsustainable activities, consuming the planet at an astonishing rate. We will either succeed in taming our most insane impulses or go extinct in the next century. We will either reach the singularity, or go down in flames. I suspect that most (but not all) intelligence is self-limiting, and that the moment where a species either creates technologies and institutions which can ensure its survival OR blows themselves up, would be a moment _well worthy of intense study._ If ETs represent a qualitatively higher form of intelligence, then we might represent to them a species as fascinating as chimps and Bonobos are to us. We may be _almost intelligent_ from their point of view. This would explain the lack of diplomatic relations. Naturalists don't ask to be presented to the queen termite to discuss the construction of embassies.

The only requirement for maintaining the leaky quarantine is to make sure that there's no technology transfer (none of those space alloys Carl Sagan demands to take ETs seriously) and no hard preponderance of hard scientific data to make an indisputable case for the quarantine's existence. Posing as angels, fairies, and demons, and saying really dumb, clumsy, silly things which would cause any thinking person to presume the phenomena is nonsense would be a simple way of inoculating the culture against the slips in quarantine. Once done, it would be self-perpetuating. Create one George Adamski, and the humans will then copy the pattern and help create a smokescreen of easily discarded experiences.

Other explanations include:

Grown-ups Don't Play Games

Our level of intelligence is transitory, a temporary blip on the road to super-intelliigence, and super-intelligence isn't interested in things that we assume it would be. Filling the physical universe with huge artifacts; colonizing every available surface; seeking out and exploring new life, and new civilization, creating dyson spheres, etc) As a kid, I imagined various things I would do when I had the resources of an adult. (They involved candy, toys, playboy magazines, and architecture) As an adult, I can remember some of these notions, but wouldn't act on these impulses now. Our naive notions of galactic empires, cosmic federations of creatures pretty much like us, may be a similar fantasy.

Paranoid Pre-emptive Unilateral War (Berserkers)

One great explanation for the silence is that the universe is dotted with robotic planet killing installations, that await the trigger of electromagnetic distrurbance, then dispatch robots to dislodge and aim planet killing asteroids to wipe out noisemakers. The first intelligent species (paranoids) capable of producing self-replicating machinery assures themselves that they will never be displaced by strangling any new species to death in it's cradle.

it's easy to stamp out small infections; once they've had a dozen generations to expand geometrically, you're doomed.

As our light cone expands, it eventually flip the trigger. May have already happened. The asteroid could strike any week now. By the time we could see it, chances are it would be too late.

All intelligence is Self-Limiting

This is a sad one, but logic tells me that it may be the simplest explanation. The Jeremy Rifkin's and the Erlichs have no problem explaining the silence. Intelligence disrupts natural systems based on competition for resources and global symbiotic balance, perturbing ecosystems into chaos which disrupts civilization. The greater the 'intelligence', the faster and more profound are the ecological disruptions. By nature we are designed to ruthlessly destroy nature.

technological Intelligence is self-limiting As above, but we posit that what we think of as the free-market/ military industrial/scientific complex, is the real self-limiting component of intelligence--and it's also the only type of intelligence that could ever be space faring. Most of our technologies emerge out of warfare and unsustainable planetary exploitation. The internet is an artifact of the cold war; computers themselves evolved out of ballistic calculators. Fast shiny zippy gadgets are symptomatic of eventual environmental collapse.

These are my most favored explanations. I prefer quarantine, as it allows me to live in the most potentially fun universe. On my darker days, the others seem most likely. Jay O'Connell

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Re: Unintelligent Speculation

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 08:11:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Unintelligent Speculation

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>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 11:19:54 -0700
>Subject: Re: Unintelligent Speculation

>>From: Bob Shell <<u>bob</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:24:12 -0400
>>Subject: Unintelligent Speculation [was: The ETH]

>>Convergent evolution is not wild-assed speculation, it is an
>>observed phenomenon in biology. Similar environmental niches
>>often create similar creatures or structures of creatures. I
>>learned about this in my zoology classes in college, and that's
>>been some years ago, and the theory has only gained more
>>confirmation during those years.

>>To the critics, I say educate yourself first before making >>accusations.

>Bob, a pure strawman argument on your part. Nobody is debating >the validity of convergent evolution and most "critics" aren't >nearly as dumb as you think. I for one have had a great deal of >training various aspects of evolution, probably a lot more than >either you or Ed,

David,

You have no idea about my training or education, but I believe you understand evolution to a certain extent although we might disagree on some aspects.

>and I still think the whole bipedal, >intelligent "platypus" argument is pure garbage. Why? Because >there is zero evidence for any of it.

We are being visited by creatures of unknown origin. You favor ETH as an explanation and I don't. I think star travel is impossible and "zero" evidence exists that it will ever be possible. Some scientists believe it may happen in the future, not one can tell you how it could be accomplished without resorting to exotic theories. Since I don't believe any of these, I've considered other possibilities. While there isn't any hard evidence, except for the creature in the AA, there isn't any scientific reason to reject the ancient hominid civilization as being responsible for UFO.

>Arguing convergent evolution is a fine way to counter debunker >arguments that aliens couldn't possibly look anything like us. >These are the numbskulls who really don't understand evolution >or the principle of natural selection. Why couldn't aliens look >like starfish, or lobsters, or elm trees instead? Why don't they >have 10 eyes on the end of 3 foot stalks or brains down in their >ass? The short answer is because creatures like this either >couldn't survive in the real world or could never build a >civlization and spaceships that could eventually visit us, >that's why.

I have no argument with any of this. Did you think I might?

>However, you and Ed are instead trying to argue that convergent >evolution somehow proves that there has been another intelligent >species very much like us that has evolved here previously on >planet Earth and is now playing hide and seek with us.

Convergent evolution doesn't prove anything. I have suggested that convergent evolution is an accepted scientific theory that can account for the possibility that other hominid type creatures could evolve.

>convergent evolution doesn't say that at all. All it says is
>that under similar forces of natural selection, different
>creatures will _sometimes_ develop similar morphological
>features that represent one possible optimized solution for
>survival in a particular environment.

That's correct; all ant eaters look the same and have the same basic anatomical tools to extract ants from the environment, even though they are from different species and even thought those tools are designed in a different manner.

>Thus icthyosaurs, porpoises, and sharks all resemble one another >on the outside despite having very different evolutionary >histories.

Convergence is not resemblance

>They are all large predators optimized for speed in >the water. They have similar streamlined shapes and features >like a large dorsal fin and tail fins optimized for thrust. But >that's about as far as the resemblance goes. Sharks, e.g., have >been around a lot longer than porpoises, but still have much >tinier brains.

>Also similar environments don't somehow guarantee similar >morphological development.

>We evolved on the savannah of Africa >but no other creature out there with a different evolutionary >history resembles us. (Baboons don't count since we share a >common ancestor.)

There is considerable discussion about the savanna theory and human evolution. But that's for another thread.

>Ed's monotremes are a very small, relatively primitive family of >creatures compared to full-fledged mammals, with zero fossil or >other evidence that they ever evolved into big brained creatures >with hands and a technological civilization.

There are only a few monotreme fossils. They were a transition species between reptiles and mammals and very (almost nothing) is known about their evolutionary history. The land masses that now form our continents were all one huge continent when monotremes first appeared. If they had evolved on what is now Antarctica, there would be no evidence of their presence.

>Even if humans were to vanish and our cities crumble into dust >in millions of years, evidence of our existence would still be >around somewhere. Not if it were under miles of ice or one hunderd million years old.

>We still find fossils of our rather few >ancestors from millions of years ago or stone tools, fire pits, >etc. But where are the platypus-man fossils, artifacts, etc.?

If this civilization evolved in Antarctica, there would be no evidence. If it evolved one-hundred million years ago, there would be little evidence after fifty-thousand years.

We might not even know what we had, if we did have something suspicious. Humans have gone from chimps to astronauts in less than seven million years. We evolved in several different environments, but it has been our tool making that allowed us to succeed. I think tool making was also the niche that created the ancient hominids. As long as they were bipedal at some point, and adopted tool use, then the tool making would create the hominid form and eventually lead to civilization. These hominids could have been quite intelligent and made rapid progress and may have gone about their business differently from us.

>Or where are the similar monotreme lifeforms? There are hundreds >of living primate species with similar morphological features to >us because of our common ancestory: monkeys, lemurs, great apes, >etc. Where is the analogous monotreme "primate" line? We didn't >spring into existence out of a vacuum and neither would >"platypus man" if he ever existed.

I agree but there are only a few monotremes fossils at all. There isn't much of a fossil record for this period. We get a general idea of what was happening but very little specific information. But I'm not wedded to only monotreme, since there might have been several different civilizations during this period. I decided on a monotreme from examining the creature in the AA and the features it displayed.

>There would be similar >monotreme lifeforms around just like our many primate cousins, >or at least some fossilized remains. Where are they?

An educated guess is that they are under the ice in Antarctica.

>In short, we skeptics reject Ed's "platypus man" theory not >because we are narrow-minded or uneducated yokels who don't >understand evolutionary theory or concepts like convergent >evolution, but because we understand these things all too well. >There is absolutely no evidence to support the theory even >though there should be if there was anything to it.

You reason that aliens from other stars are visiting us. You believe this because you believe the vast trove of evidence that all points to the fact that we are being visited. You have zero evidence that these crafts come from the stars. Not one scientific bit of evidence, but you still support this bizarre notion. You have theories which account for ETH, but nothing substantial. And my read of the literature say that it's not possible, not now, not ever. Yet you cling to this faith. I don't get it.

>We're not >talking about creatures that come from another planet here where >hard physical evidence is impossible to obtain (except for >crashes), but creatures that supposedly evolved right here on >planet Earth and should have left some sort of clear physical >traces of their existence around.

No, not necessarily. They have left their vehicles and a few of their fellow creatures. And they have been known to other humans for all of recorded history, but not as neighbors.

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Re: The ETH

From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 14:31:03 -0300 Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 08:12:32 -0400 Subject: Re: The ETH

>From: Ed Gehrman <<u>egehrman</u>.nul>
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>Subject: Re: The ETH

>>From: Jason Gammon <<u>BoyintheMachine</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 15:48:40 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The ETH

>>I 'seriously' think you should read up a bit more on
>>anthropological discoveries, let alone the history of mankind
>>before making 'Gehrmanesque'-proclamations.

>Jason,

>Folks should read more "history of mankind" and they'll find >that there are few narratives that go unchallenged. There is a >give and take of ideas and in many respects the field is open to >serious hobbyists, especially those with money. Bob is correct.

>I find it strange to have my name so closely associated with the >hypothesis I sugg ested. Do you have a definition of Gehrmanism?

You aren't the first to suggest it Ed. You just picked up the ball and you are running with it again. I went a few rounds with Eugene Frison about this last year. Mac Tonnies has a book out that I haven't heard much about as late. It's been popping up on this list for a few years now.

Don Ledger

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 10:07:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Bottom line: Theories have been known to bite the dust in the >face of ovewhelming evidence.

>The 'theory' that 'they can't get here from there' (whoever >'they' are, wherever 'there' is) appears to have bitten the dust >in the face of UFO/TRUFO/AFC evidence.

True. And I always thought that the old 'they can't get here from there' line was one of the weakest and stupidest arguments made by debunkers. Again, a case of making too many assumptions based on our still limited human technology, as well as, as I noted before, the newest findings and thinking in quantum physics, etc.

Paul

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Mutilations In La Pampa Argentina

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Argentina: Mutilations in La Pampa

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As a fellow researcher once noted regarding ufology, this field of study does not grant a full answer to the phenomenon despite the efforts that have been carried out over the course of the decades. Why could this be? Perhaps because the phenomenon lacks any logic whatsoever, and it becomes necessary to understand this.

This opinion is the result of our experiences as field researchers and not mere speculation: the accumulation of information does not necessarily imply the understanding of knowledge, especially the comprehension of a phenomenon that is as atypical as it is illogical.

And I want to make reference here to cattle mutilations, since our experience has consisted mainly of engaging in field research in the province of La Pampa. Not having gone deeper into this research has not been due to a lack of will or ability, but rather, due to the lack of professional support, both veterinary and laboratory alike, institutions of higher learning, etc., with the exception of those who made a superlative effort to clarify the wealth of existing cases.

However, neither experts nor field researchers were convinced by the explanations offered by bureaucrats at the time, much less by childish answers that drew attention to the characteristics of the cases themselves. It was thus that the absence of the following became known:

Anatomical parts

Almost the entirety of blood (7% of the animal's weight is the its blood)

Absence of fetuses in cases of pregnancies ascertained by palpation, without detecting any labor

Absence of corneas

Absence of significant muscular groups in unopened bodies (longinis dorsis)

Absence of various glands

Visual confirmation of the nearly complete exposition of the uterus, circumstances that would ascertain the

extraction/disappearance of the unborn animal, presumably through suction.

Verification of the existence of electromagnetic radiation over and around the animal.

Verification of the existence of unknown chemical compounds on the animals, impacting the carcasses=92 span of preservation.

Discovery of bodies with severe burns (calcinations of the hard palate) both in digestive and respiratory tracts.

Discovery of unknown substances in the form of gelatinous drops over the carcasses, which could never be sampled. Why? Because when attempts were made to recover them, the substance changed its state to become liquid before crystallizing and vanishing altogether. This substance would be a necessary ingredient in the mutilations, with its impact depending on the degree of sublimation achieved.

Verification of the various preservation times, stretching up to 20 days before putrefaction sets in.

Verification through the use of clay ovens of temperatures of between 180 and 200 centigrade to cook meat from mutilated cattle, with 8 hours elapsing without the meat cooking at all, only emerging slightly toasted.

Discovery of carcasses showing signs of mutilation in various stages (up to 3 stages) in a short span of time.

Verification of the perfect preservation of a body in which 60% of its hide and hair were included, after a period of 3 years. Rigidity of the ocular orb due to exposure to a high source of light or heat.

Verification of extreme hardness in the hides, resulting from exposure to radiation.

Verification of states of deterioration and degradation caused in carcasses whose original position had been moved, without natural putrefaction ever occurring.

Verification of the existence of nearly conical imprints of unknown origin in the ground, proportionally distributed (with a depth of 15 cm, an upper diameter of 10 cm an a hexagonal format) and very close to the carcasses.

Discovery of carcasses beyond the perimeters of farms and ranches.

Discovery of animals in atypical postures: on their stomachs, on their backs (legs in the air), with depressions of 5-10 cm beneath them.

Verification of the existence of hematomas, internal bruising and fracturing in animals =96 facts that would suggest the animals being hurled or dropped from a height.

Discovery of animals with blue and emerald-green eyes; others displaying signs of blindness.

Verification of the existence of incisions that suggest the use of hitherto unknown technologies.

Verification of the existence of a pathogen in various parts of the body, greenish-blue in coming and of unknown origin.

Verification of cattle mutilation in unborn specimens that were still within the cow's wombs.

With regard to the draining of water tanks, it has been possible to find evidence of effects on sub-aquatic flora growing within the tank =96 notorious changes in coloring, flattening and spiral shape, suggesting the possibility of their disappearance through suction.

The impact of burns on insects and toads within the same water tanks was also ascertained.

With regard to the condition of the pastures in locations where

the mutilated cattle had been located, these areas showed a distinct change in coloration presumably resulting from the impact of electromagnetic radiation. The disappearance of microfauna was also observed.

The foregoing arises from the research conducted by Ciufos-La Pampa in over 300 cattle mutilation cases that have occurred in La Pampa and western Buenos Aires province. This was made possible through the collaboration and advice of experts from a number of fields of endeavor.

The first chemical compounds detected outside of Argentina in mutilation cases suggested the existence of Oxyndol in very high, atypical concentrations. It is believed that the sedative properties achieve positive results through gradual applications, rather than immediately, and would not produce severe burns such as the ones detected (except for unknown states of sublimation) and which would result in sudden death due to heart attack.

The cases from La Pampa and neighboring areas revealed the presence of formaldehyde-- a chemical compound that manifests itself as a colorless gas with a penetrating odor=97on the animals. This chemical can be compressed until it achieves a liquid state.

Much like oxyndol, formaldehyde would lack the capacity to yield immediate effects with definite results, under normal circumstances. It can be lethal in higher concentrations. It has aseptic/disinfectant properties and is used in the preservation of samples and cadavers, and can produce skin, eye, nose and throat irritation in humans.

These pathologies were detected by witnesses and researchers alike when approaching the carcasses. Odors similar to ether and formaline were detected, and their presence would have kept vermin and carrion animals from coming close. It should be noted that in two specific cases of consumption of meat from mutilated animals, the flesh had an acid and bitter taste, and could only be eaten after boiling.

In one of the cases in which the parties involved are a witness and the pack of dogs he employees for small game hunting, [consumption of the meat] resulted in a soporific condition that went from 22:00 hours on one day to 17:00 hours the next, continuously.

Opinions posited by professional veterinarians at the time suggested that given the presence of formaldehyde, human involvement could not be dismissed. These chemical agents or compounds, having narcotic and preservative properties, provide a heightened degree of aspepsia which affected witnesses and researchers alike, causing them to manifest such pathologies as impact on the eyes and airways, allergies of undetermined origin, significant weight loss, alteration of melanin levels, lack of bodily stability, liver and intestinal trouble, hair loss, weight increase in muscular mass, intense muscular aches, alteration of normal values in clinical tests, etc. While the mutilation phenomenon centered largely on cattle, it has also affected horses, sheep, dogs, cats, hens, rabbits, domesticated pigs, wild pigs, deer, llamas, guanacos and even humans, as evidenced by the case histories.

Finally, it should be noted that there were specific cases in which the animals involved could survive [the mutilations] but had to be put down due to the extent of their injuries.

In closing, we can remark that the presence Intelligence with a thorough knowledge is at work. The existence of various stages of genetic manipulation would undoubtedly become evident as well.

Raul Oscar Chaves

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Expert Opinions [was: Why The Cover-Up?]

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>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>It would be a good thing if you could come up with a few more >examples, as the meteorites story gets trotted out so often >that it'a almost becoming counterproductive, rather like the >'more things in heaven and earth' quote that's almost a signal >that the writer is scraping the bottom of the barrel for an >argument!

Some of these may be more pertinent than others, but here is an interesting list of 'expert opinions':

"Man will never reach the moon, regardless of all future scientific advances." --Dr. Lee DeForest, Father of Radio & Grandfather of Television.

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"The bomb will never go off. I speak as an expert in explosives." --Admiral William Leahy, US Atomic Bomb Project Manhattan

"There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom." --Robert Millikan, Nobel Prize in Physics, 1923

"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." --Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." --Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

"I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." --Editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957

"But what is it good for?" (commenting on the microchip) --Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, 1968

"640K ought to be enough for anybody." --Bill Gates, 1981

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us."

--Western Union internal memo, 1876

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?" (in response to urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s) --David Sarnoff' Associates

"The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C', the idea must be feasible." --A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. Smith went on to found Federal Express.

"Heavier-than-air flying machines are impossible." --Lord Kelvin, president Royal Society, 1895

"If I had thought about it, I wouldn't have done the experiment. The literature was full of examples that said you can't do this." --Spencer Silver on the work that led to the unique adhesives for 3-M "Post-It" Notepads.

"Drill for oil? You mean drill into the ground to try and find oil? You're crazy." --Drillers who Edwin L. Drake tried to enlist for his project to drill for oil, 1859

"Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau." --Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale, 1929

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value." --Marechal Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Superieure de Guerre, France

"Everything that can be invented has been invented." --Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, US Office of Patents, 1899

"The super computer is technologically impossible. It would take all of the water that flows over Niagara Falls to cool the heat generated by the number of vacuum tubes required." --Professor of Electrical Engineering, New York University

"I don't know what use any one could find for a machine that would make copies of documents. It certainly couldn't be a feasible business by itself."

--the head of IBM, refusing to back the idea, forcing the inventor to found Xerox

"Louis Pasteur's theory of germs is ridiculous fiction." --Pierre Pachet, Professor of Physiology at Toulouse, 1872

"The abdomen, the chest, and the brain will forever be shut from the intrusion of the wise and humane surgeon." --Sir John Eric Ericksen, British surgeon, appointed Surgeon-Extraordinary to Queen Victoria 1873

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." --Ken Olson, president, chairman, founder of Digital Equipment Corp.,1977

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Re: The ETH

From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul> Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 20:45:28 +0100 Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 09:18:41 -0400 Subject: Re: The ETH

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 08:16:47 -0500
>Subject: Re: The ETH

>>From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:36:19 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The ETH

>>>From: Gerald O'Connell <<u>gac</u>.nul>
>>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 21:41:28 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The ETH

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>>>We humans aren't all on the same page regarding genetics and >>>intelligence.

>>Good point. Two-edged, but good.

- and I'd say becoming more and more two-edged as the discussion grinds on...

>>Now that we've been indoctrinated into the ETH as though the >>only hypothesis, and the only hypothesis that makes tons of >>money, to suggest otherwise gets ridicule from ufologists?

Where does this 'indoctrination' idea come from? 99% of the serious published Ufology I've read adopts the following stance: 'There's all this really convincing but anomalous evidence; we can't explain it through conventional means; somebody's visiting us from somewhere, but their technology appears to be so advanced that we can't tell who and where from; shouldn't we be throwing some seriously funded heavyweight resource at bottoming it out?'

>Let's have some names and quotes, please. This is my second >request. Otherwise, as I noted before, one can only assume >you're beating a straw man.

Well, exactly Mr. Clark. And I hope, as a contributor to the 99% to which I refer above, that you won't object to my little pen portrait of your stance.

Surely, if the ETH gets adopted as a default explanation, then that is because of its simplicity and obviousness, not as a result of any deliberate or unconscious indoctrination?

Gerald O'Connell

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Hacker Mckinnon To Appeal To House Of Lords

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 15:41:32 -0500
Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 09:57:30 -0400
Subject: Hacker Mckinnon To Appeal To House Of Lords

Source: VNUNET.Com - London, UK

http://tinyurl.com/28odnw

02 Aug 2007

Last Stop Before The European Court Of Human Rights?

Matt Chapman vnunet.com

'NASA Hacker' Gary McKinnon has been granted the right to appeal to the House of Lords to try and stop extradition proceedings that would see him tried in America.

McKinnon lost his case in the Court of Appeal in April, while trying to overturn the UK Government's original decision to extradite him.

Barrister Ben Cooper of Charter, who heads up McKinnon's legal team, said his client was "delighted to learn of this important development."

The US government claims his actions in 2001 and 2002 damaged 97 computers and caused 700,000 (=A3345,000) worth of damage.

McKinnon doesn't deny hacking into Nasal and US military networks, but claims he only broke in to uncover information about extraterrestrial technology he believed the authorities were hiding from the public.

He has asked to be tried in the UK as his crimes were committed in this country.

During the legal process, McKinnon has accused the US of trying to blackmail him into accepting voluntary extradition and acting in an "oppressive" and " arbitrary" way.

McKinnon's extradition was originally signed off in July 2006 by home secretary John Reid.

At that time McKinnon told vnunet.com he was surprised at the speed of the decision.

"I was under the impression that the home secretary would have taken longer to make a decision," McKinnon said.

"It's annoying, because that would have given us more time to sort out a judicial review."

No date has been set for the hearing in the House of Lords.

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Re: Best Scientific UFO Evidence

From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor.nul></u>
Date: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 17:51:36 -0400
Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 10:28:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Best Scientific UFO Evidence

>From: Brad sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 11:34:11 EDT
>Subject: Best Scientific UFO Evidence [was The Fermi Paradox]

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>I think you missed the parts where I explained that it is easy to >compile a list of high-publicity UFO cases for publicity and >political purposes but it is very difficult scouring through >100,000+ pages of AF documents on UFO's to select the best >scientific UFO cases for the scientific community.

True, but you listed some excellent cases back in June on this List. One doesn't need to scour 100,000 pages when obviously, you already have _sufficiently_ good cases at the tip of your tongue right now.

And of course, flyers as I'm suggesting aren't carved in stone... post the best for each audience for _now_, then update them if scouring provides better cases.

The point is to _start_.

Eleanor White

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Date: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 18:16:31 -0600
Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 10:31:28 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Edward J O'Connell <<u>ejayo</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 11:25:05 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

Hi, a very interesting post.

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>The UFO record suggests to me like we are under a leaky >quarantine.

<snip>

>The universe is teeming with intelligent species (as evidenced >by the great variety of craft and denizens we've glimpsed over >the years) The quarantine prevents the establishment of anything >we would recognize as open diplomatic relations or widescale >commercial exploitation. But the ETs are enough like us to >cheat. Frequently. To be corrupt and corruptible. To poach. To >prank. (crop circles sure look like pranks to me.) But they >can't do it wholesale; pull u- hauls into orbit and empty the >planet. That would trigger a response from the cops.

My primary concern with the Leaky Quarantine or Leaky Embargo hypothesis is the enforcement issue. It seems to imply a certain technological and evolutionary 'parity' amongst the parties, such that they all (or at least, the most advanced/powerful) are not only able to communicate with each other, but moreover enter into some kind of 'pact' to abide by and enforce the embargo.

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>Other explanations include:

>Grown-ups Don't Play Games

>Our level of intelligence is transitory, a temporary blip on the >road to super-intelligence, and super-intelligence isn't >interested in things that we assume it would be. Filling the >physical universe with huge artifacts; colonizing every >available surface; seeking out and exploring new life, and new >civilization, creating dyson spheres, etc) As a kid, I imagined >various things I would do when I had the resources of an adult. >(They involved candy, toys, playboy magazines, and architecture) >As an adult, I can remember some of these notions, but wouldn't >act on these impulses now. Our naive notions of galactic >empires, cosmic federations of creatures pretty much like us, >may be a similar fantasy. I very much sympathize with this viewpoint. I expect that many, and perhaps most, ET cultures simply have no motivation to visit, much less colonize, the far reaches of space. Particularly if they were fortunate enough, unlike ourselves, to establish an equilibrium with their ecosystems.

But, as with many of these proposals, it faces Big Numbers (potential size of the ET 'pool'). It only takes a few, or even one, highly curious and/or 'infectious' civilization(s) to swamp the galaxy in short order.

>Paranoid Pre-emptive Unilateral War (Berserkers)

<snip>

Not as compelling, in my opinion. Relies on universality of 'triggers' (e.g., electromagnetic signals) to be effective.

>All intelligence is Self-Limiting

<snip>

>technological Intelligence is self-limiting

<snip>

For brevity I combine the two above. It is certainly a plausible mechanism, and it is likely our civilization will become a textbook example. But we came very close to interstellar travel, and conceivably might yet pull it off. Considering the Big Numbers involved, it is easy to imagine that a substantial number of other civilizations managed to cross that threshhold.

>These are my most favored explanations. I prefer quarantine, as >it allows me to live in the most potentially fun universe. On >my darker days, the others seem most likely.

I've lately been giving consideration to Intelligence Is New, see:

http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/feb/m22-033.shtml

I'm sure I didn't originate the idea, there is a veritable zoo of proposals out there... someone has even written a book called Fifty Ways to Resolve the Fermi Paradox, or some such (haven't read it, but probably should).

Mike

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Coral Lorenzen Letters Posted

From: Robert Barrow <<u>rbarr</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 22:54:37 -0400 Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 10:39:17 -0400 Subject: Coral Lorenzen Letters Posted

This will probably start a mini-firestorm amongst those of you with prior NICAP affiliations - I was an active member, too, from 1964 on - but over on my blog at:

robert-barrow.blogspot.com

I've posted a few 1966 letters from APRO's Coral Lorenzen. If you aren't too familiar with Coral the person, these will give you an introduction.

After posting letter after letter from Gerald Ford when he was a Michigan congressman, and still I have more... it's a nice change for me. However, as you'll see, the late Coral had her opinions about NICAP, just as NICAP officials had theirs about APRO. The current posts also show her conflict with the late broadcaster Frank Edwards about the 1964 Socorro UFO case.

Maybe it's not that evident, but I do wring my hands about describing Coral to the readers. I never met Coral, nor her husband Jim, face-to-face, but the correspondence and occasional phone conversations, in addition to my APRO membership extending back to 1965, gave me a pretty good idea of, at least, Coral's relationship to UFO research.

Other List contributors here, such as Jerry Clark and Richard Hall, could surely be far more prolific about Coral and APRO, and probably correct me on a few things, because I do tend to be very surface in my writing. But, at any rate, I will continue to go through my old files to post a little UFO history for those who wonder about the years way back.

And thanks for keeping us current, Errol!

Bob Barrow robert-barrow.blogspot.com (Remember that hyphen -- I'm not the sports fan with the same name on a different blog!)

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 00:04:48 -0700
Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 11:42:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 12:06:04 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Uh huh, no argument. Scientists are human, and they can be >wrong, and they can behave foolishly and mule-headedly. (Surely >you're aware of scientists' concept of Type One and Type Two >errors, aren't you?) Aside from that self-evident, trivial >point, the larger reality is that science, if sometimes short->sighted in the short term, ultimately works. Unlike much of >ufology, it is answerable to evidence in the end.

It does work, yes, most of the time ...

>And who would they be? Instead of hand-waving, let's have >specific names and specific quotes.

I was just referring to other previous references I had noted on the List regarding how 'unlikely' those ideas are, according to those who insist that the ETH must be true. I could look some up when I get a chance. I agree that we have 'visitors' but whether they come from another planet(s), another dimension or another time is still an open question. Why is there so often this _assumption_ that they must be from another solar system? It's possible, there are just other possibilities as well. Even the idea that they are physically terrestrial. I agree that is probably much less likely actually, but it shouldn't be dismissed prematurely, either.

>Translated: One of the greatest thinkers in all of history, Ed >Gehrman, who if proved right will be ranked with Galileo, >Darwin, and Einstein because his ideas will change a wide range >of knowledge and understanding of the earth and its history, is >posting on a e-mail list catering to UFO buffs instead of >seeking to publish his staggeringly significant discoveries in >the scientific literature. And only we who have "crossed the >line into debunkery" suspect that science and Gehrmanism are not >likely synonymous. Actually, this debunker would express the >fervent hope that ufology and Gehrmanism are not synonymous.

Again, I was not referring to Ed's ideas alone or specifically, I was just making a general observation.

>Wrong about what, exactly? I wasn't aware that I was discussing >any UFO hypothesis - terrestrial, extraterrestrial, >interdimensional, psychosocial, or whatever - of my own. From >every available indication, you have no idea what I think about >UFOs and anomalies, though I have published on those subjects >surely as much as anybody in the history of the controversy.

I was just under the impression that you strongly supported the ETH and were very skeptical of the terrestrial hypothesis...

>We are _all_ answerable to evidence, and evidence alone. When no >evidence exists for an ultra-extraordinary claim which, further, >contradicts untold masses of well-established knowledge, >rejection is the only option available to the same and >reasonable. If arguably lamentable, ridicule in the face of such Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>lunacy is an understandable temptation.

I agree actually, when clear evidence exists to refute a claim. In some cases though, available evidence is ignored or trivialized because of prior, deeply imbedded bias (by both believers and debunkers). I have argued against this, when it comes to crop circle research; some people refuse to acknowledge that there is a lot of hoaxing going on, even though the 'ground-truth' evidence indicates it in many cases. They want the whole phenomenon to be wonderful and mysterious, and for every formation to be something paranormal. I still think there is a real, core, phenomenon, and I've had my own experiences I can't explain, but there is also a lot of very human 'monkey business' as well.

Paul

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 21:44:58 -0700
Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 11:40:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Nick Balaskas <<u>Nikolaos</u>.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 17:03:08 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Some contributors on this List summarily dismissed my idea that >in light of recent discoveries and what we already know, one day >we may be able to circumnavigate the Earth by submarine or even >a surface ship totally underground, as ridiculous. Recall that >other ridiculous ideas such as continental drift are now >accepted as fact by the scientific community.

I had forgotten about continental drift, thanks, Nick. See my list under the 'Expert Opinions' thread of other ideas and predictions of things which 'couldn't possibly' be true or ever happen...

Paul

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99.nul></u> Date: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 12:40:39 +0000 Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 15:52:43 -0400 Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 10:40:48 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <<u>brumac</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 10:07:51 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Bottom line: Theories have been known to bite the dust in the >>face of ovewhelming evidence.

>>The 'theory' that 'they can't get here from there' (whoever >>'they' are, wherever 'there' is) appears to have bitten the dust >>in the face of UFO/TRUFO/AFC evidence.

>True. And I always thought that the old 'they can't get here
>from there' line was one of the weakest and stupidest arguments
>made by debunkers. Again, a case of making too many assumptions
>based on our still limited human technology, as well as, as I
>noted before, the newest findings and thinking in quantum
>physics, etc.

Meanwhile, Mr. Gehrman states quite explicitly that they can't get here from there, therefore they must come from here. False assumptions make for wonderfully 'logical' but quite erroneous real-world deductions.

- Dick

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 15:52:09 +0100
Archived: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 15:54:12 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 18:16:31 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Edward J O'Connell <<u>ejayo</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 11:25:05 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

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Hi Mike and Jay,

Good points, and you only have to look at what actually happens to `reservations' (of native peoples) or `protected wild-life areas' etc, for an analogy to what might be happening here.

In almost all instances, less than altruistic `entrepreneurs' - hooch traders, gun-runners, poachers, and downright thieves and murderers, have intruded on what they see as easy pickings.

Cheers

Ray D

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It Was The Strangest Of Times In Our Sky

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul> Date: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 08:15:04 -0400 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 08:15:04 -0400 Subject: It Was The Strangest Of Times In Our Sky

Source: The Gisborne Herald - Gisborne, New Zealand

http://www.gisborneherald.co.nz/article.asp?aid=3D10434&iid=3D789&sud=3D27

Thursday, 2 August, 2007

It Was The Strangest Of Times In Our Sky by Marianne Gillingham

Some people are embarrassed to report sightings of things that flash or glow in the night but the establishment of the UFOcus group in New Zealand has one Gisborne woman recalling an episode a quarter-century ago that she will never forget.

Beverlea Parsons was a nurse in her late 20s when Gisborne was the centre of a high-profile wave of UFO sightings centred around the Waimata Valley.

Mrs Parsons was one of many people who experienced what was known as the Gisborne UFO "flap".

At the time, The Gisborne Herald received more than 200 reports of sightings of objects in the sky, of lit-up hillsides and valleys, and flashing lights.

Reports ranged from personal accounts of encounters with fastmoving objects and lights in the night sky, by a wide crosssection of the Gisborne community, to associated rumours of the "little green men" variety.

But there was little doubt that some of the many Gisborne people who spoke to The Herald over those months had strange and often frightening experiences.

In January 1978, a large patch of seared grass appeared on a hillside, where two farm workers had earlier reported sightings of weird lights.

Sightings continued from about 1977 until the end of 1979, by which time residents in the Waimata area were being kept awake by the noise of traffic generated by sightseers.

One of them was Mrs Parsons, who says the sightings were so common at one stage that patients could see them from the maternity hospital in back Ormond Rd and other parts of the hospital.

She and a few friends would beat a regular track to the Waimata Valley at night, for a spot of UFO watching.

The whole episode was somehow addictively compelling, and she and her friends were never afraid.

They had numerous sightings of strange "lights".

On one occasion, something flew over the car they were in,

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across the road and up the side of the hill.

These episodes remain vivid with her still.

"It has always been there =97 it does not go away. I am 56 now and should get on with life, but I will never get those things out of my memory."

Some of their experiences were so close that they felt a similar feeling to that of being almost sucked in by a truck passing by, she recalls.

She describes her first sighting as little lights flashing =97 like camera flashes =97around her and her two friends.

"We got these prickly feelings up our legs," she said.

The next time they took with them a friend who was Christian, thinking that people would be more inclined to believe her.

That night they saw a huge light, similar to an enlarged falling star, which went into reverse after falling then split into three lights, which each veered off at great speed in different directions.

On another occasion they heard what they thought was the low monotonous sound of a truck coming up the valley road, except that the sound was monotonous and they could not hear any gear changes.

"It went right over the top of us," she said.

"We saw a big brilliant light passing in front of us."

On that occasion, a farmer further up the valley reported a similar sound and light across the valley.

Some of the lights they saw were rotating and flashing. On one occasion there was a green ring of light flashing over another one that was red and rotating.

Mrs Parsons was just one of many who reported incidents at the time, some from as far away as Tawhareparae and Tokomaru Bay, but all centred around the Waimata Hills.

A station manager reported at one stage that he and his family had seen a glowing orange egg shape, giving off a beam of white light.

It hovered around the sky for more than an hour, so they called in their neighbours to witness it.

Many people in the district reported seeing these lights.

A man driving along the Waerenga-a-Hika straight at night, reported a brilliant orange glow lighting up the inside of his car.

"I looked out the window and got the shock of my life. Outside, just 50 feet away, was a large oval object, floating alongside my car.

It looked to be huge, rising in the sky about 300 feet, orange with thousands of small flashing lights on its side.

He told a Herald journalist he had never seen anything like it before, and never wanted to again.

The flap episode tapered away that year and has never been explained.

UFO groups believed at the time that the Waimata Valley could be an "anchoring point" used by aerial phenomena orbiting the Earth. Sceptics put it down to tomfoolery with laser lights.

Mrs Parsons has since seen laser lights in action, and says they would never in a million years have come anywhere near what she and others had seen and experienced.

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Scientific Proof Of UFOs As Concluded By University Of Colorado Scientists On Display At Denver UFO Conference

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Known as the 1950 McMinnville Oregon photos, this photographic evidence was studied by scientists at the University of Colorado. They were commissioned by the U.S. Government to scientifically study UFOs and concluded these photos to be 'one of the few UFO reports in which all factors investigated, geometric, psychological, and physical appear to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disk-shaped, tens of meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two witnesses.

It was May 11, 1950 at about 7:45 PM. Evelyn Trent was out feeding the rabbits on her family farm in Dayton, Oregon, 11 miles south of McMinnville, when she saw a strange metallic object in the sky. "It was like a good-sized parachute canopy without the strings, only silvery bright mixed with bronze," she said at the time. "It was as pretty as anything I ever saw." She yelled for her husband, and he quickly grabbed a camera on his way out the door and was able to take a couple of pictures of the object. A friend of the Trent's then hung the pictures up in his bank's window. A reporter from McMinnville saw the pictures and printed them, and from there they hit newswires all over the country. They were even featured in a Life magazine story in June of 1950. The photographs were then analyzed 17 years later in a study of UFOs funded by the Air Force and conducted at the university of Colorado in Boulder called 'The Condon Report-.

A press conference on the scientific proof will be held on August 10, 2007 at 11:00 AM in the Bluebell Room at the Denver Tech Center Marriott. For more information please contact Barry Symposium's Press Conference On 'Scientific Proof'

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Re: Expert Opinions

From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 10:26:52 -0500 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 08:23:59 -0400 Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 11:18:01 -0700
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>>From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 16:15:09 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>Some of these may be more pertinent than others, but here is an >interesting list of 'expert opinions':

The well-traveled quotations (snipped; see Anderson's post if you want to read them yet again) are none of them pertinent, I'm afraid. They deal with predictions related to physics and technology, proving only that some prominent scientists have been lousy prophets about what technology will make possible sort of like, say, the Gehrmanists when they predict that interstellar travel will never happen (my own non-prophet's guess, by the way, is sometime in the late 21st Century). Even the wisest among us, alas, cannot predict the future. Or the silliest, either.

Aside from its dogmatic beliefs about what the physics and technology to come will or won't be able to accomplish, Gehrmanism is not about future prediction but about projection into the past, where the evidence, if it existed, would be massive and sufficiently recoverable that no serious observer would have to wave his hands through empty rhetorical space to explain away its absence, aside from the (pause for belly laughs) alien-autopsy film. If one were to seek an actual analogy, it would be this:

A lay theorist, absent credentials and support from scientists and scholars in the relevant areas, advances an ultraextraordinary claim which, if true, would upend knowledge across a range of well-established disciplines based in firmly and broadly documented findings. To every available indication, such data render the layman's claim on its face somewhere between extremely unlikely and laughable.

Anyone who ventured forth in this fashion, in the improbable outcome of triumph against all odds and most science, would not be the counterpart to Darwin and Einstein; after all, Darwin and Einstein were credentialed scientists working within established disciplines, with support from important colleagues, and finding their way via the recognized procedures of the professional community. In fact, given its magnitude, the achievement of the lay theorist would be _greater_ than Darwin's and Einstein's. He or she would be a towering figure not just in science but in all of history. But in the real world, if you're searching for an analogy, it's this one:

A huge crank literature written by lay theorists (or, in some much rarer cases, maverick scientists operating outside their professional disciplines) proposes comparably enormous notions. It accompanies them with denunciations of mainstream scientists and excoriates all critics as comparable to Galileo's inquisitors.

The moral of the story: Human beings, even the most wellintentioned of them, are wrong far more often than they're right. Of all efforts humans have devised to try to reduce error in our understanding of life, the universe, and everything, empirical science - while not perfect; perfection does not exist in this world - is demonstrably and consistently the most successful. Overthrowing science is infinitely more difficult than overthrowing, say, a literary theory fashionable in English departments or a historians' consensus about the causes of the Spanish-American War.

Next time, Anderson might try quoting from crank literature. I'd be good for laughs, obviously, but it would also be instructive - and a whole lot closer, I think, to the point.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark.nul></u> Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 11:05:07 -0500 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 08:24:57 -0400 Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <u foupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 00:04:48 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 12:06:04 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Wrong about what, exactly? I wasn't aware that I was discussing >any UFO hypothesis - terrestrial, extraterrestrial, >interdimensional, psychosocial, or whatever - of my own. From >every available indication, you have no idea what I think about >UFOs and anomalies, though I have published on those subjects >surely as much as anybody in the history of the controversy.

>I was just under the impression that you strongly supported the >ETH and were very skeptical of the terrestrial hypothesis...

It ought to have been manifestly obvious that I was not discussing competing hypotheses but - a far more important and vital issue - which approaches to UFO investigation and analysis are scientifically sustainable and which are not. I have tried to demonstrate that Gehrmanism is not scientifically sustainable, that it looks, talks, and walks like a classic crank ideology. The only persons who, strangely, keep bringing up the ETH are Gehrmanism's defenders, who seem positively phobic on the subject.

It ought to be possible to discuss the role of science in ufology without having to drag origin theories - at this stage pure speculation, all of them - into the conversation.

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Bob Shell <body>

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 Date:
 Fri, 3 Aug 2007 13:00:54 -0400

 Archived:
 Sat, 04 Aug 2007 12:29:00 -0400

 Subject:
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>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 00:04:48 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>I agree actually, when clear evidence exists to refute a claim. >In some cases though, available evidence is ignored or >trivialized because of prior, deeply imbedded bias (by both >believers and debunkers). I have argued against this, when it >comes to crop circle research; some people refuse to acknowledge >that there is a lot of hoaxing going on, even though the >'ground-truth' evidence indicates it in many cases. They want >the whole phenomenon to be wonderful and mysterious, and for >every formation to be something paranormal. I still think there >is a real, core, phenomenon, and I've had my own experiences I >can't explain, but there is also a lot of very human 'monkey >business' as well.

"When a distinguished but elderly scientist states that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he states that something is impossible, he is very probably wrong." -- Arthur C. Clarke

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Re: The ETH

From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 12:51:12 -0500 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 12:30:45 -0400 Subject: Re: The ETH

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 20:45:28 +0100
>Subject: Re: The ETH

>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2007 08:16:47 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The ETH

>>>From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul>
>>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:36:19 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: The ETH

<snip>

>>>Now that we've been indoctrinated into the ETH as though the >>only hypothesis, and the only hypothesis that makes tons of >>money, to suggest otherwise gets ridicule from ufologists?

>Where does this 'indoctrination' idea come from? 99% of the >serious published Ufology I've read adopts the following stance: >'There's all this really convincing but anomalous evidence; we >can't explain it through conventional means; somebody's visiting >us from somewhere, but their technology appears to be so >advanced that we can't tell who and where from; shouldn't we be >throwing some seriously funded heavyweight resource at bottoming >it out?'

That sounds exactly like the UFO literature on the subject with which I am familiar. Maybe the 'indoctrination' stuff is being published in some parallel universe I haven't visited. Is that the same one where pro-ETH ufologists are making "tons of money"?

>>Let's have some names and quotes, please. This is my second
>>request. Otherwise, as I noted before, one can only assume
>>you're beating a straw man.

>Well, exactly, Mr. Clark. And I hope, as a contributor to the 99% >to which I refer above, that you won't object to my little pen >portrait of your stance.

>Surely, if the ETH gets adopted as a default explanation, then >that is because of its simplicity and obviousness, not as a >result of any deliberate or unconscious indoctrination?

Precisely. Thank you, sir. I couldn't have said it better myself.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Unintelligent Speculation

From: Sergey Shpakovsky <<u>sergejsh</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 14:02:59 -0400 (EDT) Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 12:33:57 -0400 Subject: Re: Unintelligent Speculation

>From: Bob Shell <<u>bob</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:24:12 -0400
>Subject: Unintelligent Speculation

<snip>

>Convergent evolution is not wild-assed speculation, it is an >observed phenomenon in biology. Similar environmental niches >often create similar creatures or structures of creatures.

<snip>

I see this process of Convergent evolution as very simple and logical evidence of extraterrestrial life. Extraterrestrial intelligent life too. I don't think it's accidental that some people saw ET's very similar to us - or maybe otherwise, we are very similar to them?

Here is article on LiveScience.com:

Evolution Predictable Everywhere in the Universe, Scientist Says

By Ker Than, LiveScience Staff Writer posted: 14 March 2006

http://www.livescience.com/strangenews/060314 evo repeats.html

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Re: An Alien Itinerary Decoded From Crop Formations

From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 14:05:35 -0400
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 12:35:43 -0400
Subject: Re: An Alien Itinerary Decoded From Crop Formations

Hi all,

I recently developed a scenario in which some crop formations are a side effect of an alien communications system. If true, we should be able to monitor exchanged messages by looking at the crop formation images. I have suggested a sequence of messages that have appeared over the years. The page describing the messages is at:

http://www.treurniet.ca/Itin/

A gentle comment I have already received is "you are now in the position of seeing something that most others would not necessarily see". This may be true since the image interpretation is subjective. My 'a priori' criterion was that the image had to be interpretable in the context of "alien itinerary". Also, the images had to remain in the temporal order in which they appeared.

Assuming the messages are legitimate, they indicate that Earth is surrounded by a large number of alien spaceships. The purpose of this deployment was not part of the message sequence. However, I do offer a guess at the end of the article.

There is, of course, the issue of crop formation authenticity. I have asked people "in the know" what they thought about the formations I selected. One replied that "four are 'real', several others are quite possibly OK, but several I'm pretty sure are man-made". Another replied, "I can assure you that the formations you picked are all genuine." Another was reluctant to make any judgments. So there does not seem to be reliable evidence regarding authenticity.

I welcome your comments.

Regards,

William Treurniet

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 14:25:29 -0700
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 12:39:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 12:40:39 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 10:40:48 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <<u>brumac</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 10:07:51 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>Bottom line: Theories have been known to bite the dust in the >>>face of ovewhelming evidence.

>>>The 'theory' that 'they can't get here from there' (whoever >>>'they' are, wherever 'there' is) appears to have bitten the dust

>>True. And I always thought that the old 'they can't get here
>>from there' line was one of the weakest and stupidest arguments
>>made by debunkers. Again, a case of making too many assumptions
>>based on our still limited human technology, as well as, as I
>>noted before, the newest findings and thinking in quantum
>>physics, etc.

>Meanwhile, Mr. Gehrman states quite explicitly that they can't >get here from there, therefore they must come from here.

Hi Dick,

I say there's no evidence that they come from other star systems. I don't believe they can get here from, but I don't care if others believe. I also don't believe (have faith) in fairies, ghosts, other dimensions, time travel or god, but It's not a problem for me when other folks have these beliefs. They're only a problem when they limit my beliefs or actions.

>False assumptions make for wonderfully 'logical' but quite >erroneous real-world deductions.

What is my "false assumption"? I agree that we are being visited. You have faith in the ETH, without any evidence that it could be true and no scientific underpinnings. I have suggested that a better possibility is an ancient hominid civilization. There are no scientific reasons this hypothesis is false. I realize that it hasn't been sanctioned by an authority, but there's nothing inherently false about it. It may not be what you want to believe. I don't mind. But if you're going to imply the hypothesis is false, then supply reasons and evidence. Many, perhaps the vast majority, on this List disagree with my assumptions but that doesn't mean the hypothesis is false.

I don't understand the fervent reaction; I thought it would be ho-hum. I'm glad it has generated some interest.

Ed

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 14:48:42 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 12:42:29 -0400 Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Ray Dickenson <<u>r.dickenson</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Friday, August 3, 2007 2:54:12 PM
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>Hi Mike and Jay,

>Good points, and you only have to look at what actually happens >to `reservations' (of native peoples) or 'protected wild-life >areas' etc, for an analogy to what might be happening here.

>In almost all instances, less than altruistic `entrepreneurs' - >hooch traders, gun-runners, poachers, and downright thieves and >murderers, have intruded on what they see as easy pickings.

Perhaps, however, these are not even logical points... not in a broader frame on reference... not in a frame of reference we might attribute to those that have survived the technological pitfalls along the way to developing star travel.

Perhaps, such an accomplishment comes to preclude the practice of war, and of the vastly disproportioning of wealth that allows war to usefulness as a tool to maintain power and to secure status quo.

It is a mistake to take the sinister impressions we have of EBEs and to apply them upon ETs. But doing so well serves those that would prevent mankind any awareness of off-earth intelligence. Those that might abhor the masses a new model upon which to grow that thinking that might lead to discovering remedies for far more than acquiring travel to distant star systems.

Perhaps our problems are not just in new discovery, perhaps they are more in redefining, redefining just what we want to be. Someone that goes forth as more than a missionary spreading provencial belief like a virus?... or someone that, like our science fiction, merely wants a new theater for the same old redundances of cowboys and Indians.

Were ET advanced, as in all likelihood they would be, it would be quite unthinkable for them not to have concern that each and every species approaching technological threat to its system, acquire the evolutionary qualities to overcome those threats before offering more.

JCH

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From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x.nul></u>
Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 19:25:38 EDT
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How about Pasteur's germ theory of disease, Semmelweis' early version of a germ theory, Wegener's continental drift, Mendel's genetics, Lavoisier's oxygen theory of combustion, and the history of the Big Bang theory?

>Some of these may be more pertinent than others, but here is an >interesting list of 'expert opinions':

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The issue isn't about 'expert opinions'. It's about whether the notion of a secret civilization of monotreme hominids that has developed independently of mankind to launch UFO technology and yet remain undiscovered to humans is really a valid "scientific theory" or is just crank pseudoscience like the lost civilizations of Mu and Lemuria, the Hollow Earth, etc.

One valid indicator and sifting mechanism is to see whether any legitimate scientists have championed the cause of the Mono Treme Hypothesis (MTH) in legitimate scientific publications or whether it is merely something relegated to pop culture like MTV. The ETH (which I reject as explanation for the UFO phenomenon) has been published in legitimate scientific publications. MTH has not.

Your long list widely circulates on the Internet without a shred of documentation. Some people have started to point out that some of the alleged statements are "urban legends." Some statements are misquoted and are in fact true not false.

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>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 10:40:48 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>>True. And I always thought that the old 'they can't get here
>>from there' line was one of the weakest and stupidest arguments
>>made by debunkers. Again, a case of making too many assumptions
>>based on our still limited human technology, as well as, as I
>>noted before, the newest findings and thinking in quantum
>>physics, etc.

>Meanwhile, Mr. Gehrman states quite explicitly that they can't >get here from there, therefore they must come from here. False >assumptions make for wonderfully 'logical' but quite erroneous >real-world deductions.

However, mainstream science conducted by reputable scientists does not permit us to speculate on how FTL travel could be achieved, if we cannot produce an acceptable explanation. Thus, Gehrman has science on his side.

Jim Deardorff

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X-PPAC Question For ABC News GOP Debate

From: Stephen Bassett <<u>PRGLists</u>.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 03:04:55 -0400
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 12:51:38 -0400
Subject: X-PPAC Question For ABC News GOP Debate

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X-PPAC Video Question ABC News "This Week" GOP Presidential Debate Sunday Morning, August 5, 2007

Washington, DC - X-PPAC's video question on candidates' intentions toward a proper presidential briefing and congressional hearings regarding the UFO/ET phenomenon is one of 45 under consideration for the ABC News GOP presidential debate moderated by George Stephanopoulos

The question, while submitted early, was posted only recently and has received a limited number of viewings. The prospect for this question being used in the GOP debate will be enhanced if the number of viewings increases and the rating for the question increases.

The submission is located at this web page:

http://ugv.abcnews.go.com/player.aspx?id=562141

Any additional viewings and increased ratings by list members could help get this question into the televised debate.

Program times for "This Week" by city are posted at this page:

http://abcnews.go.com/images/ThisWeek/02%2007%20Coverage%20Chart.pdf

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Re: Expert Opinions

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 14:08:46 +0100
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 12:54:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 10:26:52 -0500
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

<snip>

>The moral of the story: Human beings, even the most well->intentioned of them, are wrong far more often than they're >right. Of all efforts humans have devised to try to reduce error >in our understanding of life, the universe, and everything, >empirical science - while not perfect; perfection does not exist >in this world - is demonstrably and consistently the most >successful. Overthrowing science is infinitely more difficult >than overthrowing, say, a literary theory fashionable in English >departments or a historians' consensus about the causes of the >Spanish-American War.

<snip>

Hello Jerome,

That first sentence is correct, maybe more correct than you might want to think.

That's because you, and some other folk clinging to 'establishment views', don't seem to realize that most of what you're claiming is 'science' has already been overthrown.

Here's a quote from an overview co-incidentally put together yesterday -

"until there is some theory that brings together the successes of relativity and quantum theory, we will not have a physical theory that can be relied upon to give us a complete picture of what the world is. And, as the ultimate task of physics is to provide that picture then, without it, despite all of the experimental successes of relativity and the quantum theory, we do not have, in the deepest sense, any physical theory at all."

Full (fairly small) text file with attributions is at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/present-state.txt

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Best Scientific UFO Evidence

From: Brad Sparks <RE47x.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 10:02:56 EDT
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 12:55:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Best Scientific UFO Evidence

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 02 Aug 2007 17:51:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: Best Scientific UFO Evidence

>>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 11:34:11 EDT
>>Subject: Best Scientific UFO Evidence [was The Fermi Paradox]

<snip>

>>I think you missed the parts where I explained that it is easy to
>>compile a list of high-publicity UFO cases for publicity and
>>political purposes but it is very difficult scouring through
>>100,000+ pages of AF documents on UFO's to select the best
>>scientific UFO cases for the scientific community.

>True, but you listed some excellent cases back in June on this
>List. One doesn't need to scour 100,000 pages when obviously,
>you already have _sufficiently_ good cases at the tip of your
>tongue right now.

I made no representation that the sampling of cases I presented was anything other than a sampling. The first thing scientists do is check your documentation and see if you've done your homework. You're suggesting that corners be cut. Believe me, that corner-cutting will be obvious to scientists who instantly reject anything they sense is half-assed as unworthy of wasting their time. Time and again all that UFO researchers put forward is just like that and of course it gets dismissed.

The scientific community will have to wonder why the UFO research community hasn't bothered to digest the 115,000+ pages of AF files after 30+ years of the files being publicly available. If the UFO researchers won't take their own chosen subject seriously why should mainstream science do so?

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George H. Eastland?

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 16:05:25 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 12:57:57 -0400
Subject: George H. Eastland?

Could anyone supply me with an e-mail or snail mail address of George H. Eastland the author of Flying Saucers: Key to Creation?

Thanks,

Philip Mantle www.ufodata.co.uk

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ETH Indoctrination

From: **Jeff Olson** <<u>ilolson</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 09:32:07 -0600 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:00:01 -0400 Subject: ETH Indoctrination

A Case Of ETH Indoctrination

I've heard it suggested here that some people have been indoctrinated into believing the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis, while others have scoffed at such a characterization. While I can't speak for others, I believe it's time I share a personal and deeply shameful secret: I am, in fact, a tragic victim of ETH indoctrination.

It began one innocent Saturday a year ago when Jerry Clark, my Minnesotan neighbor just across the border, invited me over for a beer. When I arrived, I was surprised to see Dick Hall was in attendance as well.

Over beers, which I now strongly suspect were spiked, Jerry and Dick regaled me with the whole majestic pageantry of UFO legend: lurid sexual encounters with gorgeous girl-aliens, mysterious crashed saucers and small grey-green men, magnificent orbs flashing through the Floridian night sky and over our nation's capital, and massive dark triangles idling silently through the night.

While telling their stories in low, hypnotically insistent voices, the two UFO veterans paused occasionally to exchange a sardonic smile, as though to silently say: "How much more B.S. can this poor fool soak up?" I had the strong sense that if I were to rip off their skin, I would expose smirking reptilian faces, but by then it was too late. ETH had infected my heart and mind, and possibly other vital organs as well.

Of course, my rational mind knows that since science doesn't have all the answers, it follows that dinosaurs evolved into sentient beings that live under the ocean and earth, occasionally flying out to observe human beings and attend tea parties. Yet whenever I begin to seriously question the ETH, I'll get a mysterious call where someone who sounds a lot like David Rudiak will utter a single phrase such as "Marcel's Pajamas" or "Majestic 12," and immediately I'll fall into a stupor, my mind flooded with powerful UFO imagery and beautiful female Nordic aliens.

And just the other day, while I was wrestling with ETH doubts, there came an authoritarian pounding on the door. It was Stan Friedman, dressed in black leather like the Lizard King himself - how appropriate, I thought - demanding to show me his latest tome on aliens and the U.S. Government. After being made to read it out loud - twice - I was firmly back in the ETH fold.

So while I'm not claiming that everyone who believes in the ETH has undergone indoctrination at the hands of certain veteran ufologists, I would strongly recommend to Ed Gehrman, Bob Shell, or Paul Anderson that if you ever receive an invitation from Jerry or Dick, bring your own beer.

Sadly,

Jeff Olson

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Milton Frank Junior

From: Milton Frank <<u>mfrank</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 12:36:47 -0300 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:03:12 -0400 Subject: Milton Frank Junior

Dear Colleagues,

My name is Milton Frank Junior.

I'm the Brazilian Ufology Center President.

I've been working and researching UFO phenomena for 32 years all over the world.

During my research I met Bob Pratt here in Brazil, and I really enjoyed to work together with Robert Vance Pratt some times.

I have a UFO site here in Brazil, and Brazilian Ufology Center now has about 41,200 members.

I want and intend to exchange ideas about UFO phenomena with people all over the world doing interviews, divulging books, publishing some written articles, and so on.

I also want to give a chance to Brazilian people to know some other ufologists all over the world.

So please, I don't know everybody who enjoys Ufology in the world, but I'm open to know everybody who likes it.

I would like that people who have something to talk about UFOS and Ufology to contact me for an interview, to send articles for me to translate to Portuguese to publish in my site for the Brazilian people read. I would like to know books to recommend to people who speak English to read.

I'm able to speak English, Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese.

So please, feel free to talk to me anytime. It's going to be a pleasure for me to do an interview with you all or even to translate some articles you've been writing to Portuguese for the Brazilian UFO community.

I'll be waiting for your contact.

And if you're coming to Brazil, please feel free to send me an e-mail, because I always try to meet you over here.

My website here in Brazil is in Portuguese, but the interviews I always publish in English and Portuguese.

The website address is http://www.cubbrasil.net

Best regards,

Milton Frank

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Re: Expert Opinions

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 09:51:48 -0700
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:04:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 10:26:52 -0500
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>The well-traveled quotations (snipped; see Anderson's post if >you want to read them yet again) are none of them pertinent, I'm >afraid. They deal with predictions related to physics and >technology, proving only that some prominent scientists have >been lousy prophets about what technology will make possible ->sort of like, say, the Gehrmanists when they predict that >interstellar travel will never happen (my own non-prophet's >guess, by the way, is sometime in the late 21st Century). Even >the wisest among us, alas, cannot predict the future. Or the >silliest, either.

>Aside from its dogmatic beliefs about what the physics and >technology to come will or won't be able to accomplish, >Gehrmanism is not about future prediction but about projection >into the past, where the evidence, if it existed, would be >massive and sufficiently recoverable that no serious observer >would have to wave his hands through empty rhetorical space to >explain away its absence, aside from the (pause for belly >laughs) alien-autopsy film.

>Next time, Anderson might try quoting from crank literature. I'd >be good for laughs, obviously, but it would also be instructive >- and a whole lot closer, I think, to the point.

This post was only meant to be a somewhat more light-hearted note on how arrogant and short-sighted scientists can be sometimes. And _again_, it was not about Gehrmanism specifically, it was a general observation only. Why can't you just take it as that without going onto the 'Gehrmanist soapbox' yet again?

Paul

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 17:56:59 +0100
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:05:45 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 14:48:42 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Ray Dickenson <<u>r.dickenson</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Friday, August 3, 2007 2:54:12 PM
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>In almost all instances, less than altruistic `entrepreneurs' >>hooch traders, gun-runners, poachers, and downright thieves and
>>murderers, have intruded on what they see as easy pickings.

<snip>

>Were ET advanced, as in all likelihood they would be, it would >be quite unthinkable for them not to have concern that each and >every species approaching technological threat to its system, >acquire the evolutionary qualities to overcome those threats >before offering more.

Right James,

Yet the real issue is, as I think someone has already pointed out, we can expect many or at least some less advanced, less intellectual and less altruistic groups also to be in the process of evolving to your theoretical ideal state.

Can we rely on luck or 'guardianship' of some kind to keep us from their attentions in the meantime?

Cheers

Ray D

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UFOs Spotted Over Orillia

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul> Date: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:09:23 -0400 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:09:23 -0400 Subject: UFOs Spotted Over Orillia

Source: The Barrie Examiner - Ontario, Canada

http://tinyurl.com/27tlkn

Friday, August 03, 2007

[Image at site]

UFOs Spotted Over Orillia; Objects Described As Oblong Shapes

Colin McKim Osprey News Network

Scott Fraser has seen a few strange things in the night sky.

But he never had a camera with him.

That is until Sunday night at sunset, when four white oblong shapes burst like rockets over the western horizon, rose vertically some distance before whizzing south at high speed.

"I really honestly don't know what they were," said Fraser, who was standing on the Westmount Hill in Orillia near Tim Hortons photographing the burnt orange sunset when one of his friends spotted the first of the vaporous white shapes, followed by a second.

A pilot and flight instructor at the Lake Simcoe Regional Airport who saw Fraser's pictures thought they might me the contrails of military jets.

"Sometimes you see the vapour trail, but not the plane," said Don Sturdy. "But that's just a guess."

Sturdy said he's never seen clouds or vapour trails shaped exactly like the ones in Fraser's photos.

"It's interesting," he said.

Fraser thinks the manouevres the flying objects made were too quick and sharp for conventional aircraft.

"Planes can't turn 90 degrees," he said.

There are things in the universe beyond our knowledge, says Fraser, who once watched a glowing red object dart about over Lake Simcoe before accelerating out of sight.

"It keeps us wondering," he said.

Fraser has posted about eight photos on Face Book and friends are intrigued, but nobody has an answer.

He plans to make a short video for the website YouTube.com by running all the pictures in sequence to show how the objects crossed the sky.

http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/aug/m04-021.shtml[11/12/2011 16:57:32]

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Re: CE3 Alien Types

From: Dimitris Hatzopoulos <<u>dhatz-ufo</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 01 Aug 2007 23:21:45 +0300 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:13:12 -0400 Subject: Re: CE3 Alien Types

In light of the recent discussion about the place of origin of the UFO occupants, how about attempting a typology based on the CE3 cases witness descriptions?

I found intriguing the apparent similarities between (listed in chronological order, as SOM101 was received in Mar-1994):

1/ CE3 Caponi, Italy 1993 (photos and story)

2/ Majestic-12 SOM1-01 description of EBE Type I

3/ CE3 Varginha, Brazil 1996 (for which A.J. Gevaerd said there are over 80 direct first-hand witnesses)

There are many Web pages on the Caponi and Varginha cases, I list several sources at:

http://www.hyper.net/ufo/occupants.html

Look at the Caponi pictures at:

http://www.ufologie.net/htm/caponipics.htm

The Varginha case witnesses talk about "oily brown skin", "very small hands with three extremely long fingers", "huge veins running down its neck" (perhaps the tubes seen in Caponi's photos?). There is a different in the description of length of arms and legs, but the being seen by the 3 girls at Varginha was seen in "kneeling" position (which incidentally is also how Caponi's sketch depicts it). Apparently the Caponi being is wearing a jumpsuit and "helmet" in all but the last photo.

MJ12 SOM010 (which I don't find very convincing, but which the MJ12 researcher's website rates with the highest rate of confidence) describes EBE-Type-I with a round cranium, chalky-yellow pebbled skin, 4 long digits and legs which are bowed and proportinally large.

Dimitris Hatzopoulos

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Re: Unintelligent Speculation

From: **Bob Shell <bob.nul>**
Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 13:09:49 -0400
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:14:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Unintelligent Speculation

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <<u>sergejsh</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 14:02:59 -0400 (EDT)
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Subject: Unintelligent Speculation

>I see this process of Convergent evolution as very simple and >logical evidence of extraterrestrial life. Extraterrestrial >intelligent life too. I don't think it's accidental that some >people saw ET's very similar to us - or maybe otherwise, we are >very similar to them?

>Here is article on LiveScience.com:

>Evolution Predictable Everywhere in the Universe, Scientist >Says

>By Ker Than, LiveScience Staff Writer >posted: 14 March 2006

>http://www.livescience.com/strangenews/060314 evo repeats.html

Yes, I've seen this. I think Vermeij is basically correct within limits, but I think Gould may well be right on a grander scale.

Once the basic vertebrate four-legged creature evolved on earth, I think a bipedal, intelligent humanoid was almost inevitable. But if, instead, the basic vertebrate evolution had gone sixlegged, I think we may have ended up with an intelligent creature with quadrupedal locomotion and arms and hands. In other words, I don't see the evolution of four-legged vertebrates as inevitable at all. After all, we have successful creatures on the planet with us that have six, eight, and more, legs.

I agree with Gould about early evolution. If we reran the clock, we might find vertebrates appearing in very different forms, or even invertebrates designed differently and able to evolve into much larger sizes, with bigger brains, and ultimately intelligence.

For this reason I think that intelligent, bipedal vertebrates are much more likely to have evolved here on earth than somewhere else in the universe.

So I find the TH (Terrestrial Hypothesis) far more likely than the ETH that so many seem so determined to defend. Those who are afraid of the TH are dismissing it as the most likely explanation of the observed phenomena for lack of evidence, while I am dismissing the ETH as the most likely explanation of observed phenomena for exactly the same reason, lack of evidence. Until we have a hunk of metal or a body that could not have come from here, I feel that arguments for the ETH are simply hot air. Or maybe gas leaked from a Mogul balloon.

Bob Shell

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Fermi's Paradox & Preparation For Contact

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:19:02 -0400
Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:19:02 -0400
Subject: Fermi's Paradox & Preparation For Contact

Source: Bernard Haisch's UFO Skeptic.Org

http://www.ufoskeptic.org/contact.html

February 21, 2006

Fermi's Paradox And The Preparation For Contact Hypothesis

There are at least 100 billion, and perhaps as many as 400 billion, stars in our Milky Way Galaxy. Carl Sagan once said: "There may be a million worlds in the Milky Way Galaxy alone which are at this moment inhabited by other intelligent beings" (Cosmos, episode XI). A recent study of several hundred solarlike stars shows signatures of heavy elements in their spectra from which one can infer that material to form Earth-like planets should be abundant. Astronomer Norman Murray of the University of Toronto reported at the 2001 AAAS meeting that: "There is evidence that there is terrestrial-type material orbiting most of the stars in the solar neighborhood. So, the implication, if this result holds up, is that there are Earth-like bodies in orbit around most of the stars in our galaxy." Even if this turns out to be overly optimistic and the formation of habitable planets around solar-like stars proves to be less likely than that, one might expect there to be at least a few other civilizations in the Galaxy. If that is the case, one can draw the conclusion statistically that unless civilizations tend to extinguish themselves once they discover sufficient technology to do so, most alien civilizations would be older and more technologically advanced than we are. It can then pretty easily be argued that a few million years would suffice for such an advanced civilization to spread across the Galaxy even at sublight speed by colonizing habitable planets, eventually sending out second waves of colonization from those planets, then third waves, etc. Astronomer Ian Crawford recently wrote about this in Scientific American. His diffusion model leads to "full galactic colonization" in 5 to 50 million years (Sci. Am., Nov. 2000, p. 8), a small fraction of the age of the Galaxy. Naturally this all assumes human-like behaviour and motivation. The bottom line is that if even only a few alien civilizations have arisen in the 10 billion or so year history of our Galaxy, most of the habitable parts of the Galaxy would likely be colonized by now.

The famous physicist, Enrico Fermi, was referring to such an argument when he asked: "Where are they?" Since he was a prominent (and very smart) scientist, his simple question has been given a duly profound name: Fermi's paradox. The paradox is resolved, of course, if the answer is: "Well, they are already here!" (and possibly have been for a very long time and perhaps have even been involved in the rather sudden emergence of homo sapiens sapiens, but that may be over the top, so ignore that last conjecture if it is too much, though I seem to recall that even Sagan considered that possibility at some point). Their being here - but surreptitiously - would answer Fermi and at the same time address a second common objection to the UFO phenomenon by scientists: that the observations indicate such utterly nonsensical, bizarre behaviour that it just could not possibly be real. Intelligent visitors just would not pull such disreputable antics as have been reported.

Between 1969 and 1972 astronauts visited the moon about twice per year and, while there, did mostly (apart from a few astronaut shenanigans) reasonable and rational things that one would expect an intelligent alien observer to recognize as scientific exploration. The nature of the reported UFO sightings and encounters, on the contrary, does not reflect the kind of purposeful behavior that we terrestrial scientists would expect from our extraterrestrial colleagues. By some estimates over a million UFO events have been witnessed. Even if one discounts 90 percent as misperceptions or hoaxes, that leaves far too many events to attribute to the kind of careful, sophisticated, efficient, high-tech exploration we scientists would expect from our alien counterparts, especially ones who would necessarily be more advanced than we are to have gotten here in the first place. In addition, the kinds of objects sighted range from little floating things the size of a baseball to giant lighted craft bigger than a stadium (yes), again posing incredible inconsistencies.

It is tempting to argue, as some do, that since the visitors are not behaving like proper alien explorers, there are no visitors in the first place. (For some reason this logic brings to mind Galileo attempting to get the Cardinals to look through his telescope.) To counter this argument, I would like to suggest one possible rationale that might, in principle at least (no real world guarantees), account for the widespread, disjoint kind of behavior that the UFO phenomenon has manifested over 50 years. The reason for proposing this "preparation for contact hypothesis" (which is certainly no original idea of mine) is simply to facilitate a "suspension of disbelief" so that the UFO evidence can be confronted on its own terms without the mental roadblock that the phenomenon violates all common sense, or more precisely the common sense of modern western society, and that of the scientific community in particular, and hence cannot be real.

The discovery and open recognition that alien beings (especially more advanced than we) exist and that they are already here would be a fundamental turning point in civilization. That revelation would constitute a one-time phase transition in human knowledge like that from ice to water. The societal significance of initial contact seems to me to be indisputable, and it is only less indisputable by epsilon that whoever or whatever they are (if indeed they are here) they are well aware of the consequences of initial contact, since unless they happened to be the first civilization in the universe, they must have gone through initial contact once themselves. (And even the first civilization would have seen the effect of initial contact on another.)

The working hypothesis - and that is all it is - is thus that we are being monitored by extraterrestrials and that they are coaxing us into awareness of their existence slowly enough to not disrupt our self-centered civilization ("gradually turning up the gain" as one of my colleagues put it). We are beginning to take our first steps into space, and though our primitive behavior - warfare, terrorism, bigotry, intolerance, senseless violence, greed - is not yet a danger to any extraterrestrial civilization, it could be someday. It has also been suggested that the diversity of life on our planet constituting a rich genetic bank of living organisms may have something to do with it. Perhaps the Earth is a greenhouse and nursery of some importance and value beyond its own confines as a biological databank. It could be that wet, green, just-right worlds are not all that common, and perhaps the Earth is special within some limited region of the cosmos, such as the local neighborhood (astronomical jargon for the volume of space within a few dozen parsecs in our spiral arm of the Milky Way) as a repository or laboratory of life forms. Unfortunately we who happen to live on this biologically rich planet are on an ecologically destructive course that will eliminate a third or more of the Earth's species in this century. This lack of stewardship may not have gone unnoticed. For such reasons, perhaps events are being staged involving a few people at a time, so that little by little the belief system of our society is challenged and altered. Our neatly packaged worldview is being deliberately unraveled by things that do not fit into our reality. The dramatic "landing on the White House lawn" that scientists demand as confirmation is exactly not the right thing to happen. At least not yet.

To repeat, this is merely a mental-roadblock-clearing hypothesis. But on the other hand, there is no doubt that the attitude of society has changed dramatically over the last 50 years to the extent that over half the population in the U.S. now believes in the reality of ongoing extraterrestrial visitation of Earth. That was certainly not the case in 1950. If public opinion polls are correct, the average person today appears to be pretty prepared for open contact, while we scientists would be quite jolted if UFOs proved to be real and extraterrestrial. (A nice, safe, distant radio signal from Tau Ceti would be more to our liking.) The "preparation for contact" hypothesis is merely a plausible idea, but it may be part of the explanation of the seemingly bizarre UFO behavior.

In any event, whether the above is merely fantasy or not, the duty of the skeptic is to confront the evidence, even if it seemingly violates all common sense.

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From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 12:15:26 -0500 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:35:11 -0400 Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

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>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 14:08:46 +0100
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>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 10:26:52 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>The moral of the story: Human beings, even the most well->>intentioned of them, are wrong far more often than they're >>right. Of all efforts humans have devised to try to reduce error >>in our understanding of life, the universe, and everything, >>empirical science - while not perfect; perfection does not exist >>in this world - is demonstrably and consistently the most >>successful. Overthrowing science is infinitely more difficult >>than overthrowing, say, a literary theory fashionable in English >>departments or a historians' consensus about the causes of the >>Spanish-American War.

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Nah, I doubt it. Reading Gehrmanism's defenders provides about as much validation for that depressing view as anyone can handle.

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As a life-long anomalist and much-published champion of heterodox phenomena, I must say that till now I have never been accused of "clinging to 'establishment views'", but there is a first time for everything, and I guess my turn had to come up sooner or later.

I do, however, appreciate being given the deepest belly laugh I can expect to experience today, and maybe in the week to come. I guess one who "clings to 'establishment views'" - I love those scare quotes, by the way - is one who fails to acknowledge Ed Gehrman's role among the most profound thinkers in all of human history. And if you also mean that I am pro-, not anti-, science and impatient with crank beliefs, I merrily plead guilty.

Yours in anti-disestablishmentarianism,

Jerry Clark

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From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark.nul></u> Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 12:17:30 -0500 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:36:25 -0400 Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 09:51:48 -0700
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

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>This post was only meant to be a somewhat more light-hearted >note on how arrogant and short-sighted scientists can be >sometimes. And _again_, it was not about Gehrmanism >specifically, it was a general observation only. Why can't you >just take it as that without going onto the 'Gehrmanist soapbox' >yet again?

Are we to infer from these remarks that you are now putting some daylight between yourself and Gehrmanism? If so, good for you, and about time.

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 10:17:17 -0700
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>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 11:05:07 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>It ought to have been manifestly obvious that I was not >discussing competing hypotheses but - a far more important and >vital issue - which approaches to UFO investigation and analysis >are scientifically sustainable and which are not. I have tried >to demonstrate that Gehrmanism is not scientifically >sustainable, that it looks, talks, and walks like a classic >crank ideology. The only persons who, strangely, keep bringing >up the ETH are Gehrmanism's defenders, who seem positively >phobic on the subject.

>It ought to be possible to discuss the role of science in >ufology without having to drag origin theories - at this stage >pure speculation, all of them - into the conversation.

I am not a Gehrmanism 'defender' per se, but I support his and others' being able to put forward theories without being labelled as 'cranks' etc. _That_ is what I object to. I actually disagree with Ed that interstellar travel by the visitors, or interdimensional or time travel, is impossible, but I will not try to insist that he is wrong, because it may turn out that _I_ am wrong...

I had also actually agreed with you on some points in my last post, but you missed or ignored that part I guess, oh well.

Paul

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From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul> Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 12:20:29 -0500 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:39:15 -0400 Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 19:25:38 EDT
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 11:18:01 -0700
>>Subject: Expert Opinions [was: Why The Cover-Up?]

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>One valid indicator and sifting mechanism is to see whether any >legitimate scientists have championed the cause of the Mono >Treme Hypothesis (MTH) in legitimate scientific publications or >whether it is merely something relegated to pop culture like >MTV. The ETH (which I reject as explanation for the UFO >phenomenon) has been published in legitimate scientific >publications. MTH has not.

<snip>

Wow Mr. Sparks, you yshame me for not paying attention. I had you down as leaning ETH. What do you suspect the upshot of them is, then?

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 17:44:42 +0000 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 15:53:31 -0400 Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <<u>egehrman</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 14:25:29 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Fri, 03 Aug 2007 12:40:39 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 2 Aug 2007 10:40:48 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <<u>brumac</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 10:07:51 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>>Bottom line: Theories have been known to bite the dust in the >>>>face of ovewhelming evidence.

>>>>The 'theory' that 'they can't get here from there' (whoever >>>>'they' are, wherever 'there' is) appears to have bitten the dust

>>>True. And I always thought that the old 'they can't get here
>>>from there' line was one of the weakest and stupidest arguments
>>>made by debunkers. Again, a case of making too many assumptions
>>>based on our still limited human technology, as well as, as I
>>>noted before, the newest findings and thinking in quantum
>>>physics, etc.

>>Meanwhile, Mr. Gehrman states quite explicitly that they can't >>get here from there, therefore they must come from here.

>Hi Dick,

>I say there's no evidence that they come from other star >systems. I don't believe they can get here from, but I don't >care if others believe. I also don't believe (have faith) in >fairies, ghosts, other dimensions, time travel or god, but It's >not a problem for me when other folks have these beliefs. >They're only a problem when they limit my beliefs or actions.

>>False assumptions make for wonderfully 'logical' but quite >>erroneous real-world deductions.

>What is my "false assumption"? I agree that we are being >visited. You have faith in the ETH, without any evidence that it >could be true and no scientific underpinnings. I have suggested >that a better possibility is an ancient hominid civilization. >There are no scientific reasons this hypothesis is false.

Ed,

I stated quite clearly what your false assumption is (and others on the List have too): That they can't get here from there. You are also making another false assumption: That you think you

know what my beliefs are. I do not take anything on faith, and I do not insist that ETH is the answer. It is in my estimation one of the very few viable hypotheses and needs to be thoroughly examined.

And your chutzpah score goes off the scale when you claim the ETH has no scientific undepinning while claiming ancient hominids are a better explanation. Ahem, where is the scientific underpinning for that?

>I realize that it hasn't been sanctioned by an authority, but >there's nothing inherently false about it. It may not be what >you want to believe. I don't mind. But if you're going to imply >the hypothesis is false, then supply reasons and evidence. Many, >perhaps the vast majority, on this List disagree with my >assumptions but that doesn't mean the hypothesis is false.

The obvious test of yout hypothesis is physical evidence of this alleged past civilization (and apparently hidden current civilization). Where is it? And how convenient to accuse people who disagree with you of believing what they want to believe despite the `obvious' (to you only) superiority of your groundless, evidence-less hypothesis. Well, Ed, to turn the tables on you: If that's what you want to believe, go right ahead.

- Dick

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There's Life Out Among The Stars

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 15:58:54 -0400 Archived: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 15:58:54 -0400 Subject: There's Life Out Among The Stars

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There's Life Out Among The Stars

By Peter Rusland News Leader Pictorial

Does extraterrestrial life exist?

"My feelings are an optimistic yes," answers Dr. Greg Arkos of Malaspina University-College's physics, engineering and astronomy department.

He explained why during the recent annual Island Star Party at the Victoria Fish & Game club's grounds on the Malahat summit.

But Arkos' fact-packed lecture wasn't populated with little green men, abductions and UFO photos.

He's a show-me kind of guy who backs his beliefs with numbers.

"Consider the (low) odds we're alone given the billions of stars in the sky," he said, after laying out theories of galactic life, scientific summations and earthly advances over the centuries.

Arkos' effective power-point presentation showed how innumerable stars =97 perhaps surrounded by planets =97 appear in a tiny seemingly empty patch of black sky near the Big Dipper when seen through the massive Hubble telescope.

He also reports some 240 planets that may support life have been mapped "and we're finding more all the time."

"That's a huge boost to the idea of extraterrestrial life."

But communicating with those beings and traveling to visit them =97 or proving they're visiting us =97 is a whole other matter in Arkos' world.

Given space ships that can travel light speed, "aliens with space craft could zip around the galaxy, but we see no evidence of aliens next door."

Conclusion?

"Maybe we are it; maybe aliens don't travel; or maybe other civilizations exist but they're not allowed to interfere with Earth."

Arkos returns to the odds of life on other planets given many

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are known to contain water, nitrogen, CO2 and other vital building blocks.

"It seems like life's ingredients are all around us."

He also points to seemingly inhospitable environments right here on Earth where life manages to exist: hot springs, deserts, Antarctica, and ocean-floor black smoker holes.

"Life adapts," says Arkos, postulating life could get a toehold at various points in the heavens.

The fact humans haven't heard from aliens doesn't surprise Arkos given universal time, space and distances.

"We haven't rung their phone yet," he says of the small amount of time since we sent out radio waves in the past decades years.

Arkos says aliens would need some sort of numerical system to understand human contact.

But he points to hieroglyphics and animal communications as proof the complex can be grasped.

However, Arkos stops way short of believing in UFO sightings, the Roswell (New Mexico) alien photos and other stories.

"Roswell was probably a military test ground," he states, noting 90 per cent of UFO sightings can be explained.

"Nobody has ever found a piece of alien metal, corpses, nothing."

Ultimately, finding and talking to alien life is a matter of money for the right technology.

"Funding's the main problem," he says after outlining how the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence project has come up dry.

Still, scientists using the Drake Equation =97 parameters that support the possibility of life =97 calculate there are some 100 civilizations in our Milky Way that could communicate with us, fueling Arkos' cautious extraterrestrial optimism.

"People want to believe but I can't until there's evidence."

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Hi Jerome,

Seems you're confused - you've apparently answered some other message about `Gehrmanism'.

If you need reminding - my message was about science.

And a full (fairly small) text file with attributions is at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/present-state.txt

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 13:03:09 -0500 Archived: Sun, 05 Aug 2007 09:57:28 -0400 Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 10:17:17 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
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>I am not a Gehrmanism 'defender' per se, but I support his and >others' being able to put forward theories without being >labelled as 'cranks' etc.

So you defend Gehrman's right to express himself as he wishes, while attacking critics for expressing themselves as they wish.

I think, though, that a more productive line of discourse would be to provide reasoned arguments which document why Gehrmanism -- and here it doesn't matter whether you're a "Gehrmanism 'defender' per se" - does not fit the profile, familiar to anybody who knows something about the rich, varied, and long history of cranks (about whom I once actually considered writing a book), defining crank discourse.

I have yet to see anybody actually try to refute my or others' specific reasons for dismissal of claims deeply unlikely, to every available appearance, to be true, or to engage in an effort to explain why we should regard Ed Gehrman as among the profoundest thinkers in all of human history, as he would have to be if his beliefs are something other than rank fantasy. All I see instead are efforts to inform us critics that we have no right to speak what would be immediately self-evident to - sad to say - any educated observer outside ufology: that the tune is looney.

Until I see rationality and logic, as opposed to rhetoric and polemic, applied to refute the point that Gehrmanism is a strain of crackpot doctrine, I bow out of further discussion. Further, I apologize to patient Listfolk, who I'm sure long ago figured this out, for taking up time better spent on more productive intellectual reflection.

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From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 19:13:19 +0100 Archived: Sun, 05 Aug 2007 10:06:03 -0400 Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

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We at Magonia have called Jerry virtually everything under the sun, even commenting on his 'conservative' suits, but I don't think we've ever accused him of having 'establishment views'.

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Oh, hang on a minute, which 'establishment' are we talking about? There's more than one, you know.

--John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 11:49:32 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Sun, 05 Aug 2007 10:08:24 -0400 Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Ray Dickenson <<u>r.dickenson</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 17:56:59 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 14:48:42 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Ray Dickenson <<u>r.dickenson</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Friday, August 3, 2007 2:54:12 PM
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>In almost all instances, less than altruistic `entrepreneurs' >>hooch traders, gun-runners, poachers, and downright thieves and
>>murderers, have intruded on what they see as easy pickings.

<snip>

>Were ET advanced, as in all likelihood they would be, it would >be quite unthinkable for them not to have concern that each and >every species approaching technological threat to its system, >acquire the evolutionary qualities to overcome those threats >before offering more.

>Right James,

>Yet the real issue is, as I think someone has already pointed >out, we can expect many or at least some less advanced, less >intellectual and less altruistic groups also to be in the process >of evolving to your theoretical ideal state.

First of all, I did not imitimate in any way on an ideal state. Jumping to this mischaracterization, you missed the key point I made in my opening, where I appeal to a broader frame of reference, "in a frame of reference we might attribute to those that have survived the technological pitfalls along the way to developing star travel."

>Can we rely on luck or 'guardianship' of some kind to keep us >from their attentions in the meantime?

>Ray D

That's just the point, such attainment would obviously lead to community among all succeeding to star travel.

EBE's are the wax to the confusion, otherwise such a proposition would be inevitable. For that reason I clearly discern between those responsible for the EBE abductions and ET.

JCH

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Re: Best Scientific UFO Evidence

From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
Date: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 16:49:33 -0400
Archived: Sun, 05 Aug 2007 16:50:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Best Scientific UFO Evidence

>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 10:02:56 EDT
>Subject: Re: Best Scientific UFO Evidence

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>>True, but you listed some excellent cases back in June on this
>>List. One doesn't need to scour 100,000 pages when obviously,
>>you already have _sufficiently_ good cases at the tip of your
>>tongue right now.

>I made no representation that the sampling of cases I presented >was anything other than a sampling. The first thing scientists do >is check your documentation and see if you've done your homework. >You're suggesting that corners be cut. Believe me, that >corner-cutting will be obvious to scientists who instantly reject >anything they sense is half-assed as unworthy of wasting their >time. Time and again all that UFO researchers put forward is just >like that and of course it gets dismissed.

Well, your field is the one that would benefit.

I certainly don't see that choosing the best from among the already known cases is "cutting corners." But, it's your field, not mine, so have it your way. I was just trying to speed up the sorely needed credibility improvement process.

They didn't wait until they had the Saturn V rocket to start the space program, after all.

Eleanor White

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 19:43:14 EDT
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Re: Expert Opinions

From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 5 Aug 2007 09:17:02 -0500 Archived: Sun, 05 Aug 2007 16:53:17 -0400 Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sat, 04 Aug 2007 19:13:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 12:15:26 -0500
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Ah, John, I fear your words about my suits, conservative or otherwise, are misplaced. I am clad in a suit approximately once a year, almost always to attend a funeral or a wedding. And then there is the very rare occasion when I am asked to pose for a formal photograph, which seems to be the proximate cause of the Magonia misunderstanding. Otherwise, I'm strictly a blue-jeans kind of guy.

Casually clad,

Jerry Clark

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Re: ETH Indoctrination

From: Jan Aldrich project1947.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Aug 2007 11:10:15 -0400
Archived: Sun, 05 Aug 2007 17:11:52 -0400
Subject: Re: ETH Indoctrination

>From: Jeff Olson <<u>ilolson</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>Ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 09:32:07 -0600
>Subject: ETH Indoctrination

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>It began one innocent Saturday a year ago when Jerry Clark, my >Minnesotan neighbor just across the border, invited me over for >a beer. When I arrived, I was surprised to see Dick Hall was in >attendance as well.

<snip>

Jeff,

You have opened my eyes. I see it too, now! Don Berliner taking me to a German beer hall in Washington, D. C. And that remarkably beautiful 'volunteer' who used to come to the NICAP office to work all the time. Breakfast with her a couple of times, maybe she spiked my coffee... It's just like you said.

I never suspected that the beer was spiked. Stories about Julian Hennessey and the worming his way into the secret caches of the Air Ministry. Once the seeds had been planted, nurishing them by showing you all those files at NICAP, but with a copy of Scully's book casually placed within sight on the table with the cover drawing of the half-clad frightened females looking skyward. Day after day the same thing slowly taking over all reason.

Berliner's cladestine meetings at the Pentagon until he came back with the Project Grudge/Blue Book reports. Sharing out of this booty, capped at the end of the day with more "beer."

Isabel Davis with her cats, uh familiars. Did you notice that all these people now have have cats? Dick Hall, Ted Bloecher, etc., etc. ET only know what this cabel is up to. There it is... slipping once out again.

Dick Hall presiding over the whole thing - The Puppet Master.

Lynn Cateo coming over from the Library of Congress probably was the final master stroke. All reason banished to the mental hinterlands with the vaguely recalled memories of logic and rules of evidence.

The only thing I wanted to do was find out about ball lightning. Just a little information on plasma physics, and instead I became entangled in a web of of ETH and all its destructive life altering concepts and behaviors including massive consumption of high fructose corn syrup containing foods and beverages.

I can now look right into the eyes of Admiral Zork, Commander of the Rebel Reptilian Grand Fleet and Cultivater of the Garden of War, and tell him, "Begone, you figment of Dick Hall's mental implantion."

It all becomes clear now! The years held in the ETH thrall by these sinister ufologists. The wasted youth. I too cringe at the shame of it, but now the sky is bluer. The air crisper. Thanks, Jeff, I have overcome the indoctrination, and now I don't even like beer. It's... it's just on those nights with no moon out, away from the lights of the city, it's hard to look up at the skies and not backslide into the ETH implication.

Jan Aldrich Recovering ETH puppet

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Re: Unintelligent Speculation

From: Sergey Shpakovsky <<u>sergejsh</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 5 Aug 2007 12:55:10 -0400 (EDT) Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 08:06:32 -0400 Subject: Re: Unintelligent Speculation

>From: Bob Shell <<u>bob</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 13:09:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: Unintelligent Speculation

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>I think that intelligent, bipedal vertebrates >are much more likely to have evolved here on earth than >somewhere else in the universe.

>So I find the TH (Terrestrial Hypothesis) far more likely than >the ETH that so many seem so determined to defend.

I think universe is too big to think, that bipedal variant of intelligent being can evolve _only_ on Earth.

And how about cases when people saw bipedal beings (in fact humans) in 'flying saucers'? I don't see reason to believe that _all_ of them just our earthly 'brothers and sisters'. And I don't remember any case of contacts with these beings, when they was referring their origin to the Earth. What amount of those contacts is true and what not - is another question.

>Those who are afraid of the TH are dismissing it as >the most likely explanation of the observed phenomena for >lack of evidence

I believe this is not about that somebody is afraid. Just, why suddenly to start to believe, that some beings are from Earth?

By the way - not only one or two types of beings was observed. Then if we believe in _only_ terrestrial hypothesis, that means we have few or more hidden civilizations on the Earth? How many? And where are all of them are hiding? And how big they are?

>while I am dismissing the ETH as the most >likely explanation of observed phenomena for exactly the same >reason, lack of evidence.

I trying to understand, what kind of extraterrestrial evidence we can have? For example we found something. Then how we will know that this is _not_ from another planets, but from hidden civilization on the Earth? What differences can be?

I believe, that one of evidences of extraterrestrial hypothesis, can be Barney-Betty abduction case and star map seen by Betty. There can be another examples, but this, probably, mostly known. I don't see here links to earthly explanation.

>Until we have a hunk of metal or a body that could not >have come from here, I feel that arguments for the ETH are >simply hot air.

Again, even if we will have body or peace of 'flying saucer', what will be basis to believe, that they are from the Earth, not from another planet?

Another my point is: if supposed hidden earthly civilization

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exists and was able to develop such technologies as 'flying saucers', what would prevent them to fly to another planets, make contacts with their inhabitants and to invite them to the Earth? In this case at least some entities will be from another planets, and some - from the Earth.

Sergey

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Re: Ufologists In Australia & New Zealand

From: Robert Frola <auforn.nul>
Date: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 07:05:04 +1000
Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 08:10:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufologists In Australia & New Zealand

>From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
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Hi Greg,

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www.auforn.com

www.ufologistmagazine.com

Cheers

Robert Frola <u>auforn</u>.nul

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From: Joe Faccenda <<u>Uforth.nul></u> Date: Sun, 5 Aug 2007 18:52:26 EDT Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 08:15:49 -0400 Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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While following this debate, and I use the term debate loosely. Its more akin to a ufological tennis match with the opponents supositional balls zooming back and forth, with an occasional bit of conjectural spin included for good measure.

With the distant echo of the McEnroe cry of "Are you serious" one comes away bemused and rather anxious that all the hot air generated may be having an adverse affect on the planet.

You are all wrong of course,the answer is that on the demise of Mars they all moved here lock, stock, and barrel shaped craft. And are undoubably living in the sea.

Am I wrong? well prove it, ETH you say? Well prove it, and so it goes, round and round.

Memo to SETI: Stop wasting your time sending signals into space.

Go to any sea shore and call yoo-hoo, come out, come out, we know your in there.

What may appear to someone entering the UFO arena as a rather frothy,slightly unhinged pursuit, on closer examination the true enormity of the parameters that encompass ufology soon manifest themselves.

Scratch any ufologist and you will find a man or woman who by necessity has had to delve into almost every branch of Science. Psychology, sociology, anthropology, archaeology, mathematics, physics etc. etc.

A search driven in part not only for enlightenment, but also for concrete facts.

Without facts we are at the mercy of any half baked premise.

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We have to endure conjecture dressed up as Eureka.

We dumb down in a ceaseless search for a gem ,a nugget, a strand, just one fleeting factual insight is all we ask.

So what's the answer? in many ways ufology has reached an impasse. If a cognitive approach has not worked, would proactive ufology be the way forward?

What if I suggested a two hundred mile wide laser lit UFO silhouette on a desert?

Would it get a reaction? Who knows, but perhaps marginally better than looking under your bed at night to see if its harbouring an alien nest.

Regards,

Joe Faccenda

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>sentient beings that live under the ocean and earth,
>occasionally flying out to observe human beings and attend tea
>parties. Yet whenever I begin to seriously question the ETH,
>I'll get a mysterious call where someone who sounds a lot like
>David Rudiak will utter a single phrase such as "Marcel's
>Pajamas" or "Majestic 12," and immediately I'll fall into a
>stupor, my mind flooded with powerful UFO imagery and
>beautiful
>female Nordic aliens.

Damn! I've been busted!

I may as well explain the comment about Marcel's Pajamas, which had such a powerful hypnotic effect on Jeff. Brazel as in such a rush to report his crashed UFO that he drove to Roswell early in the morning and spoke to Marcel in his pajamas. How Marcel got into Brazel's pajamas I'll never know, but this had something to do with the cover-up.

The beautiful female Nordics are a screen memory.

David "Groucho" Rudiak

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Sorry, Dick. Yes, it's just my assumption - and that of others too, of course - that FTL travel, or some high-tech equivalent of it, is required for interstellar travel to be practicable enough that lots of different ETs would be covertly disclosing themselves to us.

As someone else recently mentioned, the capability of 'instantaneous' communication across light years also seems necessary in order to explain certain aspects of the whole phenomenon.

My point was just that mainstream science/astronomy rejects these possibilities because 21st-century mankind doesn't know how to accomplish them, and that position agrees with Ed's. But to me, the scientific/technological developments we could achieve, in another 500 centuries if we were to survive, would make science fiction look feeble.

Jim Deardorff

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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 08:05:03 -0300
Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 08:31:42 -0400
Subject: Brazilian UFO Magazine Offices Burgled!

Hi friends,

The Brazilian UFO Magazine offices were broken into and robbed last week. Thieves forced one door of the property on the night of July 30 and stole several computers, printers, equipment etc. The losses are higher than US\$12,000 and unfortunately a large number of computer files will never be retrieved. We still haven't been able to raise the necessary funds to recover from the robbery and 80% of our activities are paralyzed.

The Brazilian UFO Magazine offices are located in an area on the city of Campo Grande considered reasonably safe, and the property, a rented house, was also considered secure. However, the thieves knew precisely what door to force and how to do so, because very little damage was caused. And presumably they also knew very well what they were looking for, because not only some specific computers, printers, were stolen, but also, and very suspiciously, particular folders containing very important and sensitive information about several areas of Ufology in Brazil.

I cannot describe at this time the exact contents of the many folders taken, to avoid any interference in the investigations. I can only say that the folders taken were located next to many others that haven't been touched, as they didn't contain the same kind of information. The stolen folders covered specific aspects of some UFO-cult movements going on in Brazil, as well as still unreleased cases of military involvement with the UFO Phenomena in several areas of the country and other nations and South America. They also covered our plans for the future of the campaign for UFO disclosure in Brazil.

Because of the very high strangeness of the MO demonstrated by the thieves, the police suspect, and so do we, that the invasion was a meticulously planned criminal act. It implies that our activities have been closely watched for weeks and perhaps months prior to the break-in. We believe that the robbery was designed not only to cause a severe financial damage to our activities, by preventing us from publishing the Brazilian UFO Magazine for at least two months, as well as to damage us in other ways.

The Brazilian UFO Magazine is one of the oldest UFO publications still in active in the world. It was founded in 1985 and was at it 135th edition. The magazine is monthly and circulates all over Brazil, Portugal, some places on Spain and in several countries of Latin American. As of this month of August an English version of it should be initiated in the USA, based in California. We also publish books, conferences and DVD documentaries.

Those friends in overseas in position to help the recovery of the Brazilian UFO Magazine are kindly asked to do so. Those of you interested in helping us may write to <u>editor</u>.nul to obtain information as to what can be donated to the magazine. Any help if immensely welcome. You may spread the word.

Thanks for your attention!

Brazilian UFO Magazine Offices Burgled!

A. J. Gevaerd Editor Brazilian UFO Magazine

<u>aj</u>.nul <u>editor</u>.nul <u>www.ufo.com.br</u>

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Secrecy News -- 08/06/07

From: Steven Aftergood <<u>saftergood</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 11:00:02 -0400 Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 16:41:26 -0400 Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/06/07

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HOUSE MOVES TO BLOCK INTEL BUDGET DISCLOSURE

One day after President Bush signed into law a bill that requires public disclosure of the national intelligence budget, the House of Representatives adopted an amendment to prevent that requirement from taking effect.

The budget disclosure provision appeared in legislation enacting the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, which was passed by Congress last month and signed by President Bush on August 3.

If implemented, it would mark the first time that Congress successfully asserted its authority to compel disclosure of currently classified information over the objections of the executive branch. Since 1998, the intelligence bureaucracy has consistently refused to divulge the intelligence budget total. The White House stated on February 28 that budget disclosure "could cause damage to the national security interests of the United States."

The opposing view, adopted by the 9/11 Commission and endorsed by Congress last month, is that budget disclosure is an indispensable precondition to broader accountability and that it is essential to restoring the credibility of a defective classification system.

But despite the fact that the requirement to disclose the intelligence budget has finally passed into law, it may not happen after all.

Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) offered an amendment to the Defense Appropriations Act on August 4 that would prohibit budget disclosure. Without any debate, Rep. John Murtha (D-PA)announced that the amendment was accepted.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007 cr/issa.html

The Issa amendment will have to be addressed in a House-Senate conference before it effectively repeals the new disclosure requirement.

PUBLIC INFO IN PLAME CASE CLASSIFIED, JUDGE RULES

A federal court last week accepted a Central Intelligence Agency argument that the date on which former covert officer Valerie

Plame Wilson's employment at the CIA began should remain classified even though it is irrevocably in the public domain.

The date in question appeared in a seemingly unclassified letter sent by CIA to Ms. Wilson and published in the Congressional Record. But when she sought to include the information in the manuscript of her forthcoming memoir, the CIA objected that it is still classified. Now the Court has agreed.

"To be sure, the public may draw whatever conclusions it might from the fact that the information at issue was sent on CIA letterhead by the Chief of Retirement and Insurance Services," wrote Judge Barbara S. Jones in an August 1 ruling. "However, nothing in the law or its policy requires the CIA to officially acknowledge what those in the public may think they know."

http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/wilson/order080107.pdf

The text of the CIA letter containing the classified information citing the start of Ms. Wilson's employment on November 9, 1985 was published in the Congressional Record on January 16, 2007 and is available here:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/wilson/cr011607.pdf

In their June 28 motion to overturn CIA censorship, Ms. Wilson's attorneys cited a lawsuit of mine in which the CIA was compelled to disclose its 1963 budget after I showed that the figure had previously been declassified. "As in 'Aftergood'," they argued by analogy, "the Court should reject the CIA's belated and unsupported effort" to deny access to information in the public domain.

But that case was different, the government replied on July 13. The 1963 budget figure was declassified, albeit inadvertently. The information on Ms. Wilson's employment was never formally declassified, inadvertently or otherwise, but was merely disclosed by accident.

An unclassified declaration by Stephen R. Kappes, deputy director of CIA, provided a lucid explanation of CIA's perspective on classification of information about covert employees, intelligence liaison relationships, and related topics.

http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/wilson/kappes071807.pdf

Other selected case files may be found here:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/wilson/index.html

FOIA REFORM ADVANCES IN SENATE

The Open Government Act, a bipartisan bill to strengthen the Freedom of Information Act, passed the Senate on August 3 after objections from a lone Senator were finally overcome.

Senators Pat Leahy (D-VT) and John Cornyn (R-TX) successfully shepherded the legislation, which is intended to expedite agency responsiveness to FOIA requests and improve the freedom of information regime in various other ways.

Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ), who had earlier placed a hold on the bill blocking its advance, explained his concerns in an August 3 floor statement and how they had been resolved. The measure passed on a voice vote.

http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2007/opengovt.html

DOD REPORTS ON CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE

Earlier this year, the Department of Defense released two annual reports on the status of its chemical and biological defense efforts:

"Department of Defense Chemical and Biological Defense Program," Annual Report to Congress, April 2007 (5.9 MB PDF):

http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/cbdp2007.pdf

"Report on Activities and Programs for Countering Proliferation and NBC Terrorism," Counterproliferation Program Review Committee, Volume I, Executive Summary, May 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/nbcterror2007.pdf

CRS REPORTS ON 2008 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

Recent reports of the Congressional Research Service on the 2008 budget appropriation cycle obtained by Secrecy News include the following.

"Homeland Security Department: FY2008 Appropriations," updated July 17, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homesec/RL34004.pdf

"Federal Research and Development Funding: FY2008," updated July 26, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL34048.pdf

"Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: FY2008 Appropriations," July 20, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL34092.pdf

"Financial Services and General Government (FSGG): FY2008 Appropriations," updated July 20, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33998.pdf

"Energy and Water Development: FY2008 Appropriations," updated July 13, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL34009.pdf

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From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 09:27:59 -0700
Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 16:43:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 12:17:30 -0500
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

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Paul

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Re: ETH Indoctrination

From: Steven Kaeser <<u>steve</u>.nul>
Date: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 12:39:15 -0400
Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 16:46:20 -0400
Subject: Re: ETH Indoctrination

>From: Jan Aldrich <<u>project1947</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sun, 5 Aug 2007 11:10:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: ETH Indoctrination

<snip>

>Jeff,

>You have opened my eyes. I see it too, now! Don Berliner taking >me to a German beer hall in Washington, D. C. And that >remarkably beautiful 'volunteer' who used to come to the NICAP >office to work all the time. Breakfast with her a couple of >times, maybe she spiked my coffee... It's just like you said.

<snip>

Fund Chairman Don Berliner saw this post and wanted to respond:

"You've caught me red-handed! While I was working for NICAP in the late 1960's, I was also moonlighting as a double agent for the little grey guys. And taking a kick-back on beer sales. Hey, a guy's gotta make a living...."

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UFO Reports In The UK 1998 - 2006

From: Nick Pope <<u>nick</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 17:41:06 +0100 Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 16:48:30 -0400 Subject: UFO Reports In The UK 1998 - 2006

While there have been a considerable number of recent UFO sightings in the UK (many of which have been attributable to sky lanterns) most of the recent coverage of the subject in the British media has been prompted by the MoD having released more UFO information. Specifically, documents summarising sightings reported to the MoD are now available covering the years 1998 -2006. The summaries give the date, time and location of each sighting, with a brief description of what was seen:

http://tinyurl.com/yoho7t

This has been an absolute gift to the local media because virtually every regional newspaper and radio station can find something in their area. This local media coverage has in turn generated some national coverage.

I'll be discussing this latest MoD release on national radio on Tuesday night on James Whale's show on Talk Sport, shortly after 11pm, through to 1am. I'll also update listeners on the MoD's plans to release more UFO files. Talk Sport broadcasts on 1089/1053am and you can listen online by selecting "listen live" on their website:

http://www1.talksport.net/index.asp

Best wishes,

Nick Pope http://www.nickpope.net

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Is Anybody Out There?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 18:34:26 +0100
Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 16:51:58 -0400
Subject: Is Anybody Out There?

Is anybody out there? By David Whitehouse August 4, 2007

http://tinyurl.com/2fah6k

(four pages)

[Excerpt]

Many scientists, frightened by the danger that might lurk out there, have argued against seeking contact with extraterrestrials. Jared Diamond, professor of evolutionary biology and Pulitzer Prize winner, says: "Those astronomers now preparing again to beam radio signals out to hoped-for extraterrestrials are naive, even dangerous."

[End]

Now why should 'many scientists' be frightened? Bearing in mind that media and gov'ts have been telling us for years there's 'no chance of ETs'?

Ray

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HMS Gurkha UFO Sighting

From: Nick Pope <<u>nick</u>.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 21:12:36 +0100
Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 16:54:53 -0400
Subject: HMS Gurkha UFO Sighting

Here's one of the recent UFO articles from The Daily Mail, a UK national newspaper:

http://tinyurl.com/37eema

An interesting comment has been submitted by a reader, relating details of a UFO sighting by personnel on the Royal Navy ship HMS Gurkha in the Persian Gulf in 1965. The reader states that he was summoned to take photographs, but says that the object was moving too quickly to be filmed. He says the incident should be recorded in the ship's log. I can't recall having seen mention of this in the MoD's UFO files, but this might be worth following up.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

http://www.nickpope.net

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UFOs Or Too Many Cold Beers?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 17:00:17 -0400 Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 17:00:17 -0400 Subject: UFOs Or Too Many Cold Beers?

Source: The First Post.Co.UK

http://www.thefirstpost.co.uk/index.php?storyID=3D8089

August 6, 2007

UFOs -- Or Too Many Cold Beers?

UFOs were spotted across southern England yesterday.

Sean Thomas checks out the theories

Early yesterday morning, several people across England - in Bristol, Herefordshire, Norfolk and elsewhere - saw UFOs in the night sky.

Some called Radio 5 Live to report their experiences. All spoke of weird light effects. Some saw singular star-like objects. Others saw a parade of orbs. One eye-witness captured his sighting on camera.

Already various theories have been advanced - and shot down. The first and most obvious answer was meteorites. Patrick Moore, the veteran TV astronomer, was unimpressed. He thought the lights were unlikely to be 'astronomical' - because the witnesses had not seen contrails and other phenomena associated with meteor storms.

Another theory doing the rounds yesterday was that the lights were 'Chinese lanterns'. This solution is credible. Early on Sunday morning, partygoers at the Big Chill Festival in the Malverns released illuminated balloons into the sultry night sky.

The witness who posted his film on YouTube shot it in the Forest of Dean, quite close to the Malverns. But this answer ignores the many eye-witnesses spread across southern England.

The same problem attaches to a third explanation: that the lights were fireworks. You'd need quite a rocket to get from Norfolk to Shropshire. Another idea - a satellite breaking up doesn't square with the drifting motion of the objects.

A final theory is secret military experiments. This sounds ludicrous, but according to UFO-logists a similar flap in Ireland last year was provoked by just that.

What is the real answer? Maybe midsummer madness - or too much cold beer. This weekend in England was the hottest of the year so far.

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

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Blog Links 08-06-07

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 17:11:07 -0400 Archived: Mon, 06 Aug 2007 17:11:07 -0400 Subject: Blog Links 08-06-07

Some links to Blog Posts that the reader may/may not find interesting:

The Fermi Paradox: Advanced civilizations do not... http://tinyurl.com/206bsv

Horrifying Resolutions To The Fermi Paradox http://tinyurl.com/28ma71

Has Earth been detected? http://tinyurl.com/32vo37

How to identify a UFO http://tinyurl.com/2ma916

My thanks to Stuart Miller for them...

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Re: Expert Opinions

From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 15:52:25 -0500 Archived: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 17:23:40 -0400 Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 09:27:59 -0700
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

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That has never been at issue. What seems to be at issue is the right of those who reject that "theory" as absurd and unscientific to be heard.

Jerry Clark

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Re: UFOs Or Too Many Cold Beers?

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul> Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 16:09:36 -0500 Archived: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 17:24:38 -0400 Subject: Re: UFOs Or Too Many Cold Beers?

>Source: The First Post.Co.UK

>http://www.thefirstpost.co.uk/index.php?storyID=8089

<snip>

>A final theory is secret military experiments. This sounds >ludicrous, but according to UFO-logists a similar flap in >Ireland last year was provoked by just that.

>What is the real answer? Maybe midsummer madness - or too much >cold beer. This weekend in England was the hottest of the year >so far.

Where is midsummer madness quantified? Moreover, not only does beer not make you hallucinate, it makes one _less_ likely to see a UFO. Some reporters should just stuff a sock in it, you know?

<u>alienview.nul</u> <u>www.AlienView.net</u> AVG Blog -- <u>http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/</u> U F O M a g a z i n e -- <u>www.ufomag.com</u>

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Josh Goldstein <lovelution.nul>
Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 23:19:06 +0200
Archived: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 17:27:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 13:03:09 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 10:17:17 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 11:05:07 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>I am not a Gehrmanism 'defender' per se, but I support his and >>others' being able to put forward theories without being >>labelled as 'cranks' etc.

>So you defend Gehrman's right to express himself as he wishes, >while attacking critics for expressing themselves as they wish.

>I think, though, that a more productive line of discourse would >be to provide reasoned arguments which document why Gehrmanism -- and here it doesn't matter whether you're a "Gehrmanism >'defender' per se" - does not fit the profile, familiar to >anybody who knows something about the rich, varied, and long >history of cranks (about whom I once actually considered writing >a book), defining crank discourse.

>I have yet to see anybody actually try to refute my or others'
>specific reasons for dismissal of claims deeply unlikely, to
>every available appearance, to be true, or to engage in an
>effort to explain why we should regard Ed Gehrman as among the
>profoundest thinkers in all of human history, as he would have
>to be if his beliefs are something other than rank fantasy. All
>I see instead are efforts to inform us critics that we have no
>right to speak what would be immediately self-evident to - sad
>to say - any educated observer outside ufology: that the tune is
>looney.

>Until I see rationality and logic, as opposed to rhetoric and >polemic, applied to refute the point that Gehrmanism is a strain >of crackpot doctrine, I bow out of further discussion. Further, >I apologize to patient Listfolk, who I'm sure long ago figured >this out, for taking up time better spent on more productive >intellectual reflection.

Aloha Jerry and all Listerians,

I am temporarily living in Germany (not Gehrmany) again while I finish recording a new music album. I could not believe that some young musicians wanted me to look at a CD named "Loose Change". It is a person trying to make a case for a plot from the US government to assist the terrorists in destroying the World Trade Center on 09/11/2002. I knew about some of the claims but I never saw the DVD.

Re: Why The Cover-Up?

Well, I watched the DVD and used what I was taught in the detective academy regarding evidence and false claims. To me, the person on the DVD tried to link past history events into a connected evil scheme of the US government. He never presented any real evidence that made his claim stand on evidence. It was really an amateur attempt at one sided propaganda. I will look into who is sponsoring that DVD.

I made notes of my criticism and then told them to the musicians who had watched it and they still were convinced that it told the truth. They had zero proof with the indocrination on that DVD. I tried to teach them how to examine material for false claims or supporting evidence.

They had never seen evidence from all the engineers who examined the damage created to the World Trade Center and the Pentagon after the catastrophe of 09/11/2001. They were convinced that everyone except the author of the DVD were told what to say from the US government. Just by looking at the DVD the young musicians were convinced that they were being shown proof of an evil conspiracy. I tried to get them to take a look at both sides but they claimed they saw the proof in that DVD. To me those "young Einsteins" had minds as hard as rock but minds that could easily be molded like soft clay.

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Happy trails,

Josh Goldstein

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From: Robert Frola <auforn.nul>
Date: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 12:05:45 +1000
Archived: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 17:29:15 -0400
Subject: Re: New Journal of Abduction-Encounter Research

Does anyone know Susan Susan Swiatek's e-mail address as I would like to do a magazine exchange with them.

Cheers

Robert Frola Editor: Ufologist Magazine

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NARCAP's O'Hare Report Blogged

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 17:36:03 -0400 Archived: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 17:36:03 -0400 Subject: NARCAP's O'Hare Report Blogged

Source: LiveScience.Com Blogs - New York, New York, USA

http://tinyurl.com/2exy4h

Monday, August 6th, 2007

UFO Over O'Hare Airport: New Report Author Leonard David

The National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP), based in Vallejo, California, has investigated that November 7 incident allegedly involving an unidentified aerial object that violated controlled airspace at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

As viewed by airline and airport employees at O'Hare, the object was round and revolving, gray in color and metallic. It hovered at an altitude less than 1,900 feet above ground level.

"The identity of the UAP [unidentified aerial phenomenon] remains unknown," notes the over 100 page NARCAP report.

The group has called for an official government inquiry into the matter, noting that their analysis suggests that a "significant air safety problem existed at O'Hare International Airport" given the UAP incident. The NARCAP assessment of the sighting states further inquiry should be carried out "to evaluate whether or not current sensing technologies are adequate to insure against a future incident such as this."

The report in its entirety can be viewed at <u>www.NARCAP.org</u>

Meanwhile, the Chicago airport sighting - and a host of other UFO-related insights - are to take center stage at the Mutual UFO Network's (MUFON) 38th International UFO Symposium, to be held August 10-12 in Denver, Colorado.

Drop by the event in the travel convenience of choice, be it car, airplane, or UFO - but first teleport yourself via Internet to the MUFON site at: <u>http://mufon.com/symposia.htm</u>

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Author Investigates Roswell

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 08:59:15 -0400 Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 08:59:15 -0400 Subject: Author Investigates Roswell

Source: The Philadelphia Inquirer - Pennsylvania, USA

http://tinyurl.com/3yntdy

Sun, 05 Aug 2007

Author Investigates Roswell

Tom Carey has spent years trying to decode what happened on July 4, 1947, near Roswell, N.M. $\,$

By Matt Sandy For The Inquirer

Tom Carey has dedicated the last 16 years of his life to uncovering what exactly happened on July 4, 1947, outside Roswell, N.M.

Now, along with coauthor Don Schmitt, the Huntingdon Valley resident has published Witness to Roswell: Unmasking the 60-year Cover-Up, documenting his findings concerning the alleged extraterrestrial event.

A brief synopsis: During a lightning storm, something crashed outside of Corona, N.M., about 75 miles northwest of Roswell. The next day, a sheep rancher found the strange debris and traveled to Roswell to alert authorities and the media.

Also found at the site: several "alien" bodies, described by one eyewitness as "not from this earth."

A press release issued by the U.S. Army Air Forces - as the Air Force was then known - proclaimed that the 509th Bomb Group at the Roswell Army Air Field, the first officials at the scene, had "captured" a flying saucer.

That release was refuted within hours, however, by the Eighth Air Force Headquarters, which stated that the saucer was actually just a downed weather balloon. The bodies were later explained as full-sized mannequins used in high-altitude parachute drops.

Though the supposed coverup was enough to throw people off the case for almost 30 years, since the late 1970s, several books, television shows and even a movie have attempted to shed new light.

"The Roswell Incident has so many aspects of a great mystery," Carey said. "It's got bodies, crashes, witnesses, people getting threatened. It captured the attention of the entire world."

Carey's own immersion in the case began in 1991, after he retired from the insurance business. He volunteered to try to locate a team of archaeologists from the University of Pennsylvania who were working in the New Mexico area at the time of the crash.

Later, in 1998 at a Center for UFO Studies meeting in Chicago,

he offered to accompany Schmitt on a research trip to New Mexico.

"What we thought might be an over-plowed field was far from the case," Carey said. "We moved the case twice as far as it had been before. The witness pool now is over 600 people."

The findings of the only active Roswell investigators, according to Carey, turned into Witness to Roswell, which was published in time for the incident's 60th anniversary and the annual Roswell Festival.

"The goal was to write a book for those not already initiated in the Roswell case," said Carey, 66. "We wanted to do something that would interest the general public."

Though originally rejected by 11 of 12 publishers contacted, the book is in its fourth printing of 10,000 copies. And curiosity continues to grow.

After a recent interview on Art Bell's Coast to Coast AM show, Carey said Amazon.com logged 2,000 sales the next day.

It's not all kudos, though. The statements of one witness are being challenged by an early Roswell investigator, and Carey employs a caller I.D. system to weed out the occasional crank call.

What has made the book so explosive, Carey said, are two previously unreleased "smoking-gun documents." The new testimony includes the heretofore sealed affidavit of recently deceased First Lieutenant Walter G. Haut attesting to the bizarre debris and bodies recovered from the crash sight.

The second, a note scribbled by former Roswell Army Air Field base adjutant Patrick Saunders into a copy of Schmitt's previously published The Truth about the UFO Crash at Roswell, appears to confirm the Air Force's coverup of the incident.

Besides his work on the Roswell case, Carey served from 1986 to 2002 as the Mutual UFO Network's State Section Director for Southeastern Pennsylvania.

With a UFO hotline in his office, Carey investigated local sightings in the Delaware Valley. Though he said he once saw a UFO fly over his Huntingdon Valley home, the hotline received fewer than 10 calls a year.

"Delaware Valley is a dead zone," he said. "It doesn't mean they're not being seen; they're just not being reported."

Carey acknowledges that there are some "kooks" involved in the field of UFOlogy, but his mission has been to use science to take the fiction out of science fiction.

"This is a historical mystery that just happens to involve UFOs," he said.

A former anthropology student at the University of Toronto, Carey said he has always been more interested in the empirical evidence as opposed to intangibles such as alien abductions and crop circles.

After observing unusual soil displacement patterns during a recent excavation sponsored by the Sci-Fi Channel, Carey's team believes it found the "skip site" where the craft first hit before coming to rest about 30 miles away.

"Tom is a trained field investigator and an extremely valuable resource," said Jennifer Stein, a Pennsylvania State Regional Representative for the Mutual UFO Network.

"There are not too many people you can have an educated conversation about Roswell with. What happened there is extremely significant. . . . It's time to really examine the facts."

Carey and Schmitt are not yet satisfied.

"For us, solving Roswell is getting a piece of incontrovertible physical evidence," Carey said. "Or the Air Force comes clean,

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which we don't expect to ever happen."

Meet the Author

Tom Carey will sign books from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 835 Old York Rd., Jenkintown. To learn more about Carey's work, visit <u>www.roswellinvestigator.com</u>. For more about the Mutual UFO Network, go to <u>www.mainlinemufon.com</u>.

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 21:46:36 +0000
Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 09:06:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Josh Goldstein <<u>lovolution</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 23:19:06 +0200
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>Until I see rationality and logic, as opposed to rhetoric and >>polemic, applied to refute the point that Gehrmanism is a strain >>of crackpot doctrine, I bow out of further discussion. Further, >>I apologize to patient Listfolk, who I'm sure long ago figured >>this out, for taking up time better spent on more productive >>intellectual reflection.

>Aloha Jerry and all Listerians,

>I am temporarily living in Germany (not Gehrmany) again while I >finish recording a new music album. I could not believe that >some young musicians wanted me to look at a CD named "Loose >Change". It is a person trying to make a case for a plot from >the US government to assist the terrorists in destroying the >World Trade Center on 09/11/2002. I knew about some of the >claims but I never saw the DVD.

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Josh,

Good to hear your rational voice continuing to plow through the irrational fog. Welcome to the YouTube image-is-everything world.

My only question is, why would you leave Paradise (even temporarily) to work in Ge[h]rmany? No offense to Deutschlanders.

- Dick

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Images Of A Sydney Sighting

From: Chris Beacham <<u>cbeacham.nul></u> Date: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 07:48:45 +1000 Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 09:07:42 -0400 Subject: Images Of A Sydney Sighting

Hi List,

I have posted some images online of a sighting I witnessed at Palm Beach,Sydney on 16 July,2006. First, two objects, possibly three, looking East out to sea, and then of another object that appeared behind me in a SW direction about 40 mins later.

http://www.surfin.com.au/pbsighting.html

Chris

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Massachusetts MUFON Fall Conference

From: David Kennedy

bipsunday.nul>

Date: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 18:29:02 -0400

Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 09:11:05 -0400

Subject: Massachusetts MUFON Fall Conference

http://www.ufoshow.org/

UFO Conference In Massachusetts Friday, October 12Th, 2007 @ 7pm

Fascinating Presentations of Some Spectacular UFO cases

Boston, Mass. -- July 1, 2007 -- The Mass UFO Show, in conjunction with Mass MUFON, is pleased to announce an exciting program for its second annual rendition of New England's only UFO conference, to be held at 7:00 PM on Friday, October 12th, 2007 at the Hibernian Hall in Watertown, Massachusetts.

Building upon the debut event in 2006 (that featured a fascinating 40th anniversary presentation by Stan Gordon, lead investigator of the Kecksburg, Pennsylvania UFO incident), the 2007 Mass UFO Show promises to host an exciting series of lectures, presentations and exhibits dedicated to Unidentified Flying Objects. Contrary to popular belief, UFO's are still being reported daily and lack a sufficient explanation.

The theme for this rendition of the Mass UFO Show is 'Maritime UFOS' or 'USOS', an acronym for 'Unidentified Submersible Objects'. Independent researcher Chris Styles will be speaking about the Shag Harbour UFO Incident. This will mark the 40th anniversary of this unexplained event that rocked a sleepy fishing village in Nova Scotia on the night of October 4th, 1967. Styles, who was 12 at the time and living in Halifax, clearly recalls receiving a telephone call from his grandfather (who was living in Shag Harbour at the time) that described the ensuing panic. He'll also comment on the little-known Shelburne incident that happened in tandem with the Shag Harbour case.

Author and researcher Don Ledger will be making a presentation about 'Flying Black Triangles'. Ledger, who co-authored a book entitled 'Dark Object' with Styles about the Shag Harbour incident, will try to make sense of the ongoing 'flap' of flying triangle reports. For over 25 years, there has been a global wave of sightings of flying black triangles. Some have even been seen in Massachusetts. Usually described as massive and silent, these craft began appearing in Belgium in the and New York's Hudson Valley in the 1980's and culminated in a spectacular formation that was witnessed by thousands over Phoenix, Arizona in 1997, subsequently dubbed the 'Phoenix Lights'. Some claim that they are 'black' projects while others insist that they are alien in origin. Ledger's expertise in Maritime UFOs (title of his book) will dovetail nicely with the conference theme.

Crop Circles not only appear in grain fields in the United Kingdom, but mysteriously emerge overnight on farms around the globe. Widely regarded as a leading authority on this phenomena, Nancy Talbott, of BLT Research, has exhaustively studied these pictograms for decades. Some are blatant hoaxes whereas other crop circles defy a logical explanation. Nancy has traveled all over Europe and North America studying these anomalous formations and will present a spectacular slide show on these uncanny formations. Recognized by his peers as the foremost authority on Unidentified Submarine Objects is Delaware native and veteran Carl Feindt. Carl has been investigating USOs for years and has compiled the most comprehensive website on the Internet entitled 'Water UFOs'. Unidentified Submerged Objects were first widely reported in the 19th century and continue to be encountered today by mariners or people on shore. For if UFOs exist, then the ocean is a great place to hide.

Sixty years ago, an unidentified flying object allegedly crashed in Roswell, New Mexico. Since that time, flying saucers have become a cottage industry for the dusty town of Roswell as they celebrate the purported event annually with parades, merchandise and a variety of pay-per-view alleged crash sites. Matt Moniz, of Spookysouthcoast.com, attended the Roswell 60th Anniversary celebration and had an opportunity to interview Jesse Marcel, Jr., who allegedly handled some of the crash debris. Matt has over 20 years experience investigating UFO phenomena and has had may other paranormal adventures. He has a 'Forrest Gump'-type litany of involvement with historical UFO case investigations. As a chemist, he analyzed soil samples from the famed 'Bentwaters Incident' and was acknowledged accordingly in the book =93Left at East Gate=94 by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins. Matt's simple balloon crash demonstration video will give a unique perspective as to why a weather balloon can't leave wreckage scattered over a large area. He will also review the original 1947 ABC radio broadcast, the Roswell 50th anniversary witness panel video and newspapers of the day.

Massachusetts has a long history of UFO sightings, dating back to 1639. A brief slide show about some prominent UFO reports in the Bay State will be presented and witnesses will be provided an opportunity to submit their sightings either publicly, confidentially or via the Internet at:

http://www.massmufon.com)

to the Massachusetts Mutual UFO Network (Mass MUFON). It is estimated the less than 1% of all UFO sightings are reported.

The venue is the historic Watertown Hibernian Hall, located at 151 Watertown Street in Watertown, Mass. Seating is limited, but there is ample free parking. It is accessible by public transportation.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and presentations begin at 6:45 PM.

Other events and activities will include a trivia contest, prizes (including autographed New England Patriots and U.S. Olympic Hockey souvenirs), concessions, exhibits and a Q&A session. There will be an admission fee of \$25.00. Tickets are limited and may not be sold at the door. They can be obtained through Paypal at:

http://www.ufoshow.org/mufo.html

or by mailing a check or money order for \$25.00/ticket to Mass UFO Show, P.O. Box 145, Watertown, MA 02471 before October 1st, 2007. More information at:

http://www.ufoshow.org/details2007.html

Also - if you are in town on the following night (Saturday, October 13th, 2007), then check out the Second Annual Mass Monster Mash featuring Loren Coleman, Don Keating and Jeff Belanger at:

http://www.massmonstermash.com

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Re: Expert Opinions

From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2007 19:32:53 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 09:14:13 -0400 Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 15:52:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 09:27:59 -0700
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 12:17:30 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>Are we to infer from these remarks that you are now putting some >>daylight between yourself and Gehrmanism? If so, good for you, >>and about time.

>Again, I've never said I believed his theory must be true, I >only ever thought that he and others have a right to express >their ideas.

>That has never been at issue. What seems to be at issue is the >right of those who reject that "theory" as absurd and >unscientific to be heard.

As any sincere searcher for truth will tell you, Mr. Clark, it well suffices to state you don't subscribe to the theory of another, not to disparage with epithets such as, "absurd"... perhaps even that of, "unscientific".

Your lack of civility merely invites an end to discussion that might in any way lead to debate. In other words, might possess some intensity. And that amounts to discussion on anything controversial.

In the meantime you've shown no answers. You've brought none of us any closer to a better grasp of what offers, from almost any angle, to have an incredible explanation. But where the debunker thinking loses itself in denial, someday, just as happened with Galileo, Copernicus and Newton, the truth will come closer to us. I'm virtually certain when it does, it will not come of the tepid water blessing that bucket of oats in which you've stationed your feet.

JCH

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UFO Museum Gets National Attention

ROSWELL, N.M., Aug. 7 (UPI) -- A UFO museum in Roswell, New Mexico, has been getting some national attention in recent weeks.

After chatting with Larry King on CNN last month, Julie Shuster, executive director of the International UFO Museum and Research Center, also will be featured on CBS News Sunday Morning with Charles Osgood Aug. 12, the Roswell (New Mexico) Daily Record said Tuesday.

At the museum taping a segment for the show last week, CBS News science and technology correspondent Daniel Sieberg told the Record the piece is loosely tied to the 60th anniversary of Roswell's legendary "UFO incident."

The museum's Web site describes the incident as "the crash of an alleged flying saucer, the recovery of debris and bodies, and the ensuing cover up by the military."

The CBS show will take a serious look at the UFO phenomena.

"It's an overall look at where the UFO sightings are today," said Sieberg, formerly with CNN. "No matter where you fall in the debate of their existence, I think people are curious."

Program producer Amiel Weisfogel said he was interested in presenting the latest status of UFOs and how the "realm of science fiction has inserted itself into the legitimate scientific debate."

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Re: New Journal of Abduction-Encounter Research

From: Peter Resta <<u>SPR100</u>.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2007 23:28:27 EDT
Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 09:22:49 -0400
Subject: Re: New Journal of Abduction-Encounter Research

>From: Robert Frola <<u>auforn</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>Date: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 12:05:45 +1000
>Date: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 12:05:45 +1000
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>Does anyone know Susan Susan Swiatek's e-mail address as I would >like to do a magazine exchange with them.

Sue's email addresses:

<<u>sueswi</u>.nul>

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From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2007 22:40:02 -0500 Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 09:25:34 -0400 Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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Well stated. I am consistently amazed, not to mention always depressed, at how mind-bogglingly uncritical people can be in (what passes for) their thinking, how utterly clueless to what constitutes actual evidence for a fantastic speculative proposition.

With the demise later this month of the Weekly World News, I have been thinking of this generally, and I remember a telling little experience - surely relevant to the concerns that have brought you and me here in the present instance - that I underwent about 15 years ago.

Standing in line at the local supermarket, I noticed WWN displayed on the nearby rack, with a headline that read WORLD WAR II BOMBER FOUND ON THE MOON. As usual on seeing a WWN header, I chuckled, bought my groceries, and forgot about it.

A day or two later, my phone rang. The caller, an active ufologist and casual acquaintance who lives across the state from me, had a question. Did CUFOS and I plan to investigate the recently published report that the remains of a World War II-era airplane had been located on the lunar surface?

I thought he was joking, and I responded accordingly, only to learn quickly enough that he was - as I ought to have known deadly serious. When I tried to explain that WWN's editors concocted outlandish stories in the editorial office, he protested, "But the article quotes scientists! By name!" He didn't appear impressed when I remarked that the scientists were almost certainly fictional, too.

From his manner I inferred that he suspected I'd joined CSICOP, the CIA, or some other sinister organization, possibly one that in another century tormented Galileo. For him it was easier to believe, I realized, that a 1940s aircraft lies gathering moondust than that somebody would lie about it.

They're everywhere, Josh.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Expert Opinions

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2007 09:41:45 EDT
Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 11:13:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2007 19:32:53 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>From: From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 15:52:25 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

<snip>

>As any sincere searcher for truth will tell you, Mr. Clark, it >well suffices to state you don't subscribe to the theory of >another, not to disparage with epithets such as, >"absurd"... perhaps even that of, "unscientific".

>Your lack of civility merely invites an end to discussion that >might in any way lead to debate. In other words, might possess >some intensity. And that amounts to discussion on anything >controversial.

>In the meantime you've shown no answers. You've brought none of >us any closer to a better grasp of what offers, from almost any >angle, to have an incredible explanation. But where the debunker >thinking loses itself in denial, someday, just as happened with >Galileo, Copernicus and Newton, the truth will come closer to >us. I'm virtually certain when it does, it will not come of the >tepid water blessing that bucket of oats in which you've >stationed your feet.

Well said!

Best,

Greg

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Secrecy News -- 08/08/07

From: **Steven Aftergood** <<u>saftergood</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 10:00:01 -0400 Archived: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 11:15:24 -0400 Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/08/07

SECRECY NEWS from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy Volume 2007, Issue No. 81 August 8, 2007

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PALAU RATIFIES THE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY

On August 1, the Pacific island nation of Palau became the 139th country to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty that would ban all nuclear explosions.

Among states that possess nuclear weapons, only France, Russia and the United Kingdom have ratified the Treaty. To enter into force, the CTBT Organization explained in an August 7 news release, the Treaty must be ratified by ten other countries including the United States, China, Iran, Israel, India, Pakistan and North Korea, none of which has shown any eagerness to proceed.

http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2007/08/palau-ctbt.html

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library last week released declassified recordings of President Kennedy discussing the debate over a nuclear test ban in 1963. See the Library news release here:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/08/jfk080306.html

Detailed background on the history and status of the nuclear test ban debate is available from the Congressional Research Service in "Nuclear Weapons: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," updated July 12, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL33548.pdf

NEW MILITARY REGS ON INFORMATION ASSURANCE, COMSEC

A newly updated U.S. Army regulation on information assurance defines standards and procedures for protecting classified and unclassified information in automated information systems. See "Information Assurance," AR 25-2, August 3, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar25-2.pdf

Meanwhile, a new U.S. Navy Instruction establishes policy on monitoring of Navy communications for internal security purposes. See "Communications Security (COMSEC) Monitoring of Navy Telecommunications and Automated Information Systems (AIS)," OPNAV Instruction 2201.3A, August 2, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/opnavinst/2201_3a.pdf

CRS REPORTS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Recent reports of the Congressional Research Service on various foreign affairs topics include the following, obtained by Secrecy News. CRS does not makes its reports directly available to the public.

"Iraq: Oil and Gas Legislation, Revenue Sharing, and U.S. Policy," updated July 25, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL34064.pdf

"Gangs in Central America," updated August 2, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL34112.pdf

"Afro-Latinos in Latin America and Considerations for U.S. Policy," updated July 13, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL32713.pdf

"Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America: An Overview and Selected Issues," August 2, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RS22701.pdf

"Israeli-Arab Negotiations: Background, Conflicts, and U.S. Policy," updated July 9, 2007:

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

"Turkey's 2007 Elections: Crisis of Identity and Power," updated July 11, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RL34039.pdf

"The Kaesong North-South Korean Industrial Complex," July 19, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL34093.pdf

"The Proposed South Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA)," updated July 18, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33435.pdf

"Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia: Political Developments and Implications for U.S. Interests," updated July 31, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL33453.pdf

"Cyprus: Status of U.N. Negotiations and Related Issues," updated July 20, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33497.pdf

"Pakistan-U.S. Relations," updated July 23, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33498.pdf

"Cambodia: Background and U.S. Relations," updated July 18, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL32986.pdf

"China-U.S. Trade Issues," updated July 20, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33536.pdf

"China Naval Modernization: Implications for U.S. Navy Capabilities -- Background and Issues for Congress," updated July 20, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33153.pdf

"China/Taiwan: Evolution of the 'One China' Policy -- Key Statements from Washington, Beijing, and Taipei," updated July 9, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL30341.pdf

"U.S. Clothing and Textile Trade with China and the World: Trends Since the End of Quotas," July 10, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL34106.pdf

"U.S.-Peru Economic Relations and the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement," July 27, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL34108.pdf

"The United Kingdom: Issues for the United States," updated July 16, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33105.pdf

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John Greenewald Has A UFO Obsession

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 08:48:34 -0400 Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 08:48:34 -0400 Subject: John Greenewald Has A UFO Obsession

Source: The Post Chronicle - Denville, New Jersey, USA

http://www.postchronicle.com/news/original/article_21296439.shtml

August 8, 2007

Black Vault: John Greenewald Has A UFO Obsession by Jack Ryan

Black Vault owner John Greenewald Jr. has been digging for the truth about extraterrestrials since he was a child. His online site the "Black Vault" may be the largest UFO information base in the world.

Motivated by his curiosity and empowered by the Freedom of Information Act, John Greenewald Jr. has assembled what may very well be the most comprehensive collection of UFO documents ever.

Over the past decade, John Greenewald Jr. has gathered half a million UFO-related government documents. And it's all online for anyone to see.

The Black Vault is currently down, however. Presumably, the Black Vault is down due to a massive influx of traffic generated from the notoriety, or maybe it was simply aliens, or a government conspiracy to hide the truth.

"I've learned specifically that the U.S. government and military cover up a lot," says Greenewald, according to Yahoo news. "It doesn't matter what subject you're dealing with, it doesn't matter what time frame you're dealing with."

The biggest cover-up of all, Greenewald says, is Area 51 in Nevada - the center of many UFO conspiracy theories. For years the government denied its very existence. It still doesn't appear on any maps. But Greenewald has a letter in his Black Vault from the Department of Energy acknowledging that Area 51 was annexed by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission in 1958, and that the area is currently part of Nellis Air Force Base.

As far as America's most famous UFO legend, the alleged crash of a flying saucer in the desert near Roswell, New Mexico, Greenewald says the government has changed its story many times.

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UFO Over Guanica Puerto Rico

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2007 10:05:04 -0400
Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 08:55:06 -0400
Subject: UFO Over Guanica Puerto Rico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology August 7, 2007

SOURCE: ARGUS-PR DATE: August 2, 2007

Puerto Rico: UFO Sighting Over Guanica

A report received from Jose A. Mart=EDnez of the ARGUS-PR Project

An Unidentified Flying Object was seen overnight in the town of Guanica on Puerto Rico's southern coast. Several witnesses spending the night at one of the many beaches in this community, commonly known as "el pueblo de la amistad" (the town of friendship) reported seeing the object from a beach known as El Tamarindo, located near the Copamarina Hotel. The witnesses numbered some 17 people, some of who were enjoying the cool seaside breeze, others fishing.

At approximately 21:00 hours (9 pm), a strange light reportedly emerged from nowhere, described as a multicolored object shaped like a spinning top. Witnesses Maritza Martinez and her husband Geraldo Cuevas contacted this researcher to say that a smaller light emerged from the object and fell into the sea; another witness who did not want to be identified said that this was not the first time that he had seen lights exhibiting similar behavior, and he had had other experiences as a nocturnal fisherman in the vicinity of the Guanica beach area.

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Re: New Journal of Abduction-Encounter Research

From: Katharina Wilson <K Wilson.nul>
Date: Wed, 08 Aug 2007 13:18:49 -0500
Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 09:01:35 -0400
Subject: Re: New Journal of Abduction-Encounter Research

>From: Peter Resta <<u>SPR100</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2007 23:28:27 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Journal of Abduction-Encounter Research

>>From: Robert Frola <<u>auforn</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>Date: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 12:05:45 +1000
>>Date: Tue, 07 Aug 2007 12:05:45 +1000
>>Subject: Re: New Journal of Abduction-Encounter Research

>>Does anyone know Susan Susan Swiatek's e-mail address as I would >>like to do a magazine exchange with them.

>Sue's email addresses:

<<u>sueswi</u>.nul>

<<u>sueswi</u>.nul>

Hello and thanks for Sue's email address. I've tried to email her twice on the first address - will try again.

Also, for your information. Anyone can read JAR's first two issues for free slimply by clicking on the following links.

Journal of Abduction-Encounter Research (JAR) Newsletter. Subscribe, contact: Elaine Douglas, <u>edouglass</u>.nul,

Download their newsletter:

JAR 1 http://ww.wri27.com/ufodocs/JAR_issue_1.pdf

JAR 2 http://www.wri27.com/ufodocs/JAR issue 2.pdf

Katharina Wilson http://www.alienjigsaw.com

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Hole In The Clouds [was: NARCAP's O'Hare Report

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2007 15:49:45 -0400
Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 09:05:32 -0400
Subject: Hole In The Clouds [was: NARCAP's O'Hare Report

Hole In The Clouds (HIC)

The HIC is discussed in the NARCAP report where they suggest that the hole was created by radiant energy or atomic particles, in either case resulting in a large extinction coefficient for the radiation (i.e., it doesn't travel far into the cloud). They suggest that the hole was "bored" as the UAP (AFC?) moved upward through the cloud. Hence they suggest that the UAP was radiating energy at a power level sufficient to evaporate the moisture in the cloud, i.e., convert it from droplets to (invisible) vapor (gas).

This requires heating each drop from about 10C to 100C and then adding enough energy to evaporate the drop (to "carry" the water through the liquid- gas transition, i.e, to add the latent heat of evaporation to the droplet).

In a calculation that must be considered illustrative or qualitative rather than definitive, they suggest that the object might have been traveling at about 300 m/sec and thus evaporate a cylindrical volume 300 m long by about 7 m in diameter. This would require a radiated power level on the order of 100 MW. Modifications to the assumptions of speed, size, etc. will change the result, but it seems likely that, _if_ heating is the explanation for the HIC, then the power added to the cloud by the UAP must have been at least tens to hundreds of MW .

I bring this up because seeing this calculation reminded me of calculations I have done in the past: the Canadian Air Force pilot (Childerhose sighting) and the New Zealand light/UFO/AFC.

In the case of the Canadian AF pilot I estimated power levels in the range of 10⁹ to 10¹⁰ watts within the spectral range of the film. See:

http://www.brumac.8k.com/RJC/RJC.html

IN the case of the New Zealand UFO of Dec. 31, 1978, I estimated a power level equivalent to several hundred thousand watts of electrical power used to drive incandescent lights. See

http://www.brumac.8k.com/NEW_ZEALAND/NZSB.html

The point is that high radiated power levels are no unusual for $\ensuremath{\texttt{UAP/UFO/AFC}}$.

The Delphose KS case where the soil appears to have been baked dry to some depth is another such case.

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David Jacobs On SDI

From: **Bill Weber <<u>wweber1</u>.nul>** Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2007 00:29:47 -0400 Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 09:12:03 -0400 Subject: David Jacobs On SDI

Hi, All,

If you haven't yet heard Errol hosting David Jacobs on SDI, you're missing an exceptional interview. It's not just the content that was unique, and yes, Jacobs is amazing all on his own, but to hear him interviewed by someone who both understands the subject and asks questions with the sensitivity of a true professional... eh... it's more than a great show. It's the best interview I've ever heard on the subject. Nice work, Errol.

Best,

Bill

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New UFO Book Released By Galde Press

From: Preston Dennett prestone.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2007 17:58:07 -0700
Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 09:38:21 -0400
Subject: New UFO Book Released By Galde Press

Ηi,

I'm pleased to announce the publication of my latest book, The Coronado Island Ufo Incident (SEE BELOW). I hope you like it.

Support UFO Research!

Best,

Preston Dennett

"This case will be ranked high on the scale of importance [and] leave a legacy for all mankind to wonder and ponder. It has been said that extraordinary events require extraordinary evidence. It is my opinion that this text represents that sought-after evidence."

--Roger Leir DPM

"An incredibly strange story of contact with otherworldly beings.

--Virginia Aronson

The Coronado Island UFO Incident By Mike Evans and Preston Dennett

If UFOs are real, where is the evidence? Most UFO abduction cases involve only one or two witnesses and no physical evidence. However, on March 26, 1994, a groundbreaking UFO incident occurred when at least six people simultaneously experienced a visitation by gray-type extraterrestrials in a hotel on Coronado Island, California. The case is even more significant for one reason: at least two of the witnesses retained actual physical proof of their encounters =96 alien implants. The medical evidence combined with the multiple eyewitness testimonies makes this case unique in the UFO field.

While all the primary witnesses have retained partial or total conscious recall of the event, they have all also agreed to participate in an in-depth investigation into the events =96 including undergoing hypotic regression. Two of the witnesses also had extensive medical examinations, including x-rays, MRIs and the removal of an apparent alien implant. The book includes complete details on the events with firsthand eyewitness testimonies, photographs and full documentation of the medical effects. Forward by Dr. Roger Leir DPM.

The Coronado Island UFO Incident tells the story of how six people were drawn into a series of UFO events that would change their lives forever, and finally provide the missing piece to the UFO puzzle =96 actual physical proof that UFOs are real!!!.

Published by: Galde Press, Inc. PO Box 460, Lakeville, MN 55044-0460. <u>www.galdepress.com</u>.

1-800-777-3454 or 952-891-5991. (\$14.95. 180 pages, 16 images)

ISBN: 1-931942-29-3

Mike Evans is one of the primary witnesses to the Coronado Island UFO Incident, a MUFON field investigator and a registered nurse.

Preston Dennett is a MUFON field investigator and the author of more than 100 articles and 10 books, including: UFOs Over California, Extraterrestrial Visitations, UFOs Over Topanga Canyon, One In Forty =96 The UFO Epidemic, and UFO Healings.

His website is:

www.prestondennett.com.

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Explanation For Neurological Side-Effects?

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2007 22:34:48 EDT
Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 09:39:58 -0400
Subject: Explanation For Neurological Side-Effects?

To all,

With Homeland Security's latest non-lethal toy, the LED Incapacitator, a device using various bright frequencies of light to temporarily blind and disorientate victims, might there be a connection toward neurological side-effects reported by UFO witnesses?

Could UFOs, or the occupants thereof, be using such technology?

The LED Incapacitator

http://tinyurl.com/32h2yd

-Jason Gammon

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Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 09:46:54 -0400 Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 09:46:54 -0400 Subject: Crop Circles To Be Debated

Source: The Wiltshire Times - Trowbridge, UK

http://tinyurl.com/269nvv

8th August 2007

Crop Circles To Be Debated By Victoria Ashford

CROP circles enthusiasts in Wiltshire have been overwhelmed by this year's harvest of unexplained activity.

A well-timed crop circle conference has been organised for this weekend, which will give visitors the opportunity to view some of the designs that have cropped up across the county.

Francine Blake said: "We have had a fantastic year. It is beautiful. They have come up all over Wiltshire. We've had 25 so far and they are quite brilliant. "

The county is notorious for hosting the designs, and while it is a nuisance for farmers, Wiltshire is proving to be a top destination for crop circle spotting.

This weekend's conference starting on Saturday at Marlborough College will include two-days of lectures, films and workshops, as well as helicopter flights on Monday.

There are ten speakers in the line-up including many authors and experts in the field of crop circle investigation. Janet Ossembard, a researcher from Holland has been brought in to replace author Sylvia Franke.

Bert Janssen will be replacing Allan Brown to discuss the geometry of crop circles. Tickets cost =A3=A390 per person or =A355 per day. For more details go online to <u>www.wccsg.com</u> or call 01380 739966.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2007 09:52:59 EDT Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 13:59:36 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>Source: The Wiltshire Times - Trowbridge, UK

>http://tinyurl.com/269nvv

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>Crop Circles To Be Debated
>By Victoria Ashford

>CROP circles enthusiasts in Wiltshire have been overwhelmed by >this year's harvest of unexplained activity.

<snip>

I have to admit, even I'm stunned at some of the designs I've seen recently.

I'm still saying that we're looking at someone with a satellite having fun messing with the crops and it's high time someone 'fessed up to it.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Hole In The Clouds

From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 10:03:17 -0600 Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 14:01:35 -0400 Subject: Re: Hole In The Clouds

>From: Bruce Maccabee <bruind: nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2007 15:49:45 -0400
>Subject: Hole In The Clouds [was: NARCAP's O'Hare Report Blogged]

>Hole In The Clouds (HIC)

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Hi Bruce,

I performed this same calculation back in January, see

http://virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/jan/m11-002.shtml

with some discussion of uncertainties at

http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/jan/m13-004.shtml

I obtained an an absolute minimum required power output of 2 MW, a factor of ~ 50 smaller than your value, but I also assumed a much thinner cloud layer (100 ft).

As I opine in the second link above, I believe that the 'debunker-silencing' power output would have to be perhaps 2 orders of magnitude beyond human technology (assuming this cannot be attributed to known weather processes). This would correspond to several hundreds of MW. So, depending on your assumptions, the O'Hare HIC phenomenon is marginally in this regime.

I am sorry to say I have only glimpsed thus far at the NARCAP report. I will be very interested to see what is included regarding the cloud layer thickness and the associated uncertainties.

Mike

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UK MoD File On Crop Circles

From: Nick Pope <<u>nick</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2007 18:38:43 +0100 Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 14:04:27 -0400 Subject: UK MoD File On Crop Circles

Some time ago I was contacted by a ufologist who had made a Freedom of Information Act request for the MoD file on crop circles. When he was told it couldn't be located I wrote to the MoD to try and help them locate it, by suggesting what the file's reference number might have been and describing the sorts of documents that I believed the file contained. Despite this additional information, no such file was located. The MoD's confirmation of this has now been published, as a .pdf, on their website:

http://tinyurl.com/274cnm

The ufologist concerned subsequently refined his FOI request to cover all documentation on crop circles for the year 1991. He was sent around 20 documents, comprising press cuttings, correspondence between me and the Centre for Crop Circle Studies and internal correspondence in which I discuss with colleagues whether taking photographs of crop circles from military helicopters might undermine the MoD's "no defence significance" line on UFOs. There is also a note about events in 1985 when an Army Air Corps (AAC) Lieutenant Colonel was approached by a farmer and asked what the AAC had done to his crops. The document describes the subsequent investigation and a demonstration (filmed for a TV show) that showed that the downwash from helicopter rotor blades wouldn't cause the sorts of patterns being reported in cornfields.

Having now seen these documents, I can confirm that I had placed them on the 12/3 (UFOs - public correspondence) files as opposed to a separate file on crop circles, as I had originally thought. Crop circle documents for subsequent years will similarly have been placed on files in the 12/3 (subsequently renumbered 64/3) series.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope http://www.nickpope.net

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Re: Hole In The Clouds

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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>Hole In The Clouds (HIC)

>The HIC is discussed in the NARCAP report where they suggest >that the hole was created by radiant energy or atomic particles, >in either case resulting in a large extinction coefficient for >the radiation (i.e., it doesn't travel far into the cloud). They >suggest that the hole was "bored" as the UAP (AFC?) moved upward >through the cloud. Hence they suggest that the UAP was radiating >energy at a power level sufficient to evaporate the moisture in >the cloud, i.e., convert it from droplets to (invisible) vapor >(gas).

>This requires heating each drop from about 10C to 100C and then >adding enough energy to evaporate the drop (to "carry" the water >through the liquid- gas transition, i.e, to add the latent heat >of evaporation to the droplet).

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>I bring this up because seeing this calculation reminded me of >calculations I have done in the past: the Canadian Air Force >pilot (Childerhose sighting) and the New Zealand light/UFO/AFC.

>In the case of the Canadian AF pilot I estimated power levels >in the range of 10^9 to 10^10 watts within the spectral range >of the film. See:

This is also a similar order of magnitude for the kinetic energy of a craft traveling ~ 300 m/sec. Guess mass of the craft at 10 metric tons (10^4 kg), then:

KE is $1/2mv^2 = 1/2 \times 10^4 \times 300^2 = -0.5 \times 10^8$ joules:

Similarly, the gain in potential energy in climbing 300 meters is:

 $PE = mgh = 10^{4} x 10 x 3 x 10^{2} = -3 x 10^{7}$

Total energy expended (100% efficiency) is is KE + PE = $\sim 8 \times 10^{7}$ joules

If the climb took only 1 second, power expended would be 8×10^{7} J or 80 megawatts.

100 mW of energy to evaporate the cloud would represent power output over and above this, such as heating of air by friction

or radiated energy as perhaps part of an atmospheric control system as mentioned by a number of analysts, such as Paul Hill, James McCampbell, Hermann Oberth, and our own Stanton Friedman.

By comparison, jumbo jets have a maximum power output of about 40 Megawatts, with a maximum takeoff weight of about 250 metric tons.

Just think of the same order of magnitude energy packed into a much smaller and lighter craft, and you get the high acceleration, high performance vehicle we associate with UFOs capable of zipping out of sight in the blink of an eye.

David Rudiak

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Secrecy News -- 08/09/07

From: **Steven Aftergood** <<u>saftergood</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 15:00:01 -0400 Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 15:39:17 -0400 Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/09/07

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FOIA PERFORMANCE IS DETERIORATING, JOURNALISTS SAY

If the Leahy-Cornyn bill to strengthen the Freedom of Information Act that was adopted in the Senate last week becomes law, as expected, it will not happen a moment too soon, because current government handling of FOIA requests is deteriorating, according to a new analysis from the Coalition of Journalists for Open Government (<u>www.cjog.net</u>).

"Over the past nine years, the number of FOIA requests processed has fallen 20%, the number of FOIA personnel is down 10%, the backlog [of pending requests] has tripled, and costs of handling a request are up 79%," the CJOG study reported.

In fact, "the cost of processing FOIA requests is up 40% since 1998, even though agencies are processing 20% fewer requests."

Productivity of FOIA requests has dropped in other respects as well.

"The number of denials [of FOIA requests] increased 10% in 2006 and the number of full grants, in which the requester got all the information sought, hit an all-time low."

See "Still Waiting After All These Years: An in-depth analysis of FOIA performance from 1998 to 2006," principally authored by Pete Weitzel, Coalition of Journalists for Open Government, August 8, 2007:

http://www.cjog.net/documents/Still Waiting Narrative and Charts.pdf

ACLU SEEKS FOREIGN INTEL SURVEILLANCE COURT RECORDS

The American Civil Liberties Union filed an unusual motion with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court this week seeking public disclosure of recent Court orders interpreting the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), the law that regulates warrantless surveillance within the United States.

"Over the next six months, Congress and the public will debate the wisdom and necessity of permanently expanding the executive's authority to conduct intrusive forms of surveillance without judicial oversight," the ACLU motion stated, referring to the debate over the recent amendments to the FISA that will sunset in six months if they are not renewed.

"Unless this Court releases the sealed materials, this debate

will take place in a vacuum."

"Publication of the sealed materials would assist the public in evaluating the significance of recent amendments to FISA and determining for itself whether those amendments should be made permanent," the ACLU argued.

A copy of the August 8 ACLU Motion for Release of Court Records is posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fisa/aclu080807.pdf

An ACLU press release on the motion is here:

http://www.aclu.org/safefree/spying/31227prs20070808.html

The ACLU motion admitted that the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court's docket "consists mainly of material that is properly classified." However, it noted, "on at least two occasions in the past, this Court has recognized the public interest in the Court's [activities] and has accordingly published its rulings."

"Disclosure of the sealed materials, with redactions to protect information that is properly classified, would be consistent with the Court's past practice and procedural rules," the ACLU said.

CRS REPORTS ON OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

Recent reports of the Congressional Research Service on topics related to openness and transparency include the following.

"Does Price Transparency Improve Market Efficiency? Implications of Empirical Evidence in Other Markets for the Health Sector," July 24, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RL34101.pdf

"State E-Government Strategies: Identifying Best Practices and Applications," July 23, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RL34104.pdf

"Clinical Trials Reporting and Publication," updated July 12, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL32832.pdf

"Freedom of Information Act Amendments: 110th Congress," updated July 10, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RL32780.pdf

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CBS Sunday Morning

UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

What Are The Odds That There Are Other Intelligent Beings In The Universe?

ROSWELL, N.M. --(CBS) UFO sightings have been playing out on movie screens for over 50 years. With a little help from Hollywood, aliens in every shape and size have landed on earth either to wage war like in "Independence Day;" make friends like "E.T." or even give existential advice like in Woody Allen's "Stardust Memories."

But in real life, between 3,000 and 4,000 legitimate sightings are documented in the U.S. every year, according to the national UFO reporting center. Even President Jimmy Carter claimed to have a close encounter and, as a congressman, Gerald Ford pressed for a UFO investigation. More recently, a sighting last November at O'Hare airport made the front page of the Chicago Tribune.

So where can you hope to spot E.T.? Start in Roswell, N.M. From its local restaurants to its alien head lamp posts to its spaceaged McDonald's, the town is like an intergalactic shrine. The main attraction, of course, is the international UFO Museum where Julie Shuster is the director.

"A majority of the people that come through our doors believe there is more out there. That there is life out there =97 that UFOs and extraterrestrial are totally plausible," she told CBS News technology correspondent Daniel Sieberg. "They're curious about it. And they feel we're very arrogant to think anything different."

Roughly 2.5 million earthlings have visited this Roswell Institution since its inception in 1992. That's about 160,000 every year. They come from all 50 states and 35 countries. Some are just curious while others are firm believers.

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SDI #446 -- Twenty Questions

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul> Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2007 14:43:44 -0500 Archived: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 17:41:40 -0400 Subject: SDI #446 -- Twenty Questions

SDI #446 -- Twenty Questions...

20 Questions eerily addressed with some outraged, concerned, and fearful sincerity by Dave Furlotte, Stuart Miller, and noted Abduction researcher Dr. David Jacobs as related to Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. Whither Larry King and his periodic interest in UFOs? Is he interested in forthcoming information from legitimate authorities or to smudge the credibility of same?

2. Is default media skeptic Michael Shermer a legitimate skeptic? What was Dr. Shermer's fascination with anal probing all about?

3. Why is Buzz Aldrin not called to account for his errant and insulting ufological flippity-floppage?

4. What monstrousness motivates Miller's "mouthful of bile"? What must constitute "much unpleasantness"? Who is it "whining and moaning and complaining"?

5. Where is a _rudely_ criticized Jerry Clark otherwise heartily celebrated? Why is Dick Hall's largely taciturn 'chub' all bunchy? Is the rudeness of the aforementioned remotely justified?

6. Are Dick and Jerry self-appointed authoritarian guards at the gates of "Extraterrestrialdom" Ufology ?

7. Is revulsion with regard to Ed Gehrman's ufological Alien-Autopsy-based Theory a justification for the aforementioned rudeness?

8. Is science the only way that UFOs can be approached, and is science only waiting for an _excuse_ to provide for a mainstream interest in same?

9. What has science concluded in a recently released 150 page report on the very strange O'Hare incident?

10. What punches holes through several hundred feet of cloud and lurks over one of the busiest airfields in the world?

11. When does a rowdy rugby club find occasion to play with Japanese lanterns so others can later confuse these lanterns for UFOs?

12. When Stuart Miller and Alfred Lehmberg agree about something, is it fact?

13. Upon being accused of trespass for using the Title 'UFO Magazine' for his own purposes, is 'UFO Geek' Mike Coletta innocent of wrongdoing and harassed by the "evil empire" of William and Nancy Birnes; or is he a thief and a spoiler who should be charged with and pay damages for his trespass on same?

14. How can an activity having almost nothing to do with UFOs _rationally_ call itself UFO Magazine?

15. Have over 1000 hypnotic regressions with regard to over 1100 abduction events corroborated the phenomenon as David Jacobs describes it or confused an appreciation of same?

16. What conclusions has Dr. Jacobs come to? Has he changed his mind about anything discovered in his _decades_ long look at the abduction phenomenon?

17. Do we have any idea what this conjectured alien abductor has planned for humanity?

18. Is Jacobs' book, The Threat, a _prescient_ book? Has it born itself out?

19. When can abduction _reality_ be determined as apart from abduction _fantasy_? How are disparate persons able to tell the same story with regard to an abduction event?

20. Do persons from different countries, having different cultural mores, and speaking different languages express identical reports? Do these stories subscribe to narrow patterns?

Zotted Zounds & Exspecto Patronus! 65 minutes remain! David Jacobs continues to explicate his unrest and we are put paid our _own_ as a result! Excelsior! The ride continues, faster and faster, weirder and weirder, but farther and farther!

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Re: Expert Opinions

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Archived: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 12:21:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2007 09:41:45 EDT
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2007 19:32:53 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>>From: From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 15:52:25 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>As any sincere searcher for truth will tell you, Mr. Clark, it
>>well suffices to state you don't subscribe to the theory of
>>another, not to disparage with epithets such as,
>>"absurd"... perhaps even that of, "unscientific".

>>Your lack of civility merely invites an end to discussion that >>might in any way lead to debate. In other words, might possess >>some intensity. And that amounts to discussion on anything >>controversial.

>>In the meantime you've shown no answers. You've brought none of >>us any closer to a better grasp of what offers, from almost any >>angle, to have an incredible explanation. But where the debunker >>thinking loses itself in denial, someday, just as happened with >>Galileo, Copernicus and Newton, the truth will come closer to >>us. I'm virtually certain when it does, it will not come of the >>tepid water blessing that bucket of oats in which you've >>stationed your feet.

No, Greg, it is not well said.

It displays a blatant double standard.

Did Horak say simply I disagree with you Mr. Clark as he dictates that Jerry should have done? No, instead he rather wildly accuses him of `debunker thinking' and ignorance. This addressed to one of the most knowledgable individuals about UFOs (all aspects) in the world. And clearly he is saying, don't do as I do, do as I say. It's pretty insulting stuff actually.

- Dick

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>>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 09:27:59 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 12:17:30 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>That has never been at issue. What seems to be at issue is the >>right of those who reject that "theory" as absurd and >>unscientific to be heard.

>As any sincere searcher for truth will tell you, Mr. Clark, it >well suffices to state you don't subscribe to the theory of >another, not to disparage with epithets such as, >"absurd"... perhaps even that of, "unscientific".

In other words, no proposition is too outlandish, too evidencedeficient, too contrary to mountainous bodies of established knowledge, too unsupported by any actual scientists, to merit anyone else's calling it "absurd" and "unscientific." All ideas, however loopy on their face, merit respect and "debate." I guess that explains why ufology remains, at best, frozen in place that's a generous assessment; a less generous one would place it even farther out there on the fringes of irrelevance - after 60 years.

>In the meantime you've shown no answers. You've brought none of >us any closer to a better grasp of what offers, from almost any >angle, to have an incredible explanation. But where the debunker >thinking loses itself in denial, someday, just as happened with >Galileo, Copernicus and Newton, the truth will come closer to >us. I'm virtually certain when it does, it will not come of the >tepid water blessing that bucket of oats in which you've >stationed your feet.

Thank you for validating my point: that in common with pseudoscientific polemic everywhere, Gehrmanism cannot help clothing itself in Galileo, Copernicus, and Newton. How about Darwin and Einstein? Or will they have to wait till next time?

What we see here in the Gehrmanist approach is simply the waving of hands and the ex cathedra pronouncement that all reasoned and inconvenient facts and opinion are nonexistent. We who fail to bug our eyes, drop our jaws, and nod vigorously are informed that it is our responsibility to prove Gehrmanism wrong, not for Gehrmanism - which after all is making the most ultra-of all extraordinary claims and thus, in ordinary, rational discourse, would have to bear the burden of proof, an immensely tall order in this instance - to prove itself right.

You expect us to take you seriously when you allow it as selfevident that Ed Gehrman ranks among the profoundest thinkers in all of history. (And you demand we not laugh when it's noted that he's writing not for the professional scientific literature but for UFO Updates, just as - we are to believe apparently -Galileo, Copernicus, and Newton would be doing if they were alive today.) I have repeatedly challenged his apologists to defend the proposition of Gehrman's earth-shattering genius, since you can't think his views are correct or even reasonably possible without also holding that view, but - here's a shock no takers, just (as above) whiners who, worse, dig themselves into a deeper hole.

As for my contribution to finding answers, I offer a lifetime of work, research, and publication in ufology and anomalistics, and modesty will not permit me to quote my notices and list the awards. And you?

Jerry Clark*

*Reasonably bright, but never to be confused with Galileo, Copernicus, Newton, Darwin, or Einstein

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From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor.nul></u>
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<snip>

>I'm still saying that we're looking at someone with a satellite >having fun messing with the crops and it's high time someone >'fessed up to it.

How would satellites weave the bent-over areas?

Or even heat the stems near the ground without touching the stalk area above it (higher off the ground)?

Eleanor White

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Re: New Journal of Abduction-Encounter Research

From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 16:35:31 -0400
Archived: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 12:32:52 -0400
Subject: Re: New Journal of Abduction-Encounter Research

To those who may be interested, the Journal of Abduction Research has a web site:

http://www.jar-journal.org

Both Editions are available for download from that location. Please let me know if you have any problems getting the fils.

Steve

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Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 20:39:59 +0000
Archived: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 12:35:05 -0400
Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>Source: CBS New - New York, New York, USA

>http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/08/09/sunday/main3151629.shtml

>Aug. 9, 2007

>CBS Sunday Morning

>UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

<snip>

>Learn more about UFOs this Sunday Morning at 9 a.m. ET.

And you can absolutely bet it will be a total waste of time, a superficial, sociological ha-ha about 'believers' and human gullibility, pro-UFOers depicted as clownish freaks, and little if anything will be said about serious, hardcore UFO cases that cry out for scientific investigation. Wanna bet?

- Dick

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Re: SDI #446 -- Twenty Questions

From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 21:24:06 +0000 Archived: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 12:38:36 -0400 Subject: Re: SDI #446 -- Twenty Questions

>From: Alfred Lehmberg <<u>alienview</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2007 14:43:44 -0500
>Subject: SDI #446 -- Twenty Questions

>SDI #446 -- Twenty Questions...

>20 Questions eerily addressed with some outraged, concerned, and >fearful sincerity by Dave Furlotte, Stuart Miller, and noted >Abduction researcher Dr. David Jacobs as related to >Errol Bruce-Knapp:

Great, creaking, quirky, quarks, here he goes again! This time (though I haven't heard the interviews) I will attempt some answers based on my 50 years or so of experience, 'irregardless' of creeping senility and other deficits of aging that may be attributed to me by detractors.

>1. Whither Larry King and his periodic interest in UFOs? Is he >interested in forthcoming information from legitimate >authorities or to smudge the credibility of same?

Not an either-or question. Certainly he has no serious, scientific interest; it's show biz folks! Why is that so hard to understand?

>2. Is default media skeptic Michael Shermer a legitimate >skeptic? What was Dr. Shermer's fascination with anal probing >all about?

No; and sarcasm.

>3. Why is Buzz Aldrin not called to account for his errant and >insulting ufological flippity-floppage?

I think Aldrin is just tired of UFO nuts.

>4. What monstrousness motivates Miller's "mouthful of bile"? >What must constitute "much unpleasantness"? Who is it "whining >and moaning and complaining"?

Hun? No comment.

>5. Where is a _rudely_ criticized Jerry Clark otherwise heartily
>celebrated? Why is Dick Hall's largely taciturn 'chub' all
>bunchy? Is the rudeness of the aforementioned remotely
>justified?

I don't know what bunchy chubs are, so I pass on this. Jerry Clark knows more about UFOs probably than you and I combined, and he has been talking sense about scientific method. In response he has been accused of all sorts of silly things by people who clearly are ignorant (literally) about science.

>6. Are Dick and Jerry self-appointed authoritarian guards at the >gates of "Extraterrestrialdom" Ufology ?

Who the hell ciaims that? Surely (again) someone quite ignorant about scientific method and apparently ignorant of our writings about UFOs as well.

>7. Is revulsion with regard to Ed Gehrman's ufological Alien->Autopsy-based Theory a justification for the aforementioned >rudeness?

Who is being rude here? If a totally ill-founded and outright groundless 'theory' is ridiculed, so be it. But when a person is ridiculed (ad hominem) that's another story. Ed Gehrman may be the nicest human being in the worrld, but his 'theory' is silly.

>8. Is science the only way that UFOs can be approached, and is >science only waiting for an _excuse_ to provide for a mainstream >interest in same?

Actually I have published writings on this exact topic, but of course the name-callers are (yes) apparently ignorant of my writings. No, UFOs can be (and should be) approached by military intelligence and legal/judicial methods as well as by science. Adherents also can, if they wish, read tea-leaves or entrails or scattered chicken bones, or try New Age woo-woo shortcuts to direct knowledge, though I don't recommend those.

>9. What has science concluded in a recently released 150 page >report on the very strange O'Hare incident?

Nothing yet. Science involves peer review, a concept apparently more alien than UFOs to many listers, and there should be peer review as well as further fact-finding.

>10. What punches holes through several hundred feet of cloud and >lurks over one of the busiest airfields in the world?

Question to be answered.

>11. When does a rowdy rugby club find occasion to play with >Japanese lanterns so others can later confuse these lanterns for >UFOs?

>12. When Stuart Miller and Alfred Lehmberg agree about >something, is it fact?

Only they can tell.

>13. Upon being accused of trespass for using the Title 'UFO
>Magazine' for his own purposes, is 'UFO Geek' Mike Coletta
>innocent of wrongdoing and harassed by the "evil empire" of
>William and Nancy Birnes; or is he a thief and a spoiler who
>should be charged with and pay damages for his trespass on same?

No comment. We may have a poit and a kettle here.

>14. How can an activity having almost nothing to do with UFOs >_rationally_ call itself UFO Magazine?

I raised that very question about the Birnes UFO Magazine when I resigned as a columnist. They were covering Egyptian pyramids and all sorts of off-topicnon-UFOsubjects, and not allowing criticism of wild-eyed claimants. Talk about gate-keepers!

>15. Have over 1000 hypnotic regressions with regard to over 1100 >abduction events corroborated the phenomenon as David Jacobs >describes it or confused an appreciation of same?

>16. What conclusions has Dr. Jacobs come to? Has he changed his >mind about anything discovered in his _decades_ long look at the >abduction phenomenon?

>17. Do we have any idea what this conjectured alien abductor has >planned for humanity?

To this I say, obviously not. In the first place we don't know anything about their plans if 'they' exist in the first place as roughly human-like intelligences, as opposed to some vast entities or forces. We know virtually nothing about who or what we are delaing with. We can make some inferences about what they may or may not be up to with us, but that's about it and human analogies tend to be weak arguments.

>18. Is Jacobs' book, The Threat, a prescient book? Has it born

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>itself out? I assume you meant 'borne'. If you compare the books by Jacobs, Hopkins, and Fowler (as I have done) you get essentially three different readings about what is going on. I have great respect for all three, but tend to agree more with Budd Hopkins most of the time. >19. When can abduction _reality_ be determined as apart from >abduction _fantasy_? How are disparate persons able to tell the >same story with regard to an abduction event? By (gasp) using science. There are many possible answers (hypotheses) to the second question. >20. Do persons from different countries, having different >cultural mores, and speaking different languages express >identical reports? Do these stories subscribe to narrow >patterns? See the Proceedings of the UFO Abduction Conference at M.I.T., among other published papers bearing on this question. >Zotted Zounds & Exspecto Patronus! 65 minutes remain! David >Jacobs continues to explicate his unrest and we are put paid our > own as a result! Excelsior! The ride continues, faster and

>faster, weirder and weirder, but farther and farther!
>Sincerely reader... Ufological sensibilities empowered are the
>listener's own! Subscribe!

Yes, and use Critical Judgment of a Scientific Kind as you listen, not Slack-Jawed Credulity of the Worst Kind.

- Dick

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From: Joachim Koch <<u>lists</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 00:35:04 +0200 Archived: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 12:41:10 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>Source: The Wiltshire Times - Trowbridge, UK
><u>http://tinyurl.com/269nvv</u>

>8th August 2007

>Crop Circles To Be Debated
>By Victoria Ashford

>CROP circles enthusiasts in Wiltshire have been overwhelmed by >this year's harvest of unexplained activity.

Hello List,

What we have here and the people who are mentioned here are the final rest of those who will not awake.

This is the self-celebrating clique of yesterday men and women who earn money by publishing tapes, calendars etc. and telling people crop circle nonsense on such conferences since years.

There is no unexplained activity in Wiltshire. There are well trained teams performing fine land art. The teams are known and their type of design as well. So this summer saw deliberate crop cirlces but many of the designs have - at least in parts already been displayed in past years. So it was not very exciting this year.

Yes, there is a real phenomenon in Wiltshire but it has stopped to produce visible circles in 1992. Nearly all the circles from that time on were man-made. The real phenomenon meanwhile had started to produce dowsable energy patterns and was and is interested in spiritual interaction with humans.

Those who are mentioned in the conference announcement have lost connection to the phenomenon since years - what they don't like to accept and to hear.

I feel sorry for them.

Joachim Koch

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UFOs & Fame A New Website Venue

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2007 20:38:01 EDT
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:23:14 -0400
Subject: UFOs & Fame A New Website Venue

Okay, one of my clients has a brilliant new website designed for talented folks around the world to showcase themselves.

I asked the owner if he knew anything about the paranormal especially UFOs and to my surprise the entire staff was pretty well heeled on not only UFOs but other paranormal subjects.

Again to my surprise they actually added a section to this site just for the paranormal crowd. We've spent upwards of probably a million dollars developing this website and we're in the midst of doing tv, radio, print ads. It's still in beta form but at least anyone interested has a heads up from me as I've been asked to also hire and recommend people for positions on the site. I figure with as many ufologists and paranormal folks who do this job on their own dime a gig where you get paid for it.

You'll see the architecture and format of the site here:

http://www.fameorflame.com

As I mentioned it's entertainment based and basically it's a venue where people post their videos, pics, stories and even upcoming books and DVDs for public perusal and voting.

So far we're having lots of fun with the site so if interested you at least know where to go when it launches. We're also doing translations and the algorithm written for the site is very advanced so we're busy bees.

So if you like American Idol and YouTube and Ebay you'll like what we've set up. Heck it's gonna be free advertising and you may win prizes and get paid for it. I figure after all the misery ufologists go through if I can help some of you get some capital for once I'm happy to do so. Any questions you can also email me.

Best,

Greg

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New Fossils Rewrite Human Evolution

From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 07:40:33 -0400
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:26:03 -0400
Subject: New Fossils Rewrite Human Evolution

Two fossils found in Kenya have shaken the human family tree, possibly rearranging major branches thought to be in a straight ancestral line to Homo sapiens.

Scientists who dated and analyzed the specimens =97 a 1.44million-year- old Homo habilis and a 1.55-million-year-old Homo erectus found in 2000 =97 said their findings challenged the conventional view that these species evolved one after the other. Instead, they apparently lived side by side in eastern Africa for almost half a million years.

Full story:

http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/09/science/09fossil.html?ref=3Dworld

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Re: Hole In The Clouds

From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 08:02:45 -0600 Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:30:30 -0400 Subject: Re: Hole In The Clouds

>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 10:03:17 -0600
>Subject: Re: Hole In The Clouds

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>I am sorry to say I have only glimpsed thus far at the NARCAP >report. I will be very interested to see what is included >regarding the cloud layer thickness and the associated >uncertainties.

Having now examined the report in somewhat more detail (at least the cloud hole discussion), I will make bold (second post in a row) to cite myself from the discussion here in January:

http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/jan/m05-011.shtml

in which an expression is presented that places a limiting perimeter on the position of witnesses that can actually see clear sky through the cloud layer. Specifically, the limiting ground range R for such a witness, from a point on the ground directly beneath the hole, is given by:

R = D(0.5 + H/T)

where D is the diameter of the hole, H is the height of the base of the cloud layer, and T is the thickness of the layer.

The NARCAP report indicates that there were two distinct cloud layers, one with a base height of 1900 ft and a thickness of 1800 ft, and the other with a base height of 8000 ft and a thickness of 1000 ft.

Based on witness estimates for the size of the object and the hole size relative to it, let us adopt a fairly generous value for D of 70 ft. Even considering only the lower cloud layer, the expression above yields R \sim 109 ft. That is to say, everyone (if anyone) who saw clear sky through the hole must have been within a circle of diameter 218 ft, directly below the hole.

The situation becomes even more severe if we include the upper cloud layer, which effectively increases the thickness of the barrier to 7100 ft (base of lower cloud layer to top of upper cloud layer). Under these circumstances, we get R \sim 54 ft, i.e., all such witnesses within a circle of diameter 108 ft.

One begins to question whether _anyone_ actually saw clear sky. One possibility is that the lower cloud layer was predominantly illuminated on its _underside_, such that the witnesses mistook the darker, shaded walls of the hole 'tube' as being clear sky. This is not altogether implausible, as the sun was very near the horizon at the time of the sighting.

My apologies if the above is already discussed somewhere in the report, if so it escaped me.

Mike

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Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 13:45:02 -0300
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:35:54 -0400
Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 20:39:59 +0000
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Betcha Shirmer shows up too to give the piece 'balance'".

Don

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From: **Alfred Lehmberg** <<u>alienview.nul></u> Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 12:31:42 -0500 Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:38:45 -0400 Subject: Re: SDI #446 -- Twenty Questions

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Yes Sir! Great catch! All those guilty of wrongly ascribing to you an encroaching senility are appropriately put paid for their now _thoroughly_ disproved assessment!

Also, thank you, Sir, for being key in assuring I'll likely never make that particular error _ever_ again. You may go to your reward knowing you have done, at least, one good thing, eh?

Clever use of 'irregardless', too.

Oh! ...And a "bunched chub" is the masculine equivalent of "wadded panties."

<u>alienview</u>.nul <u>www.AlienView.net</u> AVG Blog -- <u>http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/</u> U F O M a g a z i n e -- <u>www.ufomag.com</u>

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Growing Concern Over Mutes In Entre Rios Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 13:44:26 -0400
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:44:10 -0400
Subject: Growing Concern Over Mutes In Entre Rios Argentina

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology August 10, 2007

Source: Territorio Digital Date: 7 August 2007 -16:46 hours

Entre Rios Province: Growing Concern over Mutilated Animals

Cattlemen from the department of Paran=E1, Entre Rios, reported finding strangely mutilated animals in fields in this province.

The animals, all of them beef cattle, have had their genitals, tongues and udders removed, according to peasants.

The circumstance repeats itself relatively frequently in rural locations of this province and occurred this time in fields near Tabossi and Viale, to the northeast of the provincial capital.

Abel Gunter, one of the affected cattlemen, described the situation as "strange" and claimed that rural dwellers are displaying "concern" and intrigue over the mysterious animal deaths.

"We say that extraterrestrials are coming to mutilate our cows," said the cattleman in an interview with a local station. He insisted that there is "something odd" in the animal deaths, because dogs and wild animals in the area generally feed off of the dead cow remains, but refuse to approach the mutilated specimens.

"This is very strange, because no wild animal comes close to eat the remains of the dead cows," he said. Gunter explained that he found a mutilated cow in a densely wooded region in his fields and added that "the animal has such a perfect cut on its jaw that it inspires bewilderment."

The cattleman added that similar events have occured in neighboring fields and disclosed that the cow found dead on his property "has a burn on its hind leg that extends up to the knee," and whose origin he cannot explain.

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Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 15:58:42 -0400 Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:45:58 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: Joachim Koch <<u>lists</u>.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 00:35:04 +0200
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

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It seems pretty well accepted now that some formations are made by people with planks and others by unknown agencies. However, the approximate proportion of each is not at all clear because no one is doing (publishing?) enough of this kind of systematic investigation. I gather there are scientific methods available to determine which formations are due to plank stompers and which are due to something else like, for example, microwave irradiation.

If a summary of physical evidence exists, please point us to it. This would have been more useful than the opinion, "There is no unexplained activity in Wiltshire".

William Treurniet

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Re: Expert Opinions

From: James Horak <<u>ichorak7441.nul></u> Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 13:14:59 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:49:14 -0400 Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2007 09:05:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2007 19:32:53 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>From: From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 15:52:25 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

<snip>

>>That has never been at issue. What seems to be at issue is the >>right of those who reject that "theory" as absurd and >>unscientific to be heard.

>As any sincere searcher for truth will tell you, Mr. Clark, it >well suffices to state you don't subscribe to the theory of >another, not to disparage with epithets such as, >"absurd"... perhaps even that of, "unscientific".

>In other words, no proposition is too outlandish, too evidence->deficient, too contrary to mountainous bodies of established >knowledge, too unsupported by any actual scientists, to merit >anyone else's calling it "absurd" and "unscientific." All ideas, >however loopy on their face, merit respect and "debate." I guess >that explains why ufology remains, at best, frozen in place ->that's a generous assessment; a less generous one would place >it even farther out there on the fringes of irrelevance - after >60 years.

Mr, Clark, pardon me for not addressing more of your post but, since it logically follows a premise found in the first paragraph that I do not accept, I hope you understand why I do not.

If you were no debunker you would have arrived at the point where you fully grasped that many UFO anomaly cannot be explained in conventional terms... and not just by definition, by frame of reference. In other words, they are, by scientific standard, inextricable to define.

Just as was almost the whole cosmological view of the universe held by those that placed the earth in the center of everything, when held up to a Copernican model.

We, as true seekers of truth do not begin by eliminating what a thing is not when we scarcely agree on its very presence. It is beyond me why you, and others like you, feel compelled to do that. I know why it was done to Galileo. He could back up his theories with a telescope. Entire belief structures felt threatened, most long needing the challenge.

In truth, it is no different today. You are not stupid, mean-

spirited, unintelligent. But you are not going far beyond your own mindset either. And, although you may, as your colleague, find it insulting, your approach is stifling and backwards.

That is part of your milieu, something for which I feel too. Good science, like good medicine, requires constructs to address anomaly that are not being made by either. Instead they are avoided until the avoidance becomes so catastrophic in consequence, evidence starts being lost, suppressed, hidden away. It is a hard thing to face, but you need to face it. Science today is failing itself. despite someone's fantastic claims, despite people that some may want to deem as unworthy witness.

I know many reports that come from good decent people where details have been confided to me that they were reluctant to divulge to others. Would you, if investigating, have circumscribed what those people experienced to fit your own context?

I think you might. I know damn well Mr. Hall would. Now that, IMHO, is absurd and unscientific.

JCH

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Re: Expert Opinions

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 13:20:04 -0700
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:52:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2007 09:05:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2007 19:32:53 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>In the meantime you've shown no answers. You've brought none of >>us any closer to a better grasp of what offers, from almost any >>angle, to have an incredible explanation. But where the debunker >>thinking loses itself in denial, someday, just as happened with >>Galileo, Copernicus and Newton, the truth will come closer to >>us. I'm virtually certain when it does, it will not come of the >>tepid water blessing that bucket of oats in which you've >>stationed your feet.

>Thank you for validating my point: that in common with >pseudoscientific polemic everywhere, Gehrmanism cannot help >clothing itself in Galileo, Copernicus, and Newton. How about >Darwin and Einstein? Or will they have to wait till next time?

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Jerry,

Here's what I said in a nutshell:

The cover-up by the secret government was to hide the shocking reality that an ancient hominid civilization was behind the UFO visiting us and not ET.

The theme of the thread was cover-up and I felt an ancient civilization fit the known facts much better than ETH. So that is one part of this discussion. Does the government know that the UFO are not ETH and is it actively pushing an ET red herring with misinformation via MJ-12 documents and other "stargate" type disclosures?

The second part of the discussion is whether another earth civilization could be possible without our knowing it. My ideas have always been presented in the form of speculation, theory and hypothesis.

I used convergent evolution as the basis for claiming that it was possible, scientifically and evolutionarily for another species to have utilized tools and then begin tool making. I theorized that a civilization could follow after only a few million years, if humans were any example of what was possible, since they're the only concrete example we have.

This civilization could have developed all the technology that we have and more or they could have used different processes and developed a different but just as effective technology. A civilization like this could be over one hundred million years **Re: Expert Opinions**

old. During the last hundred million years the earth has undergone tremendous change and any civilization would have been destroyed many times over if some protective measures weren't taken. A prior civilization could have moved off planet and onto Mars or Moon or underground or to motherships and there would not be a trace of their previous habitation on earth.

In any case, they were only anomalies until recently when we had the capacity to understand their unusualness and how frequently we were being visited and contacted.

The frequency of UFO visits increased after nuclear testing began. My hypothetical civilization may not understand nuclear technology and the crashes at Roswell and Socorro (AA) may have been the result of nuclear fallout interfering with the electromagnetic vortex these crafts use for propulsion.

I realize that this isn't an accepted theory but it's never had the benefit of discussion since you've pretty much prevented that from happening.

Another serious problem for my hypothesis is that it admittedly is connected to the Alien Autopsy footage.

But your attacks have been overkill and the Gehrmanism tag might come back to bite you in the ass if I'm eventually proven to be correct. Never thought of myself in terms of Galileo, Copernicus, and Newton until you brought it to my attention.

I realize that you mean it as an insult, but what if I am correct? Your only criticism is that no one of authority has given the ancient hominid theory any thought, but as far as I know, this theory has never been discussed using convergent evolution as its basic assumption. I can't prove that my ancient hominid civilization exists; if I could, it would no longer be a hypothesis.

Ed

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Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor.nul></u>
Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 16:44:38 -0400
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:53:40 -0400
Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 20:39:59 +0000
>Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

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I've noticed that each time a producer asks for participants on this forum, and I ask him why UFO productions turn out looking loopy, not one has ever answered, either on this List or privately.

Eleanor White

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Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 19:56:03 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 11:01:10 -0400
Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 20:39:59 +0000
>Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>>Source: CBS New - New York, New York, USA

>http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/08/09/sunday/main3151629.shtml

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I think that 'the message' of that show will be - yes, UFOs exist, but it does not mean that they are extraterrestrial spaceships. They are 'something', 'black projects', we don't know what it is, etc. I noticed this shift in the Mass Media - from denying to accepting possibility. On last UFO debate in Larry King show that was noticeable in the name of Michael Shermer.

We will see.

Sergey

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Re: New Fossils Rewrite Human Evolution

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:47:25 EDT
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 11:06:00 -0400
Subject: Re: New Fossils Rewrite Human Evolution

>From: Bob Shell <<u>bob</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 07:40:33 -0400
>Subject: New Fossils Rewrite Human Evolution

>Two fossils found in Kenya have shaken the human family tree, >possibly rearranging major branches thought to be in a straight >ancestral line to Homo sapiens.

>Scientists who dated and analyzed the specimens =E2=80=94 a 1.44->million-year- old Homo habilis and a 1.55-million-year-old Homo >erectus found in 2000 =E2=80=94 said their findings challenged the >conventional view that these species evolved one after the >other. Instead, they apparently lived side by side in eastern >Africa for almost half a million years.

>Full story:

>http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/09/science/09fossil.html?ref=3Dworld

Well ain't that something. Another one of those cases where we thought we knew everything about evolution and archaeology and anthropology and a bunch of ologies and again we get upended and have to rewrite history books.

I was aware of this story and the theories about coexisting species but of course our big head scientists and pseudo intellectuals just knew it all.

Because both species lived within the same time frames doesn't mean one didn't arise from the other. We have no idea about these mutations and what manifestations have occurred over the eons.

Many mysteries to solve and science and pseudo intellectuals won't see the forest for the trees if their heads are up their asses.

Best,

Greg

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Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:54:59 EDT
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 11:07:19 -0400
Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 13:45:02 -0300
>Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 20:39:59 +0000
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>Betcha Shirmer shows up too to give the piece 'balance'".

This is going to be interesting to watch.

Charles Osgood I've been a fan of since I was a wee one. For him to do a hack job to me is impossible. He's a hands on journalist and wouldn't do a Jennings on a subject.

That's unfair to everyone with the name Jennings so I'll say Osgood wouldn't do a cowardly job of reporting.

At a minimum an Osgood piece will be well above average and without spite and ridicule.

If Osgood could possibly drop to a lower standard then it's time to turn off the tv sets, grab the shotguns and the hound dogs and head fer the hills.

Best,

Greg

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Haiti UFO Video Or Another Fake?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 11:46:08 EDT
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 11:26:33 -0400
Subject: Haiti UFO Video Or Another Fake?

http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=833 1186752934

Looks fake to me but fun to watch.

Best,

Greg

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Haiti UFO From Another Camera

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 09:10:47 EDT
Archived: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 11:27:41 -0400
Subject: Haiti UFO From Another Camera

http://youtube.com/watch?v=tlzdKZsL68I

This has a compilation of ufo video clips but I noticed the same ufo in the purported Haiti video in this video. Don't know if additional footage was added and from what source but it's spectacular footage.

Best,

Greg

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Angler Says He Was Buzzed By UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 09:43:42 -0400 Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 09:43:42 -0400 Subject: Angler Says He Was Buzzed By UFO

Source: The Northampton Chronicle - UK

http://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news?articleid=3103507

10 August 2007

Angler Says He Was Buzzed By UFO

Chronicle & Echo readers have been recounting the times they spotted a UFO in the sky above Northamptonshire after the Ministry of Defence revealed there have been dozens of sightings in the county in the past decade.

One reader said he saw UFOs on two occasions in the late 1970s and early 1980s. A keen angler, he was fishing at Weston Favell Mill one evening when he noticed a large bright light, travelling erratically in his direction.

The light dimmed as a light aircraft approached, but then began moving again.

"It never regained the brilliance as before, but as it approached, it resolved itself into an opaque yellow-orange ball," he said.

"It passed overhead, not a sound could be heard. And what's more, it wobbled in flight. Unlike the aircraft that I would see all the time, this object would not fly in a straight line; it wobbled from side to side in its forward motion."

Several months later the same reader was fishing in Midsummer Meadow when he spotted another UFO.

He said: "To start with I thought it was another aircraft. From the side all that could be seen was an oval-shaped fuselage and an orange-red glow from the rear. I quickly realised there was no sound from the craft, which was no more than two hundred yards away."

A pensioner from Spinney Hill, Northampton, who worked in the aircraft industry, told MoD officials he had seen four small, star-sized and rust-coloured objects travelling at immense speed and swerving in front and behind each other, while walking his dogs in Barnes Meadow in September 2003.

Despite questioning MoD officials, the pensioner remains mystified by what he saw.

He said: "I just wish someone would tell me what it was."

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Re: Expert Opinions

From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 11:32:44 -0500 Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 10:26:48 -0400 Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 13:14:59 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 8 Aug 2007 09:05:02 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2007 19:32:53 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>>>From: From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 15:52:25 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

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I have snipped Mr. Horak's astounding comments, which will no doubt have many Updaters on the floor - the ones who actually know what I think and have written, at massive length, in assorted books, articles, and essays - choked with laughter of an intensity sufficient to threaten breath and life.

As for myself, all I will say is that I am rarely speechless. I am speechless.

Jerry Clark

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From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 11:39:42 -0500 Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 10:29:36 -0400 Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Ed Gehrman <<u>egehrman</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 13:20:04 -0700
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

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And so on and on. I rest my case.

For Updaters who missed the fun first time around and are morbidly curious, go to the Archive and read my posts if you wish to learn how many vital issues the Gehrmanists have not addressed.

Anything more is just my repetition and their avoidance.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 09:41:42 -0700
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 10:31:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2007 09:52:59 EDT
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>I have to admit, even I'm stunned at some of the designs I've >seen recently.

>I'm still saying that we're looking at someone with a satellite >having fun messing with the crops and it's high time someone >'fessed up to it.

Possibly some of the more geometric designs are done this way, but it does not explain complex layered lay patterns which have sometimes also been seen here in Canada.

It also doesn't account for the significant number of much older formations going back several decades and longer in various countries, including again in Canada at least back to 1925 (see the formation archives on the CCCRN web site); researchers like Terry Wilson (UK), Andreas Muller (Germany) and Jeff Wilson (USA) have also uncovered many old reports like this in those countries.

Some Canadian native legends have also described flattened circles (see again the CCCRN web site).

There are more facets to this phenomenon than just nice designs...

Paul

Paul Scott Anderson

founder Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

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Universities To Look Into Ghosts And UFOs

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul> Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 12:47:58 -0400 Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 12:47:58 -0400 Subject: Universities To Look Into Ghosts And UFOs

Source: The Northampton Chronicle - UK

http://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news?articleid=3101221

09 August 2007

Universities To Look Into Ghosts And UFOs

A small band of real-life "ghostbusters" are at work in British universities, including Northampton, trying to understand paranormal activity from UFOs to telepathy.

Two decades after the Hollywood blockbuster introduced the concept of parapsychology to an audience of millions, a number of research centres in the UK are now dedicated to the field.

And despite scepticism from some, the academics conducting the research are convinced the paranormal is a rich topic for study.

Dr Richard Broughton, from Northampton University's Centre for the Study of Anomalous Psychological Processes, is convinced there is a need to look into the matter.

"I am firmly convinced that there are phenomena here that need to be investigated and may provide a radically new view of the capabilities of human consciousness," he told the Times Higher Education Supplement.

Professor Chris French, head of the Anomalistic Psychology Research Unit at Goldsmiths, University of London, said most people "believe in this stuff".

"If psychologists have nothing to say on this topic, they are missing out on a broad part of the human experience," Prof French said.

Specialists at Edinburgh University's Koestler Parapsychology Unit studied the possibility of people sending positive thoughts to each other, the paper reported.

Such research includes investigating "paranormal healing" and whether people in different rooms can share the same physical sensations.

Parapsychology is also proving useful for undergraduate teaching, as a good basis for exploring critical thinking.

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

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Nicola Sees The Light Of Irlam's Very Own UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 13:07:50 -0400 Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 13:07:50 -0400 Subject: Nicola Sees The Light Of Irlam's Very Own UFO

Source: The Salford Advertiser - Lancashire, UK

http://tinyurl.com/ywc2k3

9th August 2007

Nicola Sees The Light Of Irlam's Very Own UFO by

Pamela Welsh

Salford might be proving a popular tourist destination - for travellers from another world.

After last week's article detailing the sighting of a possible UFO in Irlam, the Advertiser has been inundated with calls from residents who say they have also seen mysterious unidentified flying objects.

Government officials began investigated the incident which took place last year. Reports uncovered by a Freedom of Information request show that an orange circular ball was spotted high in the sky above the area.

According to astonished bystanders, the ball was initially low in the sky and then shot up into the atmosphere very quickly.

One astonished resident even saw the ball from her home in Hope.

Nicola Davies, 34, said: "I'm normally really sceptical about these things, and don't believe in aliens or UFOs or anything.

"But when I saw the orange ball, I hadn't a clue what was going on."

Nicola, who lives near Hope Hospital, saw the unexplained object flying low in the direction of Stott Lane playing fields, and reached for her camera to capture the image on film.

She said: "I wasn't sure what it was, and was scared to tell anyone in case they thought I was mad!

I knew it couldn't be the moon or the sun - it was too close. I just found it so odd, and then completely forgot about it until I saw the piece in the paper."

This incident is one of many sightings of UFOs recorded by the Ministry of Defence, who keep an eye open because of possible implications for national security.

A spokesperson for the Civil Aviation Authority said: "Sometimes UFOs are weather balloons. Sometimes they are military jets. And sometimes we just don't know."

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UFO Was Like A Washing Machine Whirring

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 13:13:36 -0400 Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 13:13:36 -0400 Subject: UFO Was Like A Washing Machine Whirring

Source: The Evening Gazette, Newcastle, Durham UK

http://tinyurl.com/26mld6

Aug 8 2007

UFO Was Like A Washing Machine Whirring by Joanna Desira Evening Gazette

Philip Cotton was sceptical about extra-terrestrial life until he and his partner spotted a strange flashing object flying over the clear skies of North Yorkshire.

Now Mr Cotton, from Grove Hill, in Middlesbrough, believes there is only one explanation for the phenomenon he witnessed - it was an Unidentified Flying Object.

Mr Cotton, 51, and his partner Jean Clark, 53, were enjoying an overnight camping trip fishing at Crabtree Farm in Gilling West, between Richmond and Scotch Corner, when their sleep was disturbed by the flashes of light at about lam last Thursday.

Mr Cotton said: "Jean nudged me to wake me up and she said somebody was shining a torch.

"We got out of bed and had a look and it was like a flash of lightning without the thunder because there was no noise. We were in the middle of nowhere and we saw three or four flashes and it moved a mile away.

It was like a lighthouse but ten times the speed and it was going backwards and forwards. It moved two miles away to another field. It was incredible and the noise was like a washing machine whirring but it started getting louder and louder.

It stopped at one point, above us, about 100ft away, but it was getting bigger.

It looked orange and blue and round and it was beautiful. It was shining above us and moved 70 or 80ft. We ran to the car because the noise was getting louder.

"The good thing about it was that it was friendly and not threatening - it was just a beautiful light."

The couple said the incident lasted about an hour and they stayed in the car for about half an hour before the object left.

They returned to Middlesbrough the next morning.

Mr Cotton, a security officer, added: "I think it must be a UFO. There is no other explanation for it. I was a sceptic before but I do believe now." [Thanks to Stuart Miller of http://uforeview.net/ for the lead]

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Gathering Draws Hundreds Hungry For UFO Evidence

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Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 13:16:07 -0400
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 13:16:07 -0400
Subject: Gathering Draws Hundreds Hungry For UFO Evidence

Source: CBS-TV 4 - Denver, Colorado, USA

http://cbs4denver.com/local/local_story_223180844.html

Aug 11, 2007

Gathering Draws Hundreds Hungry For UFO Evidence Motto Is To 'Lift The Lid On UFO Secrecy'

Mike Hooker Reporting

(CBS4) DENVER --If you tell a group of people you believe in UFOs you might get some funny looks, but not at a gathering at the Marriott Denver Tech Center this weekend.

More than 500 people are in the city for the annual International UFO Symposium, hosted by the Mutual UFO Network. The motto of the event is "lifting the lid on UFO secrecy."

UFO investigators, or UFOlogists, say they're not prone to believe every flying saucer story they hear. Still, they say the photos and reported sightings are hard to ignore: they could possibly be secret military inventions or alien visitors.

Investigator Sam Maranto told CBS4 at the symposium that he's had six personal UFO encounters.

"I'm more than convinced," Maranto said. "I've had my own sightings. There is something going on. What exactly, specifically? I can't say."

Kathleen Marden's aunt and uncle, Betty and Barney Hill, said they were abducted by aliens in 1961. Marden studied hypnosis tapes of their story and became convinced.

"There was that 'Aha!' moment," Marden said.

James Carrion, the president of the 2,500 member Mutual UFO Network, says he has studied the evidence surrounding the possibility of UFOs with scientific skepticism.

"(I) went to the body of evidence and thought, 'Whoa!' There is absolutely something here. This is a real phenomenon. We don't know what it is, but it's absolutely real."

Carrion's organization, nicknamed MUFON, investigates reports of UFOs from across the country. They say they get about 200 reports each month. Ten to 15 percent of those reports turn out to be something unidentifiable, he said.

"It would be much easier to think that we were really not being visited and that people were not really being abducted. It would make the earth a much easier place to deal with, but I thing the fact is we are being visited," Kathleen Marden said. Richard Dolan, a historian and speaker at the conference, said he's seen hundreds of government documents that show "some serious stuff going down at nuclear missile bases."

Dolan says there's plenty of records that indicate mysterious objects have come in and disabled US nuclear missiles.

"When you have a government telling you over and over that there's nothing going on, some people are predisposed to believe that. Others are not so predisposed to believe."

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Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 09:52:09 -0700
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 14:29:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 15:58:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

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The BLT Research Team web site:

www.bltresearch.com

I also have a summary of scientific evidence (including some specifically Canadian) on the CCCRN web site:

www.cccrn.ca/science.html

Paul

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Re: Expert Opinions

From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:09:24 -0700
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 14:30:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Aug 2007 19:25:38 EDT
>Subject: Re: Expert Opinions

>How about Pasteur's germ theory of disease, Semmelweis' early >version of a germ theory, Wegener's continental drift, Mendel's >genetics, Lavoisier's oxygen theory of combustion, and the >history of the Big Bang theory?

Good ones.

>The issue isn't about 'expert opinions'. It's about whether the >notion of a secret civilization of monotreme hominids that has >developed independently of mankind to launch UFO technology and >yet remain undiscovered to humans is really a valid "scientific >theory" or is just crank pseudoscience like the lost >civilizations of Mu and Lemuria, the Hollow Earth, etc.

Again, it was meant to be more of a light-hearted look at how short-sighted scientists or other experts can be sometimes. It was not about that theory in particular. That's why I started it under another thread title.

>Your long list widely circulates on the Internet without a shred >of documentation. Some people have started to point out that >some of the alleged statements are "urban legends." Some >statements are misquoted and are in fact true not false.

I had come across many of those before over the years, also, fwiw. It's possible of course that some may be erroneous, but... can you prove it?

Paul

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Re: Haiti UFO From Another Camera

From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 13:14:28 -0400
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 14:31:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Haiti UFO From Another Camera

>From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul,
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 09:10:47 EDT
>Subject: Haiti UFO From Another Camera

>http://youtube.com/watch?v=tlzdKZsL68I

>This has a compilation of ufo video clips but I noticed the same >ufo in the purported Haiti video in this video. Don't know if >additional footage was added and from what source but it's >spectacular footage.

Intersting. If it's fake they did a nice job as the objects pass in front of the sun. Too bad this footage (Haiti) is so damned jumpy.

But, did anyone else notice the cursor pop up from the lower right at 2:05? What's up with that? I'm guessing it may be the result of some lame hack at copying that portion of video or something by recording whatever's happening on the person's computer.

And if those are photos we 'were never meant to see' they did a good job of keeping it that way. Next time they might want to consider slower jump cuts. Sheesh!

Brian

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Re: Haiti UFO Video Or Another Fake?

From: Stephen Lewis <elfis.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:38:37 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 14:33:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Haiti UFO Video Or Another Fake?

>From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 11:46:08 EDT
>Subject: Haiti UFO Video Or Another Fake?

>http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=833 1186752934

>Looks fake to me but fun to watch.

Nicely done though likely faked.

Below is additional footage with identical craft and scenery (allegedly Dominican Republic) posted a few days before the 'Haiti' footage by different username plus extra craft of different configuration:

Link to Video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mos9-LReoWO

Added: August 06, 2007 From: ladave1969

http://www.anomalytv.com/site/2007/08/11/latest-ufo-video-hubbub-from-haiti/

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Josh Goldstein <lovelution.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 21:27:53 +0200
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 14:38:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2007 22:40:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Josh Goldstein <<u>lovolution</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 23:19:06 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 4 Aug 2007 13:03:09 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>They had never seen evidence from all the engineers who examined >>the damage created to the World Trade Center and the Pentagon >>after the catastrophe of 09/11/2001. They were convinced that >>everyone except the author of the DVD were told what to say from >>the US government. Just by looking at the DVD the young >>musicians were convinced that they were being shown proof of an >>evil conspiracy. I tried to get them to take a look at both >>sides but they claimed they saw the proof in that DVD. To me >>those "young Einsteins" had minds as hard as rock but minds that >could easily be molded like soft clay.

>>I am saying the above regarding Ed Gehrman's speculation. It is
>>fine to speculate but trying to claim the answer without having
>>any idea of what the speculation is really about means that the
>>claimant has turned into a fool. I am speaking in general, not
>>picking out Ed Gehrman. The speculation discussion I found to be
>>mildly humorous and interesting. Often the speculation will tell
>>the person who is listening to it more about about the
>>claimant's psychology than any evidence to support the claim.

>Well stated. I am consistently amazed, not to mention always >depressed, at how mind-bogglingly uncritical people can be in >(what passes for) their thinking, how utterly clueless to what >constitutes actual evidence for a fantastic speculative >proposition.

>With the demise later this month of the Weekly World News, I >have been thinking of this generally, and I remember a telling >little experience - surely relevant to the concerns that have >brought you and me here in the present instance - that I >underwent about 15 years ago.

>Standing in line at the local supermarket, I noticed WWN >displayed on the nearby rack, with a headline that read WORLD >WAR II BOMBER FOUND ON THE MOON. As usual on seeing a WWN >header, I chuckled, bought my groceries, and forgot about it.

>A day or two later, my phone rang. The caller, an active >ufologist and casual acquaintance who lives across the state >from me, had a question. Did CUFOS and I plan to investigate the >recently published report that the remains of a World War II-era >airplane had been located on the lunar surface? >I thought he was joking, and I responded accordingly, only to
>learn quickly enough that he was - as I ought to have known >deadly serious. When I tried to explain that WWN's editors
>concocted outlandish stories in the editorial office, he
>protested, "But the article quotes scientists! By name!" He
>didn't appear impressed when I remarked that the scientists were
>almost certainly fictional, too.

>From his manner I inferred that he suspected I'd joined CSICOP, >the CIA, or some other sinister organization, possibly one that >in another century tormented Galileo. For him it was easier to >believe, I realized, that a 1940s aircraft lies gathering >moondust than that somebody would lie about it.

>They're everywhere, Josh.

Aloha Jerry,

Thanks for your comments. As you know, we have done a good bit of talking on that subject, Yes, they are everywhere. That is perennial in this field as it is in others.

Your comment on the Weekly World News reminds me of a strange case of someone else believing he was seeing the truth. Back in the '80s when I was involved in MUFON LA, a man started showing up at every meeting brandishing the WWN. I don't want to make fun of this man as he suffers from a mental impairment.

At the start of every meeting he would stand up at the beginning with a shout claiming that the sensational fabrication he had read about was true. "Look here, the aliens are doing this... Why isn't MUFON investigating them? Here it is, right in the WWN that tells us what the evil aliens are doing."

It was kind of pathetic to watch him being gently reminded that the WWN is not a credible news source. He never understood that and for many, many years still believes the WWN is an organ of truth and He proclaims that at just about every meeting. I think it also sounds like a story Pravda, the "Voice of Truth" from Russia would fabricate. I guess the believers in the WWN will have to switch to the National Enquirer or lesser tabloids to use as conspiracy toilet paper.

A WWII bomber on the moon. Right, and Don Ledger and I flew it through the vacuum of space and we managed to make a good instrument landing at my favorite site on the moon. We could not take off and we are stranded here, running out of oxygen and food. We need help! Please send your donations to this address:.....

Warning, if you do not donate we will steal our donation from your accounts anyway. We will have the last laugh on you.

Josh

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From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 16:16:18 -0400 Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 14:41:09 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

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I eagerly look forward to seeing my first demonstration of 'microwave radiation' _weaving_ wheat stalks from a satellite.

Eleanor White

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From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 16:25:59 -0700
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 15:01:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 15:58:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>>From: Joachim Koch <<u>lists</u>.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 00:35:04 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

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>William Treurniet

A key argument for the inability of any hoaxing team to have produced any of the really complex, awe-inspiring CC formations of the past 15 years is the failure of any one of them ever to come forward and claim credit for it, and offer to show the media some afternoon just how they did it, and come through on such an offer by showing how they did it without making any mistakes. They know they would not be able to do this, so they do not offer to do it. Negative skeptics have to claim that the hoaxers of the really grand designs are so very modest that they never wish to reveal who they are. I don't buy any such claim as being realistic or psychologically reasonable.

A related argument is that no fields are found or reported in which a hoaxing team repeatedly practiced making one of the grand CC formations before the final one of the same appearance arrived.

Of course, the lack of any reports of the hoaxers being at work at night, when grand CC patterns are laid down, adds to the above arguments.

If reasonable statistical odds are applied to these, I think you'd find it's out of the question that hoaxing teams could have been doing it all along and "getting away" with it.

Jim Deardorff

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>From: Joachim Koch <<u>lists</u>.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 00:35:04 +0200
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

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While I agree that the number of man-made formations in Wiltshire (and the UK in general) has increased significantly in more recent years, it may be premature to write off all of them...?

There is also the phenomenon in many other countries still which shouldn't be ignored; some of the best scientific evidence, including from some formations here in Canada, is from those same recent years.

Can you _prove_ that the real circles stopped in Wiltshire in 1992?

Paul

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Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 10:11:19 EDT
Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 15:05:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Haiti UFO Video Or Another Fake?

>From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 11:46:08 EDT
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>http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=833 1186752934

>Looks fake to me but fun to watch.

Glad I took all those animation and photoshop classes.

Two independent sources found the same problems with this video as I did and that reaffirms my original opinion. I was in the middle of preparing a video analysis when the author of this analysis contacted me. His data meets with another colleague in special effects who saw it for what it was right off the bat and both people corroborate one another's data.

So whoever made these videos I think they're top good computer graphics people but missed the obvious in several areas.

Here's a video from one of the researchers.

http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=CvIAGAKBbEU

Best,

Greg

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Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: James Horak <<u>ichorak7441.nul></u> Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 08:03:46 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 15:06:38 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 09:41:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Aug 2007 09:52:59 EDT
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>I have to admit, even I'm stunned at some of the designs I've >seen recently.

>I'm still saying that we're looking at someone with a satellite >having fun messing with the crops and it's high time someone >'fessed up to it.

>Possibly some of the more geometric designs are done this way, >but it does not explain complex layered lay patterns which have >sometimes also been seen here in Canada.

>It also doesn't account for the significant number of much older >formations going back several decades and longer in various >countries, including again in Canada at least back to 1925 (see >the formation archives on the CCCRN web site); researchers like >Terry Wilson (UK), Andreas Muller (Germany) and Jeff Wilson >(USA) have also uncovered many old reports like this in those >countries.

>Some Canadian native legends have also described flattened >circles (see again the CCCRN web site).

>There are more facets to this phenomenon than just nice >designs...

Look to some of the more detailed of the Adena/Hopewell moundbuilder complexes. They look as though they might have been inspired by crop circles. These people practiced a more intensive agriculture than did the Europeans who were contemporaneous. While the Europeans had a dipple stick, the Adena had a hoe stone with a curve to match the arch of the stroke of the worker. So they would have had extensive crops, a form of wheat and maze. And this, some 1500 to 700 years ago.

I might add, they too shared the mythology of the Plumed Serpent, Quetzechoatl. Although I by no means share Von Daniken's crass oversimplifications and misrepresented conclusions on that score.

JCH

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Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufo.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 13:35:52 EDT
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 07:46:58 -0400
Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 20:39:59 +0000
>Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 years After Roswell

<snip>

>And you can absolutely bet it will be a total waste of time, a >superficial, sociological ha-ha about 'believers' and human >gullibility, pro-UFOers depicted as clownish freaks, and little >if anything will be said about serious, hardcore UFO cases that >cry out for scientific investigation. Wanna bet?

Hello Mr. Hall,

You may have just lost that bet. After watching the show this morning, I got the feeling that maybe the door to better and more objective coverage to UFOs has just opened a little wider. Granted, it wasn't totally pro-UFO, but considering the time alotted for the piece, I found it more positive than negative.

Stan Friedman went from 'Roswell promoter' to "preeminent UFO researcher", and Michio Kaku returned to the pro-UFO arena with a look at the JAL airline case, as well as, some compelling arguments for the existence of UFOs.

As Don Ledger predicted, Michael Shermer was there to offer his amusing/ignorant responses towards trying to debunk UFOs. Thank goodness CBS gave more time to Friedman and Kaku than to Shermer.

However, until mainstream media refrains from using terms like "UFO believers" and continues to bring Hollywood into the debate, totally objective/serious UFO programs will still be a reality yet to be seen.

Looking forward to the A & E Alien Encounters series yet to be aired this summer.

Peace,

Kelly

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First Canadian Crop Circle Formations of 2007

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 10:52:01 -0700
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 07:48:25 -0400
Subject: First Canadian Crop Circle Formations of 2007

First Canadian Crop Circle Formations Of 2007

The first known formations for this year have been reported near Rosedale, British Columbia in the Fraser Valley region. Not circles in this case, but two 'rectangles', one approximately 7.6 metres (25 feet) long and the other approximately 30 metres (100 feet) long (possibly longer), in tall cattle corn (in separate fields). First seen July 24 but not able to be reported until a few days later. Still under investigation, further details pending...

www.cccrn.ca/formationarchive2007.html

Also:

Greenpeace Crop Circle

The environmental group Greenpeace created a crop circle in genetically engineered (GE) corn in Abbotsford, British Columbia on August 8 (not far from the Rosedale location). While known to be a man-made formation, it is included in the 2007 formation archive for reference purposes and comparison with other formations...

www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/recent/cropcircle

RSS News Feed Updates On Hold

Please note that the RSS news feed updates are temporarily on hold due to a technical glitch with the RSS editor program...

Paul Scott Anderson

founder Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

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Olson's Final Statement On ETH Diehards

From: Jeff Olson <<u>ilolson</u>.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 11:59:38 -0600
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 07:51:12 -0400
Subject: Olson's Final Statement On ETH Diehards

Though I could never hope to equal James Horak's stylistic eloquence, I would like to sum up what I believe is the powerful message delivered by his - and the various 'Gehrmanist' posts in my own, perhaps more humble, words:

I sincerely believe that Jerry, Dick, Stan, David, and even Martin Shough represent the dying vanguard of an inextricably linked redaction into close-minded medieval theology and censorship compounded behind which pitifully rests a new Dark Age of UFOs.

Since I don't think I put this any more succinctly, regardless of my efforts, I will consider this my final word on the matter.

Yours for open-mindedness,

Jeff Olson

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'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: Milton Frank <<u>mfrank</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 16:38:49 -0300 Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 07:59:34 -0400 Subject: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

Dear All,

'Worm' UFOS Or Baloons?

October 2006 - Mexican TV show a film with UFOS

January 2007 - Archway - UK - Another film with 'worm' UFOS.

March 2007 - Lima - Peru - Another 'worm' film

Here are the films:

Mexico

http://br.youtube.com/watch?v=MrQ6wXrlRMI

Archway

http://youtube.com/watch?v=KywIOTRHfXw

Lima, Peru

http://br.youtube.com/watch?v=dkNdXncScmY

Here in Brazil people made a film with some balloons with Helium inside and the effect was the same of those films above.

In your opinion, what this really are UFOS or Balloons? Does anybody research these cases? Looking at the film I'm not able to say what it is....

If you have a scientific opinion about it please tell me.

If you had the opportunity to see these phenomena, please tell me what it is?

Thank you very much...

Best regards,

Milton Frank Brazilian Ufology Center President

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David Whitehouse's Is Anybody Out There?

From: Don Ecker <decker0726.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 12:31:51 -0700
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 08:28:16 -0400
Subject: David Whitehouse's Is Anybody Out There?

David Whitehouse wrote a very mind-provoking essay titled "Is anybody out there?" concerned with possible negative consequences of extraterrestrials "discovering" humanity here on planet Earth.

I am sending this on because while sounding very 'science-fiction'-like, this is a very serious topic.

Don

Is Anybody Out There? By David Whitehouse

August 4, 2007

We are making dangerous discoveries in space. In April, astronomers found, on our cosmic doorstep, a planet dubbed Gliese 581c. Nestling close to a dim red star, it's a rocky world only a little larger than Earth. Like Earth, it could support liquid water. And to scientists, liquid water means the possibility of life.

Gliese 581c must be an ancient world, for it circles a star that is far older than our sun. The question is, has any advanced life evolved on that planet, or on the many other places that must be suitable sites, not so very far away?

Recently, astronomers told the British Government that we might find life in space. It is only a matter of time, this year perhaps, before astronomers detect a planet even more similar in size and mass to our Earth, circling another star. And when we find that planet, we may discover a lot more than new oceans and land masses.

Astronomers have been looking for intelligent life in space since 1960, when Frank Drake started Project Ozma, using a radio telescope to listen for signals from two nearby sun-like stars -Drake knew that radio waves travel more easily through the cosmos than light waves. He didn't hear anything back. Since then, our searches have become more thorough thanks to larger radio telescopes and more sophisticated computers that look for fainter signals. But we still have no signal from ET. Should we want to?

This is not just a matter for astronomical research involving distant worlds and academic questions. Could it be that, from across the gulf of space, as H. G. Wells put it, there may emerge an alien threat? That only happens in lurid science fiction films, doesn't it? Well, the threat is real enough to worry many scientists, who make a simple but increasingly urgent point: if we don't know what's out there, why on earth are we deliberately beaming messages into space, to try to contact these civilisations about whom we know precisely nothing?

The searchers are undeterred. They argue that because of the vastness of space - even if there are 10,000 transmitting societies nestled in the stellar arms of the Milky Way - we

David Whitehouse's Is Anybody Out There?

might have to search millions of star systems to find just one.

The SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) Institute in California is the only such group that searches the cosmos for signs of intelligent alien life. It does so by listening for radio signals. SETI, which was founded in 1984, has 100 scientists, educators and support staff. Its funding from the American government was cut off in 1992 and it now relies on private donations.

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Re: Haiti UFO Video Or Another Fake?

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 21:40:13 +0100
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 08:29:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Haiti UFO Video Or Another Fake?

>From: Stephen Lewis <<u>elfis</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 10:38:37 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Haiti UFO Video Or Another Fake?

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>>Looks fake to me but fun to watch.

>Nicely done though likely faked.

>Below is additional footage with identical craft and scenery >(allegedly Dominican Republic) posted a few days before the >'Haiti' footage by different username plus extra craft of >different configuration:

This is what is technically known as a 'joke'. There are quite a lot of them around in ufology, unfortunately it takes a lot of esoteric knowledge to spot them.

John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>

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Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 21:42:12 +0100 Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 08:44:07 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 21:04:10 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>Can you _prove_ that the real circles stopped in Wiltshire in
>1992?

Can _you_ prove that there were any 'real' circles in Wiltshire before 1992?

John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>

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CBS Sunday Morning Show

From: Jason Gammon <<u>BoyintheMachine</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 18:18:55 EDT Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 08:45:47 -0400 Subject: CBS Sunday Morning Show

The CBS Morning show segment on UFOs was quite good. However, Stan wasn't really allotted enough time to talk in-depth regarding the subject.

I was disappointed that the Japanese Airline incident was only mentioned as if in passing.

The skeptics repeated their memorised witty lines, so there wasn't anything shocking on that end.

Over all, I was well pleased. Hopefully viewers were left with a real positive opinion concerning the subject.

One more thing, Haut's daughter and now owner of the UFO museum in Roswell, touched me greatly with her response of, 'Because my Daddy said so', to the question of why she believed in the existence of UFOs and the crash at Roswell.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 21:27:06 -0400 Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 08:47:29 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 09:52:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>>From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 10 Aug 2007 15:58:42 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>>If a summary of physical evidence exists, please point us to it. >>This would have been more useful than the opinion, "There is no >>unexplained activity in Wiltshire".

>The BLT Research Team web site:

>www.bltresearch.com

>I also have a summary of scientific evidence (including some >specifically Canadian) on the CCCRN web site:

><u>www.cccrn.ca/science.html</u>

I realise that good analyses of some crop formations have been done, and the sources cited give examples of that. These are sufficient to establish that some sophisticated technology has been applied, and that's good. However, for other objectives, we need information about whether or not each formation made since, say, 1992 is man-made. For example, before we can attempt to understand the meaning of the formations as a whole, we need to be able to filter out the noise.

Information to help make a judgement about all known formations might exist in the files of the various groups involved. One might at least estimate a probability that each formation is man-made based on the available evidence. However, I've been told that information is not shared easily among groups for a number of reasons, including lack of resources.

William

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Police 'Copter Chased UFOs?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:00:36 -0400 Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:00:36 -0400 Subject: Police 'Copter Chased UFOs?

Source: The Nottingham Evening Post, Nottinghamshire, UK

http://tinyurl.com/3byw7g

11 August 2007

Police 'Copter Chased UFOs?

Conspiracy theorists jammed the message board of the Evening Post website after we revealed the Ministry of Defence has recorded ten UFO sightings in Notts since 1999.

However, the story is perhaps even more sinister than the Post's suspicious online correspondents were aware.

Details of these 'encounters of the third kind' were released under the Freedom of Information Act.

They included bright and coloured lights, often in odd geometric formations.

Interestingly, one of the objects was reported to be travelling at the "speed of an arrow" [about 190mph].

An incident on April 15, 2002 at 3.30am, in Nottingham, is recorded as "three silver triangular objects in a triangle formation. Closely followed by the police helicopter".

One might expect the police to have some record of this incident, since the Helicopter Support Unit logs every call out. But strangely, the records for 2002 are not available.

According to staff at the unit, the computer programme, which stored the information, was developed by a member of staff, who unfortunately suffered a stroke.

Apparently as a result of his illness, the man could not remember the password.

"All our records for that particular year are on a programme we no longer have access to," said a spokesman, who perhaps unsurprisingly in the circumstances, did not want to be named.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Police Chopper's UFO Encounter

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:07:54 -0400 Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:07:54 -0400 Subject: Police Chopper's UFO Encounter

Source: The Bromley Times - Kent, UK

http://tinyurl.com/20np71

10 August 2007

Police Chopper's UFO Encounter

Martin Croucher

bv

It was likely to be a night like any other for the crew of a Met police helicopter on patrol over Bromley borough..

But suddenly they found themselves in the middle of something resembling a science fiction film. All around them were flashing and pulsating red lights that made whirring noises.

Their report was filed among hundreds of others in a secret government storage facility. Now, less than four years on, their story can be finally brought to light thanks to a freedom of information request.

However Met police were reluctant to elaborate any further on what was released by the Ministry of Defence.

The accounts are varied and in some cases bizarre. A massive light, shaped like an iron that hung in the sky without moving was spotted in Orpington in 2005.

In Grove Park, Bromley, witnesses saw a black ruler-shaped object 'move across the moon' and disappear in 1998.

Most of the sightings are little more than just an entry in a log that gathers dust on military shelves, but some are willing to speak of their experiences.

The Kentish Times reported how in April this year, a couple Stacy Shaw, 19 and her boyfriend Gavin Drummond, 22, saw 'burning balls of fire' in the sky.

They had seen them hovering over the Tollgate Hotel roundabout, next to the A2. Astounded, they followed one light to the site of an old BP petrol station in their car.

She said: "When it got there it just shot up into the sky really quickly. That was the most amazing part, the way it moved so fast."

In south east London witnesses spoke of a 'cigar-shaped' object that looked like a disc side on, which accelerated to a speed that would outstrip a fighter jet.

Information on UFOs has previously been exempt from freedom of information requests because it was considered a matter of national security.

A spokesman for the MOD said that it would only retain information on potential threats.

Nick Pope who recently just stepped down from the government's UFO project complained that the project had been 'virtually closed' and lack of investigation of reports had left Britain 'wide open to attack'.

However a spokesman for the British UFO Research Association remained sceptical.

He said: "If you work on the basis that anything considered to be of potential significance would be retained by the Ministry for any period of time they deemed necessary, then anything freely released into the public domain will ultimately have been viewed as worthless."

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From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
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>http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=833 1186752934
>Looks fake to me but fun to watch.

The palm trees are too similar, if not identical, and it has been recently uncovered that a CGI software produces the same features.

Surprisingly, not only the UFOs, but the whole scenery is computer generated:

http://tinyurl.com/2ax5z3

Regards,

Mori

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>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 11 Aug 2007 16:25:59 -0700
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UFO Reports From Mexicn Airline Personnel

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 08:27:22 -0400
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:56:52 -0400
Subject: UFO Reports From Mexicn Airline Personnel

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology August 13, 2007

Source: www.analuisacid.com Date: August 10, 2007

Reports From Airline Personnel By Ana Luisa Cid

According to information provided by researcher Alfonso Salazar, aviation technician Domingo Caballero observed three objects having a metallic appearance on Sunday, August 5, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. as they flew over Mexico City International Airport at an estimated altitude of 10,000 feet. They flew from north to south and displayed an intense glow as they wove in and out of the clouds. Subsequently, two of the objects remained stationary while the third flew away toward the Mount Ajusco region.

Another report is dated August 4, 2007, when the crew of a Boeing 737 flying the Manzanillo-Mexico City route, witnessed an unidentified flying object with the shape of a horseshoe and having a metallic appearance on the San Mateo air corridor (north of Mexico City).

The airliner's first officer - who said it was the first time he'd seen a UFO - says that the object remained static next to the air corridor at an approximate altitude of 9000 feet (2700 meters). This happened as they made their approach to MCIA at 5 p.m. and with good visibility. The skies were clear and cloudless.

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:30:14 -0300
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:58:15 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: Milton Frank <<u>mfrank</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 16:38:49 -0300
>Subject: 'Worm' UFOS Or Baloons?

>Here in Brazil people made a film with some balloons with Helium >inside and the effect was the same of those films above.

The video referred can be viewed at:

http://www.divshare.com/download/963677-410

The balloon experiment is at the end. It was done by Claudeir and Paola $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Covo}}$

http://www.tvinfa.com.br

Regards,

Mori

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New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: James Carrion <<u>icarrion</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 07:23:25 -0600 Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 10:01:15 -0400 Subject: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

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Re: Olson's Final Statement On ETH Diehards

From: James Horak <<u>ichorak7441.nul></u> Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 06:38:51 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 10:03:03 -0400 Subject: Re: Olson's Final Statement On ETH Diehards

>From: Jeff Olson <<u>jlolson</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 11:59:38 -0600
>Subject: Olson's Final Statement On ETH Diehards

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>I sincerely believe that Jerry, Dick, Stan, David, and even >Martin Shough represent the dying vanguard of an inextricably >linked redaction into close-minded medieval theology and >censorship compounded behind which pitifully rests a new Dark >Age of UFOs.

Aside the generous and kind words you have granted me elsewhere in this post, Jeff, and your stated resolve to end your part in further discussion of the thread, I believe we would all benefit by a closer examination of this polarity we both detect between diverging camps of thought. Your absence in such an effort would be a loss.

I detect in those you name a compulsion towards denial, but the same compulsion is characteristic of almost anyone on earth when first visiting a phenomenon outside their immediate frame of reference or even that of waking from a vividly intense dream.

So, why does it continue with those we know have exposed themselves, one would think, to so many good UFO reports, even investigated some of them? Why have they had no personal UFO experiences themselves, at least to the extent they can acquit themselves of so much incredulity?

They did not come to the topic to penetrate to the truth. They came to the topic to prove something to themselves, something that finds anything more to this matter than churning excuses for what an UFO isn't and that it might be more than they've considered, aberrant.

Just like so many otherwise decent men came to the investigation of the JFK assassination to prove, as Earl Warren flatly stated, "this is not the kind of place where such things can happen (as a conspiracy to murder a president.)"

Such minds cannot be brought to enough exposure of anything threatening to their mental predilection, to realize change. And they're here to prove, like Iago's devotion to bring down Othello, there is nothing on earth more high-minded than themselves... perhaps even, in all the Universe.

To such men I have offered the directions to places where they are likely to find very close experiences for themselves, of the UFO presence. Places where this kind of presence is ongoing. They will not respond.

Mr. Keel can visit an area of such activity and emerge with first-hand documented details of remarkable reports, even the first incident reported of a female MIB. Simply because he has the adventurous spirit of a truth-seeker and not that of a fearful child trying to shake off a bad dream just out of denial that it might, in any way be significant. Perhaps ET has found a way to correct such pathology and awaits our doing so. Perhaps he knows that otherwise, even out of the best intentions, he can do more harm to the split-minded savages that fear their own dreams, than good.

For the men you name, Jeff, share with us our own condition. We are all in this together and nothing would be better ultimately than we all benefit together. The mental loop they have, may eventually become reflected in that of our own if we cannot learn the one simple attribute, begin with the resolve to see things as they are.

In that is a healing that permits no Dark Age and sets our first real and earned step towards travel to other stars.

JCH

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Steven Kaeser <<u>steve</u>.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 11:45:46 -0400
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 12:44:35 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: James Carrion <<u>jcarrion</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
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Hi James,

I appreciate your making this available, since the Brad Sparks MUFON talk has generated a lot of discussion elsewhere regarding his paper. My understanding is that it was too late to remove Barry Greenwood's name from the MUFON Symposium publication, as he had requested, and I'm curious as to whether he'll be given a platform to clarify is views if they differ. It would seem that this new revelation comes with a certain amount of controversy.

Steve

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Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 14:39:25 +0000
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 12:47:47 -0400
Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>From: Kelly Freeman <<u>Khfflsciufo</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 13:35:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Thu, 09 Aug 2007 20:39:59 +0000
>>Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 years After Roswell

>>And you can absolutely bet it will be a total waste of time, a
>>superficial, sociological ha-ha about 'believers' and human
>>gullibility, pro-UFOers depicted as clownish freaks, and little
>>if anything will be said about serious, hardcore UFO cases that
>>cry out for scientific investigation. Wanna bet?

>Hello Mr. Hall,

>You may have just lost that bet. After watching the show this >morning, I got the feeling that maybe the door to better and >more objective coverage to UFOs has just opened a little wider. >Granted, it wasn't totally pro-UFO, but considering the time >alotted for the piece, I found it more positive than negative.

>Stan Friedman went from 'Roswell promoter' to "preeminent UFO >researcher", and Michio Kaku returned to the pro-UFO arena with >a look at the JAL airline case, as well as, some compelling >arguments for the existence of UFOs.

>As Don Ledger predicted, Michael Shermer was there to offer his >amusing/ignorant responses towards trying to debunk UFOs. Thank >goodness CBS gave more time to Friedman and Kaku than to >Shermer.

>However, until mainstream media refrains from using terms like >"UFO believers" and continues to bring Hollywood into the >debate, totally objective/serious UFO programs will still be a >reality yet to be seen.

>Looking forward to the A & E Alien Encounters series yet to be >aired this summer.

Kelly,

Well, those are at least a few encouraging signs but as you suggest, much more is needed before the presentations become fair and balanced. Don't expect much from A&E though. I have worked with them in the past and they have produced (or aired) some of the worst schlock of all. What the major networks do is potentially far more important.

- Dick

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Re: Police 'Copter Chased UFOs?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 13:03:07 -0300
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 12:51:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Police 'Copter Chased UFOs?

>Source: The Nottingham Evening Post, Nottinghamshire, UK

>http://tinyurl.com/3byw7g

>11 August 2007

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>Conspiracy theorists jammed the message board of the Evening >Post website after we revealed the Ministry of Defence has >recorded ten UFO sightings in Notts since 1999.

>However, the story is perhaps even more sinister than the Post's >suspicious online correspondents were aware.

>Details of these 'encounters of the third kind' were released >under the Freedom of Information Act.

>They included bright and coloured lights, often in odd geometric >formations.

>Interestingly, one of the objects was reported to be travelling >at the "speed of an arrow" [about 190mph].

>An incident on April 15, 2002 at 3.30am, in Nottingham, is >recorded as "three silver triangular objects in a triangle >formation. Closely followed by the police helicopter".

>One might expect the police to have some record of this >incident, since the Helicopter Support Unit logs every call out. >But strangely, the records for 2002 are not available.

>According to staff at the unit, the computer programme, which >stored the information, was developed by a member of staff, who >unfortunately suffered a stroke.

>Apparently as a result of his illness, the man could not >remember the password.

>"All our records for that particular year are on a programme we >no longer have access to," said a spokesman, who perhaps >unsurprisingly in the circumstances, did not want to be named.

As usual, the public's [including the media] ignorance of how aviation works completely overlooks the police pilot's logbook. Unless he too had a stroke and couldn't remember where he put it. There's also the aircraft's own journey log - a written document - that has to be maintained meticulously. So there are two sources right there that can be accessed.

Don Ledger

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Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:41:51 -0700
Archived: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 12:53:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 21:12:38 -0700
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NASA TO HOLD MEDIA TELECONFERENCE ON BIZARRE STAR

WASHINGTON -- Astronomers are scheduled to announce new findings about a star unlike any seen before at a media teleconference Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 1 p.m. EDT. The findings are from NASA's Galaxy Evolution Explorer, managed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

The briefing participants are:

- Christopher Martin, principal investigator of the Galaxy Evolution Explorer, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif.

- Mark Seibert, astronomer, Observatories of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Pasadena, Calif.

- Michael Shara, curator at the American Museum of Natural History and professor of astronomy at Columbia University, both in New York

Reporters should call the Jet Propulsion Laboratory newsroom at 818-354-5011 for participation information. Audio of the event will be broadcast live at:

http://www.nasa.gov/newsaudio

At the start of the briefing, supporting images and graphics will be posted at:

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/galex/20070815/

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PRG Release - 8/13/07 - X-Conference 2007

From: Stephen Bassett <<u>PRG</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:54:28 -0700 Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 09:56:06 -0400 Subject: PRG Release - 8/13/07 - X-Conference 2007

PRG Paradigm Research Group

Press Release August 13, 2007

X-Conference 2007, Hilton Hotel Gaithersburg, MD, September 14-16

Washington, DC - Paradigm Research Group announced today the final speaker lineup for X-Conference 2007 to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Gaithersburg, MD outside of Washington, DC on September 14-16.

The X-Conference focuses on the political, governmental and social aspects relating to extraterrestrial-related phenomena. It is produced by PRG as part of an ongoing activist effort seeking to end a government imposed truth embargo on formal acknowledgement of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race.

The international list of speakers and panelists includes: Stephen Bassett (Co-Host, Panel Moderator, Keynote Speaker); former CNN News anchor Cheryll Jones (Co-Host); Gildas Bourdais (France); Thomas Carey; Paul Davids; Richard Dolan; Richard Farley; Steven M. Greer, MD; Paola Harris (Italy); Antonio Huneeus (Chile); Paul Kimball (Canada); Bruce Maccabee, PhD; Jaime Maussan (Mexico); Nick Pope (United Kingdom); Capt. Robert Salas (USAF ret.); Michael Salla, PhD (Australia); Donald Schmitt; Daniel Sheehan, JD; Rob Simone; Alfred L. Webre, JD.(Canada). Speaker bios and registration information can be found at the conference website: <u>www.x-conference.com</u>.

PRG Executive Director, Stephen Bassett, who will deliver the Keynote at the Saturday evening banquet, stated, "X-Conferences 2007 and 2008 were scheduled during the heart of the ongoing political campaigns for a reason. All of the principal presidential candidates will soon receive invitations to attend or send a representative to speak to this issue. The failure of the political leadership in this country to respond to the growing public awareness of an extraterrestrial presence is a national disgrace."

Bassett further stated, "There is a basic message these candidates need to hear. It doesn't matter whether you want to be the first woman president, the first black president, the first Hispanic president. If you do not have the foresight and courage to step before a microphone and address this extraordinarily implicative issue, you are not fit to lead this nation. America right now desperately needs selfless, transparent, truthful governance - not more mendacity, secrecy and self-serving issue avoidance."

All members of the U.S. Congress, the approval rating of which recently fell to a historic low of 14%, will also be invited to take advantage of this convenient opportunity to learn about an issue for which they are being denied access and oversight by the military and civilian intelligence agencies. PRG Release - 8/13/07 - X-Conference 2007

PRG also indicated today a post-event press conference has been scheduled for Monday, September 17 at 10 am in the Lisagor Room at the National Press Club, 13th Floor, 14th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC. Stephen Bassett along with other conference speakers will make a number of announcements. It will be open to the public.

Websites:

X-Conference 2007: <u>www.x-conference.com</u>

Paradigm Research Group: <u>www.paradigmresearchgroup.org</u>

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Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 12:59:11 -0400
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 10:01:40 -0400
Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 14:39:25 +0000
>Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>>From: Kelly Freeman <<u>Khfflsciufo</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 13:35:52 EDT
>>Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

<snip>

>>However, until mainstream media refrains from using terms like
>>"UFO believers" and continues to bring Hollywood into the
>>debate, totally objective/serious UFO programs will still be a
>>reality yet to be seen.

>>Looking forward to the A & E Alien Encounters series yet to be >>aired this summer.

>Kelly,

>Well, those are at least a few encouraging signs but as you >suggest, much more is needed before the presentations become >fair and balanced. Don't expect much from A&E though. I have >worked with them in the past and they have produced (or aired) >some of the worst schlock of all. What the major networks do is >potentially far more important.

I think it's important to note that this was a very short news segment and not a full blown documentary on UFOs. I think it provided a good balance and didn't have that knee-jerk skeptical reaction that we've all come to expect.

But I'm also confused about the A&E presentation mentioned. The A&E network has produced a number of programs in the past, including one entitled "Alien Encounters". Is there some indication that a new show is being aired, or is this a repeat of the previous program?

Steve

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 13:20:30 -0400 Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 10:10:36 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:30:14 -0300
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>>From: Milton Frank <<u>mfrank</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 16:38:49 -0300
>>Subject: 'Worm' UFOS Or Baloons?

>>Here in Brazil people made a film with some balloons with >>Helium inside and the effect was the same of those films above.

>The video referred can be viewed at:

>http://www.divshare.com/download/963677-410

>The balloon experiment is at the end. It was done by Claudeir >and Paola Covo

>http://www.tvinfa.com.br

I would say that the balloon experiment is disinformation. At 5:00 of the original video, there is an X-shaped cloud on the left edge with some supposedly real ufos nearby. At 5:20, the helium balloons are released. At 5:57 we see the same X-shaped cloud with the ufos in the same positions as before. It seems as though someone wants to cast doubt on the interpretation of the original video as ufos. Motive, please?

William

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: James Carrion <jcarrion.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 12:40:27 -0600
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 10:14:47 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Steven Kaeser <<u>steve</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 11:45:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>From: James Carrion <<u>jcarrion</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 07:23:25 -0600
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>><u>http://tinyurl.com/2xdpak</u>

>Hi James,

>I appreciate your making this available, since the Brad Sparks >MUFON talk has generated a lot of discussion elsewhere regarding >his paper. My understanding is that it was too late to remove >Barry Greenwood's name from the MUFON Symposium publication, as >he had requested, and I'm curious as to whether he'll be given a >platform to clarify is views if they differ. It would seem that >this new revelation comes with a certain amount of controversy.

Hi Steven,

Unfortunately I was on a tight deadline to get the Symposium Proceedings published in time for the conference. I did offer Barry an opportunity to follow up with an article in the MUFON Journal.

I believe the point of contention between Brad and Barry is motive - Brad leans towards an official AFOSI disinformation campaign and Barry believes the perpetrators were motivated by money. From my point of view, the important thing is to release the Pratt documents for analysis and let folks make up their own mind re. motive. Regardless of motive, the Pratt papers still call into question the validity of MJ12.

Best wishes,

James Carrion MUFON International Director

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: Santiago Yturria Garza <syturria.nul> Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 19:04:02 +0000 Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 10:17:50 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons? >From: Milton Frank <<u>mfrank</u>.nul> >To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul> >Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 16:38:49 -0300
>Subject: 'Worm' UFOS Or Baloons? >'Worm' UFOS Or Baloons? >October 2006 - Mexican TV show a film with UFOS >January 2007 - Archway - UK - Another film >with 'worm' UFOS. >March 2007 - Lima - Peru - Another 'worm' film >Here are the films: >Mexico >http://br.youtube.com/watch?v=MrO6wXrlRMI >Archway >http://youtube.com/watch?v=KywIQTRHfXw >Lima, Peru >http://br.voutube.com/watch?v=dkNdXncScmY >Here in Brazil people made a film with some balloons >with Helium inside and the effect was the same of >those films above. >In your opinion, what this really are UFOS or >Balloons? Does >anybody research these cases? Looking at the film I'm >not able to say what it is.... >If you have a scientific opinion about it please tell >me. >If you had the opportunity to see these phenomena, >please tell me what it is? >Thank you very much... >Best regards, >Milton Frank >Brazilian Ufology Center President The UFO fleets have been around for years. They have been researched and documented in several countries and represent an active subject in Ufology. The Worm shaped UFOs are more new. Originally known as cigar shaped UFOs these Worms shaped objects constitute a new variation into the phenomena and has it's own identity on itself. Mostly fimed in Mexico but also in the US and sometimes in other countries. The size and characteristics of these Worms are unique and defy the commercial air traffic in the big cities.

Recently the Worms began appearing in fleets in Mexico and sometimes they remain static in the sky for long periods of time. Some of the big worms perform certain features bending themselves while others make simbols, pretty difficult for a standard ballon unless it is intelligent. All these Worm sightings have been documented on video here in Mexico. There is an ongoing investigation and the current results have been released on national television.

As part of the investigation some Mexican balloon manufacturers gave their opinion regarding these sightings and denied these worm objects could be some kind of ballons at least not to their knowledge.

The Mexican people are aware of this phenomenon and the air traffic controllers are following this activity to determine the level of risk for the commercial airplanes. The sightings are increasing and every week we have at least a new one. The phenomena remains unexplained.

I suggest you make your own research Mr. Frank. You may find many videos in Google, YouTube and others where you can make up your mind about these phenomenons. It would be a bad influence to receive unaccurate feedback from people that have not been involved into this phenomena. Make your own evaluation based in reports and evidences in order to form your criterion.

Finally if you decide at the end that both phenomenons the UFO fleets and the Worms are just balloons that will be your privilege.

Santiago Yturria

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Airplane Debris Mistaken For UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 10:22:45 -0400 Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 10:22:45 -0400 Subject: Airplane Debris Mistaken For UFO

Source: USA Today

http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2007-08-13-airplane-debris_N.htm

Monday, Aug 13 2007

Airplane Debris Mistaken For UFO Lands In Maryland Park

BOYDS, Md. (AP) =97 Hilary Loewenstein initially thought a strange metal object near the path where she was walking her two dogs looked like a piece of a spaceship.

"I was like, 'Oh my God! I saw aliens! Aliens are here!' And I thought, 'How exciting!"' Loewenstein said.

In fact, the 25-pound chunk was not a remnant of a UFO. It was from a commuter jet headed to Washington's Dulles International Airport.

The object landed in a grassy area between houses and soccer fields that often are full of children. No one was hurt, and the plane landed safely.

"We were all very lucky," said Loewenstein, who made the discovery Saturday. "It's so amazing that this piece of airplane didn't fall onto the zillions of houses right behind it."

United Express Flight 7350, which was traveling from Hartford, Conn., apparently shed the small door that retracts when the wheels emerge before landing, airline officials said.

"The landing gear door is not necessary to land the plane," United Airlines spokeswoman Robin Urbanski said. "Customers on the flight were always safe."

The Federal Aviation Administration was to pick up the piece of debris from police Monday and try to figure out why it fell off, FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown said.

"Various things fall off airplanes from time to time, but it's fairly unusual to have one of these landing-gear doors fall off," Brown said. "Airplanes are designed not to shed parts."

Although the debris wasn't from a UFO, Loewenstein said she wasn't too disappointed.

"We were very excited to find something like that in the town of Boyds, where nothing ever happens," she said.

Information from: The Washington Post

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Secrecy News -- 08/13/07

From: Steven Aftergood <<u>saftergood</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 16:00:02 -0400 Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 10:24:53 -0400 Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/13/07

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AMERICAN WAR CASUALTIES: LISTS AND STATISTICS

Comprehensive data on U.S. military deaths from the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 through Operation Iraqi Freedom were presented in a recently updated report from the Congressional Research Service.

"This report is written in response to numerous requests for war casualty statistics and lists of war dead. It provides tables, compiled by sources at the Department of Defense (DOD), indicating the number of casualties among American military personnel serving in principal wars and combat actions."

For the more recent military actions beginning with the Korean War, information on specific cause of death and demographic data are provided.

The Congressional Research Service does not make its publications directly available to the public. A copy of the report was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "American War and Military Operations Casualties: Lists and Statistics," updated June 29, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL32492.pdf

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Some more noteworthy new products from the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include these.

"Enemy Combatant Detainees: Habeas Corpus Challenges in Federal Court," updated July 25, 2007:

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

"Iraq and Al Qaeda," updated July 27, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL32217.pdf

"Air Cargo Security," updated July 30, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homesec/RL32022.pdf

"F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program: Background, Status, and Issues," updated July 19, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/weapons/RL30563.pdf

"Navy F/A-18E/F Super Hornet and EA-18G Growler Aircraft: Background and Issues for Congress," updated July 23, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL30624.pdf

"Comparison of 'Wounded Warrior' Legislation: H.R. 1538 as Passed in the House and Senate," July 27, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL34110.pdf

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For decades now "The U.S. Intelligence Community" by Jeffrey T. Richelson has been the best one-volume account of the structure and operation of the far-flung U.S. intelligence bureaucracy. The fifth edition has just been published.

When I encounter an unfamiliar intelligence term, an odd acronym or a reference to an obscure office somewhere in the bowels of U.S. intelligence, I find that Richelson's book more often than not -- more often than Google -- provides the explanation and the needed background, typically with a footnote to an official source.

The latest edition includes new material on homeland security intelligence, detainee interrogation, and other post-9/11 developments.

"The U.S. Intelligence Community" by Jeffrey T. Richelson, 5th edition, is published by Westview Press.

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Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 16:28:54 -0400 Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 10:27:10 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 21:12:38 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

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>Apart from all this though, there is still good evidence for a >genuine phenomenon, of both simple and more complex formations, >in various countries. Human hoaxing has just overshadowed this >and much of the serious research being done, unfortunately.

Since you seem very well informed on crop circles, could you summarize some of the features considered to indicate genuine as opposed to human-made glyphs?

Eleanor White

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The van Gogh Fallacy [was: Olson's Final

From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul> Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:27:37 +0100 Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 10:31:20 -0400 Subject: The van Gogh Fallacy [was: Olson's Final

>From: Jeff Olson <<u>jlolson</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 11:59:38 -0600
>Subject: Olson's Final Statement On ETH Diehards

>I sincerely believe that Jerry, Dick, Stan, David, and even >Martin Shough represent the dying vanguard of an inextricably >linked redaction into close-minded medieval theology and >censorship compounded behind which pitifully rests a new Dark >Age of UFOs.

Palpable rubbish. I hope it is his 'last word' on the matter because any more of it would be unbearable.

The individuals named are all distinguished by an adherence to empirical rationalism supported by a significant degree of technical sophistication. This makes their work actually better than 'science', insofar as it is informed by the (rarely found in actual scientific praxis) formal process that starts with an honest assessment of evidence/data, moves from there to hypothesis, and from there to testing (insofar as this is possible, given the fugitive nature of the anomalous phenomena in question). Most actual science works rather less effectively, constructing, out of an ill-defined mixture of theory and observation, a 'conventional wisdom' as to what is possible, and then disregarding data that does not fit the template dictated by this conventional wisdom (From which, of course, we should conclude that intellectually honest Ufology should not be licensed to disregard science, but rather should demand better science in order to explain anomalous data.).

One may find cause to debate a wide range of Ufological and related issues with these individuals, questioning their assumptions, analyses or conclusions, but to ascribe such primitive, wrong-headed and potentially malicious errors to their working methods or intellectual agendas is absurd.

So how can such a thing come about in the context of a debate concerning the relative merits of the ETH and ITH (Intra-Terrestrial, for want of a clearer description) hypotheses?

My own feeling is that this sad state of affairs is driven by a common fallacy that I call 'The van Gogh Fallacy.' I first observed it amongst a legion of Sunday painters who produce various types of artistic garbage, and then, when their efforts fail to achieve critical acclaim, cheerfully rationalise their predicament in the following terms: 'Well, van Gogh was ignored at the time and couldn't sell his work, so I'm in good company.' This extraordinary leap of illogicality prevents them from seeking to improve their technique or acquire difficult new skills, and keeps them, effectively, locked into an unproductive spiral of smug non-achievement.

The fallacy is, of course, to believe that when one's work is ignored or subjected to unadmiring criticism, that this somehow validates it, demonstrating that the world is not ready for such insights. Let it be said once and for all that no such entailment is supportable, logically, empirically, statistically, or even in the realms of fantasy. As Lewis Carroll might have replied if asked to comment on whether such a belief is logically sustainable: "It ain't."

All of this occurs because the relationship between data and hypothesis is such a difficult one in Ufology, where fugitive phenomena render conventional testing processes unavailable. Hypotheses like the ETH will always have a 'best intelligent guess' status under such conditions. This does not, however, mean that any contradictory hypothesis, such as the ITH, holds an equally credible status. If proponents of the ITH want to fight their corner, they need to argue from the data and to show in some rationally acceptable way how other hypotheses such as convergent evolution support the ITH to the exclusion of, or more so, than they do the ETH. Thus far, such an approach has been conspicuous by its absence.

A final word about James Horak's reference to John Keel in support of Jeff Olsen's position. It is distressing when a figure such as Keel is called forth as an authority in the justification of irrationalism. Keel's great contribution was to enhance the sophistication of the Ufological enterprise by insisting that inconvenient or embarrassing data should not be ignored. Unfortunately, as a journalist, he couldn't resist over-emphasising some of this data in pursuit of a good story. As a repository of fascinating data and brave speculation, Keel's work is as valuable now as ever it was, and we should be grateful to him. At the same time, it would be unfair to expect that work to stand as anything other than what it is: brilliant journalism, and a stimulus to better-informed, more rigorous analysis.

Gerald O'Connell

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Crop Circles Discussion

From: Mark Pilkington <mark.nul> Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 13:55:13 +0100 Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 10:41:09 -0400 Subject: Crop Circles Discussion

Dear Errol

With regards the discussion about crop circles, I think those UpDaters who are interested in the subject would benefit enormously from reading The Field Guide: The Art, History & Philosophy of Crop Circle Making by Rob Irving and John Lundberg, edited and published by myself. Its led to the 'conversion' of one of the brightest commentators on the phenomenon, Allan Brown, and is nothing if not highly entertaining and enlightening! (If I do say so myself)

Best wishes

Mark

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From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
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>http://tinyurl.com/2xdpak

I would like to congratulate Brad and Barry on an excellent piece of work, one that no doubt will go largely unacknowledged because many people won't like what it says. Just ask Greg Bishop.

You did an excellent job in really nailing Doty publicly. Although in a general sense, much of what was written was known about already, it has amazed me over the years how some folk have continued to take this man seriously. It speaks volumes.

If I may say Brad, you have done with Collins what others seem to have done. He seems to walk that line down the middle with people never quite knowing which way to push him. His associates suggest one thing and yet his actions sometimes suggest otherwise. How can one take any person who is prepared to go on national TV with a silly wig on seriously? The book, Exempt, was just utter rubbish.

Interesting nuance wiith Moore. Not that I particularly condemned him before but your treatment has shifted my perception towards a more favourable POV.

Your very last paragraph is confusing in its meaning. Could I ask you to clarify? Are you saying that despite your own negative attitude towards the ETH, you suspect the answer might lie in that direction?

Stuart Miller

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>As part of the investigation some Mexican balloon manufacturers >gave their opinion regarding these sightings and denied these >worm objects could be some kind of ballons at least not to their >knowledge.

>The Mexican people are aware of this phenomenon and the air >traffic controllers are following this activity to determine the >level of risk for the commercial airplanes. The sightings are >increasing and every week we have at least a new one. The >phenomena remains unexplained.

>I suggest you make your own research Mr. Frank. You may find >many videos in Google, YouTube and others where you can make up

>your mind about these phenomenons. It would be a bad influence >to receive unaccurate feedback from people that have not been >involved into this phenomena. Make your own evaluation based in >reports and evidences in order to form your criterion.

>Finally if you decide at the end that both phenomenons the UFO >fleets and the Worms are just balloons that will be your >privilege.

Dear Santiago,

That's what I want to know. As I wrote on my first e-mail: "Looking at the film I'm not able to say what it is...."

I have a ufology website here in Brazil and more than 250.000 different people visit the site. I received 452 e-mails with a simple question. What is this in your opinion? UFOS or Balloon? And I'm telling everybody that I don't know.

I tell the people about the films I saw, and that some people believe that they are UFOS and some people tell they are balloons, but I tell also the people that I don't know because I didn't see the phenomena.

So now people is asking me to try to get information about this phenomena from people all over the world, and that's why I decided to post this question here. I want to learn more about it before give an answer to the people that read my site.

In Peru I saw an Air Force expert talking about this phenomena, but people still have doubts about it.

So that's why I want to know every little thing about this research. I want to have this material to translate it to Portuguese, so the people can read and they can form their own opinion.

I'll never say a word about a phenomena that I didn't search.

So if you can help me to answer those people, please send me the conclusions about those cases. I'll be very glad to translate it to Portuguese for all the people to read.

I'll be waiting for the conclusions about it.

Best regards,

Milton Frank

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:26:03 EDT
Archived: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:39:14 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: James Carrion <<u>jcarrion</u>.nul>
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>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 12:40:27 -0600
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>>From: Steven Kaeser <<u>steve</u>.nul>
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Hi Steve,

That is not my understanding at all. As principal author I was never informed by Barry of any such request to "remove his name" from the joint paper. An intermediary belatedly requested that Barry's coauthorship attribution be changed to say "with contributions by Barry Greenwood," but it was too late and an almost meaningless change in any case. And Barry himself never contacted me about it.

Furthermore my participation was requested in the first place as a favor to Barry who was unwilling to present his own paper to the MUFON Symposium in Denver. And I was made the principal author with Barry in second place and was not a mere figurehead in the project.

>>and I'm curious as to whether he'll be given a
>>platform to clarify is views if they differ. It would seem that
>>this new revelation comes with a certain amount of controversy.

B: Obviously you were not told that Barry had been offered an opportunity to elaborate upon his views in the MUFON Journal,

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and was so informed a month ago. Was that fact concealed from you and who told you this in the first place?

I expect that a lot of the response to the MUFON Symposium paper will be ad hominem attacks to avoid addressing the facts and arguments against MJ-12 in what is the most heavily footnoted article in MUFON history. As you should know both Barry and I have been skeptics of MJ-12 from day one.

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Hi James,

Barry wrote that there was an official AFOSI disinformation campaign against Paul Bennewitz by multiple AFOSI agents in the early 80's which spread wider because of possible personal motivations or agendas. This would still not even begin to explain the AFOSI disinformation operations in the early 70's before any such expansion and even before any such operation started.

Brad

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I, too, thank Jim for posting this important document of historical research.

My own comment at the moment is that I was one of the first to actually hold the Cutler-Twining document in my hands. I also photographed it. I will post scans of my slide photos this weekend. However I have the following immediate comments:

I was impressed by the appearance of age of the document which is a blue carbon copy of the original. I noted two things in particular: the paper was yellowed around the edges and the crease lines were 'perfectly' flat. With regard to the latter, it appeared that the document had, at one time, been tri-folded as if for insertion in an envelope.

The two crease lines were apparent when the document was held up to a light. However, when rubbing my finger over the crease line I could feel no bump that would occur if the paper had been folded and then simply unfolded. The lack of a bump made me think of pressure on the paper over a long period of time.

This observation also followed from the former observation mentioned above, namely, the yellowing around the edges. My immediate impression was of a sheet of paper that had spent years in a stack of papers such that the air could get to the edges of the document and oxidize, making the paper yellowish around the edges. Some edges were more yellowed than others, but the center did not seem yellowed (or so slightly as to be unnoticeable.

My conclusion is that the paper itself was old.

Ergo, if a hoax the hoaxer had cleverly obtained old onionskin paper and used it with blue carbon paper to create the document (supposedly in the 1980's according to Sparks' reconstruction).

There is a red line through the security instructions at the top. Stan discovered that this was a standard way that declassifiers indicated that a document had been declassified. He discovered this some time (years?) after the C-T memo itself had been discovered by Moore and Shandara.

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From: **Gerald O'Connell <<u>gac</u>.nul>** Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 16:56:52 +0100 Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:11:03 -0400 Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

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Looks like the fallacies are coming thick and fast!

Although rationalism and empiricism are often (more through tradition than anything else) seen as contrasting schools of epistemology, there is in fact nothing at all contradictory about the term I have used. All rationalist thought must have assumptions - more formally, any logical system must have its axioms - and the empirical rationalist merely takes, wherever possible, empirical data as the support for, or source of, those assumptions.

The empirical rationalist typically requires logical consistency to be satisfied as the test for any argument, but does not extend this to an assertion that reason itself, independently of empirical data, is the sole, or primary, source of secure knowledge.

For what it's worth, and to lay my own cards on the table, empirical rationalism, as I have described it, is, as far as I've been able to work out, just about the only method of thought that is worth anything in dealing with this world...

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From: James Horak <<u>ichorak7441.nul></u> Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 08:59:51 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:13:44 -0400 Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

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>From: Jeff Olson <<u>jlolson</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 11:59:38 -0600
>Subject: Olson's Final Statement On ETH Diehards

>I sincerely believe that Jerry, Dick, Stan, David, and even >Martin Shough represent the dying vanguard of an inextricably >linked redaction into close-minded medieval theology and >censorship compounded behind which pitifully rests a new Dark >Age of UFOs.

>Palpable rubbish. I hope it is his 'last word' on the matter >because any more of it would be unbearable.

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Sir, you mean like slinging around a few disparate labels and to try and confine the points of others within them? Does that constitute "rubbish" to you? It does to me, sir.

Until you and your ilk learn decorum in the face of debate your methods and manners are little different than that of those in government and military that oppose disclosure and access to the information all ufology both seeks and has every right to expect.

You claim authority by right of experience. Well so does the liars and distorters of truth good ufologists combat every day. Look at yourself... really, how different are you?

Step back and stop assailing those that want to break a mindset that has proven unworkable, unrevealing... absolutely inadequate to address any ability to wrap minds around what is known, much less speculated.

You assert knowledge of Mr. Keel. I doubt you have much. He reports on an intelligently guided form of ball lightening several witnesses saw, that followed a specific person around to and from her work the whole of one evening. In the incredulity you and your ilk would indulge here, to impact this back on Tesla's claims to have communicated with ball lightening he created would produce the same derision you foster other similar references I've observed here has.

And the lady MIB, care to go into that? No, I think not. You and your ilk divorce your selves from what you will deride. Selectively. That's absolutely unscientific and you know it.

What's your next act?

It doesn't matter what scholarship, what field trips, what file searching anyone does. In the absence of honor and respect for the efforts of others, it will all come to naught... just as you see it doing. JCH

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 13:24:54 -0300
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:17:41 -0400
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I wondered where Cathy was. Guess she is still in lurking mode.

When I was formally studying philosophy, empiricism and rationalism as schools of thought generally were taken to be polar opposites, so I understabnd the point. But the word 'rational' has other meanings depending on context. I think Gerald (whose spirited defense is appreciated) meant it as the opposite of irrational.

By my own labeling I am strongly empirical in orientation; data first and foremost. For many years I refused to speculate about what it all meant; in fact I actualy gave very little thought to it.

After 10-15 years of data gathering I began to devote more time to theorizing. I applied - or tried to - the standard hypothetico-deductive system of science that I had learned. In fact, I still am at a reduced rate due to burn-out, competing interests, and the process of aging.

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That's the general idea.

As Gerald importantly notes, scientists do need to do a better job, but you don't throw out science for that reason. And I definitely get the impression that there are some people on this List who wouldn't recognize good science if it jumped up and bit them in the butt.

- Dick

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>As part of the investigation some Mexican balloon manufacturers >gave their opinion regarding these sightings and denied these >worm objects could be some kind of ballons at least not to their >knowledge.

>The Mexican people are aware of this phenomenon and the air >traffic controllers are following this activity to determine the >level of risk for the commercial airplanes. The sightings are >increasing and every week we have at least a new one. The >phenomena remains unexplained.

>I suggest you make your own research Mr. Frank. You may find >many videos in Google, YouTube and others where you can make up >your mind about these phenomenons. It would be a bad influence >to receive unaccurate feedback from people that have not been >involved into this phenomena. Make your own evaluation based in >reports and evidences in order to form your criterion.

>Finally if you decide at the end that both phenomenons the UFO >fleets and the Worms are just balloons that will be your >privilege.

>Dear Santiago,

>That's what I want to know. As I wrote on my first e-mail: >"Looking at the film I'm not able to say what it is...."

>I have a ufology website here in Brazil and more than 250.000 >different people visit the site. I received 452 e-mails with a >simple question. What is this in your opinion? UFOS or Balloon? >And I'm telling everybody that I don't know.

>Milton Frank

The 'cigar-shaped' UFOs have been around a long time. Mostly, however, they relate directly with some very profound astral pheonomena that observe dynamics on a scale other UFOs have not displayed.

Just prior to the capitulation of the Soviet Union, their foremost lady cosmonaut defected. She brought with her an interesting video, one that dealt with a mysterious loss of one of our probes sent into close proximity of Phobos, a very unnusual moon of Mars, one that has the appearance of being hollow and of being made of metal.

In the video, as that probe nears Phobos, an immense 'cigarshaped' object appears that is so bright it's form can only be discerned as a shadow cast on the moon's surface. That moment coincides with the loss of contact of the probe with its base.

In the controversial book of the scientist Dr. Norman Bergrun, these 'cigar-shaped' objects are seen with astonishing regularity in the rings of Saturn. As his attention began being drawn to the patterns of behavior he detected, he found two clearly defined at adjacent sides of the terminus of an unfinished ring. They appeared to be completing it, for in the months ahead, that was done and the ring closed.

At the time Bergun was working for JPL as an imagist and had complete access to all raw images arriving. No one would have been a better candidate to detect anomaly.

Triangulating from information already established from known dimensions of both Saturn and her rings, and the position of these EMVs, as Bergrun came to call them, their size compared to that of our continents.

During the hysteria of an approaching new millenia, a group formed that was called, The Millenium Group. Mostly comprised of amatuer astronomers and those seeking some order out of the chaos many had begun to indulge, they began a concerted effort to make sense out of what the scientific world had ignored.

Hale-Bopp's sensational discovery and reports of its double nucleation surfaced but The Group did not participate in that. Instead, as the comet neared the sun, on its exit from its second path through our solar system, they detected these 'cigar-shaped' objects in the very corona of our sun. Not only were they there, they seemed to be interacting with solar flares, flares that might have been building the intensity to become the threatening CMEs any astrophysicist fears.

The 'cigar-shaped' UFOs. They can be any size, perhaps they are vastly more to us than we might imagine.

JCH

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Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

From: Brian Ally <u foupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 13:54:00 -0400
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:29:39 -0400
Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>From: Cathy Reason <<u>CathyM</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 15:52:59 +0100
>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:27:37 +0100
>>Subject: The van Gogh Fallacy [was: Olson's Final Statement]

><snip>

>>The individuals named are all distinguished by an adherence to >>empirical rationalism

>I have no wish to get involved in this particular discussion, but >"empirical rationalism" is a contradiction in terms.

I believe you are mistaken. Read Kant: "the only truth is demonstrated proof and experience".

Brian

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Rick Nielsen <<u>nilthchi</u>.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:14:20 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:31:10 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:26:03 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

<snip>

>http://tinyurl.com/2xdpak

<snip>

>I expect that a lot of the response to the MUFON Symposium paper >will be ad hominem attacks to avoid addressing the facts and >arguments against MJ-12 in what is the most heavily footnoted >article in MUFON history. As you should know both Barry and I >have been skeptics of MJ-12 from day one.

<snip>

Brad:

Before that starts, I want to thank you for your sharing this paper _and_ for all those references!

Please keep up the good work!

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John Keel [was: The van Gogh Fallacy]

From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 13:35:50 -0500
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:35:05 -0400
Subject: John Keel [was: The van Gogh Fallacy]

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:27:37 +0100
>Subject: The van Gogh Fallacy [was: Olson's Final Statement]

>>From: Jeff Olson <<u>ilolson</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 11:59:38 -0600
>>Subject: Olson's Final Statement On ETH Diehards

>A final word about James Horak's reference to John Keel in >support of Jeff Olson's position. It is distressing when a >figure such as Keel is called forth as an authority in the >justification of irrationalism. Keel's great contribution was to >enhance the sophistication of the Ufological enterprise by >insisting that inconvenient or embarrassing data should not be >ignored. Unfortunately, as a journalist, he couldn't resist >over-emphasising some of this data in pursuit of a good story.

I have known Keel since the mid-1960s and once was quite close to him.

In my observation, his influence on ufology and anomalistics has been far from positive. Not because, I hasten to add, he drew attention to outlandish claims and experiences - which (however interpreted) are indeed a part of the picture - but because he revived a medieval demonology which actively (though furiously is more like it) eschewed more productive, rational approaches. He also got basic facts wrong and on too many occasions lapsed into slack-jawed credulity.

Least pleasantly, the man has a spectacularly sour temperament which expresses itself in a spittle-spewing rhetorical style and, as I know from personal experience, vein-popping, handwaving, face-to-face vilification, not to mention circulation of slanderous, wildly imaginative charges. In my own case it has been that I criticize Keel's ideas only because I am severely mentally ill and spend most of my days in psychiatric hospitals.

On the positive side of the ledger, however, I might note that I've always liked The Mothman Prophecies, after Fort's own work surely the most purely entertaining Fortean book ever. I thought the film was excellent, too.

To anyone who's interested: For an account of my life with Keel (it is not on line anywhere, unfortunately), check out my essay Keel vs. Ufology, Fortean Times 156 (2002): 39-42. Though it is hardly an admiring profile, it is, I hope, an interesting and eye-opening one. My original title, which FT's editors didn't use, was Keel Without Tears.

Jerry Clark

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: James Carrion <<u>jcarrion</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 13:10:15 -0600 Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:39:29 -0400 Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:26:03 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>From: James Carrion <<u>jcarrion</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 12:40:27 -0600
>>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <<u>steve</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 11:45:46 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>>From: James Carrion <<u>jcarrion</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 07:23:25 -0600
>>>Subject: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

I want to make the point that motive seems to be a secondary factor in all of this.

The primary question is whether MJ-12 is a real group or not and are the purported documents that support MJ-12 authentic or forgeries?

We know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Pratt documents are authentic and their provenance is beyond reproach.

What the Pratt documents show is that Moore/Doty were intimately involved with a MJ-12 concept - Majority, Majestic, Majik, Magic, whatever - three years before Jaime Shandera received anything in his mailbox.

So I would hope the debate centers on what Moore/Doty and AFOSI - if you are thinking disinformation campaign - were really up to in those early years.

The Woods have agreed to publish a rebuttal in the MUFON Journal and I am sure Stan will not be far behind.

James

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Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul> Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 14:59:47 -0500 Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:48:57 -0400 Subject: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

Why does Stuart Miller keep putting Rich Reynold's stuff up? I would have surmised that behavior RR's engaged in would get him a permanent 'time out' for not working or playing nice with others. Moreover, he's allegedly engaged in _another_ witch hunt where the persons to be harassed are 'secret' and dispensed only to those 'serious' enough to appreciate the data.

Here is an example of what he suggests to do to others, the threat of which is entirely useful in getting these others to refrain from criticizing or ignoring him I would suppose. That's just a red flag to me, reader, and this insect can taste my literary blade. Why? Simply:

http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2005/11/smoke-and-fire.html

Consider, reader, that Rich Reynolds propounds a continuance of the preceding on others. Perhaps even myself... again. I'll let the reader decide.

http://www.alienview.net/news.html

Here's a mole needs whacking every time it pops a head up! And don't worry. There are several.

<u>alienview</u>.nul <u>www.AlienView.net</u> AVG Blog -- <u>http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/</u> U F O M a g a z i n e -- <u>www.ufomag.com</u>

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Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 14:59:53 -0700
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:51:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 21:42:12 +0100
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>Can _you_ prove that there were any 'real' circles in Wiltshire
>before 1992?

I wouldn't claim I could prove that 100% but again, there are many accounts, mostly of simpler circles, rings, etc. going back decades and even centuries, long before the phenomenon became 'public' in the late 80s/early 90s.

The similarity of many of these, from various countries, lends credence to the idea that the phenomenon has existed for a long time, at least in a simpler form, but wasn't investigated or recognized the way it is now. These were often more isolated cases, known and discussed mostly among farmers.

Logically, an unrecognized phenomenon seems more likely to me than people making many very simple circles in various countries for no good reason in previous times of no mass media or internet, etc. Copycat-type hoaxing wouldn't even make much sense then for those reasons.

I would recommend reading 'The Secret History of Crop Circles' by Terry Wilson. Oher historical cases, including here in Canada, have been found and documented since then as well.

Paul

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Re: Extraordinary Saucer Video Footage

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 21:46:51 -0300
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:52:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Extraordinary Saucer Video Footage

>From: Brian Ally <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2007 14:04:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: Extraordinary Saucer Video Footage

>>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2007 02:28:25 +0900
>>Subject: Re: Extraordinary Saucer Video Footage

>><u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdyQu5Zx8xw</u>

>>That must have been extracted from the DVD, and it's more >>evident that it's CGI.

>Well, I'm agnostic on this footage so far. But how is it >"evident that it's CGI"? Care to be more specific?

I finally wrote about it in more detail:

http://forgetomori.com/2007/ufos/that-italian-air-force-ufo-video/

Cheers,

Mori

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Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 21:29:41 -0700
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:55:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 21:27:06 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>I realise that good analyses of some crop formations have been >done, and the sources cited give examples of that. These are >sufficient to establish that some sophisticated technology has >been applied, and that's good. However, for other objectives, we >need information about whether or not each formation made since, >say, 1992 is man-made. For example, before we can attempt to >understand the meaning of the formations as a whole, we need to >be able to filter out the noise.

>Information to help make a judgement about all known formations >might exist in the files of the various groups involved. One >might at least estimate a probability that each formation is >man-made based on the available evidence. However, I've been >told that information is not shared easily among groups for a >number of reasons, including lack of resources.

This is one of the biggest problems, filtering out the noise...

It is virtually impossible to be able to sort out all known formations between real and fake, as there is often no agreement or consensus among researchers even for a single given formation sometimes.

The best that could be done is a probability estimate, but there are still then other formations, especially much older cases, for which there often isn't enough available evidence.

Formations need to be judged on a case-by-case basis, based on careful ground studies as much as possible, but these days it seems that a lot of people are more interested in just looking at 'pretty pictures'...

The hoaxing that goes on has muddied the waters so much now, IMO, that it is almost pointless trying to 'decode' formations, if there even is or was a message. And of course there's also no consensus as to how much hoaxing is really happening.

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 21:43:23 -0700
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:56:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Mark Pilkington <<u>mark</u>.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 13:55:13 +0100
>Subject: Crop Circles Discussion

>With regards the discussion about crop circles, I think those >UpDaters who are interested in the subject would benefit >enormously from reading The Field Guide: The Art, History & >Philosophy of Crop Circle Making by Rob Irving and John >Lundberg, edited and published by myself. Its led to the >'conversion' of one of the brightest commentators on the >phenomenon, Allan Brown, and is nothing if not highly >entertaining and enlightening! (If I do say so myself)

Not this again... it doesn't matter to me how many formations have been made by Irving, Lundberg & co.; there is still the scientific and historical evidence for a real phenomenon apart from all that. Even some of the hoaxers in one interview some years ago said they had been inspired by the circles which had already been happening...

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From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:41:47 EDT
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 09:00:27 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:42:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>From: James Carrion <<u>jcarrion</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 12:40:27 -0600
>>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

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>I was impressed by the appearance of age of the document which >is a blue carbon copy of the original. I noted two things in >particular: the paper was yellowed around the edges and the >crease lines were 'perfectly' flat.

<snip>

>My conclusion is that the paper itself was old.

>Ergo, if a hoax the hoaxer had cleverly obtained old onionskin >paper and used it with blue carbon paper to create the document >(supposedly in the 1980's according to Sparks' reconstruction).

Bruce, List, All,

Let my point out there that it's not all that impossible to get paper of a sufficient age for these sorts of hoaxes.

My old friend, Frank Kaufmann, had a stack of paper from the Second World War and used it to create some of the documents he produced.

The paper was found after he died, along with two old typewriters he used to create the documents.

KRandle

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CE: Schmitt On Haut Affidavit

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 09:05:50 -0400 Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 09:05:50 -0400 Subject: CE: Schmitt On Haut Affidavit

From: Francis Ridge <<u>nicap</u>.nul>
To: <u>current-encounters</u>.nul
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 05:00:38 -0500
Subject: Details On Haut Affidavit - Finally

As you may or may not know, I don't believe anyone spent more time and effort attempting to get Walter to provide more information than we publicly did. Each and every trip to Roswell and all the personal phone conversations slowly but surely tricked what eventually would become his final affidavit.

Previously we had even tried hypnosis with Yvonne Smith in the presence of Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney. Walter was a most resistant candidate for regression.

Next, we tried a sworn statement in the presence of a government official from Chavez County. He would only state what he had in two previous affidavits, 1991 and 1993.

When Walter was video taped on his "historic record" by Wendy Connors and Dennis Balthaser, he never was told in advance that they would ever touch on the subject of Roswell. The agreement was to discuss the pre-Roswell years from his youth up till that time. When they crossed that line it is abundantly clear that he was getting more agitated by the second and wanted no part of it. Mark Rodeghier was quick to point out "how pressured Walter was and how he finally succumbed to leading questions." Walter's demeanor becomes more and more perturbed as he looks down and his fingers tapped faster and faster across the chairs armrests. Rodeghier felt that the video was worthless on those merits alone. We agreed.

The late Sheridan Cavitt's son Joe, a practicing attorney provided us a solution. Prior to his own father's passing, we discussed and attempted to get his father to write a sealed statement for posthumous release. Joe will verify that all his father would say for weeks leading up to his passing, "I'm not ready." As you know, he never was. But for us and Walter it proved to be the answer. But timing was critical.

In more and more private conversations through 2002 between both Walter, Tom Carey and myself, Walter was close to signing a prepared affidavit. All through that time, we were in complete cooperation of the Haut family and his personal physician monitored his physical and mental condition as to any changes or urgency we needed to consider.

With Tom's full input and final approval I drafted the affidavit just as we had prepared affidavits in the past - and just as Fred Whiting had drawn up many, including Walter's in 1991.

In December, Walter underwent another full physical examination and his doctor informed the family and us that aside from his deteriorating hip joint and diabetes, he was completely mentally stable and alert. We immediately acted and Walter agreed that he was ready.

The draft was sent to his daughter in Roswell, and the day after Christmas in 2002, Walter, in the presence of three people, including Julie, read each line word for word and reread and reread each point for any changes or additions. Julie would ask him repeatedly if anything at all needed to be amended in any way. To Walter, it was just as we had previously discussed. All of the information contained within the document was all that he would admit to us - nothing more - nothing less. He next signed the sworn statement. Julie was quick to point out, "If my father disagreed with anything on that piece of paper he never would have signed it." If anyone knew better what was in the man's heart, it certainly was her and that's good enough for me.

We would not even start writing the new book until about 4 years later and Julie honored all of us at that time by asking if we would "like to include Padre's statement in the book?"

I was an honorary pall bearer at Walter's funeral and she didn't have to ask twice.

Don Schmitt

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Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

From: James Horak <<u>ichorak7441.nul></u> Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 05:43:07 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 09:11:45 -0400 Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 16:28:09 +0000
>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:46:26 -0400 Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 09:15:18 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 13:24:54 -0300
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>>From: Milton Frank <<u>mfrank</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 12:23:05 -0300 (BRT)
>>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

<snip>

>>I have a ufology website here in Brazil and more than 250.000 >>different people visit the site. I received 452 e-mails with a >>simple question. What is this in your opinion? UFOS or Balloon? >>And I'm telling everybody that I don't know.

>Well untill you figure out what these were they will always be >a UFO, an Unidentified Flying Object. That's all it means. A >Boeing 747 can be a UFO until it gets close enough to identify >it as a Boeing 747.

It seems some of you may have missed my earlier post where I pointed out that the balloon demonstration is clearly a hoax.

The video following the release of the balloons is an exact repeat of an earlier segment of the same video showing the purportedly real UFOs. This answers the original question about whether or not the demo implies that the UFOs are balloons. It does not.

As I said earlier, at 5:00 of the video at:

http://www.divshare.com/download/963677-410

there is an X-shaped cloud on the left edge with some supposedly real UFOs nearby. At 5:20, the helium balloons are released. At 5:57 we see the same X-shaped cloud with the UFOs in the same positions as in the earlier segment.

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From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul> Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 07:54:31 -0500 Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 09:17:48 -0400 Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 16:56:52 +0100
>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 09:21:17 -0400 Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 09:21:17 -0400 Subject: UFOs Over Hackney

Source: The Hackney Gazette - London, UK

http://tinyurl.com/2d9s5t

15 August 2007

UFOs Over Hackney <u>hg.editorial</u>.nul

Random fireballs lighting up the skies of Stamford Hill were one of 97 unexplained mysteries that occurred in the UK last year.

The sightings were reported to the Ministry of Defence and have been published following requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

There was a massive bang in Stamford Hill at 9pm on September 9 last year before two large fireballs were seen moving east to west across the sky.

Denis Plunkett, 76, a founder of the British Flying Saucer Bureau and a former lecturer for the London UFO studies group, said: "I don't think I have ever heard of that sort of description.

"Fireballs don't travel horizontally because of the force of gravity pulling them down. They disintegrate and just burn out."

He said the bang could have been caused by one fireball splitting into two.

The Stamford Hill sighting happened at the same time that another fast-moving fireball was seen in Manchester.

Nick Pope, who used to run the government's UFO project at the MoD and is one of the world's leading UFO experts, believes there is an astronomical explanation to the two sightings, such as a meteor entering the Earth's atmosphere and burning up.

"After investigation, most UFO sightings turn out to be misidentifications of ordinary objects or phenomena, although a small percentage can't be so easily explained," he said.

It is not the first time Hackney has been touched by the paranormal.

A black, odd-shaped object was seen moving faster than a plane in Finsbury Park on February 26, 2000.

Two weeks later, on March 12, again in Stamford Hill, a bright white star was seen moving steadily along before vanishing into the night skies.

The Gazette reported how a couple awoke on February 15, 2001, to see a strange white light above the rooftops close to their home

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in Thistlewaite Road, Lower Clapton.

Paul Scott, vice-chairman of the British Earth and Aerial Mysteries Society, told the Gazette during the summer of 1999 how the group had logged reports of sightings of unusuallyshaped aircraft and strange lights in the night skies above Hackney.

A MoD spokesman said it only examined witness reports if UK airspace was under threat from hostile or unauthorised military activity.

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:34:29 -0500
Archived: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 09:38:14 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Kevin Randle <<u>KRandle993</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:41:47 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <<u>brumac</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:42:02 -0400
>>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

<snip>

>>My conclusion is that the paper itself was old.

>>Ergo, if a hoax the hoaxer had cleverly obtained old onionskin
>>paper and used it with blue carbon paper to create the document
>>(supposedly in the 1980's according to Sparks' reconstruction).

>Bruce, List, All,

>Let my point out there that it's not all that impossible to get >paper of a sufficient age for these sorts of hoaxes.

>My old friend, Frank Kaufmann, had a stack of paper from the >Second World War and used it to create some of the documents he >produced.

>The paper was found after he died, along with two old >typewriters he used to create the documents.

Hey Doc, hoax or real, don't both contingencies equally astonish? Reality is obvious, but what are the mechanics of a _hoax_ all about? Getting to the bottom of that may lead not indirectly to the other, I suspect. And don't we both suspect that there is an 'other' bearing consideration?

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Re: John Keel

From: James Horak <<u>ichorak7441.nul></u> Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 06:39:52 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 09:55:05 -0400 Subject: Re: John Keel

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 13:35:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:27:37 +0100
>Subject: The van Gogh Fallacy [was: Olson's Final Statement]

>>From: Jeff Olson <<u>ilolson</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 11:59:38 -0600
>>Subject: Olson's Final Statement On ETH Diehards

>A final word about James Horak's reference to John Keel in >support of Jeff Olson's position. It is distressing when a >figure such as Keel is called forth as an authority in the >justification of irrationalism. Keel's great contribution was to >enhance the sophistication of the Ufological enterprise by >insisting that inconvenient or embarrassing data should not be >ignored. Unfortunately, as a journalist, he couldn't resist >over-emphasising some of this data in pursuit of a good story.

>I have known Keel since the mid-1960s and once was quite close >to him.

<snip>

>On the positive side of the ledger, however, I might note that >I've always liked The Mothman Prophecies, after Fort's own work >surely the most purely entertaining Fortean book ever. I thought >the film was excellent, too.

The film, Mr. Clark, represented a Hollywood treatment of one lone aspect of a book that had many. Perhaps you don't know the two examples I gave, of intelligent driven ball lightening and the lady MIB, come from The Mothman Prophecies.

Of course the movie is solely about an interdimensional warning that an impending disaster is about to take place. Something Keel mentions only in the book towards the end and in passing.

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Re: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 15:22:54 +0100
Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 09:58:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

>From: Alfred Lehmberg <<u>alienview</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 14:59:47 -0500
>Subject: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

>Why does Stuart Miller keep putting Rich Reynold's stuff up?

Because he's an idiot.

>I would have surmised that behavior RR's engaged in would get him
>a permanent 'time out' for not working or playing nice with
>others. Moreover, he's allegedly engaged in _another_ witch hunt
>where the persons to be harassed are 'secret' and dispensed only
>to those 'serious' enough to appreciate the data.

Firstly, I apologise if my publicising Rich's work causes you pox-related angst of a puss-related continuance. You would be entitled.

He's an interesting phenomenon. Barred from this club (see, you do have friends Alfred despite what Kimball says) and not prepared to sit here quietly, he has picked his ball up and gone elsewhere.

But it has to be said that of late, and in the main, he has been writing direct, hard hitting, observant, relevant and worthwhile material. He has said things that have needed saying. He has cut through the BS and, aside from me, there aren't too many others around doing the same thing.

But from time to time the old Rich emerges and the bile he feels towards those here who closed the door behind him resurfaces and we get this scatter gun and meaningless backlash like the one you have highlighted. And the phrase "I won't name names - you all know who I mean" gets rolled out again. On this point, did you notice the pleading in the comments section?

Its true, he could have had you in mind this time round Alfred but there is one thing I would suggest that you remember; its Rich Reynolds. It isn't Dick Hall. Now if Dick was saying nasty things about you, you'd have to get your hanky out and mop your brow.

Chin up. Christmas isn't far off.

Stuart

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From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
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-- Gerald O'Connell

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James,

I'll let the Listers decide who is constantly casting aspersions here, like referring to Gerald O'C and people of his "ilk" and repeatedly insulting me.

All I did was explain my education and my reasoning process, and in fact was discerning meanings of words... but that seems to have escaped you in your zeal to attack and misrepresent the views of those of us who advocate careful application of logic and scientific method to UFOs.

One does not give "thoughful consideration" or equal time to nonsense. Hope that doesn't give you heartburn.

http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/aug/m16-004.shtml[11/12/2011 16:58:52]

- Dick

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Did Life Begin In Space?

From: Rick Nielsen <<u>nilthchi</u>.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 07:59:37 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 10:31:40 -0400
Subject: Did Life Begin In Space?

Source: Science Daily - Chevy Chase, Maryland, USA

Date: August 14, 2007

http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/08/070814093819.htm

Did Life Begin In Space? New Evidence From Comets

Recent probes inside comets show it is overwhelmingly likely that life began in space, according to a new paper by Cardiff University scientists.

Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe and colleagues at the University's Centre for Astrobiology have long argued the case for panspermia - the theory that life began inside comets and then spread to habitable planets across the galaxy. A recent BBC Horizon documentary traced the development of the theory.

Now the team claims that findings from space probes sent to investigate passing comets reveal how the first organisms could have formed.

The 2005 Deep Impact mission to Comet Tempel 1 discovered a mixture of organic and clay particles inside the comet. One theory for the origins of life proposes that clay particles acted as a catalyst, converting simple organic molecules into more complex structures. The 2004 Stardust Mission to Comet Wild 2 found a range of complex hydrocarbon molecules - potential building blocks for life.

The Cardiff team suggests that radioactive elements can keep water in liquid form in comet interiors for millions of years, making them potentially ideal "incubators" for early life. They also point out that the billions of comets in our solar system and across the galaxy contain far more clay than the early Earth did. The researchers calculate the odds of life starting on Earth rather than inside a comet at one trillion trillion (10 to the power of 24) to one against.

Professor Wickramasinghe said: "The findings of the comet missions, which surprised many, strengthen the argument for panspermia. We now have a mechanism for how it could have happened. All the necessary elements - clay, organic molecules and water - are there. The longer time scale and the greater mass of comets make it overwhelmingly more likely that life began in space than on earth."

The new paper, The Origin of Life in Comets, by Professor Wickramasinghe, Professor Bill Napier and Dr Janaki Wickramasinghe is to be published shortly by the International Journal of Astrobiology.

Note: This story has been adapted from a news release issued by Cardiff University.

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Re: CE: Schmitt On Haut Affidavit

From: Dennis Balthaser <<u>truthskr</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 10:32:52 -0600 Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 10:41:46 -0400 Subject: Re: CE: Schmitt On Haut Affidavit

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2007 7:05 AM
>Subject: CE: Schmitt On Haut Affidavit

>From: Francis Ridge <<u>nicap</u>.nul>
>To: <u>current-encounters</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 05:00:38 -0500
>Subject: Details On Haut Affidavit - Finally

<snip>

>When Walter was video taped on his "historic record" by Wendy >Connors and Dennis Balthaser, he never was told in advance that >they would ever touch on the subject of Roswell. The agreement >was to discuss the pre-Roswell years from his youth up till that >time. When they crossed that line it is abundantly clear that he >was getting more agitated by the second and wanted no part of >it. Mark Rodeghier was quick to point out "how pressured Walter >was and how he finally succumbed to leading questions." Walter's >demeanor becomes more and more perturbed as he looks down and >his fingers tapped faster and faster across the chairs armrests. >Rodeghier felt that the video was worthless on those merits >alone. We agreed.

With all the questions that have been raised about Walter Haut's 2002 affidavit, released in Schmitt and Carey's book Witness To Roswell during the 60th anniversary of the Roswell Incident, I for one am glad to see that the authors have finally decided to explain "some of the questions raised" since the affidavit was made public.

In Don Schmitt's description about the video tape of Walter Haut, Wendy Connors and I did on Nov. 15, 2000, I must set the record straight pertaining to his first sentence above.

Schmitt wrote, "He never was told in advance that they would ever touch on the subject of Roswell."

That statement by Schmitt is totally untrue, as I have a copy of the 6 page typed agenda used to interview Walter on videotape by Wendy and I, which was approved by Julie (Walter's daughter) prior to doing the interview. Julie in fact gave us some questions to ask her Dad which we added to the agenda.

The topics to be discussed were; Pre-military, Military - which included many questions and comments about the Roswell Incident - and After Military. We explained to Walter on tape that we would not sell the video interview, the museum could sell it if they desired to do so, but would use it and share the information with other serious researchers. We also agreed to give Julie 10 copies for family members which we did.

So both Julie and her father Walter Haut were aware, upfront, of what would be discussed and for what purpose prior to and during the interview.

In the thousands of times Walter had been interviewed, the Roswell Incident was always the topic, whereas we took it further and included an oral history of a man that had a fascinating life, in addition to his involvement in the Roswell Incident. He had made a critical statement to a French film crew and we wanted to have that same statement for historical value.

As a full-time 'volunteer' at the UFO Museum from 1996-1998, I had discussions with Walter on a daily basis and had the utmost respect for him.

Within 24 hours of Walter passing, Julie mailed a 'threat' letter dated 12-16-05 to Wendy and I, stating that we were never to make the information on the videotape public; this on a video that Wendy and I have a legal copyright to! Additionally, we were instructed not to discuss any conversations we _ever_ had with Walter in the past.

The reason Wendy and I decided to do the interview in the first place was because during the taping of a documentary for a French film crew that Wendy and I were involved in, we overheard Walter state to the interviewer that he had seen a body. It was decided that the interview would not only be about that comment Walter made publicly, but also as an oral history about Walter for historical value and for his family.

Prior to the video interview, Julie was invited to sit in on the entire interview if she wanted, but did not.

I agree with Mr. Schmitt's comment that Walter was pressured at times for certain information by Wendy during the video interview, but she was trying to get the information we had previously heard him state, and quite possibly some of the information on the taped interview agrees with the 2002 affidavit. Determining whether General Ramey was in Roswell for a meeting with Blanchard, Marcel, Haut and others remains of utmost importance, and is being researched.

Walter's affidavit is of importance, but I feel comments such as Don Schmitt's above and some made by Julie need to be curbed, and hopefully the List now has some background on the video interview Wendy Connors and I did in 2000.

Dennis Balthaser

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Secrecy News -- 08/15/07

From: **Steven Aftergood** <<u>saftergood</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 13:00:01 -0400 Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 10:43:13 -0400 Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/15/07

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Spy satellites and other classified intelligence technologies are poised to play a greater role in domestic homeland security and law enforcement missions, challenging long-standing legal and policy barriers against their domestic use.

The Wall Street Journal reported today that the Director of National Intelligence recently authorized access to intelligence satellite products by officials of the Department of Homeland Security to help support border security.

See "U.S. to Expand Domestic Use of Spy Satellites" by Robert Block, Wall Street Journal, August 15, p.1:

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB118714764716998275.html

A comprehensive 2005 government study of the use of intelligence capabilities for domestic applications concluded that "significant change is needed in policy regimes regulating domestic use of IC [intelligence community] capabilities" in order to permit their full exploitation.

"The use of IC capabilities for domestic purposes should be=85 based on the premise that most uses of IC capabilities are lawful rather than treating any use as an exception to the rule requiring a case-by-case adjudication," the study said.

"There is an urgent need for a top-down, Executive Branch review of all laws and policies affecting use of intelligence capabilities purposes," the report said.

In particular, the 1981 Executive Order 12333 which governs intelligence activities "should be amended to permit as unfettered an operational environment for the collection, exploitation and dissemination [of domestic intelligence data] as is reasonably possible," the report recommended.

The authors acknowledged that such "unfettered" operation would require increased oversight, but they suggested that it could be satisfactorily accomplished by the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. The Board has been a minor, not notably influential player in recent intelligence policy disputes.

The report acknowledged in passing a problematic 2001 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the case Kyllo v. United States, which concluded that the use of infrared sensors to scan a private residence for heat lamps used in marijuana cultivation constituted an unlawful warrantless search. The ruling appears to be significantly at odds with the new domestic intelligence thrust.

"This decision has placed in question the continued viability of past settled practice of the IC within the domestic domain," the study delicately observed.

Nevertheless, "to date we are not aware of any clear authoritative guidance issued on the impact, if any, of this decision."

The 2005 study was first reported by the Wall Street Journal today. A copy of the unclassified study, which was "produced solely for the use of the United States Government," was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Civil Applications Committee (CAC) Blue Ribbon Study," Independent Study Group Final Report, September 2005:

http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/cac-report.pdf

Intelligence support to domestic environmental monitoring and emergency response has been conducted since the 1970s under the supervision of the little-known interagency Civil Appplications Committee. A 2001 fact sheet describing the history and mission of the Committee is available here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/cac-fs.pdf

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE IN EUROPE

The U.S. Missile Defense Agency has published a glossy brochure setting forth its vision of a missile defense system based in Europe.

See "Proposed U.S. Missile Defense Assets in Europe," Missile Defense Agency, June 15, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/missile/bmd-europe.pdf

Various perspectives on the missile defense program were presented in a recently updated report of the Congressional Research Service, "Long-Range Ballistic Missile Defense in Europe," July 25, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL34051.pdf

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 19:19:12 +0100
Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 10:45:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 21:43:23 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>Not this again... it doesn't matter to me how many formations >have been made by Irving, Lundberg & co.; there is still the >scientific and historical evidence for a real phenomenon apart >from all that. Even some of the hoaxers in one interview some >years ago said they had been inspired by the circles which had >already been happening...

Yes, inspired by earlier hoaxers/artists.

There is no, repeat no, historical evidence for crop circles, as they are presently understood, before the 1980s. The clearest evidence for this is at Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Warminster lies in the epicentre of the English crop circle territory, and forty years ago it was the centre of England's biggest ever UFO flap.

The place was swarming with ufologists, recording anything unusual that happened in the area. Quite literally, a sparrow could not fall from the sky without it being noticed. Yet noone, repeat no-one, recorded anything resembling a corn circle as we now know the term.

No matter what you think their origin may be, you have to admit that the corn circle phenomenon began in the 1980s.

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Re: John Keel

From: Jorge Caldeira <<u>jorgemanuelcorreia</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 15:12:57 -0400 Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 10:54:17 -0400 Subject: Re: John Keel

>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>To: < <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 13:35:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>I have known Keel since the mid-1960s and once was quite close >to him.

>Jerry Clark

Hi. It is the first time I post.

A few words about me: I am Venezuelan and I am 31 years old. Since my teen years I have followed the UFO subject as close as I could. I subscribed to the List to have more sources and to follow today's news on the matter, so normally I will not send any messages because the level of UFO UpDates is above my capacity, I think.

That's my rule on all Lists I am subscribed to, by the way, but this one is my first in English and I am happy to find here persons like Jerome Clark, Richard Hall, Stanton Friedman and others. I have read Scott Corrales on other Lists, for example. I have tried to get your works and to study it as far as I could.

It is a privilege for me to read you.

Today I decided to write for the first time here due to the comments Mr. Jerome Clark made about John Keel. For me, Keel has been one of the more impressive UFO authors I have read and frankly, I admire him. I think that his work deserves serious attention.

Have you seen today's news? 250 persons have died in suicide truck bombings in Iraq and those people were Yazidis, a sect that was covered by John Keel on his 1957 (re-edited in 1970) book Jadoo.

http://tinyurl.com/3xmsyw

Also I want to comment that in the ufocasebook.com forums I have meet a person (AJC is his username on those forums) that says that he was in contact with Keel at the time he was preparing his book Strange Creatures From Time And Space. He was investigated by Keel and by Berthold Schwarz in the 60s. He told me that his name was in Keel's book but since I now don't have my copy I can't check it. So if anybody is interested here are the two links of my brief conversations with AJC on the ufocasebook.com forums:

http://tinyurl.com/3adgoa

http://tinyurl.com/2w8ecz

My nick there is jmcc.

Also I want to know if any of you know something about Raymond Bayless, co-author with D. Scott Rogo of some books about the paranormal. Around two years ago I found a brief comment of

Re: John Keel

something like one line in a webpage that gave me the impression that Bayless died recently and I just want to know if someone can give more details about him.

Finally, once more I want to give you thanks for the opportunity of being here and receiving your posts.

Thanks a lot,

Jorge Caldeira

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Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

From: Kelly Freeman <Khfflsciufo.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 17:48:31 EDT
Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 10:55:56 -0400
Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

>From: Steven Kaeser <<u>steve</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 12:59: 11 -0400
>Subject: Re: CBS UFOs Still Flying 60 Years After Roswell

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>But I'm also confused about the A&E presentation mentioned. The >A&E network has produced a number of programs in the past, >including one entitled Alien Encounters. Is there some >indication that a new show is being aired, or is this a repeat >of the previous program?

Steve,

Now I'm confused. If there was an earlier Alien Encounters on A&E, I must have missed it. I have been monitoring A&E for the past four months or so, only because I wanted to see what they had to present concerning the John Ford case.

Do you remember what the past episodes were about, and if so, did they have a segment on the alleged South Haven UFO crash on Long Island?

Any info would be appreciated.

Kelly

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Archive programming by Glenn Campbell at <u>AliensOnEarth.com</u>

http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/aug/m16-010.shtml[11/12/2011 16:58:55]

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 18:38:12 EDT
Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 10:58:46 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Kevin Randle <<u>KRandle993</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:41:47 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <<u>brumac</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:42:02 -0400
>>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

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>>Ergo, if a hoax the hoaxer had cleverly obtained old onionskin
>>paper and used it with blue carbon paper to create the document
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>The paper was found after he died, along with two old >typewriters he used to create the documents.

Bruce and Kevin,

As I point out in the MUFON Symposium article on page 151, note 15:

"Historian Dr. Larry Bland at the Marshall Foundation said that he could 'find the correct stationery and an appropriate typewriter' to 'fake the MJ-12 documents' such as the CTM, the only one with the stationery even known (ibid.[Stan Friedman's TS/MAJIC], p.153)."

But remember, I did not write the article with Barry Greenwood in order to re-investigate the _entire_ MJ-12 controversy but only to show what fresh new light the secret Pratt files and tapes shed on the origins and authenticity, or lack of same, of MJ-12. That's why this was in a footnote (got published as endnotes because of a software conversion problem). I had intended that these would be in footnotes so you could see the backup evidence right at the bottom of the page, but the publication did not come out that way.

Brad

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Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 23:45:12 +0100
Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 11:00:08 -0400
Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 05:43:07 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>Circumspect has no adequate synonym.

I would be wary of such a claim, and it would be prudent to be cautious before dismissing the adequacy of 'guarded' or 'judicious', while the careful grammarian might regard 'vigilant' as a suitable substitute.

If you don't have a thesaurus (one thing for which there actually is neither adequate synonym nor substitute) to hand, pop the word into MS Word and right click on it - Bill Gates will then kindly provide you with lexical succour.

Gerald O'Connell

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 19:53:18 -0400
Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 11:03:43 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Kevin Randle <<u>KRandle993</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:41:47 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <<u>brumac</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:42:02 -0400
>>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>I was impressed by the appearance of age of the document which >>is a blue carbon copy of the original. I noted two things in >>particular: the paper was yellowed around the edges and the >>crease lines were 'perfectly' flat.

<snip>

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Not surprising that one can get 'old paper'. This old paper was, however, folded and creased and stayed folded for some period of time - long enough for the surfaces to yellow very slightly in varying amounts and then long enough in a stack, or under pressure, to flatten the creases.

Then there is the red line through the security marking. This has nothing to do with old paper. It would require the hoaxer to know how declassification was indicated.

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 22:19:48 -0300 Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 11:08:07 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 13:20:30 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:30:14 -0300
>>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>><u>http://www.divshare.com/download/963677-410</u>
>>The balloon experiment is at the end. It was done by Claudeir
>>and Paola Covo
>><u>http://www.tvinfa.com.br</u>

>I would say that the balloon experiment is disinformation. At >5:00 of the original video, there is an X-shaped cloud on the >left edge with some supposedly real ufos nearby. At 5:20, the >helium balloons are released. At 5:57 we see the same X-shaped >cloud with the ufos in the same positions as before. It seems as >though someone wants to cast doubt on the interpretation of the >original video as ufos. Motive, please?

I contacted Claudeir and Paola Covo, and they answered:

"Dear William Treurniet,

The images seen at 05:00 and 05:57, where an X-shaped cloud appears, are the same, which is, they were repeated (replay)".

Claudeir Covo is a very well-known ufologist in Brazil who advances the ETH, so I find it hard to believe the video would be disinformation. On another occasion, he clearly stated that the video of the experiment was made just to let the viewers decide. He didn't claim the alleged Flotillas seen are indeed balloons like the ones he and his wife filmed. He just showed videos of both of them.

My personal opinion is that the 'Flotillas' must be assumed to be explained by the default prosaic explanation unless someone actually publicizes some serious in-depth scientific analysis proving the contrary. Just quoting varied "experts" who allegedly made their analysis does not advance our knowledge very much.

And if one thinks these are 'mysterious, it must be considered that it has the same origins as even more incredible footage of flying horses and characters from Pokemon and Spongebob Squarepants - I'm not joking. Flying objects of those shapes were actually filmed and promoted as mysterious things.

If it's reasonable to assume these were just balloons, as there are balloons of the exact same shape being sold, then it's also reasonable to assume these Flotillas are also more common balloons.

Unless someone proves and shows the contrary.

Regards,

Mori

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: Joe Faccenda <uforth.nul> Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 21:28:53 EDT Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 11:10:36 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 09:58:39 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

<snip>

>The 'cigar-shaped' UFOs. They can be any size, perhaps they are >vastly more to us than we might imagine.

Interestingly one of the more spectacular and may I say unresolved 'Cigar' reports concerns a sighting in 1956 in Antarctica. Two craft were seen over several days by four Scientists.

They also took measurements using a theodolite. A polarized spotlight was used that invoked a response by one of the craft. And yet this astounding event has not been picked up in any shape or form.

My fellow Scot, Martin Shough, still has the original report from Flying Saucer Review volume 14, number 3, March-April 1968 issue, article by Gordon Creighton and I have a truncated version on my web site at:

http://www.uforth.com/cigar.htm

Question is what happened to these Scientists? they took photos what happened to them?

Does anybody have any info good, bad, or indifferent?

Regards from Scotland, Joe Faccenda

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Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 11:13:10 -0400
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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Cathy

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Re: John Keel

From: Jerome Clark <<u>ikclark</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 09:32:25 -0500 Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 11:30:15 -0400 Subject: Re: John Keel

>From: James Horak <<u>jchorak7441</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 06:39:52 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: John Keel

>>From: Jerome Clark <<u>jkclark</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 13:35:50 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>>From: Gerald O'Connell <<u>gac</u>.nul>
>>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:27:37 +0100
>>>Subject: The van Gogh Fallacy [was: Olson's Final Statement]

>>>From: Jeff Olson <<u>jlolson</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 12 Aug 2007 11:59:38 -0600
>>>Subject: Olson's Final Statement On ETH Diehards

>On the positive side of the ledger, however, I might note that >I've always liked The Mothman Prophecies, after Fort's own work >surely the most purely entertaining Fortean book ever. I thought >the film was excellent, too.

>The film, Mr. Clark, represented a Hollywood treatment of one >lone aspect of a book that had many. Perhaps you don't know the >two examples I gave, of intelligent driven ball lightening and >the lady MIB, come from The Mothman Prophecies.

>Of course the movie is solely about an interdimensional warning >that an impending disaster is about to take place. Something >Keel mentions only in the book towards the end and in passing.

I shouldn't have thought it would be necessary to explain the obvious even to you, but:

The Mothman Prophecies is a science-fiction film, not a documentary.

For the rest of you:

In the late 1960s into the early '70s, as one of Keel's close and trusted associates, I was the recipient of long letters and confidential reports detailing the weird testimony he was collecting - much, it later occurred to me, in the manner of an amateur folklorist - as he wandered through West Virginia and Ohio. I still have that material, and it's still fascinating stuff, though in some cases the material has proven dubious or prosaically explainable. Even so, some of it remains puzzling after all these years.

Much of it ended up in Mothman Prophecies (the book, not the SF film). As critical as I've been of Keel in my mature life, I have never had occasion to doubt his sincerity, only his judgment and his capacity to separate facts from desired beliefs. Of course, the latter part of that sentence describes many in this field. Jerry Clark

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'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 11:43:58 -0400 Archived: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 11:43:58 -0400 Subject: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

Source: The Daily Telegraph - London, UK

http://tinyurl.com/3b47tw

16/08/2007

'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

By Nic Fleming Science Correspondent

A pair of German physicists claim to have broken the speed of light - an achievement that would undermine our entire understanding of space and time.

According to Einstein's special theory of relativity, it would require an infinite amount of energy to propel an object at more than 186,000 miles per second.

However, Dr Gunter Nimtz and Dr Alfons Stahlhofen, of the University of Koblenz, say they may have breached a key tenet of that theory.

The pair say they have conducted an experiment in which microwave photons - energetic packets of light - travelled "instantaneously" between a pair of prisms that had been moved up to 3ft apart.

Being able to travel faster than the speed of light would lead to a wide variety of bizarre consequences.

For instance, an astronaut moving faster than it would theoretically arrive at a destination before leaving.

The scientists were investigating a phenomenon called quantum tunnelling, which allows sub-atomic particles to break apparently unbreakable laws.

Dr Nimtz told New Scientist magazine: "For the time being, this is the only violation of special relativity that I know of."

[Thanks to Nick Pope for the lead]

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http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/rationalism-empiricism/

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From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 16:16:36 +0000
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 16:34:12 -0400
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I profited. That's a very good summary, and reminds me that where the two terms are in conflict is on the level of epistemology (how knowledge is acquired). In practice (and in science particularly) both play a role. Rational thought is required in order to make sense of empirical data. Rational thought by itself, not grounded in empirical data (as we have seen often on this list), can go spectacularly astray. - Dick

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It has everything to do with tradition. The empiricist views of Locke and Hume were contrasted with the rationalist positions of Spinoza and Leibniz. Tradition within the history of ideas characterised this contrast as a continuation and development of that between the philosophical methods of Plato and Aristotle. But Locke and Hume used the tools of the rationalist (as any sophisticated thinker must), while the rationalists were, generally, advocates of empirical scientific method. Tradition, in an act of necrophiliac transvestism, has dressed all these thinkers' corpses up in contrasting ideological costumes and created the pretence that that they are battling away as representatives of radically contrasting schools of thought: schools and a contrast that the original protagonists themselves would scarcely have recognised.

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Different, but not necessarily, as I have pointed out, contradictory.

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I'm not quite sure what you mean here. Are you suggesting that science has a different and privileged logical foundation? What would be the distinction between such an assertion and scientism?

>Even in mathematics this sort of formalism has been >discredited for over a century.

I know where you are coming from with this, but I don't know if that road takes you where you want to go. For the past 150 years mathematicians have experimented with the selective suspension of various traditional mathematical axioms and postulates, producing powerful and useful new mathematical systems and Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

insights in the process. At the same time it has been shown that the key criteria of mathematical truth, consistency and completeness, cannot be satisfied from within a single, consistent set of mathematical axioms. But this does not mean that we have to work without axioms, nor does it mean that the mathematical or logical rules that we apply in working with them are invalid. G=F6del's work depended on both in order to demonstrate their limitations. The real lesson to learn from this is that mathematics (like all forms of what we call 'knowledge') has to somehow pull itself up by its own bootstraps, and, as a result, cannot deliver anything much in the way of absolute certainties.

Anyway, to back to the original issue, I can't see that there's anything at all contradictory about the idea of empirical rationalism, indeed I would go so far as to say that it underpins all good science and most worthwhile discourse. Taking facts from the world around us and then using the tools of reason in a coherent way to extend our understanding is all it amounts to. It might not quite match up with a few distorted dictionary definitions, but does that make it unReasonable?

Gerald O'Connell

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Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 13:18:07 EDT
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 16:38:56 -0400
Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>Source: The Daily Telegraph - London, UK

>http://tinyurl.com/3b47tw

>16/08/2007

>'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>By Nic Fleming >Science Correspondent

Hey! How dare these scientists keep coming up with discoveries that rewrite the history books!

Everyone knows our scientists and our pseudo-intellectuals know everything there is about everything and if they say it can't be done it can't be done!

All kidding aside, experiments like this have been highlighted before and it's good to see more research done.

It may just be semantics that breaking the speed of light may merely be breaking the slowness of distance instead. If photons can appear at a point instantaneous regardless of distance then I don't think it traveled through space but instead bypassed it.

So if we can bypass the restrictions of space it's like that story where getting from europe to the americas by walking is impossible. So you build a boat and you bypass the drowning thing. You want to go faster you build an airplane you bypass the water thing. We're now building big scramjets that will cover the distance in minutes by bypassing the atmosphere totally.

For fun's sake it sounds like the lyrics to musician George Clinton's songs about the cosmos.

Best,

Greg

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On The Effectiveness Of Aluminium Foil Helmets

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Subject: On The Effectiveness Of Aluminium Foil Helmets

Source: MIT Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence Laboratory - Boston, Massachusetts, USA

http://people.csail.mit.edu/rahimi/helmet/

17 Feb 2005

On The Effectiveness Of Aluminium Foil Helmets: An Empirical Study

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1: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science department, MIT.

2: Media Laboratory, MIT.

Abstract

Among a fringe community of paranoids, aluminum helmets serve as the protective measure of choice against invasive radio signals. We investigate the efficacy of three aluminum helmet designs on a sample group of four individuals. Using a \$250,000 network analyser, we find that although on average all helmets attenuate invasive radio frequencies in either directions (either emanating from an outside source, or emanating from the cranium of the subject), certain frequencies are in fact greatly amplified. These amplified frequencies coincide with radio bands reserved for government use according to the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). Statistical evidence suggests the use of helmets may in fact enhance the government's invasive abilities. We speculate that the government may in fact have started the helmet craze for this reason.

<snip>

[More at site, along with images - thanks to Mike Woods for the lead]

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Re: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul> Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 13:28:27 -0500 Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 16:49:01 -0400 Subject: Re: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

>From: Stuart Miller <<u>stuart.4</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 15:22:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

>>From: Alfred Lehmberg <<u>alienview</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Aug 2007 14:59:47 -0500
>>Subject: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

>>Why does Stuart Miller keep putting Rich Reynold's stuff up?

>Because he's an idiot.

Mmmm-no, Sir! He is _not_ an idiot even if he is a strutting pompous gas-bag. He is a crafty, crafted, and thoroughly crafting sociopath spreading pestilent stories in maddening whisper campaigns about persons who call him on his crap. He is doing this currently. He is _not_ an idiot, but if he is, he is the same kind of "idiot" as Joe McCarthy or Karl Rove or Kal Korff.

>>I would have surmised that behavior RR's engaged in would get him
>>a permanent 'time out' for not working or playing nice with
>>others. Moreover, he's allegedly engaged in _another_ witch hunt
>>where the persons to be harassed are 'secret' and dispensed only
>>to those 'serious' enough to appreciate the data.

>Firstly, I apologise if my publicising Rich's work causes you >pox-related angst of a puss-related continuance. You would be >entitled.

Given the facts and past history I would say so, without reservation.

>He's an interesting phenomenon.

Then let him go find occupation in a side-show as a slug-eating carnival freak!

>Barred from this club (see, you
>do have friends Alfred despite what Kimball says) and not
>prepared to sit here quietly, he has picked his ball up and gone
>elsewhere.

Let him go straight to hell, sans passing go and without remuneration!

>But it has to be said that of late, and in the main, he has been >writing direct, hard hitting, observant, relevant and worthwhile >material.

What!? Socorro and Roswell were 'balloons' and Father Gill needed glasses - Case closed? _Very_ arguablely he may have been the broken clock correct twice a day... but he keeps fiddling with the adjustment knob himself so he screws up even _that_. This hardly qualifies as "direct, hard hitting, observant, relevant and worthwhile," and even if he did as you say his other behaviors _obviate_ all that. Hey! Hitler cleaned up crime and Mussolini had the trains run on time! The former was Re: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

poisoned, shot, and then burned and the latter hung by piano wire.

>He has said things that have needed saying.

Well - Stuart. Then hear me _now_.

>He has cut >through the BS and, aside from me, there aren't too many others >around doing the same thing.

He's produced much, much more BS than he could _ever_ cleave, Stuart. On my watch he's an insipid abundance, not a appreciated minority. I loath a dirty fighter... and he's the dirtiest!

>But from time to time the old Rich emerges and the bile he feels >towards those here who closed the door behind him resurfaces and >we get this scatter gun and meaningless backlash like the one >you have highlighted. And the phrase "I won't name names - you >all know who I mean" gets rolled out again. On this point, did >you notice the pleading in the comments section?

Oh - you mean those comments in fawning accordance with an Rcubed 'party-line' and so making it past his smothering moderation, or produced _himself_ as another of his poison pen, but obsequiously agreeing little sock-puppets. Which one of those did you mean?

As to closed doors? Mr. Reynold's wrote that script himself.

>Its true, he could have had you in mind this time round Alfred >but there is one thing I would suggest that you remember; its >Rich Reynolds.

Right! Right!! Rich Reynolds! A rat who airily intimates that it can be demonstrated where his opponents _may_ be shown to have had sex with children! Sex with Children, Stuart! A line is decidedly crossed!

That scurvy dog's response? That _I_ "doth protest... ...too much"! I want that bastard's head rotting on a Tower of London's spire like Cromwell's!

>It isn't Dick Hall. Now if Dick was saying nasty >things about you, you'd have to get your hanky out and mop your >brow.

There can be _no_ comparison between RR and DH. That is a red herring unworthy of you, Stuart. There are some things which shall not be said if untrue, on this side of the pond, anyway. That someone has sex with children is one of those things.

>Chin up. Christmas isn't far off.

Santa Clause is dead, Stuart. So also is RR's potential for any worthwhile contribution to our shared community interests.

Now - all that said. Every time I see that unrepentant crapartist's head above the berm I'll be taking a literary swing at it. That's owed to all the persons who he would intimidate or slander or otherwise libel. Let me say, too, that I am saddened by your cavalier attitude in RR's regard and not a little confused by it.

<u>alienview</u>.nul <u>www.AlienView.net</u> AVG Blog - <u>http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/</u> U F O M a g a z i n e - <u>www.ufomag.com</u>

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 15:27:11 -0400 Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 16:52:00 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 22:19:48 -0300
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>>From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 13:20:30 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>>>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:30:14 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>><u>http://www.divshare.com/download/963677-410</u>
>>>The balloon experiment is at the end. It was done by Claudeir
>>>and Paola Covo

>>><u>http://www.tvinfa.com.br</u>

>>I would say that the balloon experiment is disinformation. At
>>5:00 of the original video, there is an X-shaped cloud on the
>>left edge with some supposedly real UFOs nearby. At 5:20, the
>>helium balloons are released. At 5:57 we see the same X-shaped
>>cloud with the UFOs in the same positions as before. It seems as
>>though someone wants to cast doubt on the interpretation of the
>>original video as UFOs. Motive, please?

>I contacted Claudeir and Paola Covo, and they answered:

>"Dear William Treurniet,

>The images seen at 05:00 and 05:57, where an X-shaped cloud >appears, are the same, which is, they were repeated (replay)".

>Claudeir Covo is a very well-known ufologist in Brazil who
>advances the ETH, so I find it hard to believe the video would
>be disinformation. On another occasion, he clearly stated that
>the video of the experiment was made just to let the viewers
>decide. He didn't claim the alleged Flotillas seen are indeed
>balloons like the ones he and his wife filmed. He just showed
>videos of both of them.

The release of the balloons was followed immediately by the video of the UFOs. The editing did more than raise the question whether the dots in the sky are balloons. My initial impression was that these UFOs were intended to be seen as the released balloons. However, after your comment, it's possible that this was not intended by the author.

Perhaps the same thing is happening here as with the crop formations. There may be a "real' phenomenon, and now it is being obscured by people contributing noise. Your comment that people are seeing Pokemon and Spongebob in the sky makes it likely but not certain that people are involved. A number of people, including a group, have claimed that particular crop formations were formed after they had meditated on very similar images a short time before. Since Pokemon and Spongebob are cultural icons, maybe their images are powerful enough to appear in the sky without further human participation. We just can't say until we know the underlying dynamics.

The pictures of Mayan icons in Jaime Mausson's presentation at the 2005 UFO Conference:

http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-5305085298884471236

seem to be more than simple balloons. I did some image processing of a few using the Gradient Map function of Adobe Photoshop Elements 2.0. Some objects have a texture which could be interpreted as a solid core. See objects at 39:14, 40:13, 40:33, and 40:50. On the other hand, the texture could be pictures painted on a surface.

In an earlier part of Mausson's presentation, he shows swarms of dots forming images in the sky (24:00-34:00). Complex patterns of dots move in concert to transform from one shape to another, and move together at high speeds across the sky. The clincher runs from 30:20-31:00 where a ufo launches a smaller version of itself like a slingshot. The Gradient Map function applied to single frames confirms the similarity in the internal shape of the parent and offspring. There is even a hint of a circular force field around the parent object.

So passive balloons floating in the sky would not be my first choice for explaining these phenomena.

Best regards,

William

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: Santiago Yturria Garza <<u>syturria</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 19:38:03 +0000 Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 16:53:56 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 22:19:48 -0300
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>And if one thinks these are 'mysterious, it must be >considered that it has the same origins as even more >incredible footage of flying horses and characters >from Pokemon and Spongebob Squarepants - I'm not >joking. Flying objects of those shapes were actually >filmed and promoted as mysterious things.

It seems you are falling into eccentric terms sir. You are forgetting that there is a huge variety of different sightings of things in the sky reported through decades of research, things that go from bizarre, rare, strange and disconcerting, most unusual etc. sightings and reports also documented on video from a whole variety of sources and to date most of these reports remain unexplained.

You just became partial to the phenomena instead of getting into a major study wich would may take at least a couple of years analyzing decades of evidences from different nature. But you took the easy way and went to the extreme position quoting ridicule examples like Pokemon and Spongebob wich are not the case and just revealed you are not serious in your inquiry.

If you were really serious you would have consulted a brazilian expert in UFO fleets Ademar Gevaerd, researcher and editor of the brazilian UFO Magazine and who has a big archive of UFO fleet videos from Mexico as well as reports and testimonials even from commercial pilots. Ademar has published several times accurate information about this phenomena and is an important colaborator in this international research.

Maybe you may learn something vaualble from Ademar instead of continue quoting Pokemon and Sponge Bob trying to link these characters with the legitimate research Mr. Mori.

>If it's reasonable to assume these were just >balloons, as there are balloons of the exact same >shape being sold, then it's also reasonable to assume >these Flotillas are also more common balloons.

>Unless someone proves and shows the contrary.

You are wrong again Mr. Mori. You should say Unless someone proves with hard evidence that the UFO fleets are balloons the phenomena will remain unexplained. As the lawyers say: " Innocent until proven Guilty "

We have made a deep investigation for decades, we have made recreations with actual balloons and they failed to behave like a UFO fleet, we have asked skeptics to make their own experiments throwing 1000 balloons to the sky to see the results but they could not do the test. I could go on and on with this just to prove we are working seriously to learn about this phenomena and to date we have proven it's legitimacy. Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

You still have a lot to learn Mr. Mori but take things seriously, don't take the easy way out by quoting eccentric subjects that don't convince anyone. Invest some of your time and effort like most of the researchers do all the time. Keep in mind that the term " reasonable " does not go with the UFO subject because this is a phenomena that challenges scientific knowledge and common sense so unless you have an open mind to confront the real phenomena you may not know what's this all about.

Santiago Yturria

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New Cattle Mutilations In La Pampa Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 16:02:44 -0400
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 16:59:33 -0400
Subject: New Cattle Mutilations In La Pampa Argentina

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology August 16, 2007

Source: CIUFOS-LaPampa Date: 16 August 2007

Argentina: New Cattle Mutilations In La Pampa

A Report from Raul Oscar Chaves

On July 30, 2007, two beef cattle were found slain and mutilated at the San Jorge ranch located on Provincial Route No. 28, between rural routes 11 and 13 and between the locality of Cuchillo Co (some 250 km south of Santa Rosa) and the Sierras de Lihue Calel.

The mutilated cows were black Aberdeen Angus' with missing ears, tongues, incisions to their jawbones and missing udders. One of them was lying on its side and another on its back; the carcasses presented signs of extreme hardness in the limbs and hide. Upon being struck with a stick "...they sounded hollow, like a drum..."

Witnesses to the find were Marcelino Martinez and Hector Ruiz, a rural contractor and his employee, who were refurbishing and building rural homes.

It should be noted that there is no rural electricity in this region, and generators are employed for power. This circumstance keeps the locals from having access to television or radio (battery units excluded) and the only residents in the area are either transient or temporary.

At midnight on the night prior to the find, Ruiz decided to go out of the place he shares with Martinez to walk and smoke. It was here, and unexpectedly, that he saw a bright source of light at low altitude. It remained static "and gave out lights on all sides - red, green, blue, yellow..."

The light, whose width was equivalent of the length of a cattle cage used for transporting livestock (some 10/12 meters), according to Ruiz's comparison, vanished after a few seconds and another smaller light appeared on the ground, but this time an intense bright green. Within this light was "...as small being standing some 50/70 centimeters tall, who remained motionless..." At this point Ruiz specifies "...I cannot say if it had a head and ears, but it was humanlike, since two legs could be seen..." This sighting lasted only a few seconds before the entity vanished altogether. The witness was deeply impressed by what he had seen, and decided to go back to bed and sleep.

Subsequently, and as is customary during work breaks, Ruiz and Martinez decided to explore the vicinity. Martinez found one of the cows in the proximity of a cutwater; the other cow was also found near another cutwater, both located within the rural premises. At this point they decided to inspect the place where Ruiz had seen the lights, some 40 meters from the place they spent the night. On the ground they located four holes measuring 2 cm in diameter and some 20 cm distant from each other, forming New Cattle Mutilations In La Pampa Argentina

a square.

This ranch (San Jorge) was also the scene for several cases involving cow, horse, sheep and goat mutilations between 2002 and 2004. Both Martinez and Ruiz live in General Acha, some 120 km south of Santa Rosa, stating that in the area where the animals were found, it its quite common to see lights of various types and colors.

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Re: Did Life Begin In Space?

From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 16:20:03 -0400
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 17:00:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Did Life Begin In Space?

>From: Rick Nielsen <<u>nilthchi</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 07:59:37 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Did Life Begin In Space?

<snip>

>The new paper, The Origin of Life in Comets, ...

Y'know, I'd like to see a paper on the origin of comets themselves! Anybody seen such a paper?

Eleanor White

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 17:45:52 -0300
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 17:05:35 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 19:53:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>From: Kevin Randle <<u>KRandle993</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 08:41:47 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

<snip>

>>Bruce, List, All,

>>Let my point out there that it's not all that impossible to get paper >>of a sufficient age for these sorts of hoaxes.

>>My old friend, Frank Kaufmann, had a stack of paper from the Second >>World War and used it to create some of the documents he produced.

>>The paper was found after he died, along with two old typewriters he >>used to create the documents.

>Not surprising that one can get 'old paper'. This old paper was, >however, folded and creased and stayed folded for some period of >time - long enough for the surfaces to yellow very slightly in >varying amounts and then long enough in a stack, or under >pressure, to flatten the creases.

>Then there is the red line through the security marking. This >has nothing to do with old paper. It would require the hoaxer to >know how declassification was indicated.

I must add a few more details here. The slant red mark is done by pencil and doesn't show as red on a Xerox copy. It was only while looking at original documents at the Eisenhower Library and finding similar slant red pencil marks that I asked an archivist what they meant. I had spent many hours at archives without paying any attention. We also have the Watermark on the memo. The company - Fox Paper - made that onionskin in bid lots only, not for stationery stores. The government boughtlarge quantities of it.

The peculiar classification of TOP SECRET RESTRICTED was attacked by many as inappropriate. However, the GAO, noted, as described in TOP SECRET/MAJIC, that they had found a number of documents using that classification. Phil Klass challenged the PICA type.He paid me \$1000. for proving him wrong. Bob Todd turned up a memo showing that Cutler was out of the country on July 14,1954,long after the memo was found. How did a hoaxer know not to put a signature on the memo? It took me 2 years to obtain a declassified copy of a memo from James Lay, NSC Executive Secretary, to Cutler while he was overseas, proving that Lay was indeed taking care of things for Cutler while he was gone.

Someone who worked for Truman the whole time he was in the White House told me that Cutler and Lay sat next to each other at NSC meeting, got copies of each other's memos, and, of course Lay Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

would have notified Twining, in Cutler's absence, of the slight change of plans. Lay spoke with Ike at 4:30 after meeting with him earlier. There are more details in TOP SECRET/MAJIC, 2nd Edition, about the EBD, TF, CT memos and some definitely false MJ-12 documents.

Stan Friedman

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Brad Sparks 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

From: Anthony Bragalia <envcol.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 20:01:28 -0400
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 17:11:21 -0400
Subject: Brad Sparks 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

Brad Sparks MUFON Symposium Proceedings paper on MJ-12 hints at tantalizing and potentially very valuable new Roswell information. He is very brief in these revelations, which could easily go unnoticed without careful reading. Perhaps Brad may speak more directly to them here. To my knowledge this information has never been mentioned or published by any other researcher.

Mr. Sparks states:

"I must admit from my highly skeptical research that in 1949 AFOSI was almost certainly responding to Roswell - for very compelling reasons I cannot get into here. There is in fact some weak, circumstantial evidence suggesting that it was a classic Roswell coverup."

Where can we learn more about this revelation that AFOSI was "responding to Roswell" in 1949? In what way were they "responding" and why in 1949?

Also in the Proceedings is this Sparks nugget:

"In 2000 while doing non-UFO-related research, Brad accidentally discovered the TOP SECRET U.S. government policy response to Roswell, which should not exist if Roswell was essentially a non-event. Brad is actively investigating this disturbing discovery."

Can you tell us more about this "policy response" discovery you have made and why it is so disturbing?

With the torrent of new Roswell revelations made this year, perhaps Brad would be willing to share his new information. And perhaps it will add to the evidence that Roswell was in fact an extraterrestrial event.

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 21:00:25 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 17:14:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 19:19:12 +0100
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

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>There is no, repeat no, historical evidence for crop circles, >as they are presently understood, before the 1980s.

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I would not agree with that. I found cases of pre-1980's crop circles, some of which even show connections with UFO phenomena.

Source: BLT Research Team, LTD.

Historical Indications That Crop Circles Are Not "New

http://www.bltresearch.com/otherfacts.html

1880 - southern England 1686 - Staffordshire, Britain 1900s - A few photographs also exist of English cropcircles which occurred in the early 1900s

Source: CCCRN - Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

Archives of all known crop circle formations in Canada to date, currently 248 reports from at least 1925 to 2006

http://www.cccrn.ca/formationarchives.html

Source: UFOCUS NZ - New Zealand UFO Research

1941 - An Historic New Zealand Account of a UFO/UAP Sighting and Possible Close Encounter Experiences

http://www.ufocusnz.org.nz/Margaret.htm

Source: UFO EVIDENCE

1974 - Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada

http://www.ufoevidence.org/cases/case304.htm

Source: PROJECT 1947

1966 - Tully Saucer 'Nest' - A Classic UFO Physical Trace Case, Australia

http://www.project1947.com/forum/bctully.htm

Re: Crop Circles Discussion

Sergey

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Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

From: Sean Jones <<u>tedric</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 08:34:35 +0100 Archived: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 17:19:17 -0400 Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>Source: The Daily Telegraph - London, UK

>http://tinyurl.com/3b47tw

>16/08/2007

>'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>By Nic Fleming >Science Correspondent

>A pair of German physicists claim to have broken the speed of >light - an achievement that would undermine our entire >understanding of space and time.

Morning All

I hate to say it but this is _old_ news.

I have in my hand, right now because I dug it out to make sure, a copy of New Scientist from April 1995, yes 1995! With a cover story that Gunter Nimtz has sent a recording of Mozart's 40th Symphony across 12 centimetres of space at 4.7 times the speed of light.

Excerpt available on their website

http://tinyurl.com/27ngws

Now we also have Dr Mallett's book on how to create time travel, perhaps science is now catching up with science fiction??

http://tinyurl.com/2dkv8c

Regards

Sean

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Re: CE: Schmitt On Haut Affidavit

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul> Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 11:05:31 -0700 Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 15:54:47 -0400 Subject: Re: CE: Schmitt On Haut Affidavit

>From: Dennis Balthaser <<u>truthskr</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 10:32:52 -0600
>Subject: Re: CE: Schmitt On Haut Affidavit

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers >><<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2007 7:05 AM
>>Subject: CE: Schmitt On Haut Affidavit

>>From: Francis Ridge <<u>nicap</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>current-encounters</u>.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 05:00:38 -0500
>>Subject: Details On Haut Affidavit - Finally

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>>When Walter was video taped on his "historic record" by Wendy
>>Connors and Dennis Balthaser, he never was told in advance that
>>they would ever touch on the subject of Roswell. The agreement
>>was to discuss the pre-Roswell years from his youth up till
>>that time. When they crossed that line it is abundantly clear
>>that he >>was getting more agitated by the second and wanted
>>no part of it. Mark Rodeghier was quick to point out "how
>>pressured Walter was and how he finally succumbed to leading
>>questions." Walter's demeanor becomes more and more
>>perturbed as he looks down and his fingers tapped faster and
>>faster across the chairs armrests. >Rodeghier felt that the
>>video was worthless on those merits alone. We agreed.

>Schmitt wrote, "He never was told in advance that they would >ever touch on the subject of Roswell."

>That statement by Schmitt is totally untrue, as I have a copy >of the 6 page typed agenda used to interview Walter on videotape >by Wendy and I, which was approved by Julie (Walter's daughter) >prior to doing the interview. Julie in fact gave us some >questions to ask her Dad which we added to the agenda.

>The topics to be discussed were; Pre-military, Military >which
>included many questions and comments about the Roswell
>Incident - and After Military.

<snip>

>The reason Wendy and I decided to do the interview in the first >place was because during the taping of a documentary for a >French film crew that Wendy and I were involved in, we >overheard Walter state to the interviewer that he had seen a >body. It was decided that the interview would not only be about >that comment Walter made publicly, but also as an oral history >about Walter for historical value and for his family.

<snip>

>I agree with Mr. Schmitt's comment that Walter was pressured

>at times for certain information by Wendy during the video >interview, but she was trying to get the information we had >previously heard him state, and quite possibly some of the >information on the taped interview agrees with the 2002 >affidavit. Determining whether General Ramey was in Roswell for >a meeting with Blanchard, Marcel, Haut and others remains of >utmost importance, and is being researched.

Dennis and List,

Just for the record, below is my transcript of the relevant portions of the 2000 oral interview concerning Ramey at Roswell and Haut seeing a body and craft in a hangar. Afterwards, I'll compare it with the 2002 affidavit.

As can be seen in the transcript, Wendy Connors (abbreviated as WC) is asking questions based on her understanding of previous comments by Haut. So Wendy does most of the talking and Haut comes off as a somewhat taciturn, reluctant respondent to these particular probes by Wendy. I got the impression that he deliberately did not want to respond in detail, but he did confirm what Wendy was asking him and certainly did not deny it.

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WC: The next day Roger Ramey and Dubose, his aide, comes to Roswell. As you have told me in previous interviews, you all gathered in the conference room-Blanchard was there, Ramey, Dubose, you, and several others-but you have never gone into detail on what was discussed, other than you did tell me that General Ramey wanted this thing stopped. And the last time we talked, when I asked you if this was a real flying saucer, if this was a real body, you said yes, that Roger Ramey lied, it was not a weather balloon. Do you remember what the discussion was in the conference room? Was Ramey upset with Colonel Blanchard? Or did they just kind of put all their heads together and say this is the best way to put the stop to this information?

HAUT: I wasn't privy to a lot of the information that went back and forth between Ramey and Blanchard. I would assume that when they got together they discussed this, with nobody else around, and decided that the best way to do that is this. Let's get the news media in here and let's just tell them our side of it, and let it go at that.

WC: Let me get back to you're all in the conference room, and Ramey's there, Dubose is there, obviously Colonel Blanchard had been talking on the phone to General Ramey over that evening, and the next day Ramey and Dubose show up, and as you said, you were all in the conference room. Was it in the conference room that Ramey decided to deny that this was a flying disc and it was a weather balloon? Was the cover story done there in the conference room?

HAUT: The fact that I was the public relations officer and involved with this, I felt that I had to pay a lot of attention. When you're a first lieutenant and here's a general here, and there's a couple of colonels there, and lieutenant colonels over there, and you're sitting here, the only field grade officer, you kinda feel about that big!

WC: Well, I can understand that, but I want to get inside you. I think if I was the PIO and Colonel Blanchard had told me to release this story, and then all of a sudden here are the big boys with stars on their shoulders showing up, you're all in the conference room, and you know that you're going to have to pay attention, just like you said, to what they're saying and what they want because the public relations part that comes from it is going to come back on you and you're the one who's going to have to be answering the questions, through the media. Not much came, because obviously, as we know from history, it was pretty much dropped at that point. But you had to be prepared for that. So that's what I'm asking and assuming that that there is where, in the conference room, you're all in there, and Ramey is discussing this is how we're going to kind of keep this very quiet so that higher authority can handle it. Is that what happened?

HAUT: Pretty much so. I couldn't find anything to nitpick on it.

Re: CE: Schmitt On Haut Affidavit

WC: When I was here a few months ago, when the French film crew was here, where we talked about the saucer itself, the disc, the flying disc itself, and the body. At that time you told me that you had not observed the body up close, that you were.you felt you were about 20 feet away from it, that the body was partially covered with a tarp, and it was next to the disc, the saucer itself. I have two questions. One, was the disc in so many different pieces or was it pretty much all together, but maybe broken in pieces? When you observed the disc, what did it look like?

HAUT: I would venture a guess that probably a diameter of somewhere around 25 feet.

WC: But even though you didn't go right up to the body, I'm assuming from what you told me, as you weren't close enough to smell the body, but that you were probably, to the best of your recollection, you were within approximately 20 feet of the body, which isn't really not that great of a distance. There's two parts to this question. One, there was only one body? What did that body look like?

HAUT: It was a relatively small body, comparable to ah, oh maybe a eleven-year-old, ten or eleven-year-old child. It was pretty well beat up.

WC: To make sure I've got this from a historical perspective, this is just two point-blank questions. First, you're saying that the recovery of the body, there was only one?

HAUT: (Long pause) I don't think so. (pause) I thought there were several bodies.

WC: When you saw the body in the hangar partially covered with the tarp, you only saw the one.

HAUT: Yes.

WC: OK. Now my next point-blank question is, and you had already told me this before, that, and you looked right at me and you said, "Hey, Roger Ramey lied. This was no weather balloon!" And you were very implicit about that. From the best of your recollection, they had a disc. And maybe it was in several pieces, but altogether laying there was approximately 20, 25 feet in diameter. This was not scattered from pillar to post. They had instrumentation. They really had a disc!

HAUT: That's my remembrance.

WC: But overall, you're very comfortable with you saw one body and this disc object.

HAUT: Yes. (?? more like a mumbled affirmation)

HAUT: That you know. There's no question in your mind. That's fine.

(Goes on to asking questions about knowing Major Marcel.)

There are some differences with the 2002 affidavit, which also went into more detail, but nonetheless in 2000 Haut did verbally confirm key points about seeing a small body next to the craft and Ramey and chief of staff Dubose being at Roswell discussing the cover-up.

Key differences were the affidavit having Haut seeing "a couple of bodies" instead of one and giving different dimensions for the craft. In 2000 he guesses it may have been 25 feet in diameter, but the affidavit has it as "12 to 15 feet in length, not quite as wide, about 6 feet high, and more of an egg shape." Haut doesn't provide a shape in his interview, though Wendy Connors kept referring to it as a disc. It was unclear whether the craft was intact or broken into pieces.

Carey and Schmitt have several other witnesses describing a smaller, egg- or oval-shaped craft, including a number of civilians seeing the covered object being driven on a flat-bed truck through the center of Roswell on the afternoon of July 8. Since Don Schmitt apparently drafted the affidavit based on what

he says were Haut's various comments to him over the years (with Haut carefully reviewing and then signing it with Schmitt not present), an important question in my mind is whether Haut actually gave this description to Schmitt or whether Schmitt based it on the other witnesses. Alternatively, maybe Haut in 2000 was deliberately not being fully candid in 2000 about what the craft looked like. Nonetheless, in both interview and affidavit, Haut confirms a craft being recovered and seeing it, regardless of shape or dimensions.

Then there is the discrepancy between one body and several. Haut told Connors that it was his understanding that there were several bodies, but when Wendy pressed him about the actual number that he personally saw, Haut confirms that he only saw one. However, again, regardless of the number he personally saw, Haut is saying in both interview and affidavit that he was a body eyewitness. In both he describes the size as about that of a 10-year-old child.

Thus the main point remains that Haut was claiming to be a body/craft and cover-up eyewitness (with Ramey at the base at a meeting with Haut present) going back to at least 2 years before the 2002 affidavit.

David Rudiak

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Cutler Twining Memorandum On-Line

From: Bruce Maccabee

brumac.nul>

Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 15:26:32 -0400

Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 15:59:43 -0400

Subject: Cutler Twining Memorandum On-Line

The recent discussion about MJ-12 and the role played by the Cutler Twining Memorandum has caused me to make use of my relatively new slide scanner to make available, on-line, scans of the slides I made about 20 years ago - about 2 years after the memo was discovered by Shandar and Moore in the National Archives.

I invite anyone who is interested to visit my web site and scroll down slightly to the first entry after the heading of Sightings/Analyses/Discussion.

I apologize for the scratches and 'dirt' in these scans. The slides were shown numerous times many years ago and were damaged in handling. But key aspects of the document, besides the words thereon, are apparent: creases, yellowing and the red line through the security marking.

The reason for the red line was not known to Friedman, Shandara or Moore until after the CT document - and some other declassified documents found afterward - became available.

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Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

From: James Horak <<u>ichorak7441</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 14:09:58 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 16:02:46 -0400 Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 13:18:07 EDT
>Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>Source: The Daily Telegraph - London, UK

>http://tinyurl.com/3b47tw

>16/08/2007

>'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>By Nic Fleming >Science Correspondent

>Hey! How dare these scientists keep coming up with discoveries >that rewrite the history books!

>Everyone knows our scientists and our pseudo-intellectuals know >everything there is about everything and if they say it can't be >done it can't be done!

>All kidding aside, experiments like this have been highlighted >before and it's good to see more research done.

>It may just be semantics that breaking the speed of light may >merely be breaking the slowness of distance instead. If photons >can appear at a point instantaneous regardless of distance then >I don't think it traveled through space but instead bypassed it.

>So if we can bypass the restrictions of space it's like that >story where getting from europe to the americas by walking is >impossible. So you build a boat and you bypass the drowning >thing. You want to go faster you build an airplane you bypass >he water thing. We're now building big scramjets that will >cover the distance in minutes by bypassing the atmosphere >tally.

>For fun's sake it sounds like the lyrics to musician George >Clinton's songs about the cosmos.

Yes, how many of these so-called 'scientific-proof' adherents, have hinged empty arguments of a self-perpetuated concept of a speed of light barrier? About the same percentage, I would imagine that did the irrational sound barrier. Yes, I said "irrational".

They profess limitation and nothing more. While before their noses every exception to those mental blocks is taking place! Damn, it takes cheap thinking to be a so-called scientist these days. All it takes is to demand proofs while in reality all the "proofs" held so dearly by them are shredding daily. Proof, democracy, communism, all meaningless to those ruled by ambivalence and far more eager to win a meal ticket than to step up to the challenge of discovery. To afford their own efforts with the strong moral core it takes not to compete for truths like children do for toys. Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

Greg, the application of your thoughts here were ventured by a man who actually introduced the very first model for the Unified Field Theory long before Velikofsky and Einstein mused over it at tea.

His name was John Dunne and he wrote two highly interesting books on time. He opposed the idea of linear time and found a way to describe it as serial. If what he provided can lead to working models, drive is a secondary consideration in developing star travel.

JCH

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Re: On The Effectiveness Of Aluminium Foil Helmets

From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 21:35:24 +0000
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 16:04:39 -0400
Subject: Re: On The Effectiveness Of Aluminium Foil Helmets

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 16:44:44 -0400
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <<u>UFO-UpDates</u>.nul>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: On The Effectiveness Of Aluminium Foil Helmets

>Source: MIT Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence
> Laboratory - Boston, Massachusetts, USA

>http://people.csail.mit.edu/rahimi/helmet/

>17 Feb 2005

>On The Effectiveness Of Aluminium Foil Helmets: >An Empirical Study

>Ali Rahimil, Ben Recht, Jason Taylor, Noah Vawter

>1: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science department, MIT.

>2: Media Laboratory, MIT.

>Abstract

>Among a fringe community of paranoids, aluminum helmets serve as >the protective measure of choice against invasive radio signals. >We investigate the efficacy of three aluminum helmet designs on >a sample group of four individuals. Using a \$250,000 network >analyser, we find that although on average all helmets attenuate >invasive radio frequencies in either directions (either >emanating from an outside source, or emanating from the cranium >of the subject), certain frequencies are in fact greatly >amplified. These amplified frequencies coincide with radio bands >reserved for government use according to the Federal >Communication Commission (FCC). Statistical evidence suggests >the use of helmets may in fact enhance the government's invasive >abilities. We speculate that the government may in fact have >started the helmet craze for this reason.

I'm not sure whether this jargon is still around, but in 1950 when I was in the U.S. Air Farce (er, Force), "You're putting me on" was a common saying. This MIT study is an obvious, but hilarious, put-on. I can hardly wait for the paranoid responses.

- Dick

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 18:52:31 -0400
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 16:07:17 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 15:27:11 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

<snip>

>Complex patterns of dots move in concert to transform from one >shape to another, and move together at high speeds across the >sky.

Watching this, I was wondering whether balloons that were somehow tehered together might act in this fashion. I was having some difficulty coming to any conclusions, given the entire footage shown.

>There is even a hint of a circular force field around the >parent object

That appears to me to be an artifact of the images.

Brian

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Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

From: **Cathy Reason** <<u>CathyM</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 01:36:04 +0100 Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 16:08:47 -0400 Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 18:00:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>From: Cathy Reason <<u>CathyM</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 06:59:06 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>It has everything to do with tradition.

No, it has everything to do with using words to mean what they in fact mean. Empiricism asserts the primacy of experience, rationalism asserts the primacy of intellect. Those positions are just inconsistent.

<snip>

>>This is the method of textual analysis and literary criticism, >>not science.

>I'm not quite sure what you mean here.

Literary criticism starts with the text as axiomatic and proceeds to derive inferences from it. This is exactly the reverse of how science operates. In science, one starts with hypotheses and then proceeds to test them against evidence.

>Are you suggesting that
>science has a different and privileged logical foundation? What
>would be the distinction between such an assertion and
>scientism?

Evidence.

>>Even in mathematics this sort of formalism has been >>discredited for over a century.

>I know where you are coming from with this

I kinda doubt it ;-)

>G=F6del's work depended on both [axioms and rules] in order to >demonstrate their limitations.

What Godel showed is that formal systems cannot be used as the basis for theories of knowledge. Mathematics can't be reduced to mechanical proving of theorems from sets of axioms, and science certainly cannot.

Cathy

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Stan Friedman <<u>fsphys</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 23:19:35 -0300 Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 16:13:00 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <<u>sergejsh</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 21:00:25 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 19:19:12 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

<snip>

>>There is no, repeat no, historical evidence for crop circles,
>>as they are presently understood, before the 1980s.

<snip>

>I would not agree with that. I found cases of pre-1980's crop >circles, some of which even show connections with UFO >phenomena.

<snip>

>Source: UFO EVIDENCE

>1974 - Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada

>http://www.ufoevidence.org/cases/case304.htm

Sorry but the 1974 Langenburg Case was a physical trace case and not a set of crop circles. Several saucers were seen taking off. Ted Phillips collected a lot of data.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 07:02:03 -0700
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 16:43:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 19:19:12 +0100
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>There is no, repeat no, historical evidence for crop circles, as >they are presently understood, before the 1980s. The clearest >evidence for this is at Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

>Warminster lies in the epicentre of the English crop circle >territory, and forty years ago it was the centre of England's >biggest ever UFO flap.

>The place was swarming with ufologists, recording anything >unusual that happened in the area. Quite literally, a sparrow >could not fall from the sky without it being noticed. Yet no->one, repeat no-one, recorded anything resembling a corn circle >as we now know the term.

>No matter what you think their origin may be, you have to admit >that the corn circle phenomenon began in the 1980s.

Wrong! It is clear you are unfamilliar with much of the research done in this area... I've been studying and investigating this subject since the early 90s, and, like other researchers who have had an interest in the historical aspect of crop circles, we have found that there are indeed many older accounts. Some are in documents, some are from still-living witnesses, etc.

A report in Nature magazine (1880) described flattened circles with well-defined edges and standing centres in Surrey, England. Other reports in A Natural History of Staffordshire (1686) describe geometric flattened patterns in fields. There are others from England in various archives.

Even just yesterday, Bob Shell sent me an e-mail of a post he did for UFO UpDates (but didn't get posted) of a circle he himself saw in Virginia in 1966. There are many similar accounts from various countries. Try actually talking to Jeff Wilson, Andreas Muller, Terry Wilson, Nancy Talbott and others who have uncovered some of these cases. There are also currently at least 47 known pre-1980 reports in the formation archives on the CCCRN web site (out of 251 to date). And yes, some of these came from UFO researchers as well other witnesses. People may have started hoaxing more formations in later years in England (and elsewhere) but the basic phenomenon existed long before that in many countries.

I would recommend actually reading the information available before making such dismissive statements. The links below are a sampling and a good start:

http://www.cccrn.ca/history.html http://www.cccrn.ca/formationarchives.html http://www.bltresearch.com/otherfacts.html http://www.cropcircleconnector.com/anasazi/secretbook98.html http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textWW2.htm#01 http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textSweden.htm http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textDDR.htm

Re: Crop Circles Discussion

http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textCredoMutwa.htm http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textGrimm.htm http://ccdb.cropcircleresearch.com/?d=x&y=195&c=any http://ccdb.cropcircleresearch.com/?d=x&y=196&c=any http://ccdb.cropcircleresearch.com/?d=x&y=197&c=any http://www.invisiblecircle.org/ser/d-archiv-1990-and-older.html http://www.bbc.co.uk/ww2peopleswar/stories/95/a3940995.shtml

In all the countries, most of these reports are of very simple circles and rings, with similar characteristics, but they are the same as what we now refer to as crop circles - flattened, swirled circles or occasionally other shapes.

Paul Scott Anderson

founder Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

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Secrecy News -- 08/17/07

From: Steven Aftergood <<u>saftergood</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 13:00:01 -0400 Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 16:57:47 -0400 Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/17/07

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In an unusual move that may signal a new, more discriminating judicial view of the state secrets privilege, a federal appeals court recently reinstated a lawsuit which a lower court had dismissed after the government invoked the state secrets privilege.

The lawsuit was originally filed in 1994 by former Drug Enforcement Administration official Richard Horn who alleged that the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency had unlawfully eavesdropped on his communications while he was stationed in Rangoon, Burma.

The government asserted the state secrets privilege in 2000 and moved for dismissal of the case. The government motion was granted by the D.C. district court in 2004.

But in a June 29, 2007 decision (that was unsealed on July 20), the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the dismissal. The Court did not dispute the government's invocation of the state secrets privilege, but concluded that there was sufficient unprivileged evidence on the record to permit the plaintiff to argue his case.

"In many state secrets cases, a plaintiff has no prospects of evidence to support the assertions in his complaint and this lack of evidence requires dismissal. Here, however, Horn [the plaintiff] is not without evidence," the Court said.

The Court presented its ruling as a straightforward application of established principles, including fairness to the parties.

But in a sharply dissenting opinion, one conservative member of the Court said that the decision to reinstate the lawsuit could fundamentally alter the use of the state secrets privilege.

"The majority's reversal of the district court's decision," wrote Judge Janice Rogers Brown, "pushes this circuit's state secrets jurisprudence in a new and troubling direction -- one at odds with all other circuits that have considered the issue."

The case was remanded to the district court level for further deliberation.

http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/aug/m18-009.shtml[11/12/2011 16:59:10]

See the unsealed Appeals Court ruling "In Re: Sealed Case," June 29, 2007 here:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/statesec/horn062907.pdf

Coincidentally, the American Bar Association (<u>www.abanet.org</u>) this week adopted a resolution urging that "whenever possible," federal civil cases should not be dismissed "based solely on the state secrets privilege."

The ABA resolution also proposed a set of legislative changes designed "to encourage meaningful judicial review of assertions of the state secrets privilege" and to regulate use of the privilege.

A copy of the ABA resolution, adopted August 13, and an accompanying report elaborating on its recommendations may be found here:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/statesec/aba081307.pdf

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Recent reports from the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include the following.

"Capital Punishment Overview: 2006-2007 Term of the Supreme Court," July 20, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL34100.pdf

"Globalization, Worker Insecurity, and Policy Approaches," updated July 24, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL34091.pdf

"Executive Branch Reorganization and Management Initiatives: A Brief Overview," updated July 10, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL33441.pdf

"Constitutional Limits on Punitive Damages Awards: An Analysis of the Supreme Court Case Philip Morris USA v. Williams," updated July 17, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL33773.pdf

"Internet Search Engines: Copyright's 'Fair Use'" in Reproduction and Public Display Rights," updated July 12, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33810.pdf

"Nuclear Energy Policy," updated July 12, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL33558.pdf

"The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS)," updated July 23, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33388.pdf

"Private Security Contractors in Iraq: Background, Legal Status, and Other Issues," updated July 11, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL32419.pdf

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 00:32:52 -0300 Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 16:59:35 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: Santiago Yturria Garza <<u>syturria</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 19:38:03 +0000
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 22:19:48 -0300
>>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>>And if one thinks these are 'mysterious, it must be
>>considered that it has the same origins as even more
>>incredible footage of flying horses and characters
>>from Pokemon and Spongebob Squarepants - I'm not
>>joking. Flying objects of those shapes were actually
>>filmed and promoted as mysterious things.

<snip>

>But you >took the easy way and went to the extreme position quoting >ridicule examples like Pokemon and Spongebob wich are not the >case and just revealed you are not serious in your inquiry.

Interesting thing that you quoted Pokemon and Spongebob, but repeatedly ignored the flying horse example. I cannot help but suspect that's because the flying horse case was promoted as mysterious by the very same person who is the main responsible for publicizing the "Flotillas".

The Pokemon and Spongebob character examples were also filmed and/or promoted by people directly related to the promotion of the less bizarre spheres.

I'm avoiding quoting names because I don't want this to sound like a personal attack, but both you and I, and hopefully some others, know who we are speaking about.

>Ademar has published several times >accurate information about this phenomena and is an important >colaborator in this international research.

I have read the articles he published. It's mostly all based on the material that came from the publicizer referred to above, who also promoted the flying horse case on TV. Several local Brazilian ufologists, who support the ETH, clearly stated they did not find the Flotillas convincing and that they thought they are indeed balloons, birds and things alike.

But I must be the first to promptly admit that I did not research all these cases in depth, though I did analyze and investigate at least one example, promoted on this very same List some years ago:

http://forgetomori.com/2007/ufos/ufo-photos-mexican-flotilla/

I never claimed that I was an "expert" on the subject. My argument was the simple one I explained below.

>>If it's reasonable to assume these were just
>>balloons, as there are balloons of the exact same
>>shape being sold, then it's also reasonable to assume
>>these Flotillas are also more common balloons.
>>Unless someone proves and shows the contrary.

>You are wrong again Mr. Mori. You should say Unless someone >proves with hard evidence that the UFO fleets are balloons the >phenomena will remain unexplained. As the lawyers say: " >Innocent until proven Guilty"

Indeed. That's what I implied, Santiago. I wrote that it was reasonable to assume they were balloons, but there's indeed a difference between assuming something because it's reasonable, and proving, explaining it in certain terms.

It's just that one shouldn't also claim they are mysterious unless any of these mysterious features is actually convincingly proven.

>We have made a deep investigation for decades, we have made >recreations with actual balloons and they failed to behave like >a UFO fleet, we have asked skeptics to make their own >experiments throwing 1000 balloons to the sky to see the results >but they could not do the test. I could go on and on with this >just to prove we are working seriously to learn about this >phenomena and to date we have proven it's legitimacy.

But as far as I know you didn't publish these alleged analyses on an open, scientific way for broad peer evaluation. If you did, could you please share them here, as Milton Frank asked you days ago?

Once again, I claim no expertise on the subject and admit no case can be claimed to be definitely prosaic unless proven so. But at the same time, I'm arguing that it's reasonable to assume they are, unless proven that they have indeed features unexplainable by these prosaic assumptions.

Respectfully yours,

Mori

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Re: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 11:49:48 +0100
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 17:02:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

>From: Alfred Lehmberg <<u>alienview</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 13:28:27 -0500
>Subject: Re: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

>>From: Stuart Miller <<u>stuart.4</u>.nul>
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I've snipped everything because its not relevant.

This is a great pity, a real, real shame.

If you had approached me privately and had a word with me, I might have been able to oblige - as other have done in the past.

That you have done so publicly and attempted to manipulate an editor of a news site into censuring what he does and doesn't print leaves little option.

Probably 90% of the material I print on a daily basis within my "Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon" section is rubbish. Reynolds is no better or worse.

No balanced person took what Reynolds said about you seriously for one second. It wasn't even a case of "no smoke". And furthermore, and understandably you missed the irony, coming from a coterie headed up by an older man and an assortment of boys of indeterminable age, his point was somewhat moot. I don't hold that against him either.

Get over yourself Alfred and get on with it.

Cromwell died of malarial fever.

Stuart

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Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 07:05:35 -0400
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 17:03:17 -0400
Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 13:18:07 EDT
>Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>It may just be semantics that breaking the speed of light may >merely be breaking the slowness of distance instead. If photons >can appear at a point instantaneous regardless of distance then >I don't think it traveled through space but instead bypassed it.

>So if we can bypass the restrictions of space it's like that >story where getting from europe to the americas by walking is >impossible. So you build a boat and you bypass the drowning >thing. You want to go faster you build an airplane you bypass >the water thing. We're now building big scramjets that will >cover the distance in minutes by bypassing the atmosphere >totally.

You only violate Einstein if you move between two points in space by passing through the intervening space. Instantaneous jumping as in this experiment does not violate special relativity at all.

I like your analogies. Maybe we've been so hung up on the light barrier that we've ignored other ways to do the same thing.

As with so many things, science fiction has already been there. In Norman Spinrad's classic The Void Captain's Tale there are jumpships that get from place to place in the universe by a series of instantaneous jumps. I suspect that if we develop the ability to travel through the universe it will be by some such mechanism.

Bob Shell

Those who cast the votes decide nothing. Those who count the votes decide everything. - Joseph Stalin

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 12:21:32 +0100 Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 17:05:28 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <<u>sergejsh</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 21:00:25 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 19:19:12 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

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>I would not agree with that. I found cases of pre-1980's crop >circles, some of which even show connections with UFO phenomena.

>Source: BLT Research Team, LTD.

>Historical Indications That Crop Circles Are Not "New

>http://www.bltresearch.com/otherfacts.html

No-one doubts that there are many examples of circular crop damage in fields from a variety of meteorological causes. The reports cited in the wepage above are interesting, but there are serious problems in interpreting some of the older reports, which are not neccessarily objective descriptions of physical phenomena. One of the most-quoted early corn-circles accounts the so-called 'Mowing Devil' - is almost certainly an allegory rather than a description.

One of the earliest examples I am aware of which explicitly links crop damage to UFOs appears in the May/June 1968 issue of Flying Saucer review, which was then Britain's leading UFO journal. The "Whippingham Ground Effects" was a series of markings found in barley fields on the Isle of Wight, off the south coast of England. The UFO-propulsion theoretician Leonard Cramp investigated them and linked the with previous UFO activity in the area. He found rows of small, irregular circles running parallel to the field boundary hedges.

Looking at the report in retrospect, and subjectively, I think there is little doubt that the 'ground effects' were caused by some meteorological phenomenon, but Cramp theough differently, quoting local farmers who could not accept the idea of a weather-based cause, as the damage was too localised. Cramp also made a great deal of a dead pigeon which was found in one on the areas of damage, and of the UFO reports in other parts of the Island at about the same time. At this remove it is probably impossible to determine exactly what casused these markings.

However the significance of this report is that it demonstrates that there was a great deal of interest in ground markings and so-called 'landing traces'. This is also demonstrated by the case of the 'Charlton Crater' in the eponymous village in Wiltshire. This was a crater about 1 foot deep, 8 feet in diameter, with a hole in the centre about 3 feet deep which was found on the boundary between a potato field and a barley field. It created an enormous amount of attention, leading to military investigations and questions in Parliament. Other craters and ground markings were investigated at Tyneham in Wiltshire and in Berkshire.

But despite all this careful scrutiny of anomalous ground markings and crop damage there was nothing resembling what we now understand as a 'crop circle', and as I noted in my previous posting, nothing like a crop circle has emerged from the massive amount of data that surrounds the Warminster phenomena.

So I see no challenge to my suggestion that, although there are a small number of reports from earlier times suggesting some form(s) of anomalous ground markings, the crop circle phenomena itself is a product of the 1980s, and the most likely explanation for it is human ingenuity. As, despite the selfhatred towards our own species often expressed on this List, we are actually quite a clever little animal!

John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 17:40:57 -0300
Archived: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 17:08:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Stan Friedman <<u>fsphys</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 23:19:35 -0300
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

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>>Source: UFO EVIDENCE

>>1974 - Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada

>><a>http://www.ufoevidence.org/cases/case304.htm

>Sorry but the 1974 Langenburg Case was a physical trace case and >not a set of crop circles. Several saucers were seen taking off. >Ted Phillips collected a lot of data.

Yeah, let's keep crop circles and trace evidence of object landings and impressions separated. It seems to me that the crop circles came about as the result of the odd impression seen in a field or marsh and the hoaxter's decided to create a few of their own and it got out of hand after that.

Swales, swirls and depressions and 'saucer' nests were, and still are, found on occassion. I never see a "crop" circle in the middle of a dense forest - [i.e. a 60 foot crush-down of trees and bushes - or in a swamp or marsh however, it's always in some easy place to get to, a farmer's field with a road next to it.

Don Ledger

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From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 22:20:15 +0100
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 20:57:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 07:02:03 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

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>>There is no, repeat no, historical evidence for crop circles, as
>>they are presently understood, before the 1980s. The clearest
>>evidence for this is at Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

>>Warminster lies in the epicentre of the English crop circle
>>territory, and forty years ago it was the centre of England's
>>biggest ever UFO flap.

>>The place was swarming with ufologists, recording anything >>unusual that happened in the area. Quite literally, a sparrow >>could not fall from the sky without it being noticed. Yet no->>one, repeat no-one, recorded anything resembling a corn circle >>as we now know the term.

>>No matter what you think their origin may be, you have to admit >>that the corn circle phenomenon began in the 1980s.

>Wrong! It is clear you are unfamilliar with much of the research >done in this area... I've been studying and investigating this >subject since the early 90s, and, like other researchers who >have had an interest in the historical aspect of crop circles, >we have found that there are indeed many older accounts. Some >are in documents, some are from still-living witnesses, etc.> >I would recommend actually reading the information available >before making such dismissive statements. The links below are a >sampling and a good start:

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>http://www.cccrn.ca/history.html
>http://www.cccrn.ca/formationarchives.html
>http://www.bltresearch.com/otherfacts.html
>http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textWW2.htm#01
>http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textSweden.htm
>http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textDDR.htm
>http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textDDR.htm
>http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textCredoMutwa.htm
>http://www.kornkreise-forschung.de/textGrimm.htm
>http://ccdb.cropcircleresearch.com/?d=x&y=195&c=any
>http://ccdb.cropcircleresearch.com/?d=x&y=196&c=any
>http://ccdb.cropcircleresearch.com/?d=x&y=197&c=any
>http://www.invisiblecircle.org/ser/d-archiv-1990-and-older.html
>http://www.bbc.co.uk/ww2peopleswar/stories/95/a3940995.shtml
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>In all the countries, most of these reports are of very simple >circles and rings, with similar characteristics, but they are >the same as what we now refer to as crop circles - flattened, >swirled circles or occasionally other shapes.

I am familiar with most of the cases cited above. They are, as you say, mostly simple circles which probably have a

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meteorological explanation. We will never know just how regular and 'hard-edged' they may be because we are usully dependent on verbal descriptions made after the event. The Tully, Queensland, 'saucer nests' have been widely discussed in the UFO literature and they have only a marginal connection with the broader cropcircle phenomenon. Stanton Friedman points out that ground markings and crop damage are familiar to ufologists, who have probably examined thousands in Britain, Europe and North America over the last sixty years. To claim all these as 'crop circles' is going to muddy the waters even more.

With regard to such cases as the 'Mowing Devil' there are many cultural variables involved in interpreting accounts from previous centuries, and they cannot be regarded as scientific evidence for an unknown phenomena. The Mowing Devil account itself was probably part of a campaign for a living wage for agricultural workers and a coded attack on miserly landowners!

I stand by my contention that the crop circle phenomenon as it is generally understood is a product of the 1980s and 1990s.

John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>

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Shall We Shout Into the Cosmos?

From: Ray Dickenson <<u>r.dickenson</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 22:43:44 +0100 Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 20:58:38 -0400 Subject: Shall We Shout Into the Cosmos?

Hello List,

David Brin asks "Shall We Shout Into the Cosmos?" at:

http://www.davidbrin.com/setisearch.html

'an information/resource page concerning a fast-developing scientific controversy'.

And George Dvorsky - who seems an analytical thinker - is going to maybe help out, at:

Sentient Developments

http://tinyurl.com/2fnz3p

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 17:20:51 -0500
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 21:02:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Piggy-Backing Monkeys?

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>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 11:49:48 +0100
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Well - we differ there, too. It's _very_ relevant! This scabrous miscreant tries to manipulate a ufological community using tactics of rear and intimidation! You shine this on like it's spirited hijinx! What a _strange_ hubris!

>This is a great pity, a real, real shame.

How could that be? A degenerate whisperer ironically whispering publicly is called to account for social crimes real and substantiated and it's a "great pity and a real shame"? Ludicrous!

>If you had approached me privately and had a word with me, I >might have been able to oblige - as other have done in the past.

I do not regret, Sir, that I feel compelled to defend myself publicly regarding a thinly veiled accusation, also public - and I _shall_ make no apology for same!

>That you have done so publicly and attempted to manipulate an >editor of a news site into censuring what he does and doesn't >print leaves little option.

That Mr. Miller, is an interesting interpretation of my activity, and I encourage you to do what you need to do, indeed avail yourself _whatever_ option is available or appeals to you... with my encouragement and my blessing! Well forget the crass manipulations RR is attempting with his self-admitted secret whisper campaigns, but please continue.

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http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/aug/m19-003.shtml[11/12/2011 16:59:14]

>no better or worse.

This, Sir, is a another bit of text that should have been excised as irrelevant. Moreover, no one else linked to on your news page is intimating, for their own aggrandizement, innocent persons are committing serious crimes!

>No balanced person took what Reynolds said about you seriously >for one second.

I appreciate _your_ confidence, Mr. Miller, but then it wasn't you linked to child-sex or reported to the FBI for same! This is _forgetting_ that you can qualify your statement in _no_ way, whatsoever! Moreover, it's unbalanced persons keeping just such a myth alive and you won't be speaking for them, just as you can't really speak for balanced persons, either, as well!

>It wasn't even a case of "no smoke".

Again, I'm gratified _you_ think so! Unfortunately, it's a horse of a different color on this side of the pond.

>And

>furthermore, and understandably you missed the irony, coming >from a coterie headed up by an older man and an assortment of >boys of indeterminable age, his point was somewhat moot. I don't >hold that against him either.

Nor would I. You'll note my criticism of him makes no mention of that whatsoever. It's not the issue here.

>Get over yourself Alfred and get on with it.

Outrageous! I'm reprimanded again as the guilty party for protesting a monstrous smear! Has Andy Roberts just sucked up all the oxygen in GB or do you have no sense of justice Mr. Miller?

>Cromwell died of malarial fever.

So? Subsequently, they exhumed him, tried him post mortem, then chopped off his head... which graced a pole outside Westminster Abbey until 1685.

Which is where RR's literary head could stay until I'm compensated for damages to my reputation and honor as a retired officer, a certified school teacher, a husband, and a father. Yes, compensation! This compensation only _begins_ in a public apology, and a notarized written one. Pecuniary damages would be based on the quality of that, frankly.

Far from cooling me out, you've only fanned the flames and increased my resolve and rage, a rage which is on reflection, righteous!

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Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 22:19:31 EDT
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 21:05:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>From: Anthony Bragalia <<u>envcol</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 20:01:28 -0400
>Subject: Brad Sparks 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>Brad Sparks MUFON Symposium Proceedings paper on MJ-12
>hints at tantalizing and potentially very valuable new Roswell
>information. He is very brief in these revelations, which could
>easily go unnoticed without careful reading. Perhaps Brad may
>speak more directly to them here. To my knowledge this
>information has never been mentioned or published by any other
>researcher.

I think that is correct, no other researcher has ever mentioned or published anything like this. The skeptics will not tolerate anything but a Mogul balloon. Roswell proponents will not tolerate anything less than alien bodies and crashed spaceship. Even something like "possibly extraterrestrial" is not good enough for them. It can be right in front of their eyes and they cannot see it.

Anything in between a Mogul balloon and an ET spacecraft is completely invisible to skeptics and advocates alike, they cannot see any evidence that falls in between even if they should happen to come across it (as a few have), they will not look for such evidence, and with virtually no exceptions they will not help anyone else (such as me) look for such "in between" evidence.

>Mr. Sparks states:

>"I must admit from my highly skeptical research that in 1949
>AFOSI was almost certainly responding to Roswell - for very
>compelling reasons I cannot get into here. There is in fact some
>weak, circumstantial evidence suggesting that it was a classic
>Roswell coverup."

>Where can we learn more about this revelation that AFOSI was >"responding to Roswell" in 1949? In what way were they >"responding" and why in 1949?

It may go back to 1947, before AFOSI was even established, but the evidence becomes clearer in 1949. It is one small aspect of the TOP SECRET U.S. government policy response to Roswell, namely the coverup. It is part of my ongoing investigation mentioned in the quote below. I tried for 6 years to get help for my research but not until this year did I get the help I needed.

>Also in the Proceedings is this Sparks nugget:

>"In 2000 while doing non-UFO-related research, Brad accidentally >discovered the TOP SECRET U.S. government policy response to >Roswell, which should not exist if Roswell was essentially a >non-event. Brad is actively investigating this disturbing >discovery."

>Can you tell us more about this "policy response" discovery you >have made and why it is so disturbing?

It is an ongoing investigation that has really only been able to get under way this year because no one wanted to support it. I can't compromise the research by going into it here.

It is disturbing because I had thought of Roswell as a nothing event, and because the idea the US Government took it so gravely serious should be a disturbing revelation. One of our own balloons (Mogul or otherwise) would not trigger any response at all because it's one of ours.

>With the torrent of new Roswell revelations made this year, >perhaps Brad would be willing to share his new information. And >perhaps it will add to the evidence that Roswell was in fact an >extraterrestrial event.

These "revelations" are just more of same, nothing much different than what we had in 1980, everything dead-ends in Roswell, New Mexico. The AF must be very happy that everything dead-ends in Roswell and goes no farther. The few reports from aerial bus drivers who should not be clued in on national secrets in the first place go no nowhere as well.

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 20:37:50 -0700
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 21:06:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

On Aug 18, 2007, at 1:13 pm, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

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physical characteristics had the same of all reast very similar physical characteristics as what we would call crop circles (rings in this case). The only 'difference' is that craft were observed. But physically, they were pretty much the same thing. Many of the older circle reports, without craft seen, were similar to Langenburg. Why is it so hard for ufologists to get this? That these may well be one and the same phenomenon?

I also have in my files many trace cases which are clearly not crop circles (burned rings, rings in soil, etc.). Those are a different kettle of fish. But flattened, swirled circles or rings in vegetation are by definition crop circles, whether a craft was witnessed or not.

Paul

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: Santiago Yturria Garza <<u>syturria</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 03:56:50 +0000 Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 21:17:34 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 22:19:48 -0300
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>If it's reasonable to assume these were just >balloons, as there are balloons of the exact same >shape being sold, then it's also reasonable to assume >these Flotillas are also more common balloons.

>Unless someone proves and shows the contrary.

To all the community.

Who is Kentaro Mori?

I made some inquiries with several Brazilian researchers, friends and collagues. It resulted what I expected. Kentaro Mori is a devoted all time skeptic, member of CSICOP, editor of a skeptic magazine and current debunker of Brazilian UFO cases.

Mori's methods are the classic tricks, disguising himself and infiltrating UFO communities to execute his hidden agenda and create disinformation.

I must say that it is quite a disapointment to have wasted my time talking to this person in response to his request. It's clear Mori wants to have a scenario for himself, not to conduct legitimate research but to debunk everything related to UFOs by means of futile discussion.

You can't deny the facts I have exposed here Mr. Mori. If you have decency acknowledge you are a skeptic and show your real face instead of hidding under dissimulated postures or go back to your CSICOP paradise.

Santiago Yturria

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Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 21:18:42 -0700
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 21:23:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 13 Aug 2007 16:28:54 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles To Be Debated

>Since you seem very well informed on crop circles, could you
>summarize some of the features considered to indicate genuine as
>opposed to human-made glyphs?

Well, maybe a bit... it's just something I've been involved with and studying for about 17 years now (since my former MUFON days and even before I started CCCRN in 1995).

The most viable features at this point, which still have not been duplicated in any testing experiments (even by MIT a few years ago), are the highly elongated and ruptured stalk nodes. Sometimes nodes have been found stretched up to as much as 200% + their normal length. Manual crushing has been found to sometimes elongate them as well, but only to a few percent at most, not nearly as much. The ruptured nodes have been found in various crops, including even corn here in Canada and elsewhere. These stalks are much thicker than wheat or barley, etc. As I've reported previously, we've found them along the entire length of 9-10 foot tall stalks in some formations. That includes nodes showing no signs of bending (and associated stress) and nodes on stalks near the edges of at least one formation here which were still standing and never flattened. And hundreds or more of them inside formations, but not in the surrounding field. There may still be a prosaic explanation, but we don't don't know what that is, if so. We've had farmers and agricultural consultants look at these also. More info and photos:

http://www.cccrn.ca/science.html

Other current scientific evidence is summarized there also (and the people who insist that all formations since the 1980s must be hoaxes have yet to explain some of these anomalies in presently-occuring formations).

There are also sometimes very complex lays of the crop although these can be accomplished, to some extent at least, by people. I've examined formations in Saskatchwan in particular though that had lay patterns which were complex, impressive and puzzling.

Hoaxed formations though, in general, can usually be identified by scrape marks on the stalks, crushed plants, footprints, flattened 'construction line' paths (some debate about those though) and sometimes just really bad looking geometry. And a lack of the node anomalies in formations which were known to be man-made and were able to be examined.

Paul

Paul Scott Anderson

founder Canadian Crop Circle Research Network www.cccrn.ca

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 00:52:21 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 21:25:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Stan Friedman <<u>fsphys</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 23:19:35 -0300
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

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>>http://www.ufoevidence.org/cases/case304.htm

>Sorry but the 1974 Langenburg Case was a physical trace case >and not a set of crop circles. Several saucers were seen taking >off. Ted Phillips collected a lot of data.

I think this case can be example of crop circles connection with UFOs. There is obvious similarity.

Quote:

"In his investigation, the R.C.M.P. constable found a circular swirl of grass for each UFO position reported by Mr. Fuhr. In the center of each swirl the grass remained erect."

Sergey

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 08:53:59 -0400 Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 21:29:22 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: Brian Ally <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 18:52:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>>From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 15:27:11 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

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>>Complex patterns of dots move in concert to transform from one >>shape to another, and move together at high speeds across the >>sky.

>Watching this, I was wondering whether balloons that were >somehow tehered together might act in this fashion. I was having >some difficulty coming to any conclusions, given the entire >footage shown.

In another video, at:

http://br.youtube.com/watch?v=G-6RA3 eN9Y

there is a similar show of dots moving in concert. Starting at about 7:30, a number of dots move in one direction, while the remainder are stationary or move in the opposite direction. One could say that there are two sets of tethered balloons here, but seeing the two sets float in different directions would be unlikely. There would have to be two adjacent air currents, where each current picked up one set of balloons and not the other. I would then expect to see some turbulence reflected in the motions of the individual dots, but the motions appear smooth to me. Unless, of course, the tethers are rigid.

So, in my opinion, the simple 'tethered balloons' hypothesis leads to complications that are not easy to accept.

William

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Re: Cutler Twining Memorandum On-Line

From: Diane Harrison <auforn06.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 18:41:51 +1000
Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 21:27:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Cutler Twining Memorandum On-Line

>From: Bruce Maccabee <<u>brumac</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 15:26:32 -0400
>Subject: Cutler Twining Memorandum On-Line

>The recent discussion about MJ-12 and the role played by the >Cutler Twining Memorandum has caused me to make use of my >relatively new slide scanner to make available, on-line, scans >of the slides I made about 20 years ago - about 2 years after >the memo was discovered by Shandar and Moore in the National >Archives.

>I invite anyone who is interested to visit my web site and >scroll down slightly to the first entry after the heading of >Sightings/Analyses/Discussion.

>I apologize for the scratches and 'dirt' in these scans. The >slides were shown numerous times many years ago and were damaged >in handling. But key aspects of the document, besides the words >thereon, are apparent: creases, yellowing and the red line >through the security marking.

>The reason for the red line was not known to Friedman, Shandara
>or Moore until after the CT document - and some other
>declassified documents found afterward - became available.

>See: www.brumac.8k.com

Hi Bruce,

Do you have a copy of MAJIC's White Hot project file? The unedited version, without the blacked out bits?

Warmest Regards

Diane Harrison/Frola

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http://www.ufocusnz.org.nz

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Mary Castner <<u>m.castner</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 12:09:04 -0500 Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 21:49:36 -0400 Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

I think we need a little clarification here.

First, Barry Greenwood never asked for his name to be removed from the paper, though there is conflict about sections of the text.

Second, Barry and I started this project. Barry wrote the original paper and was the lead author, not Brad. Brad likes to claim he is the lead because Barry had the courtesy to list his name first in the original since he was going to give the presentation. I personally supplied vast quantities of research material along with the Pandora files. Barry wrote up 27 pages or so and Brad would get another five or six for his conclusions. Pretty much the limit for a one hour presentation.

Third, I asked Brad to only present the paper originally as Barry would not attend, but he wanted to be co-author so that was agreed upon.

Fourth, Barry had a severe case of tendonitis in his right arm and took him a while to write the paper as a painful process, which he finally passed to Brad in mid-May, he immediately begin to cut it up and told me he didn't like it and it was full of issues that bothered him. Now I agreed there was information that would be good to add (non AFOSI in body of text) and that Barry's article was probably too general and not enough detail and probably too much history. Barry's paper was geared to a general reader and not an insiders presentation, which it became.

Fifth, after that neither Barry or I saw the paper again until a couple of days before it had to go to press, though I asked a number of times. When we finally got a copy it was greatly expanded to ~70 pages and reorganized. However, most of the AFOSI material that was suppose to be in Brad's conclusions was in the body of the text. Brad proceeded to attack Barry's theory of money motivation while at the same time gutting out supporting material. Brad even claimed lawsuit for quoting material and lack of references, etc. Not _once_ did Brad ever ask me or Barry for a specific reference relating to what Brad gutted out, except the "put the bread and butter on the table" one by Moore and because Brad was so adamant that anything that might support a money motivation theory not be included he started screaming he didn't want to be sued and it couldn't be included. Of course, you can't sue anyone for quoting and the 20 year old reference from CAUSE would have been provided.

Sixth, Barry thought it was too late to change as it had to go to press, but I insisted we call James Carrion. Some material could be added back into Barry's conclusions but he had to hurry. Then at deadline Brad refused to allow a single paragraph of Barry's material back into his conclusions and then telling Barry basically his stuff was crap and that he (Barry) should be grateful Brad removed it. After all he was doing this as a favor.

I might remind Brad that originally he was only asked to read the paper and would getting a free trip to the conference and a chance to meet people on MUFON's dime. Not a bad deal considering in the end he had a platform to present his AFOSI theory, access to all the research material and finally publication. I think Brad made out like a bandit.

I am going to restate this, Brad wanted to be co-author and James Carrion went along with it because he thought the person who read the paper should have some input. The argument continued over a couple of days about a single paragraph to be reinserted right down to the deadline hour and then Brad made a vague threat and whinny complaint, "To think I did this as a _favor_ to you and Mary - and I get dumped with a shitload of abuse before I can even recover from weeks of all-nighters. You should be thanking me for saving your ass from potential litigation to say nothing of just sheer massive errors numbering in the hundreds. I am going to sleep now and when I awake I had better not hear one more peep of abuse about any of this."

Some gall, gutting a co-author's statements without permission even if he didn't agree with the information, but that's what the conclusions were for. MUFON wouldn't add Barry's material back in without Brad's approval as co-author, though it was okay for Brad to remove material without Barry's consent.

I understand MUFON was caught between a rock and the deep blue on this one and the show had to go on. Barry understood that too. Brad's claim of abuse is downright ridiculous.

As for weeks of all-nighters I remind Brad again he didn't have to do this - only read the paper. It was Brad's decision to make all these changes and he was also writing another book at the same time and thus he put himself up against the wall. The reality is Brad wanted his fingers in the pie. The reality is Brad doesn't have a shred of proof this was an AFOSI activity only speculations woven into a plot that many want to believe. However, In fairness Brad added in some good non-AFOSI, Moore/Doty/Pratt material and picked up the slack of doing the references except those he didn't want to do and yours truly also did lookups that Brad requested of me.

Seventh, at the same time Brad announced he wasn't going to read the paper (too long anyway) and just briefly summarize the MJ-12 material and then go into the ufology community's problems about accepting unauthenticated documents. A worthy topic in itself, but that wasn't what people were paying to hear. At this point nobody knew what Brad was going to present or what percentage of what material and Barry said he didn't want his name on the _oral_ presentation _if_ Brad was going off into his AFOSI theory and unauthenticated documents as the main content of the presentation and not the Pratt material. Fortunately, Brad saw the light of day (maybe with a little help along the way) and stuck to the Pratt material and did a faultless job of presenting that material from what I hear.

Eighth, somewhere along the way Barry will present his view on the new material and motivations. Motivations are important and do have a baring on individuals behavior and actions.

Ninth, I bare some of the blame as my gut feeling was that Brad and Barry wouldn't get along as co-authors. Brad has a way of being strong headed and it's my way or the highway. Also, I was asleep at the switch and not in tune with Barry's chronic pain issue at the time. As a researcher on the project I could have taken his paper and gone through it, adding references before passing to Brad.

Tenth, Barry has reviewed what I am posting.

Mary Castner

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UFO Enthusiasts Gather In Chile'S Region VII

By Benjamin Witte (<u>benwitte</u>.nul)

A National Ufology Conference is set to take place this weekend near the Region VII mountain town of San Clemente. Ufology =96 sometimes spelled UFOlogy =96 is the study of all phenomena related to Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

The convention begins Friday, Aug. 17 and is organized by San Clemente's City Hall and Tourism Chamber. It also enjoys backing from the Chilean government's National Tourism Service (SERNATUR).

"It's great for us if the UFO phenomenon can serve also as a tourist attraction, encouraging visitors to get to know Region VII's mountain zone, which has such a tremendous biological value,=94 said SERNATUR head Oscar Santelices.

The gathering will take place in the Refugio Nacional Biota Maule, located in Vilches near the entrance of the Altos de Lircay National Reserve. Chilean ufologists say the Reserve is a common place for UFO sightings.

"This is an emblematic place in Chile where UFOs have appeared regularly. It's a hot spot, a window for observing UFOs in Chile,=94 Rodrigo Fuenzalida, director of Chile's Ufology Investigation Group (AION), told the Santiago Times. "The idea behind the gathering is to forge an alliance between researchers and the Chilean government in order to promote the San Clemente area as a center for a different kind of tourism.=94

A similar gathering took place this past February in Vi=Fla del Mar, Region V (ST, Feb. 8). The highlight of that meeting was a display of photographs taken by members of Chile's Armed Forces. Captured on one of those photographs was an image of a spherical metallic object flying over Antarctica. Also presented during the conference was a video recorded in 2000 of Navy ships being pursued by a luminous object.

A more recent UFO sighting took place in May =96 near the Collahuasi mine in Region I. On that occasion, a very large, spherical object hovered in the sky for a full 24 hours.

"It's an emblematic case because people were able to video record it. It had a very large structure and was seen by a lot of people=85 It was enormous, with shiny metal, and the whole time it was just stationary,=94 said Fuenzalida.

As part of the upcoming event, Fuenzalida will deliver a

presentation entitled "UFOS, The Best Images in Chile.=94 Other speakers will include psychiatrist Mario Dussuel, journalist Enrique Silva, and Marcelo Moya, a researcher.

According to Fuenzalida and his colleagues, Chile has a number of particularly good UFO viewing sites, among them Huara, in Region I's Atacama Desert; Region V's Laguna Verde area; and Punta Arenas and Puerto Natales in Region XII.

"Chile is a place that has recurring sightings,=94 the AION director said. "Keep in mind that of all the cases that occur in Chile, only 5 percent are reported in the press.=94

By Benjamin Witte (benwitte.nul)

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16th August 2007

UFOs - The Argument Continues By Ann-Marie Canavan

Extra Terrestrial enthusiasts could be sent back down to earth with a bump if the latest claims dismissing UFOs are anything to go by.

In recent weeks numerous sky watchers have been sending in pictures and recounting their tales of red glowing lights and strange unidentifiable flying objects better known as UFOs.

However, two teenage party girls have revealed that they believe all the fuss was created by Chinese lanterns they used at two birthday parties in Maidenhead.

Charlotte Green, 22, and Jessica Bunyan, 23, held two birthday celebrations with family and friends on July 28 and then the following weekend on August 4.

At both parties held at Jessica's home in Malvern Road, Maidenhead, the girls released Chinese lanterns and they now believe they are the cause of the fuss.

Charlotte said: "The lanterns we used glowed really brightly and we released about 12 of them, I think some of them drifted across in the Wycombe direction. I just know that it must have been the lanterns that people saw. It's quite funny."

The ET-like lights were first spotted on July 26 and 29 in Chesham but many people believe the latest sightings have been candle balloons let off at events around the county.

Charlotte added: "I'm pretty open minded and I guess if that is what people want to believe then it's up to them, and I could see why they might have thought the lights were unusual."

However, UFO spotters have hit back and claim the sightings are the real deal. Jonathan, 23, from Totteridge who sent in the images when he spotted a glowing ball on August 12, said: "This thing remained frozen for five minutes, then began to move slowly away and no it wasn't a flare or a balloon. It was an orange coloured ball to the naked eye but upon zooming in it took on a new form. I'm quite a sceptical person but I do think there might be things out there that are not common knowledge whether that be something paranormal or something else. The truth is out there, a few miles down the road."

Whilst Sebastian Bird, 17 who spotted strange lights on Saturday August 4 said: "The thing that amazes me the most is when we

watched them they didn't appear to come from anywhere. They were just there and then they just disappeared. I don't think a candle balloon can do that."

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Source: Linda Moulton Howes Earth Files.Com

http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1304&category=Environment

August 18, 2007

Latest 6-Fold Wheat Geometry in Wiltshire, England

c. 2007 by Linda Moulton Howe

Updated August 18, 2007 - U. K. crop formation investigator and photographer, Lucy Pringle, e-mailed today that the Woodborough Hill formation below was made for a commercial purpose, but no details are known. Australian scientist's analysis of the Woodborough pattern, which Lucy sent to me yesterday as a new August 17th crop formation, is still a valuable contribution to study in the context of geometric patterns and the scientist's effort to understand evolution of mathematical calendars seemingly embedded in many crop formations and the implication of countdowns to August 18, 2007, and December 2012. But countdowns to what is not known.

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[More at site along with images and thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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'UFO Watchtower' Draws Visitors

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Saturday, August 18, 2007

'UFO Watchtower' Draws Visitors By Jessica Sidman

HOOPER, Colo. -- The strange light first appeared from the west.

It halted, and a group of onlookers flashed a high-powered flashlight twice.

The object flashed back twice.

It then moved to another part of the sky. The group flashed twice. Two flashes back. The object shifted again, mirrored their flashes once more, then disappeared into the starry black night.

Close encounter with the third kind?

The phenomenon was the first of 40 sightings that have occurred over the past seven years at Judy Messoline's UFO Watchtower in the San Luis Valley.

Messoline moved from Golden to the valley in 1995 to raise cattle. But the land was dry and soon there was nothing to feed the animals. She was forced to sell the herd, but refused to sell the land. There was something about it. It had an aura.

Since she and her companion, Stan Becker, arrived, neighbors had told stories about strange things they'd seen in the skies. They all joked about building a UFO watchtower, but Messoline and Becker never intended to do it.

When times got desperate, however, they began to see the joke as an opportunity.

"We had never seen anything prior to opening and never expected to," Messoline says.

They took out loans to build the \$10,000 tower, and tourists and UFO fanatics have been steadily trickling in since, hoping to catch a glimpse of something out of this world.

More than 15,000 people have stopped by since the beginning of last summer. A guest book shows visitors from Tokyo, Zurich, Sydney and, um, Pluto.

At 10 feet tall, the tower is really less of a tower and more of an elevated balcony. But it does give visitors enough height to take in the miles of shrub-spotted desert stretching in every direction, to the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and nearby Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve. There's a dome-shaped gift shop meant to look like a spaceship. Inside, you can buy alien-themed boxers, ET necklaces, UFO watchtower shot glasses and the like.

Donations, camping fees, and gift shop purchases bring in between \$14,000 and \$20,000 a year. Messoline works as a substitute teacher to supplement the income.

Visiting psychics say there are two portals to a parallel universe, guarded by invisible beings in a garden in front of the tower.

"We tell people because of all the energy -- and you can definitely feel it out in the garden -- to leave something in the garden and get their energy there as well," Messoline says.

Now it's an intergalactic junk yard. Yes, there is alien paraphernalia, but also swim goggles, a pair of white strappy heels, and a ukulele.

At the tower's 21 campsites visitors can spend all evening staking out UFOs and roasting marshmallows. Messoline also rents a small cabin.

Mancos artists Marty and Denise Stecher and their two young boys have come to the campground the past three summers. The stop usually includes visits to the nearby alligator farm and hot springs.

They aren't necessarily waiting for aliens, but say the barren campground is beautiful -- and cheap. On a recent visit, the family lit saucer-shaped fireworks that spun up in the air in a buzzing whirl. It was the closest they'd come to seeing a UFO on this trip.

Denise Stecher says she has seen "strange things" before but she wouldn't necessarily say that little green men are behind them.

"I believe in people who believe," she says. "I like to see people who are passionate about different things, including aliens."

The Stechers were the only campers on a recent night, but Messoline says the place does fill up, particularly at her annual UFOlympics conference that draws more than a hundred for a weekend of speakers and sky gazing. This year's conference was held late last month.

"We have a sighting every year," she says.

For the most part, visitors are curious tourists passing by on Colorado Highway 17, but occasionally someone claims personal experience with extraterrestrials.

One of the first visitors was a truck driver who said he'd been abducted.

He told Messoline he'd been driving north on Highway 285 toward Sawatch when he saw a big light in the sky. The light was suddenly in front of his truck and he swerved. The next thing he remembers is driving on the other side of Sawatch heading toward Monte Vista. When he was filling out his log book later, he realized he was missing three hours.

The trucker was the first of more than 100 self-proclaimed abductees who have come to Messoline seeking a kind ear.

"They know that they can come here and we'll listen. They can talk about anything they want to talk about no matter how bizarre it is. Nobody makes fun of them. Nobody says, 'What did you have to drink tonight?"' They feel comfortable here."

Messoline has started to record their experiences.

"I've seen them at night. Strange lights moving strange ways," reads a notebook entry from April 15.

There are photos, too: Eerie lights. Saucers. Orbs. But with computer programs like Photoshop, it's hard to say what's real.

That's not to say strange things don't happen in the San Luis Valley.

Messoline recalls one night when she pulled up in her pickup and felt a strange presence. The next day, cameras quit working, cars wouldn't start and watches stopped.

Messoline is reluctant to flat-out say that what she's seen has come from another planet. Becker says the government could be responsible.

"I'd like one to land so I can take a good look. I would really like that. And I've got all the room here for them to do that," she says. "There's something really bizarre going on up in that sky, and I can't explain it."

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Spooks In Space

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 22:29:13 -0400 Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 22:29:13 -0400 Subject: Spooks In Space

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Spooks In Space Mason Inman

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POP. What are the chances that an everyday object - a rock, a chair, you name it - could suddenly appear out of thin air? Not zero, surprisingly. In fact, given enough space and time, it is conceivable that a conscious being could arise, even if only for a microsecond.

OK, such an event would be incredibly unlikely, but not impossible - at least in theory. Physicists have dubbed such hypothetical beings "Boltzmann brains", after the 19th-century Austrian physicist Ludwig Boltzmann, a pioneer in thermodynamics and statistical mechanics. Boltzmann posed the question of whether the universe could have arisen from a thermal fluctuation; his work presaged the idea that a fluctuation could also give rise to a conscious entity that sees the universe. In this regard Boltzmann brains are not necessarily actual brains, but rather are a metaphor for observers of the universe that might appear spontaneously.

The idea sounds absurd, but it is helping cosmologists grapple with models of the universe, and our place in it. Cosmology, indeed most of science, assumes that we humans are typical observers in the grand scheme of things. Ever since the 16th century, when Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus argued that the Earth is just a rock orbiting the sun, we have been dethroned from a unique position in the cosmos. The laws of physics seem to be the same in our neighbourhood as in the rest of the visible universe. So the idea has been enshrined that unless we have reason to think otherwise, we should assume that we are typical. "This assumption is very essential to everything that we do," says Alex Vilenkin of Tufts University in Massachusetts. "If we don't assume that our observations are typical of observers, we wouldn't be able to conclude anything."

That's because if we aren't typical, then whatever we see is not representative of the universe at large. So here's the problem: some well-established cosmological models predict that, trillions of years in the future, Boltzmann brains could vastly outnumber "ordinary observers" like us, who depend on aeons of evolution and life support. If that is true, ...

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UFO Spotted Over Exmouth

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 22:33:01 -0400 Archived: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 22:33:01 -0400 Subject: UFO Spotted Over Exmouth

Source: Devon24 - Devonshire, UK

http://tinyurl.com/23tg4x

17 August 2007

UFO Spotted Over Exmouth <u>devon.editorial</u>.nul

Newly-published Ministry of Defence records have revealed a UFO sighting over Exmouth.

According to reports released under the Freedom of Information Act, an unidentified object was recorded over the town on July 18, 2001.

The MoD is contacted in all UFO cases, the aim being to investigate whether the country's airspace has been threatened. However, since 2000, the MoD has simply logged all public sightings and saved resources for other matters.

The records state: "The object was cream-coloured. Was travelling at an altitude of about 8,000 feet."

A spokesperson for the MoD, which receives more than 100 sightings a year, said: "Unless there is a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting.

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Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 00:55:17 +0100
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:42:22 -0400
Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>From: Bob Shell <<u>bob</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 07:05:35 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>You only violate Einstein if you move between two points in >space by passing through the intervening space. Instantaneous >jumping as in this experiment does not violate special >relativity at all.

Sorry, Bob, but I can't resist the urge to explore the implied conundrum here:

How does one distinguish between 'instantaneous jumping' between two points in space and 'passing through the intervening space' when the movement is accomplished at infinite speed?

Gerald O'Connell

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Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 02:42:37 +0100
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:43:56 -0400
Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>From: Cathy Reason <<u>CathyM</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 01:36:04 +0100
>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 18:00:54 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>>From: Cathy Reason <<u>CathyM</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 06:59:06 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>It has everything to do with tradition.

>No, it has everything to do with using words to mean what they >in fact mean.

A worthy aim, so why don't you stick to it? I was originally using the term 'empirical', not 'empiricism' - you have conflated a simple adjective used to indicate the source of what is taken as axiomatic with a noun indicating a particular school of epistemological thought. Please note: everything that is empirical is not necessarily (or even particularly often) indicative of empiricism. Your attempted rhetorical elision is unjustified and unwarranted, even in a discussion that you seem unwilling to take beyond the arid confines of a series of dictionary definitions.

>Empiricism asserts the primacy of experience, >rationalism asserts the primacy of intellect. Those positions >are just inconsistent.

Except of course, that, as you characterise them, they are not: how do we arrive at experience except through exercise of the intellect? How could the intellect function without experience as the ground upon which it achieves traction? Reflection upon these questions should lead you to see that our mental processes are far more complex and subtle, and that the idea of 'primacy' in connection with 'experience and 'intellect' is naively mechanistic.

><snip>

>>>This is the method of textual analysis and literary criticism, >>>not science.

>>I'm not quite sure what you mean here.

>Literary criticism starts with the text as axiomatic and >proceeds to derive inferences from it.

Sounds fairly scientific to me.

>This is exactly the >reverse of how science operates.

Oh!

>In science, one starts with >hypotheses and then proceeds to test them against evidence.

A most extraordinary statement. So where do these hypotheses come from that science 'starts with'? Religious authority? Textbooks? Divine inspiration? Thin air? The Discovery Channel? The backs of cereal packets?

<snip>

Doesn't science, in general (by which I mean to include the activity at large, while excluding that of individual scientific operatives who perform only part of the overall process), start with hard data about the world (empirical data, please note), then form hypotheses that attempt to explain this data (according to rationalist criteria of logical consistency and coherence, please note), and then proceed to validate (or otherwise) these explanations through comparison with further data (much of it specially generated through experiment or prediction for the express purpose of rigorous testing)?

Perhaps, in my exasperation, I am being unfair. Perhaps, Cathy, your view of what science does is unduly informed by special cases such as those currently under debate at the frontier of theoretical physics where it is even argued by some that theoretical development has moved so far away from all possibility of experimental confirmation that what is being done is no longer science, having moved to a level of abstraction where the starting points for many hypotheses are merely other hypotheses.

Perhaps that's it. But I kinda doubt it....

Gerald O'Connell

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 18:58:59 -0700
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:45:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 22:20:15 +0100
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>I am familiar with most of the cases cited above. They are, as >you say, mostly simple circles which probably have a >meteorological explanation. We will never know just how regular >and 'hard-edged' they may be because we are usully dependent on >verbal descriptions made after the event. The Tully, Queensland, >'saucer nests' have been widely discussed in the UFO literature >and they have only a marginal connection with the broader crop->circle phenomenon. Stanton Friedman points out that ground >markings and crop damage are familiar to ufologists, who have >probably examined thousands in Britain, Europe and North America >over the last sixty years. To claim all these as 'crop circles' >is going to muddy the waters even more.

That is something I've been saying for years now, that because almost all older cases are simpler circles and rings, it may indicate that the genuine phenomenon is natural in origin after all. Maybe.

I've never claimed that all ground markings are the same as crop circles. I even make reference to that on the CCCRN web site, if you've ever bothered to read any of it. I don't have any of the burned rings, circles of missing vegetation, etc. in the web site archives. Those are what I would call classic landing trace cases. But other formations are of flattened, swirled crops or other vegetation. The _same characteristics_ as crop circles as we now know them. It's that simple.

The Nature article I linked, which was from a respected scientist at the time (1880), specifically described sharp-edged circles with the plants flattened and swirled around a standing centre. A classic crop circle description, not a typical landing trace description. The descriptions that some farmers have given of older circles are often the same. Those often come from farmers who have owned the same fields in their families for generations, and when they tell you that circles have happened before, going back several generations or more, we better listen to them.

>With regard to such cases as the 'Mowing Devil' there are many >cultural variables involved in interpreting accounts from >previous centuries, and they cannot be regarded as scientific >evidence for an unknown phenomena. The Mowing Devil account >itself was probably part of a campaign for a living wage for >agricultural workers and a coded attack on miserly landowners!

The many other cases described have nothing to do with the 'Mowing Devil' account which I agree is a bit less persuasive. The ones that I and others are most interested in come from scientific journals, media, farmers, etc.

Something else that ufologists often seem to forget or overlook is that the same kind of classic, simpler circles still happen even today in some locations. The 'big and fancy' designs do not represent the phenomenon as a whole, they simple get the most Re: Crop Circles Discussion

attention.

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: Milton Frank <<u>mfrank</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 23:08:04 -0300 Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:48:57 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

Dear All,

I'm really unhappy with the result of my initial question.

I've been researching UFO phenomenon here in Brazil for 32 years and all I know is that no one knows anything about it yet.

When I posed the question my intention was to figure out if someone had research the worms to be sure if they are UFOs or Balloons. All I would like to find out and to look for was the truth.

I really didn't want to see people fighting or giving strong answers to each other.

Well, I really would like to thank everybody to the answers, and I really want to say that I respect the opinion of everyone.

In this case my doubt still remains. But I hope some day to find the truth about it. If they are worm UFOs great, and if they are ballons, that's OK too. The most important thing for me is to try to identify and keep on studing this phenomenon with all my passion. I still have an answer to give to more than 250.000 readers in my website in Brazil.

Best regards,

Milton Frank

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: James Horak <<u>ichorak7441.nul></u> Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 19:10:44 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:50:48 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 20:37:50 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Stan Friedman <<u>fsphys</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 23:19:35 -0300
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>Sorry but the 1974 Langenburg Case was a physical trace case and >not a set of crop circles. Several saucers were seen taking off. >Ted Phillips collected a lot of data.

>The Langenburg circles had the same or at least very similar >physical characteristics as what we would call crop circles >(rings in this case). The only 'difference' is that craft were >observed. But physically, they were pretty much the same thing. >Many of the older circle reports, without craft seen, were >similar to Langenburg. Why is it so hard for ufologists to get >this? That these may well be one and the same phenomenon?

>I also have in my files many trace cases which are clearly not >crop circles (burned rings, rings in soil, etc.). Those are a >different kettle of fish. But flattened, swirled circles or >rings in vegetation are by definition crop circles, whether a >craft was witnessed or not.

In the winter of 1971-72, I was living out in the country somewhat at an arc tangent to a line drawn between Xenia and Wilmington, Ohio. Close by was a little community, New Burlington. Today, in this area is the Caesar Creek Revervoir. I lived at the corner of Brimstone Rd. and a road that today would trail the eastern shoreline of that lake. If one followed Brimstone Rd., it went straight south and met with another that followed along the edges of a valley. All the farms in the area at this time had been condemned and few had occupants living in the associated farm houses.

A neighbor that lived close by one night invited me to go foxhunting with him and another man. This consisted of letting loose dogs and listening in the distance to them running the supposed quarry. The man's name was Lee. Midnight found us on a ridge overlooking the valley at one of its highest points. We had a fire since it was cold. Otherwise it was a still, clear night.

While we were talking an object went directly overhead at the speed of a bullet. When I exclaimed some reaction both these men behaved as if it was just something I would get used to.

When the dogs could no longer be heard we moved down into the valley almost within stone throw of an abandoned farm house. We could hear the dogs there and the snow and clear sky gave good light to the terrain.

Across the fields that lay around the old farm house was a glacial cut ridge that went out like a wall. It was wooded and I

began to watch a light moving through its trees.

As I watched it seemed to move in an almost swinging motion like a lantern swinging in the carry of a walking person. Thats what I thought is was, with a multi-colored globe.

But then it came to the end of the ridge and continued out over the field, in the air about 25 or 30 feet above the ground. And it was throwing colors like the crystal ball of a disco dance floor.

It came near the farmhouse, stopping just about 100 feet off one corner. I couldn't help myself, I jumped out of the van for a closer look while the men protested it was a helicopter and begged me to get back inside.

We were less than 100 yards away, it was a still night, and absolutely no sound. I crossed the road and went down an embankment to a fence and swung a leg over the barbed wire. The men began shrieking and screaming something about the police. I looked back and saw a police car approaching us from the other direction on the road.

Coming back to the road, I arrived just as the police car drove by. They didn't acknowledge our presence in any way. Instead, as their car came down into the bottom where the road would take it along the northern fence row of the field, the UFO began to follow it. All the way back toward the ridge where in about 15 minutes it started back through the routine of going through the trees again.

The men had rounded up the dogs by that time and were anxious to leave. I wasn't asked again on a fox-hunt.

Instead I went back many times. At night and in the day to see what the field looked like. At night I saw it everytime I went for the next three months. Always doing the same thing. I would try to get people to come with me. They wouldn't. All seemed afraid, even my wife.

It didn't help that I would walk up where it would go over and feel the strange electric vibes the thing put out. It didn't help that it seemed to respond to my presence.

In the fields were only weeds, some growing up to to the heighth of wheat, some even of corn. In places where this UFO would go over were some designs like those of crop circles and the weeds were pressed down, flat to ground as if they had been swirled by a high wind.

Over the three months I observed, the designs changed. Though the weeds were dead, they somehow were reworked.

Roughly I would say at least 25 people knew of this appearance. But were uncomfortable to mention anything about it.

Other strange things were going on, but those involved the people there to work on the project.

And I found a number of horse and cattle mutilations. And some interesting things I learned about one farmer being reimbursed for his losses by some government agency.

And that's not all.

I swear every word of this to be true,

James C. Horak

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From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 19:16:15 -0700
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:53:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 17:40:57 -0300
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>Yeah, let's keep crop circles and trace evidence of object >landings and impressions separated. It seems to me that the crop >circles came about as the result of the odd impression seen in a >field or marsh and the hoaxter's decided to create a few of >their own and it got out of hand after that.

You are _assuming_ that all crop circles since the 80s or so are hoaxes?

>Swales, swirls and depressions and 'saucer' nests were, and >still are, found on occassion. I never see a "crop" circle in >the middle of a dense forest - [i.e. a 60 foot crush-down of >trees and bushes - or in a swamp or marsh however, it's always >in some easy place to get to, a farmer's field with a road next >to it.

Again, showing how unfamiliar you guys are with the subject. There have been several accounts of crop circles in trees in different countries over the years, including Canada. I even reported two more in the Northwest Territories in 2004. They have also been found in marshes, reeds, etc. And no, they are _not_ always beside roads. Often, yes, but not always. In North America, there have also been formations in thickly planted fields (with no tramlines), with no tracks at all through the standing crop. I've seen this myself.

Maybe you should stick to ufology, instead of thinking that you are experts in all these other subjects as well. Just a thought...

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Re: Shall We Shout Into the Cosmos?

From: Robert Williams <rhw007.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 22:52:19 -0400
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:56:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Shall We Shout Into the Cosmos?

>From: Ray Dickenson <<u>r.dickenson</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 22:43:44 +0100
>Subject: Shall We Shout Into the Cosmos?

>Hello List,

>David Brin asks "Shall We Shout Into the Cosmos?" at:

>http://www.davidbrin.com/setisearch.html

>'an information/resource page concerning a fast-developing >scientific controversy'.

>And George Dvorsky - who seems an analytical thinker - is going >to maybe help out, at:

>Sentient Developments

>http://tinyurl.com/2fnz3p

Too many 'mainstreamers' are avoiding proof we've never been alone laying in plain sight on the Cydonia plain of Mars. There IS scientific evidence that NASA's Gary Soffen was highly mistaken in discounting the "FACE" as "a trick of light and shadow". Google SPSR for Society of Planetary SETI Research. The elitist who think a civilization is still in communication with radio waves while we are just learning how to instantly transport photons is as ridiciolous as 200 years ago saying we would never fly or go to the Moon.

The Universe doesn't fit into a "mainstream" box.

Bob...:D
http://commonsensecentral.net/

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 00:24:39 -0300 Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:58:13 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: Santiago Yturria Garza <<u>syturria</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 03:56:50 +0000
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>To all the community.
>Who is Kentaro Mori?

>I made some inquiries with several Brazilian researchers, >friends and collagues. It resulted what I expected. Kentaro >Mori is a devoted all time skeptic, member of CSICOP, editor of >a skeptic magazine and current debunker of Brazilian UFO cases. >Mori's methods are the classic tricks, disguising himself and >infiltrating UFO communities to execute his hidden agenda and >create disinformation.

I do have contact with mostly all serious ufologists in activity in Brazil, and contrary to what you claim, fortunately they seem to think it's worth talking to me, and have at times both privately and publicly offered support for what I do.

Even Ademar Gevaerd, which you quoted as a reference here, at one point admitted the value of my work and asked me to write for his magazine. He later changed his mind, and I think the "Brazilian friend" you talked to was him.

If it was, then he could hardly be trusted as impartial on his opinion of my work, since a couple of years ago we had a very public disagreement in Brazil, in which he ended up compromising publicly to present one case that would prove the ETH, as he claimed he had such case. That would be evaluated by five academics from the major Brazilian universities, all conducted by an independent committee of parapsychologists associated with an university.

Days later he simply ran away from the public commitment, and has asked me to never contact him again.

That's fact #3 of the six facts about Brazilian ufology:

http://forgetomori.com/2007/ufos/six-facts-about-ufology-in-brazil/

Both Milton Frank and Eustaquio Patounas, Brazilians who also participate in this List, have offered support for my work. Contrary to Gevaerd, they haven't changed their minds. None of them is what you would call "skeptics".

Anyway, if you would rather present the evidence Milton Frank asked you to present first, and ignore who I am, I think everyone would find it more useful and interesting.

Mori

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x.nul></u> Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 02:24:24 EDT Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 11:06:51 -0400 Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Mary Castner <<u>m.castner</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 12:09:04 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

Right at the top I need to point out this is a pastiche of errors, miscommunication, outright self-contradiction and omission of key facts.

On July 15 MUFON offered Barry space in the MUFON Journal and there is no mention of that in this post. Is that fair to withhold that key piece of info? This confused post makes it seem that Barry was denied a fair hearing, prevented from saying his piece.

Yet Barry refused to present a paper to MUFON even though he was free to do so (and he is free to present his own article in the MUFON Journal)? Why is that? He apparently expected _me_ to read aloud all his slanderous personal attacks and make them appear to come from _me_ - so he could dodge the flak that would surely come. If that was the intended plan that is pretty low down. I was not about to be set up like that.

Also no mention is made of the fact that Barry had 5 months to work on the article from January 2007 when the project was initiated, to May 11, 2007, when he finally presented his draft. I did not. I had 4 days from May 11 to May 15, and got an extension of time because another MUFON speaker was much later than we were (we ended up second to last but not last, fortunately, as someone else had worse delays).

I was led to believe that Barry was covering both the AFOSI and the greed-motivation explanations. Only when I was suddenly sent his draft on May 11 did I discover that Barry had virtually nothing representing my views or those of the other team members all of whom were in agreement that it was an AFOSI operation, and who were not in agreement with Barry or Mary. This was not fair, and not only not fair but it left almost no time to try to rectify it. Those who caused the time crunch, and concealed the facts causing the delay (Barry's tendonitis), have no right to complain about any problems caused.

Instead of fairly presenting my view, Barry expressed his own view in only partial agreement with me that there was in fact an official AFOSI disinformation operation against Paul Bennewitz (contrary to this absurdly mistaken posting which denies it was AFOSI at all), that it involved multiple AFOSI personnel (not just Doty), and that only when it expanded beyond Bennewitz was that done for odd personal motivations not explained in Barry's paragraph setting this out (presumably the "greed" factor, with no actual evidence anywhere of big bucks involved when MJ-12 surfaced in 1984). This is all set forth in Barry's May 11 draft.

Barry simply left my position, where we disagreed, entirely out of his draft without telling me, then expected me to scramble to research and write up my own position in just 4 days' time after I got the news that Barry was only writing up his one-sided presentation, leaving my side out and those of all the other team members.

Barry did not share an advance copy of his draft before May 11, only a partial MJ-12 history outline going to 1989 and going no farther than 1989, with nothing at all mentioned about the subject of the article - Pratt's secret tapes and files on MJ-12 - until Page 4! Obviously that was highly unsatisfactory and required a complete rewrite.

But instead of even discussing Pratt's MJ-12 material on Page 4 there were two full pages devoted to Barry's 1989 CAUS article on the Pratt-Moore-Doty book project, something already published, not "new revelations," not brand new, before finally getting to Pratt's files on Page 6! That was the partial draft on April 29. I was never informed that Barry had a tendonitis problem until then.

Suddenly I was presented with a meandering, undocumented, onesided 20-page draft filled with libelous ad hominems just days before the May 15 deadline, which had to be extended. Anyone think that is reasonable? Anyone really believe that I could generate hundreds of requests for missing documentation and for explanations/corrections of gross errors in just 4 days' time when the very effort to do so would have stopped my own forcibly rushed research and writing stone-cold?

I made it clear that I was not going to put my name on an article filled with undocumented assertions (not a single footnote save one tiny half-line footnote Mary put in!) nor was I going to read aloud such a scurrilous series of attacks on MJ-12 proponents and even ETH advocates! I also explained that I was flatly not going to just read the entire paper aloud, no one likes seeing someone just read an article to them, that's bad public speaking to say the least (speaking of the "money's worth" slurs).

Barry's draft opened with a sneering attack on ETH "enthusiasts" which was not even relevant to the Pratt files and MJ-12, snidely commenting that the MJ-12 hoax was due to "UFO enthusiasts grasping at straws to defend the possibility of alien visitors to Earth." I don't accept ETH either but that is just inflammatory and inappropriate and I didn't want my name on that kind of unscholarly derision, which Barry put in the first paragraph of his draft for me to read aloud at MUFON.

Talk about impolitic comments on what people were "paying" to hear! You don't needlessly antagonize a largely pro-ETH audience with snide comments about ETH, not even relevant anyway to Pratt and MJ-12, it's just plain disrespectful and uncalled-for. I shouldn't even have to explain this, the fact I do says something about those forcing me to have to explain it.

I had to cut every libelous and outright offensive ad hominem attack I found in Barry's draft, and there were many. This was the so-called "gutting" of his "supporting" material - it was not "supporting" _documentation_. It was sheer opinion by Barry "supporting" his other factless opinions like his snide remark about ETH "enthusiasts. It was not factual evidence, with no documentation, no references, no nothing.

I had no time to write up hundreds of emails to investigate Barry's innumerable statements of opinion with not a shred of evidence "supporting" any of them (give me actual evidence from Barry's May 11 draft to prove me wrong!). That would have taken precious time away from writing up _my_ part of the article, after getting sandbagged with this appalling mess at the last minute right before the initial deadline.

Barry's draft should have been made available _months_ before May 11 so that the hundreds of emails exchanged among team members from March to May 11 could have been devoted to those factual and legal issues in a timely fashion instead of at the last minute when nothing could be done but to take it out. Only when Barry condescended to share his full draft did I find out that _none_ of the March-May email discussion that we did have on other issues even appeared in his draft! He had incorporated _none_ of it as he was supposed to have done. It was all a waste of time.

I produced the most heavily footnoted article in MUFON history (126 notes several of them almost a full page long each). Barry

had _zero_ footnotes despite his 5 months' time working on his draft (again it was Mary who supplied Barry with a solitary half-line footnote, not Barry himself).

When I asked for references such as the CAUS newsletter supposedly recounting Moore's comment about "putting bread on the table" I was given absolutely nothing, except a gross contradiction of what Barry had written. I am still waiting for a copy of the CAUS newsletter, date and page references. Where is it?

Where is the reference to Doty admitting to Moore that he had faked the Ellsworth document as I asked for, to document Barry's bald assertion?? I asked for that but got nothing and I was unable to find any such assertion except what Barry made up for his article.

What Barry had drafted was misleading and false. He had written that Moore made the "bread on the table" comment to both Larry Fawcett and himself ("CAUS") then I find out only later, when I removed this irrelevant and undocumented ad hominem, that this was only hearsay from Fawcett alone, that Barry himself never heard it from Moore. Why is it "irrelevant"? Because Barry's draft blames Doty not Moore for MJ-12 hoaxing so why would Moore's motivations be relevant? See below.

That alleged remark is Barry's entire "proof" of greed motivation in hoaxing MJ-12, an out-of-context remark about "putting bread on the table," something all of us have to do, so that is proof of nothing illicit or improper. It is especially irrelevant because Barry has abandoned his theory that Moore hoaxed MJ-12 and accepts that Doty was one of the multiple AFOSI agents actually involved, at least as he presented it in his nebulous draft. So Moore's alleged greed-motivation would be irrelevant as evidence of a "greedy rogue agent" scheme by Doty et al. to fake the MJ-12 documents.

As to Mary's glaring self-contradictions just look at this mess of illogic from her posting (emphasis added):

"I asked Brad to only present the paper originally as Barry would not attend, but he wanted to be co-author so that was AGREED UPON."

I said I was not going to just read a paper like some mindless robot. Be that as it may, my co-authorship role was "agreed upon." But when that fact becomes inconvenient further on in the posting it is forgotten or treated as if the opposite was true.

And again why was Barry not going to MUFON to back up his own ad hominem money-motivation claims? If he felt so strongly about it then he should have done it himself instead of trying to set me up as the scapegoat.

"Barry wrote the original paper and was the lead author, not Brad. Brad likes to claim he is the lead because Barry had the courtesy to list his name first in the original since he was going to give the presentation."

That is absurd, lead authors are by definition listed first. This is the first I am hearing of this nonsense. No one ever disputed the fact that I was the lead author - until now, August 19, 2007. It sounds like sour grapes. If Barry was the "lead author" then why did he not seem to have the powers of a "lead author"? It's because everyone recognized that I was the lead author.

"... [when] Barry ... finally passed [his draft] to Brad in mid-May, he immediately begin to cut it up and told me he didn't like it and it was full of issues that bothered him."

Sounds like a lead author (me) doing his job. If in fact I didn't have that responsibility then how was I able to "cut it up" (to remove undocumented junk and ad hominem slurs, etc.)? From mid-May to mid-July were two months for Barry to exercise his supposed "lead author" powers but he did not and could not, because I had that role, not him (which he wanted me to exercise in an irresponsible and legally negligent fashion, which I was not about to do).

In this day and age of electronic copy how was it possible for

me to edit material out if I didn't have the lead role "agreed upon"? If I had had the menial subordinate role Mary insinuates, at best I would only have been able to make suggestions, not edits.

"Brad refused to allow a single paragraph of Barry's material back...."

How could I actually have the power to "refuse" anything unless I was in fact the agreed upon "lead author"?

"I might remind Brad that originally he was only asked to read the paper..."

So now it is forgotten that just a few paragraphs earlier it was "agreed upon" that I would be co-author. If I was not "lead author" then how was it that I exercised lead editorial control as the listed principal author? You can't have it both ways Mary and Barry, which is it? Was my role "agreed upon" as you said above, or not? This is double talk.

In any case, Barry is free to take his greed theory and libelous material I removed from his MUFON Proceedings draft and put it into a MUFON Journal article and see what happens. Will he now "forget" that he wrote that there was a multiple-agent official AFOSI disinformation operation against Bennewitz? It will be interesting to see how that issue is played given all the misrepresentations in this posting approved by Barry. I have what he wrote in the May 11 draft advocating official disinformation, he can't really take it back now.

Brad

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The Passing Of Rev William Gill

From: Bill Chalker <bill c.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 16:57:12 +1000
Archived: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 11:09:24 -0400
Subject: The Passing Of Rev William Gill

Reverend William (Bill) Booth Gill

5 January 1928 =96 13 June 2007

A man of service and integrity

A potent and compelling witness to the extraordinary 1959 UFO 'visitants' of Boianai Papua New Guinea.

I am saddened to report on the passing of Reverend William (Bill) Gill on 13 June 2007 at the age of 79. His funeral service was held at the Church of Holy Trinity, Anglican Parish of Surrey Hills, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

For further details:

http://theozfiles.blogspot.com/

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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Fermi Believed In Aliens?

From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 04:04:14 -0300 Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 08:48:31 -0400 Subject: Fermi Believed In Aliens?

Fermi Believed In Aliens? What A Paradox!

According to "Dr. SETI", H. Paul Shuch, from the official SETI League, "physicist Enrico Fermi, said to be a firm believer in the existence of extra-terrestrials, was frustrated by the lack of firm evidence of their existence". Wait a minute, Fermi actually believed in the existence of aliens?

That may sound preposterous given that his famous Paradox is one of the most referenced arguments advanced against the existence of extraterrestrial civilizations, but amazingly, it probably is true.

Fermi unfortunately passed away in 1954, shortly after he formulated his paradox. He didn't publish the concept in written form, rather it was just an idea discussed by him with colleagues at lunch. That was then often quoted and referenced by others for decades afterwards. This probably explains why his original idea came to be so misunderstood.

It was only in 1985 that someone seems to have decided to actually document the origins of the paradox, and sadly, even this work is widely ignored. That's the report from Los Alamos National Laboratory, "Where is Everybody?': An Account of Fermi's Question", by scientist Eric M. Jones.

Jones interviewed those present at that historic lunch at Los Alamos in the summer of 1950. They were Emil Konopinski, Herbert York and Edward Teller, and he provided accounts of the conversation by all of them.

Interestingly, the paradox was related to the cartoon seen above. Konopinski wrote:

"I do have a fairly clear memory of how the discussion of extra-terrestrials got started while Enrico, Edward, Herb York, and I were walking to lunch at Fuller Lodge. When 1 joined the party, I found being discussed evidence about flying saucers. That immediately brought to my mind a cartoon I had recently seen in the New Yorker, explaining why public trash cans were disappearing from the streets of New York City. The New York papers were making a fuss about that. The cartoon showed what was evidently a flying saucer sitting in the background and, streaming toward it, 'little green men' (endowed with antennas) carrying the trash cans. More amusing was Fermi's comment, that it was a very reasonable theory since it accounted for two separate phenomena: the reports of flying saucers as well as the disappearance of the trash cans."

Edward Teller also recalled:

"I remember that Fermi explicitly raised the question, and I think he directed it at me, 'Edward, what do you think? How probable is it that within the next ten years we shall have clear evidence of a material object moving faster than light?' I remember that my answer vas ' 10-6.. Fermi said, 'This is much too low. The probability is more like ten percent' (the well known figure for a Fermi miracle.)"

The discussion then went on to other topics, as they arrived at the luncheon table. It "had nothing to do with astronomy or with extraterrestrial beings. I think it was some down-to-earth topic. Then, in the middle of this conversation, Fermi came out with the quite unexpected question 'Where is everybody?' =85 The result of his question was general laughter because of the strange fact that in spite of Fermi's question coming from the clear blue, everybody around the table seemed to understand at once that he was talking about extraterrestrial life", Teller wrote to Jones. "I do not believe that much came of this conversation, except perhaps a statement that the distances to the next location of living beings may be very great and that, indeed, as far as our galaxy is concerned, we are living somewhere in the sticks, far removed from the metropolitan area of the galactic center", Teller added.

But York believes that Fermi was somewhat more expansive and "followed up with a series of calculations on the probability of earthlike planets, the probability of life given an earth, the probability of humans given life, the likely rise and duration of high technology, and so on. He concluded on the basis of such calculations that we ought to have been visited long ago and many times over. As I recall, he went on to conclude that the reason we hadn't been visited might be that interstellar flight is impossible, or, if it is possible, always judged to be not worth the effort, or technological civilization doesn't last long enough for it to happen." York confessed to being hazy about these last remarks.

Note how York confirms that Fermi assumed extraterrestrial civilizations existed, only that their non-arrival must have meant something stops them on their way. That's exactly the position taken by SETI scientists to this day.

Eric Jones' report can be downloaded at the FAS website:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/doe/lanl/la-10311-ms.pdf

So?

It must be noted that in the 1950s, it had only been some years since more accurate estimations of the size and age of the Universe had been done. And Fermi's paradox is essentially an argument of "scale and probablity".

The Italian physicist famous for simple approaches to complex problems was the first to realize that those discoveries about our Universe had this deep implication. If there are indeed billions and billions of stars billions of years old, then even if the chances of intelligent life to emerge are extremely small, it must have happened numerous times. Not only that, it must also have had plenty of time to arrive not only here, but everywhere.

Later considerations on this simple yet deep question only reinforced its strength. At a fraction of the speed of light, the whole Galaxy can be colonized in a few million years, without breaking any known laws of physics. The recent discovery of the omnipresence of planetary systems may be one of the most important discoveries of the recent decades =97 not long ago, many believed our solar system was a freak accident of nature, and it also deepens the paradox.

You see, it only takes one single civilization to have taken the task to colonize the Galaxy for a few million years, and then everywhere you looked there would be signs of its presence. Only one among hundreds of billions of planets, in billions of years of history. No need for warp drives, interdimensional travel, nothing of science fiction. This possibility is a scientific fact, as far was we know. It's a scientific fact more established now than it was in the 1950s when Fermi first proposed the idea.

Fact is, however, that we don't see any clear evidence of aliens. Not on Earth, not anywhere we can look for in millions and billions of light-years around us.

Maybe UFOs are evidence of alien spaceships, but that hasn't been conclusively proven for a single case in more than six decades. You cannot ask "where are the illegal aliens?" without being slightly insane because it's very easy to find illegal immigrants. But you can ask "where are the (extraterrestrial) aliens?". In fact, you may spend your whole life trying to find conclusive proof of their presence.

So, Fermi's question is really a paradox, "an argument that apparently derives self-contradictory conclusions by valid deduction from acceptable premises". That's a paradox, and it remains one to this day.

It's not an argument that "proves" we are alone. That's just one possible answer, and it's not satisfactory exactly because of the paradox main line of reasoning.

The Fermi Paradox shouldn't be derided by the believers. Fermi was one himself. Though one who would promptly admit, and then be puzzled, by the lack of conclusive proof that we are not alone.

He would still be asking, to this day, "Where is everybody?".

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: John Rimmer <<u>i.rimmer</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 08:22:23 +0100 Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 08:49:53 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: Santiago Yturria Garza <<u>syturria</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 03:56:50 +0000
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?
>To all the community.

>Who is Kentaro Mori?

Someone who has contributed to UFO Updates for many years and made valuable contributions to the debate on the Trindade Island case in 2003, when Jerome Clark even bestowed on him the accolade "our smart young friend"!

>I made some inquiries with several Brazilian researchers, >friends and collagues. It resulted what I expected. Kentaro >Mori is a devoted all time skeptic, member of CSICOP, editor of >a skeptic magazine and current debunker of Brazilian UFO cases.

>Mori's methods are the classic tricks, disguising himself and >infiltrating UFO communities to execute his hidden agenda and >create disinformation.

>I must say that it is quite a disapointment to have wasted my >time talking to this person in response to his request. It's >clear Mori wants to have a scenario for himself, not to conduct >legitimate research but to debunk everything related to UFOs >by means of futile discussion.

Kentaro Mori is well know to long-time contributors to UpDates and his views are no secret. Are sceptics not allowed to contribute to this forum now? Are people like myself, who have spent years studying the phenomenon and come to a sceptical conclusion to be accused of "infiltrating UFO communities"?

Oh, well, back to the needlepoint, I suppose.

John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>

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Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:43:31 +0000
Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 08:51:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 22:19:31 EDT
>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>From: Anthony Bragalia <<u>envcol</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 20:01:28 -0400
>>Subject: Brad Sparks 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>Brad Sparks MUFON Symposium Proceedings paper on MJ-12
>>hints at tantalizing and potentially very valuable new Roswell
>>information. He is very brief in these revelations, which could
>>easily go unnoticed without careful reading. Perhaps Brad may
>>speak more directly to them here. To my knowledge this
>>information has never been mentioned or published by any other
>>researcher.

>I think that is correct, no other researcher has ever mentioned >or published anything like this. The skeptics will not tolerate >anything but a Mogul balloon. Roswell proponents will not >tolerate anything less than alien bodies and crashed spaceship. >Even something like "possibly extraterrestrial" is not good >enough for them. It can be right in front of their eyes and they >cannot see it.

>Anything in between a Mogul balloon and an ET spacecraft is >completely invisible to skeptics and advocates alike, they >cannot see any evidence that falls in between even if they >should happen to come across it (as a few have), they will not >look for such evidence, and with virtually no exceptions they >will not help anyone else (such as me) look for such "in >between" evidence.

These gratuitous insulting characterizations of other researchers are so much egocentric nonsense, Brad. You throw out more hints and teases than a...well, choose your own analogy.

First you produce some evidence, then we look at it, then we decide how meaningful it is and how to interpret it. Only Brad Sparks is open-minded and only Brad Sparks has the correct road to truth?

- Dick

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UFOs Reclassified As Undocumented Aliens

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:34:25 -0500
Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:00:11 -0400
Subject: UFOs Reclassified As Undocumented Aliens

[Although this is a spoof, in reality, virtually everything said could apply to our visitors from elsewhere. Hey, Monotremes too!]

Source: The Spoof

http://tinyurl.com/36ovmw

18 August 2007

UFOs Reclassified As Undocumented Aliens

By Andrew Lawrence

(Washington) - In keeping with current guidelines for political correctness, the U.S. federal government has reclassified the occupants of UFOs as illegal immigrants and put them in the same category as other undocumented aliens.

Visitors from outer space will be given the same rights as other illegal immigrants. They will be allowed to enter the U.S. without permission, without papers, without education or skills and without money.

The state of New Mexico, led by Governor Bill Richardson, will continue to give illegal immigrants legal driver's licenses. Illegal immigrants from outer space will get their New Mexico driver's license via the DMV in Roswell.

If stopped for a traffic violation or arrested for a crime, law enforcement officials will refrain from asking illegal immigrants from outer space if they are in the U.S. illegally.

Aliens from outer space, like other illegal immigrants, will be given local social services such as health care, hospitalization and education, at taxpayer expense. Any children of undocumented space aliens born on American soil will be automatically granted U.S. citizenship.

Aliens from outer space, like other illegal undocumented aliens, will not be required to learn or speak English. If necessary, an interpretor will be provided, at taxpayer expense of course.

Welcome to America.

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Re: Shall We Shout Into the Cosmos?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:00:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Shall We Shout Into the Cosmos?

>From: Robert Williams <<u>rhw007</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 22:52:19 -0400
>Subject: Re: Shall We Shout Into the Cosmos?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <<u>r.dickenson</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 22:43:44 +0100
>>Subject: Shall We Shout Into the Cosmos?

>>David Brin asks "Shall We Shout Into the Cosmos?" at: >><u>http://www.davidbrin.com/setisearch.html</u>

<snip>

>Google SPSR for Society of Planetary SETI Research. The >elitist who think a civilization is still in communication with >radio waves while we are just learning how to instantly > transport photons is as ridiciolous as 200 years ago saying we > would never fly or go to the Moon.

Hi Bob,

Think the question is void, soon if not already. Given the highly probable fact that only developing primitives use radio, broadcasting radio signals, which we've done already, was a declaration of weakness and vulnerability.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Did Life Begin In Space?

From: Rick Nielsen <<u>nilthchi</u>.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 09:13:07 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:01:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Did Life Begin In Space?

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 16:20:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: Did Life Begin In Space?

>>From: Rick Nielsen <<u>nilthchi</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Aug 2007 07:59:37 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Did Life Begin In Space?

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>>The new paper, The Origin of Life in Comets, ...

>Y'know, I'd like to see a paper on the origin of comets >themselves! Anybody seen such a paper?

>Eleanor White

(Sorry for the delay; it's that family reunion time of year!)

Exactly Eleanor! It seems like a case of which came first, the event or the Creator?

But seriously, you might try this link for your answer in scholarly form.

http://tinyurl.com/214eev

Only the best!

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 13:28:24 -0300
Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:03:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
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>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 18:58:59 -0700
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>attention.

I didn't forget them. I mentioned them in an email to Stan who was responding to you 4-5 days ago which you ignored, apparently.

I also mentioned crushdown tree circles in the forest completed with seared outer edges on the ground. I asked as well why there are no crop circles in the hard to get at places like in forests with trees being affected, etc. rather than easy access places like farmer's fields with roads nearby.

Perhaps some of the older UFO trace cases with swirled grasses might have had some root in a weather phenomenon as suggested by John Rimmer-but it's a stretch and not scientifically supportable- but those "saucer" nets as they are known, with depressions, weight related evidence and burn evidence are not good candidates for weather phenomenon. Ted Phillips has over 800 of these cases he's investigated. he's the expert in that area.

Don Ledger

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 12:55:16 EDT
Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:05:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
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Excellent Paul Scott Anderson. Thanks for the professional data.

The huge designs are intriguing because one would figure a formation a hundred meters wide would attract attention with the dozens upon dozens of people who would be needed to form it, not leave footprints, cigarette buts, hair, all over the formation.

How is the surveillance of fields going? Anyone ever catch anyone or anything on camera making these huge complex designs?

I recall reading a news article from 1830's in my home town about crop circles. We used to see them frequently in the Hudson Valley before the huge surge in real estate development. Just simple circles. Nothing like the gigantic displays seen in England.

We joke that the crop circles seen in England are made by French satellites.

Best,

Greg

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:07:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 19:16:15 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 17:40:57 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>Yeah, let's keep crop circles and trace evidence of object >>landings and impressions separated. It seems to me that the crop >>circles came about as the result of the odd impression seen in a >>field or marsh and the hoaxter's decided to create a few of >>their own and it got out of hand after that.

>You are _assuming_ that all crop circles since the 80s or so are >hoaxes?

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You are dragging this into ufology, not I. And you are on a List called UFO UpDates in case you haven't noticed. If you want to flaunt crop circles then expect to take some flack about it. Now you refer back to what were once considered to be trace evidence of landings in marshes and in the forests and suddenly they are crop circles san the crops and the beginnings of some phenomenon you propose. A lot of work was done investigating these which were evident trace cases of some heavy object having landed or set down there not some design created to communicate.

There are no 200-300 foot wide circles in the forests or marshes either with the intricate patterns seen since the 80s. You have confused those with the older trace cases which still occur or done so to give some credence to the growth of crop circles.

I'm well aware of the huge circles in the Northwest Territories but it seems to me they were explained away as some tree growth pattern after some natural event. And I'll stick to whatever I damn well want which is an attempt at some critical thinking, not blind acceptance of some theory that these are created in fields from the air by UFOs.

You on the other hand seem to blindly accept these intricate patterns as some phenomenon created by some extra terrestrial intelligence despite the fact that many have been admittedly hoaxed and that humans are just as capable of producing them with boards, ropes and measuring tapes.

To me they are noise in the signal not to mention another source of ridicule from science and the media. Off list I have been accused of being a Shirmer re crop circles at my peril reputation wise.

So be it.

Don Ledger

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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 13:25:31 -0600
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It seems a little odd for you to suggest that we stick to ufology... it is _you_ posting to the UFO UpDates List to perpetuate a thread about crop circles. I am sure there are other venues where you are more likely to find an acceptable level of expertise. Not everyone considers these phenomena inseparable, or even related.

Mike

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UFO Over Playa Conchal Costa Rica

From: Scott Corrales <<u>lornis1</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 15:26:46 -0400 Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:11:13 -0400 Subject: UFO Over Playa Conchal Costa Rica

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology August 20, 2007

Source: La Teja (newspaper) Date: August 16, 2007

Costa Rica: UFO at Playa Conchal

A report from Ana Luisa Cid

According to an article in the La Teja newspaper dated August 16, 2007, paramedic Ricardo Hernandez of the Servicio de Vigilancia A=E9rea managed to photograph a UFO flying over the sea from Playa Conchal.

This occurred on July 29 2007 and the photographic sequence appears in the aforementioned newspaper, as part of article from reporter Jeison Granados.

Mr. Hernandez states: "I was taking pictures of my son. The time was just about five o'clock. When I took the photos there was nothing to be seen, but the next day, when I downloaded them to the computer, I saw a very strange flying object - something I'd never seen before."

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Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 16:35:19 -0400
Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:12:01 -0400
Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 00:55:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

<snip>

>How does one distinguish between 'instantaneous jumping' between >two points in space and 'passing through the intervening space' >when the movement is accomplished at infinite speed?

If there were any objects in the path, one would leave a hole, and the other would not?

Eleanor White

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>That is something I've been saying for years now, that because >almost all older cases are simpler circles and rings, it may >indicate that the genuine phenomenon is natural in origin after >all. Maybe.

>I've never claimed that all ground markings are the same as crop >circles. I even make reference to that on the CCCRN web site, if >you've ever bothered to read any of it. I don't have any of the >burned rings, circles of missing vegetation, etc. in the web >site archives. Those are what I would call classic landing trace >cases. But other formations are of flattened, swirled crops or >other vegetation. The _same characteristics_ as crop circles as >we now know them. It's that simple.

I have got no problems at all with the idea that certain meteorological conditions will create circular depressions in standing crops. Some of these circles will probably have sharp edges. However they do not seem to be a very frequent occurance, largely of interest to meteorologists and to a lesser degree farmers, and I don't see any reason to get particularly worked up about them.

What we, surely, are talking about is 'Crop Circles', elaborate constructions which indicate some form of intelligent design to coin a phrase! These are entirely a product of the 1980s and later, starting in Southern England and spreading outward over the rest of the country and abroad. My point in raising the issue of UFO-related ground markings was to demonstrate that ufologists have been carefully studying and recording such markings almost from the beginning of the UFO era, but did not seem to come across anything resembling modern Crop Circles until the 1980s. The singular lack of such markings at Warminster in the 1960s and 1970s in the very heart of Crop Circle country, is I think, conclusive.

Your phrase 'the genuine phenomenon' simply begs the question.

Are you saying that only single-circle markings can be accepted as genuine natural phenomena? If so, I would tend to agree with you, but that does rather render the whole topic of 'crop circle studies' rather pointless.

John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>

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Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 23:14:58 +0100
Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:14:49 -0400
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>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 02:42:37 +0100
>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>From: Cathy Reason <<u>CathyM</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 01:36:04 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>> No, it has everything to do with using words to mean what they >> in fact mean.

>A worthy aim, so why don't you stick to it? I was originally > using the term 'empirical', not 'empiricism'

<snip>

As a matter of fact, the term you used was "empirical rationalism". Since rationalism asserts the primacy of intellect over experience, that term is meaningless.

By the way, since you brought the subject up, I might note that rationalists themselves are prone to conflate rationalism with rationality. This is quite wrong. Empiricists are entirely rational - we just deny that intellect can ever take precedence over evidence.

>>Empiricism asserts the primacy of experience, >>rationalism asserts the primacy of intellect. Those positions >>are just inconsistent.

>Except of course, that, as you characterise them, they are not:

I won't argue with you, Gerald. I'll just let you read that bizarre statement over until the illogic of it finally sinks in.

>how do we arrive at experience except through exercise of the >intellect? How could the intellect function without experience >as the ground upon which it achieves traction? Reflection upon >these questions should lead you to see that our mental processes >are far more complex and subtle, and that the idea of 'primacy' >in connection with 'experience and 'intellect' is naively >mechanistic.

This is just waffle, Gerald, and completely irrelevant. Though it might be interesting to know how you square these sentiments with your previous description of rational thought as some kind of mechanical formalism.

>>Literary criticism starts with the text as axiomatic and >>proceeds to derive inferences from it.

>Sounds fairly scientific to me.

Yes, to you I imagine it probably does.

>>In science, one starts with
>>hypotheses and then proceeds to test them against evidence.

>A most extraordinary statement. So where do these hypotheses >come from that science 'starts with'? Religious authority? >Textbooks? Divine inspiration? Thin air? The Discovery Channel? >The backs of cereal packets?

Yes, as a matter of fact, any of those will do. In science, it doesn't matter where a hypothesis comes from - it's what you do with it that counts.

>Doesn't science, in general (by which I mean to include the >activity at large, while excluding that of individual scientific >operatives who perform only part of the overall process), start >with hard data about the world (empirical data, please note), >then form hypotheses that attempt to explain this data >(according to rationalist criteria of logical consistency and >coherence, please note), and then proceed to validate (or >otherwise) these explanations through comparison with further >data (much of it specially generated through experiment or >prediction for the express purpose of rigorous testing)?

No. In science you generate hypotheses and then you test them. All this verbiage about "rationalist criteria of logical consistency and coherence" is completely superfluous (please note).

>Perhaps, in my exasperation, I am being unfair.

I don't think so, I think you're now starting to waffle in order to cover up the fact - which is becoming increasingly obvious that you don't really have much idea what you're talking about.

Cathy

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Videos Of Cases For The Unconvinced

From: Ray Dickenson <<u>r.dickenson</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 04:06:56 +0100 Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:18:28 -0400 Subject: Videos Of Cases For The Unconvinced

Hello List,

I've seen the first of these presentations before, but missed the really interesting bit (at 19:20 mins in) where Dr Haines pointed out that two gyro compasses couldn't have been messed up by a magnetic field - because they were gyros.

He said "New physics... we don't know how to do that". He was talking about an inertial drive.

'Official FAA Cockpit Recordings Of Pilot UFO Sightings'

Case studies by Richard F. Haines Ph.D (NASA)

http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4398747992022736462

http://tinyurl.com/2ajyqw

44 mins

'UFO - Sightings Documentary' Case of Lt. Robert Jacobs USAF

http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=2452278833884488116

http://tinyurl.com/32ahmx

13 mins

'Washington D.C. Intrusion 2002 And Other Midwest Sightings'

http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=8055326482885048763

http://tinyurl.com/3djzcl

10 mins

Anyone still unconvinced - of something or other?

Cheers

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Robert Gates <<u>RGates8254.nul></u> Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 01:10:55 EDT Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:20:48 -0400 Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 02:24:24 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>From: Mary Castner <<u>m.castner</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 12:09:04 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

<snip>

Brad, Listers,

I have followed this whole thing for many years. As most people know, I personally don't think that 'MJ-12' exists, however I believe a group like that does. Once you suggest that MJ-12 doesn't exist, many people instantly connect the dots to say Roswell didn't happen. This is not a correct interpretation.

The correct interpretation is that 'if Roswell is proven that it did not happen' obviously that proves MJ-12 wrong. However if the so called EBE MJ-12 document is proven to be phony, the Roswell incident still could have happened. That suggests that whom ever created it used the information that was available about Roswell to create the document. I think Brad alludes to this where EBD suggests the crash was 75 miles NW of Roswell and the actual mileage was 61 miles or something like that.

As was correctly pointed out the fact that Bill Moore was talking about MJ-12 back in the very early 80s was well known. Obviously he was fed all the MJ-12 stuff from the various AF and other contacts. I had talked to Moore a number of times over the years. Bill had talked about his MJ-12 book he was either writing, or had written. Obviously we know now that it was the same one that Pratt references. Prior to the public release of the MJ-12 documents, he mentioned to me over the phone that it was hoped that with the release of some incredible document that full disclosure would happen and the coverup would unravel. I think this went along with the theory that super secret faction A want full disclosure, while super secret faction B wants total secrecy.

I talked to him around the public release of the documents. When I asked about the book, he said he had the manuscript out to publishers and was hoping somebody would pick it up. At the time I gathered that the book was a non fiction book about MJ-12.

The bottom line on MJ-12 is that until we have a actual, verified, formerly classified document (which doesn't have the history that Cutler Twining does) which mentions MJ-12 we really can't say that it exist with reliability. Now when the 'real' document comes up that mentions MJ-12, then we know a group existed, but unless we have context as to what the group did or was involved with , we still can't absolutly link it to Roswell and crashed saucers.

Has anybody heard anything from Bill Moore these days. The last thing I heard was second handed, and it was claimed that he

Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

thinks much, if not all of this is/was an absolute load of garbage that he was unfortunatly involved with.

Remember, even if MJ-12 is proven to be bogus, it still doesn't mean that there wasn't a high level group that was involved in these things. During my cold war history research I would occasionally throw out some term connected to UFOS, such as MJ-12. One formerly high ranking person told me that he had heard of MJ-12 and that was just a ruse to keep people from digging out the info on the real group. I was never able to verify this with any one else, so I filed it away as interesting info. In the same context I was interviewing another high level source and I threw out Roswell. He said that he was personally aware of very high level group of people, that have operated under different names over the years that are involved with that. Again, is this "proof" or "a smoking gun." Absolulty _not_, just interesting information, no more, no less, that at the moment is not verifable.

Cheers,

Robert

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Indiana Jones And Area 51?

From: Stephen Miles Lewis <<u>elfis</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 06:39:27 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:24:15 -0400 Subject: Indiana Jones And Area 51?

Haven't seen this mentioned yet on UFO UpDates:

Indiana Jones and the Russians at Area 51? by Scott Weinberg | May 21, 2007

http://www.rottentomatoes.com/news/1648836/

Indiana Jones and Area 51

Is the top secret base featured in Indy IV? by IGN Staff / June 12, 2007 $\,$

http://movies.ign.com/articles/795/795878p1.html

Indiana Jones and the City of the Gods Sunday, June 17, 2007

"There are new rumors about the opening action sequence of Indiana Jones 4 IV. Apparently, the new Indy film may not open at Area 51, the famous U.S. Military base in Nevada. Instead, the next Indy movie might open at a World War 2 atomic bomb testing facility."

http://www.supershadow.com/indianajones4/

'Indiana Jones 4'

http://spielbergfilms.com/indy4/1151

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Re: Indiana Jones And Area 51?

From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 10:31:07 EDT Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 10:44:04 -0400 Subject: Re: Indiana Jones And Area 51?

>From: Stephen Miles Lewis <<u>elfis</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 06:39:27 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Indiana Jones And Area 51?

>Haven't seen this mentioned yet on UFO UpDates:

<snip>

>"There are new rumors about the opening action sequence of >Indiana Jones 4 IV. Apparently, the new Indy film may not open >at Area 51, the famous U.S. Military base in Nevada. Instead, >the next Indy movie might open at a World War 2 atomic bomb >testing facility."

>http://www.supershadow.com/indianajones4/

>'Indiana Jones 4'

>http://spielbergfilms.com/indy4/1151

>SMiles

<LOL>

Many moons ago I joked that the next Indiana Jones movie should be INdiana Jones And The Secret Of Roswell.

Then the Roswell tv show came out.

I figured it would be funny if Indiana Jones got involved in the Roswell controversy battling Soviet spies, ex-Nazis and finds the spaceship full of dead Jawas and an old lightsabre and two droids R2D2 and C3PO.

Just for kicks mind ya.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 07:47:03 -0700
Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 10:45:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 13:25:31 -0600
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>It seems a little odd for you to suggest that we stick to >ufology... it is _you_ posting to the UFO UpDates List to >perpetuate a thread about crop circles. I am sure there are >other venues where you are more likely to find an acceptable >level of expertise. Not everyone considers these phenomena >inseparable, or even related.

I did not start the thread on crop circles. But when I see people here who keep making the same, erroneous statements as if they were fact, I will respond to that.

'Acceptable level of expertise'? Yes, some ufologists have documented the trace cases exhaustively, but when it comes to the crop circle phenomenon specifically, they often do not know what they are talking about (the negative posters here). There are other long-time researchers, including scientists, who have studied this phenomenon to a far greater extent. What's annoying is when these self-appointed experts think they know everything about crop circles. They do not! They've ignored much of the scientific and historical evidence. They like to think they know more about crop circles than these other many long-time researchers, but they don't, they just show their ignorance of the subject. That statement of your shows that you also think this is a subject unworthy of serious study?

And when I said 'stick to ufology' I was directing that to Don and the other 'negative posters' here only, obviously.

And I've also never said that I think the two phenomena are necessarily inseparable or related. Anyone who knows my work in this knows that.

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 08:07:35 -0700
Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 10:48:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 13:28:24 -0300
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>I didn't forget them. I mentioned them in an email to Stan who >was responding to you 4-5 days ago which you ignored, >apparently.

I already responded to his post...

>I also mentioned crushdown tree circles in the forest completed >with seared outer edges on the ground. I asked as well why there >are no crop circles in the hard to get at places like in forests >with trees being affected, etc. rather than easy access places >like farmer's fields with roads nearby.

I also answered this in a previous post.

>Perhaps some of the older UFO trace cases with swirled grasses >might have had some root in a weather phenomenon as suggested by >John Rimmer-but it's a stretch and not scientifically >supportable- but those "saucer" nets as they are known, with >depressions, weight related evidence and burn evidence are not >good candidates for weather phenomenon. Ted Phillips has over >800 of these cases he's investigated. he's the expert in that >area.

Again, you are confusing two different things. The 'saucer nests' are different from classic crop circles.

What I've said, is that there are other older crop circle cases of _flattened_ and _swirled_ circles and/or rings, with _no_ weight or burn evidence.

You are the one assuming that what I refer to as crop circles are all just landing trace cases.

I am well familiar with Ted Phillips and his excellent work. And when I first met him several years ago, he expressed a genuine interest in discussing and comparing the two phenomena, unlike yourself...

Re not scientifically supportable, have you ever read any of Terence Meaden's work? Have you even heard of him?

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 08:49:32 -0700
Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 10:51:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 14:01:39 -0300
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>You are dragging this into ufology, not I. And you are on a List >called UFO UpDates in case you haven't noticed. If you want to >flaunt crop circles then expect to take some flack about it. Now >you refer back to what were once considered to be trace evidence >of landings in marshes and in the forests and suddenly they are >crop circles san the crops and the beginnings of some phenomenon >you propose. A lot of work was done investigating these which >were evident trace cases of some heavy object having landed or >set down there not some design created to communicate.

I'm not 'flaunting' anything. I've seen numerous other subjects get posted about here, but don't see you complaining about those... And I didn't start the thread. I'm just rebutting the erroneous statements being made; I and others have been investigating and studying this subject for many years now, far more than you. Per my other post: you are confusing two different things. These 'trace cases' are different from classic crop circles. What I've said, is that there are other older crop circle cases of _flattened and swirled_ circles and/or rings, with _no_ weight or burn evidence. You are the one assuming that what I refer to as crop circles are all just landing trace cases. Wrong!

>There are no 200-300 foot wide circles in the forests or marshes >either with the intricate patterns seen since the 80s. You have >confused those with the older trace cases which still occur or >done so to give some credence to the growth of crop circles.

>I'm well aware of the huge circles in the Northwest Territories >but it seems to me they were explained away as some tree growth >pattern after some natural event.

The 'forest circles' have all been simple circles, as far as I know. Some of those may indeed be classic trace cases, but some do not seem to be. When trees are described as all flattened radially from the centre to the outside edges in circles from about 300-500 feet diameter, that does not sound like a landing case to me. Those were the NT circles in 2004. I talked to the witness who found them while flying as well as a couple other witnesses to these and previous circles in that region.

I also talked to a couple of the forestry experts in the area and they did not think these were likely to be ordinary blowdown. I've never heard since anything about them being some tree growth pattern. Do you have a specific reference for that claim, or are you just making assumptions again?

>And I'll stick to whatever I damn well want which is an attempt >at some critical thinking, not blind acceptance of some theory >that these are created in fields from the air by UFOs.

>You on the other hand seem to blindly accept these intricate >patterns as some phenomenon created by some extra terrestrial >intelligence despite the fact that many have been admittedly

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>hoaxed and that humans are just as capable of producing them >with boards, ropes and measuring tapes.

I've _never_ said I think these are necessarily made by UFOs, in all the years I've been doing this. If you actually knew anything about me or my work, you would know that! You keep making these same, baseless comments. And I've said that I accept that many are made by people. Do you even read what I post?

>To me they are noise in the signal not to mention another source >of ridicule from science and the media. Off list I have been >accused of being a Shirmer re crop circles at my peril >reputation wise.

There are a growing number of scientists who have become involved in the last several years who would disagree with you. Try actually reading some of their reports, such as the claymineral XRD study done on a Canadian formation in Alberta a few years ago:

http://www.cccrn.ca/science.html http://www.bltresearch.com/xrd.html http://www.bltresearch.com/plantab.html http://www.bltresearch.com/magnetic.html http://www.bltresearch.com/published.html http://www.bltresearch.com/proffcons.html

The Shirmer analogy is appropriate, because you keep making the same erroneous statements, putting words in other peoples' mouths (me, in this case), etc.

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 13:09:22 -0300
Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 10:54:25 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 08:22:23 +0100
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>>From: Santiago Yturria Garza <<u>syturria</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 03:56:50 +0000
>>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>>To all the community.

>>Who is Kentaro Mori?

>Someone who has contributed to UFO UpDates for many years and >made valuable contributions to the debate on the Trindade Island >case in 2003, when Jerome Clark even bestowed on him the >accolade "our smart young friend"!

>>I made some inquiries with several Brazilian researchers, >>friends and collagues. It resulted what I expected. Kentaro >>Mori is a devoted all time skeptic, member of CSICOP, editor of >>a skeptic magazine and current debunker of Brazilian UFO cases.

>>Mori's methods are the classic tricks, disguising himself and >>infiltrating UFO communities to execute his hidden agenda and >>create disinformation.

>>I must say that it is quite a disapointment to have wasted my >>time talking to this person in response to his request. It's >>clear Mori wants to have a scenario for himself, not to conduct >>legitimate research but to debunk everything related to UFOs >>by means of futile discussion.

>Kentaro Mori is well known to long-time contributors to UpDates
>and his views are no secret. Are sceptics not allowed to
>contribute to this forum now? Are people like myself, who have
>spent years studying the phenomenon and come to a sceptical
>conclusion to be accused of "infiltrating UFO communities"?

>Oh, well, back to the needlepoint, I suppose.

Obviously they are allowed on this forum. You are John and so is Mori. What are you complaining about? How mant anti-skeptic viewpoints are published in Shermer's magazine?

Don Ledger

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Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

From: Gerald O'Connell <<u>gac</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 19:23:39 +0100 Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 10:57:06 -0400 Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>From: Cathy Reason <<u>CathyM</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 23:14:58 +0100
>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 02:42:37 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>>From: Cathy Reason <<u>CathyM</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 01:36:04 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>>No, it has everything to do with using words to mean what they >>>in fact mean.

>>A worthy aim, so why don't you stick to it? I was originally >> using the term 'empirical', not 'empiricism'

><snip>

>As a matter of fact, the term you used was "empirical >rationalism". Since rationalism asserts the primacy of intellect >over experience, that term is meaningless.

I have demonstrated otherwise previously in this thread and my argument went unanswered save by repetition of versions of your original assertion. I have also stated quite clearly what I meant by the term 'empirical rationalism', and you have, effectively, ignored that explanation.

>By the way, since you brought the subject up, I might note that >rationalists themselves are prone to conflate rationalism with >rationality. This is quite wrong. Empiricists are entirely >rational - we just deny that intellect can ever take precedence >over evidence.

So you are an empiricist - an empiricist who believes that 'In science, one starts with hypotheses.' And, moreover, an empiricist who believes herself to be 'entirely rational.' I really don't believe that your position stands up, Cathy. Think about it.

>>>Empiricism asserts the primacy of experience, >>>rationalism asserts the primacy of intellect. Those positions >>>are just inconsistent.

>>Except of course, that, as you characterise them, they are not:

>I won't argue with you, Gerald. I'll just let you read that >bizarre statement over until the illogic of it finally sinks in.

>>how do we arrive at experience except through exercise of the
>>intellect? How could the intellect function without experience
>>as the ground upon which it achieves traction? Reflection upon
>>these questions should lead you to see that our mental processes
>>are far more complex and subtle, and that the idea of 'primacy'

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>>in connection with 'experience and 'intellect' is naively
>>mechanistic.

>This is just waffle, Gerald, and completely irrelevant.

As it happens, it is an academically well-established and respectable line of argument. I must say, however, that I have never previously come across an attempt to refute it by reference to a cake made of pancake batter in a latticed iron.

>Though
>it might be interesting to know how you square these sentiments
>with your previous description of rational thought as some kind
>of mechanical formalism.

Your characterisation, I believe, and not my definition.

>>>Literary criticism starts with the text as axiomatic and >>>proceeds to derive inferences from it.

>>Sounds fairly scientific to me.

>Yes, to you I imagine it probably does.

Guilty as charged ma'am! I cannot rid myself of the belief that science should move, in the first instance, from evidence to inference and not vice versa. If that makes literary criticism, as you choose to characterise it, scientific, then so be it.

>>>In science, one starts with >>>hypotheses and then proceeds to test them against evidence.

>>A most extraordinary statement. So where do these hypotheses
>>come from that science 'starts with'? Religious authority?
>>Textbooks? Divine inspiration? Thin air? The Discovery Channel?
>>The backs of cereal packets?

>Yes, as a matter of fact, any of those will do.

I fear that you have painted yourself into a rather difficult corner here. Once again, I can only urge you to think about it. Carefully.

(This is, of course, the point at which an unscrupulous lawyer would turn to the jury with a knowing look, remind them of what you have just said, and rest his case. Never mind, it's a fantasy, because if you were going to make statements like that, your own unscrupulous lawyer would move heaven and earth to prevent you giving evidence...)

>In science, it >doesn't matter where a hypothesis comes from - it's what you do >with it that counts.

Sounds more like astrology (or just about any other pseudoscience, because that's what you are describing - oh, and while we're on that square, n.b. all those who have dubbed Ufology a 'pseudoscience': conducted in the right way, starting from empirical data, qualifying it intelligently, creating explanatory hypotheses and then trying to find ways of testing them, Ufology ought to be regarded as a perfectly respectable scientific activity) than science. I know that astrology can be done in an apparently scientific way, but, of course, that doesn't make it a science. The trouble starts with believing that 'it doesn't matter where a hypothesis comes from.' See what I mean about painting yourself into a difficult corner?

>>Doesn't science, in general (by which I mean to include the >>activity at large, while excluding that of individual scientific >>operatives who perform only part of the overall process), start >>with hard data about the world (empirical data, please note), >>then form hypotheses that attempt to explain this data >>(according to rationalist criteria of logical consistency and >>coherence, please note), and then proceed to validate (or >>otherwise) these explanations through comparison with further >>data (much of it specially generated through experiment or >>prediction for the express purpose of rigorous testing)?

>No. In science you generate hypotheses and then you test them. >All this verbiage about "rationalist criteria of logical >consistency and coherence" is completely superfluous (please Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>note).

>>Perhaps, in my exasperation, I am being unfair.

>I don't think so, I think you're now starting to waffle in order >to cover up the fact - which is becoming increasingly obvious - >that you don't really have much idea what you're talking about.

Cathy, if the best you can do is to denigrate reasoned argument and honest discussion as 'waffle' and 'verbiage', and if your answer to points made is to accuse me, on grounds unclear, of not having much idea what I'm talking about, then I withdraw.

I wish you the very best of luck in your pursuit of cereal packet pseudoscience.

Gerald O'Connell

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 15:37:49 EDT
Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 11:00:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:43:31 +0000
>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 22:19:31 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>>From: Anthony Bragalia <<u>envcol</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 20:01:28 -0400
>>>Subject: Brad Sparks 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>>Brad Sparks MUFON Symposium Proceedings paper on MJ-12
>>>hints at tantalizing and potentially very valuable new Roswell
>>>information. He is very brief in these revelations, which could
>>>easily go unnoticed without careful reading. Perhaps Brad may
>>>speak more directly to them here. To my knowledge this
>>>information has never been mentioned or published by any other
>>>researcher.

>>I think that is correct, no other researcher has ever mentioned
>>or published anything like this. The skeptics will not tolerate
>>anything but a Mogul balloon. Roswell proponents will not
>>tolerate anything less than alien bodies and crashed spaceship.
>>Even something like "possibly extraterrestrial" is not good
>>enough for them. It can be right in front of their eyes and they
>>cannot see it.

>>Anything in between a Mogul balloon and an ET spacecraft is
>>completely invisible to skeptics and advocates alike, they
>>cannot see any evidence that falls in between even if they
>>should happen to come across it (as a few have), they will not
>>look for such evidence, and with virtually no exceptions they
>>will not help anyone else (such as me) look for such "in
>>between" evidence.

>These gratuitous insulting characterizations of other >researchers are so much egocentric nonsense, Brad. You throw out >more hints and teases than a...well, choose your own analogy.

I just answered someone's questions so you don't need to butt in if you don't like the answers.

I suggest that the Roswell methodology of the past 30 years has led absolutely nowhere but to dead-ends and you go ballistic with name-calling about so-called "insulting" and "egocentric nonsense." If you have a better Roswell investigative methodology that doesn't lead to dead-ends let's hear it Dick and leave the snide ad hominems out of it.

These are facts which you are calling "insulting" and "egocentric nonsense" and which has taken me 6 years to overcome - see that part of my post about how the refusal to see anything in between a Mogul balloon and an ET spaceship also results in refusal to help anyone dig up evidence that may _seem_ to fall in between Mogul and ET (as say with me the past 6 years when no one previously would help).

>First you produce some evidence, then we look at it, then we >decide how meaningful it is and how to interpret it. Only Brad >Sparks is open-minded and only Brad Sparks has the correct road >to truth?

Only Dick Hall is "open-minded" and has "the correct road to truth"? Where has it led us Dick with Roswell the past 30 years? If you are so "open-minded" then why can't you comprehend Karl Pflock's middle option, a Roswell extraterrestrial "anomaly" in between Mogul and ET?

No I'm sorry but it is a _fact_ that Roswell investigations to date are a dead-end. Prove me wrong with a slew of leads actually leading somewhere besides Roswell, New Mexico. In the extremely rare instance of an air bus-driver who purportedly transported a national secret and of course was told all about it even though just a transport pilot - got to peek under the tarp and all that typical lying Roswell bulls-t I'm so sick of reading - even in those few rare instances they lead to deadends, too.

How many years do you get to keep making the same mistake over and over again using the same fruitless Roswell methodology before someone blows the whistle and says "Hey! This isn't working people!"

And no Dick I won't "produce some evidence" to compromise the ongoing investigation - which has taken me 6 years to get under way because of the hardened attitudes of those who cannot tolerate anything in between a full-fledged ET spaceship with alien bodies and a Mogul balloon. I have had only a few months finally getting the assistance I've needed. You've had 30 years.

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Re: Indiana Jones And Area 51?

From: **Steven Kaeser** <<u>steve</u>.nul> Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 16:33:06 -0400 Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 11:03:13 -0400 Subject: Re: Indiana Jones And Area 51?

>From: Stephen Miles Lewis <<u>elfis</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 06:39:27 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Indiana Jones And Area 51?

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>"There are new rumors about the opening action sequence of >Indiana Jones 4 IV. Apparently, the new Indy film may not open >at Area 51, the famous U.S. Military base in Nevada. Instead, >the next Indy movie might open at a World War 2 atomic bomb >testing facility."

>http://www.supershadow.com/indianajones4/

>'Indiana Jones 4'

>http://spielbergfilms.com/indy4/1151

Most of the Indiana Jones fans are concerned about possibility of an 'alien' connection to their hero, and most think this is going to really be a dud as a result. Of course, they'll all go to see it... <g>

This also based on an early script that was reject by Lucas, so we'll see what remains.

Steve

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Haiti & Dominican UFO Videos Hoaxed

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 12:02:38 -0400 Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 12:02:38 -0400 Subject: Haiti & Dominican UFO Videos Hoaxed

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It Came From Outer Space

Images of UFOs, purportedly videotaped in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, have Internet viewers watching and debating.

By David Sarno

Second in a series of occasional Web Scout mysteries, in which we investigate some of the questions haunting the Web entertainment world. In this installment, we get to the bottom of the UFO videos currently raging on YouTube.

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THOUGH the island in the Caribbean shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic was spared a direct hit from Hurricane Dean this week, it may be that other, stranger entities made landfall there.

Evidence "UFO Haiti" and "UFO Dominican Republic" -- two authentic-looking home videos recently posted on the "News and Politics" section of YouTube. The films, which were uploaded from two different anonymous accounts, both appear to record close-up sightings of Area 51-type craft hovering above the island's beaches at sunset. As the ships pass eerily over, wind whips through the palm trees, dogs bark and a woman gasps in disbelief. All very real seeming. The jerky, amateur camera work could easily be that of a panicked Caribbean tourist.

The videos hummed to the top of YouTube's "Most Viewed" list, and from there invaded discussion forums and news aggregator sites across the Web, where debate raged about their origin and authenticity. Skeptics pronounced the videos a computergenerated fraud, probably part of some viral marketing ploy. Microsoft's Halo 3 was coming out soon, wasn't it? Or maybe it was for Nicole Kidman's movie "Invasion" -- or even the secretive new J.J. Abrams project about some kind of monster attack on New York.

Still, with all the cries of fraud and corporate opportunism, even the most steadfast doubters couldn't find anything in the footage that was obviously bogus. No matter where you stood, you had to agree that the quality of the movies was surpassing. More than a few observers in either camp called them "the best UFO videos ever."

"Frankly I'm worried about this," wrote one observer on the conspiracy site AboveTopSecret.com. "If people feel it necessary to flood the Internet or the UFO community with increasingly more 'realistic' hoaxes, what will happen in the event of a true landing?"

They're fake, right? Right?!

With so many people scrutinizing every frame in the videos, it was not long before the first imperfections were spotted in the story's hull. For one thing, no one could find any reports of flying objects in the Haitian or Dominican press -- or anywhere else. Surely an extraterrestrial visitation would've at least merited a brief. Or, failing that, a blog entry?

And yes, after a few viewings, "UFO Haiti" began to feel a little too real. In spite of the camerawoman's shaky hand and trouble keeping focus, she still manages a cinematically perfect tracking shot of the ship as it flies directly over her head. Moreover, her gasp is rather glaringly mistimed. It comes after she's already aimed the camera at the UFOs -- seconds after she's first seen them.

But it was the trees that aroused the most suspicion.

Freeze-frame the Haiti and Dominican Republic videos side-toside, critics found, and you will see a palm tree in both videos that appears to be almost the exact same shape.

Aha!

Wait.

Two palm trees on the same tropical island? And they look really similar? Have you ever seen two palm trees that don't look really similar? That was the best the Internet crowd could do?

Someone needed to look deeper. And perhaps that someone was named Web Scout.

False starts, red herrings

The key would be to find the source of the videos. But there was a complication. For one thing, the videos had been posted and re-posted across the Net, and it was not trivial to identify which ones were the originals.

By the time I got in the game, there were several videos entitled "UFO Haiti" that actually predated the version that was on the "Most-Viewed" list. The best idea, then, was to contact the posters of several of the earliest "UFO Haiti" videos, including barzolff814, whose 2.2 million-view video was listed as the fourth to be posted under that name.

Within an hour, I got a message back from a 17-year-old Irish girl named Heather. It read as follows:

"umm yeah. whatever. you people are stupid. find something better to do with your time. and get a life."

A closer look at Heather's "UFO Haiti" revealed that it was 10 seconds of a still photo of her kissing her boyfriend, followed by a video short clip of a scared-looking squirrel, with the word "Pervert!!" flashing repeatedly in white.

Heather was a hoaxster, all right. Just not the one I was looking for.

As I waited for other "Haiti" posters to respond, I decided to make another study of the clues. In the discussion of the controversial palm trees, the name Vue 6 kept coming up. Vue 6 was a program by E-on Software that animators use to generate sophisticated-looking natural environments. A promotional clip on E-on's website included several scenes of tropical islands -covered in hundreds of identical windblown palm trees. Furthermore, one of the promos even showed a cartoonish flying saucer skimming over a field!

I immediately tried to reach E-on President Nicholas Phelps at his office in Paris. (Another video -- "UFO OVER PARIS" -- had been posted in April. It was nowhere near as convincing as "UFO Haiti," but still -- vaguely reminiscent.)

Phelps' receptionist said he was not available. Soon afterward, I received a message from Phelps asking if we could conduct the interview by e-mail. Despite my repeated attempts to get him on Haiti & Dominican UFO Videos Hoaxed

the phone, he was recalcitrant.

On the matter of the video, Phelps admitted that it appeared "very much like the movie was created with Vue 6" but denied Eon had anything to do with creating it. "Although I admit it would have been smart marketing, lol!"

With my main lead blown, I could find nothing to lol about.

Somebody up there...

It has been said that the harder you work, the luckier you get. But this is not always true. Sometimes you get lucky even if you barely work hard at all.

The next morning, with all the good leads exhausted and most hope lost, the telephone rang.

(Actually, the computer rang. The Scout uses Skype.)

It was a woman named Sam. From Corsica. "Hello," she said. "I am calling on behalf of barzolff814."

Barzolff814? Why, he was the person who had posted the No. 1 Haiti video!

Barzolff, Sam said, wished to remain anonymous, but he was prepared to share the full story of the videos. I agreed not to reveal his real name. Then I was all ears as Sam began parroting into the phone the words I could hear Barzolff saying in the background.

The 35-year-old Barzolff is a professional animator who attended one of the most prestigious art schools in France and has a decade of experience with computer graphics and commercial animation.

It took Barzolff a total of 17 hours to make both the Haiti and Dominican Republic videos. He did it all by himself using a MacBook Pro and a suite of commercially available 3-D animation programs, including Vue 6. The videos are 100% computergenerated.

The videos, he said, were intended as research for a feature film project he's been working on with Partizan, the Francebased production company responsible for, among others, Michel Gondry's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

When contacted to verify the story, "Eternal Sunshine" producer Georges Bermann said it was all true, and that Barzolff was "an absolute genius" who could "make anything look entirely real."

To prove that he was truly behind the videos, Barzolff agreed to provide the L.A. Times with a new spacecraft video. Called "Proof," the video depicts a small version of one of the spacecraft floating above a Paris street. As the camera pans over, the viewer sees two elderly women at a cafe. One of whom is holding a remote control device. Humorously, of course, this video makes use of computer graphics as well.

The movie Barzolff is working on for the big screen is about two guys who create a UFO hoax so realistic that it spirals out of their control. "For better or worse," said Barzolff, who cited being "overwhelmed" by the response to his video as one of the reasons he didn't want to go public with his name.

Barzolff stressed the videos were not intended as a viral marketing ploy. His movie is still in the idea phase, and he created the hoax strictly as a "sociological experiment" -- in other words, just to see what would happen.

What happened far exceeded his expectations.

After he finished producing the videos, he posted them and went to bed. "I thought they would reach perhaps 2,000 people," he said through Sam.

"When I woke up the next morning there were 70,000 views," on the Haiti video. "Twenty minutes later it was up to 130,000 views. It grew exponentially from there." Haiti & Dominican UFO Videos Hoaxed

Barzolff called the results of his experiment "entertaining, thrilling, completely addictive, and a little scary."

The scary part, he said, was that in spite of the evidence, "many people refuse to believe it's a hoax."

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[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Timothy Good On 'Green Men Myth'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 12:10:07 -0400 Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 12:10:07 -0400 Subject: Timothy Good On 'Green Men Myth'

Source: The North-West Evening Mail, Penrith, Cumbria, UK

http://www.nwemail.co.uk/news/viewarticle.aspx?id=3D534010

21/08/2007

Letters To The Editor

Regarding 'Green Men Myth' (Cornwallis column, Evening Mail, August 7), the following should be noted.

The acronym UFO stands for unidentified flying object =97 _not_ "alien spaceship" =97 and while the vast majority (about 95 per cent) of UFO reports are explainable, the rest are not, a fact conceded by defence ministries throughout the world.

Contrary to the statement that "there is not a scrap, not a shred of evidence for the existence of UFOs", well over 4,000 military and civilian pilots (as well as numerous naval officers, astronauts etc) have reported encounters with unknown flying craft =97 frequently confirmed by radar =97 and thousands go unreported owing to military or other professional security restrictions.

In addition, thousands of previously classified intelligence papers (many Top Secret) prove how seriously the subject is taken by officialdom.

As former CIA director Admiral Hillenkoetter stated in 1960: "Behind the scenes, high-ranking air force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense."

Regarding film/video footage, most can be explained in terms of hoaxes or misidentifications, but certainly not all. As for hardware, plenty exists =97 including several vehicles recovered prior to the 1947 Roswell incident =97 though such hardware remains highly classified to this day.

"The classification was, from the outset, above Top Secret, so the vast majority of US officials and politicians =97 let alone a mere allied minister of defence =97 were never in the loop," declared former Canadian defence minister Paul Hellyer two years ago.

As to "why do they not reveal themselves?", thousands of witnesses throughout the world =97 including high-ranking military personnel =97 have reported encounters with extraterrestrial beings.

Again, probably the majority can be explained, but not all.

Readers may be interested to know that my latest book, Need to Know: UFOs, the Military and Intelligence (published in July by

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Pan Macmillan) reveals all this information in depth.

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Timothy Good
via e-mail
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Enhanced Credibility For Pilot Reports

From: Ray Dickenson <<u>r.dickenson</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 06:10:04 +0100 Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 12:15:18 -0400 Subject: Enhanced Credibility For Pilot Reports

Hello List,

We're familiar with the establishment habit of suppressing all kinds of reports by 'shooting the messenger' - i.e. by having pilots punished, one way or another, for making UFO sighting reports.

You might be interested to hear the opinion of an eminently well-qualified and almost uniquely experienced scientist who'd begun investigating pilots' UFO reports in order to prove they were all mistakes - just 'misidentified natural phenomena'.

That's Richard F. Haines Ph.D of NASA - here's video of him presenting some of the cases he studied.

'Official FAA cockpit recordings of pilot UFO sightings'

http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4398747992022736462

[BTW - it turned out that it was Dr Haines who was mainly responsible for that Japanese pilot - who'd been grounded for making an (honest) UFO report - eventually getting his job back: picture of smiling pilot on video]

After investigating a number of cases as a skeptic, eventually Dr Haines said, on the video (at about 35:44 mins) " ...in fact these phenomena are _not_ misidentified natural phenomena. Some of them are, but not very many" (his stress).

Which is almost the direct opposite of the establishment mantra of "most are easily explained", when talking about reports from pilots, police, air-traffic controllers etc _and_ from the public. In fact, that opinion would make good court-room evidence for those pilots, who've been unfairly hounded or even sacked (for merely being honest), if they were to sue for unfair dismissal.

[And what about the criminalizing of service personnel who do the same? Surely any straight judge (maybe rare) would say it was their right and duty to tell the truth.]

Cheers

Ray D

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Alleged UFOs Crash In San Luis Potosi Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 12:17:50 -0400
Subject: Alleged UFOs Crash In San Luis Potosi Mexico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology August 22, 2007

SOURCE: El Ma=F1ana de Valles (newspaper) Date: August 21, 2007

A Report from Ana Luisa Cid

According to a news item published on August 21 2007 by the El Ma=Flana de Valles newspaper, two unidentified flying objects allegedly fell in Valles and Xilitla (San Luis Potosi).

The first of them was reported on the evening of Sunday, August 19 and the second during early morning hours of Monday the 20th.

Reporters Antonio Mart=EDnez and Maribor Villalobos state that the initial report was received by Jose Angel Avalos, an officer on duty at the Centro de Control y Comando (C4) through the 066 call line. This report was from Rub=E9n Vel=E1zquez, who stated that a silver object measuring 20 cm long had fallen from the sky in a plot of land of the San Miguel collective farm.

Another witness, high school student Oscar Gonzalez Mar, a resident of the El Sidral collective farm, told the "El Ma=Flana" newsromm that he had seen a shining object streaming across the skies toward the Gulf of Mexico between 8 and 9 p.m. on August 19 before he lost it from sight, not knowing whether the object crashed or not.

Nearly two and a half hours after the San Miguel incident, Mrs. Saturnina Castillo reported from Xilitla that an object resembling a fireball had impacted a tree in a property located near the "Montoya" metal shop, owned by her husband Juan Montoya, adding that the tree had caught fire.

Joaqu=EDn Hern=Elndez was a direct witness to the sighting. He and his family prepare zacahuil and live next to where the object hit the ground. In fact, Hern=Elndez was preparing the zacahuil batter and he saw the "fireball" as it came down over the tree. Afraid that no one would believe him, he screamed for Juan Montoya and his wife to witness the tree bough catching fire.

He added that it was a highly unusual thing to see, as there was no thunder or storm activity that could lead anyone to think it had been a stroke of lightning.

The incident was reported to the Municipal Civil Protection unit, but no investigation was conducted.

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Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

From: Jeff Olson <<u>ilolson.nul></u>
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>From: Cathy Reason <<u>CathyM</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 23:14:58 +0100
>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 02:42:37 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>>From: Cathy Reason <<u>CathyM</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 01:36:04 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>>No, it has everything to do with using words to mean what they >>>in fact mean.

>>A worthy aim, so why don't you stick to it? I was originally >>using the term 'empirical', not 'empiricism'

><snip>

>As a matter of fact, the term you used was "empirical >rationalism". Since rationalism asserts the primacy of >intellect >over experience, that term is meaningless.

<snip>

Here's a quote from philosophy professor Peter Markie on the alleged irreconcilability of empiricism and rationalism:

"Rationalism and empiricism, so relativized, need not conflict. We can be rationalists in mathematics or a particular area of mathematics and empiricists in all or some of the physical sciences. Rationalism and empiricism only conflict when formulated to cover the same subject. Then the debate, Rationalism vs. Empiricism, is joined. The fact that philosophers can be both rationalists and empiricists..."

I've found the tenor of these remarks largely echoed by other degreed philosophers on this subject. I would think that someone who knows what they're talking about would know that.

Jeff

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>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

You say, Mr. O'Connel, that (and I paraphrase) science should move from evidence to inference. Well, were that done non-selectively, I would agree. But it isn't. You have anomaly, like UFOs, and astral phenomena that appear inequivocally to be operating intelligently on an extra-ordinary scale (Schumacher/Levi for one) and nothing about this behavior is even discussed, much less resolved... filed away under the label, anomaly, and forgotten.

Were science doing its job we wouldn't be having this discussion. Put that into your equation and just perhaps the lesson you might learn would filter down into greater appreciation for salience (word precision) as well.

After all, it is the disparity of a vacuum science creates favoring selectivity that has bred ufologists. Just as poor selections of words has bred grammarians.

Another thing, please stop obfuscating Cathy's points. I, for one, appreciate clear thinking and such tactics are an affront to those that base their arguments more soundly. You are beginning to appear as if male domination is cropping up in your motives.

I'm certain that's not the case, but others might mistake it, the women for instance. (I do so love their participation.)

JCH

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 11:27:04 -0400
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>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 22:36:15 +0100
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>I have got no problems at all with the idea that certain >meteorological conditions will create circular depressions in >standing crops. Some of these circles will probably have sharp >edges. However they do not seem to be a very frequent occurance, >largely of interest to meteorologists and to a lesser degree >farmers, and I don't see any reason to get particularly worked >up about them.

It would still be an interesting phenomenon, because 'normal' meteorological effects like dust devils, tornadoes, etc. typically produce roughly circular patches, but not sharp-edged circles with elegant, spiralling lay patterns. Complex lay patterns have been seen and documented even in the simplest of circles sometimes.

>What we, surely, are talking about is 'Crop Circles', elaborate >constructions which indicate some form of intelligent design ->to coin a phrase! These are entirely a product of the 1980s and >later, starting in Southern England and spreading outward over >the rest of the country and abroad. My point in raising the >issue of UFO-related ground markings was to demonstrate that >ufologists have been carefully studying and recording such >markings almost from the beginning of the UFO era, but did not >seem to come across anything resembling modern Crop Circles >until the 1980s. The singular lack of such markings at >Warminster in the 1960s and 1970s in the very heart of Crop >Circle country, is I think, conclusive.

That's part of the problem. Most people's idea of a 'crop circle' now is a complex pattern or design. But, by the real definition, it is any circular _or_ geometric flattened formation. Again, yes, the more complex patterns began, for the most part, after the 1980s. But there are many cases of simple circles and rings before that (and _not_ of the typical 'landing trace' variety with crushed plants and soil, burned plants, etc.). You also need to look past Warminster and realize that there were other cases in other areas and countries. Just because there may be a lack of such reports in Warminster does _not_ mean they were not happening elsewhere. I already gave you a good list of links. What people fail to realize is that, according to these older historical reports, circles have always been something global, long before the first numerous complex patterns starting being seen in England in the 80s and 90s.

Did you not see the Nature magazine account I linked to before? Flattened, swirled circles in Surrey, England (1880) with standing centres. Not the usual 'landing trace' description, but not typical meteorological damage, either, although they were found after a storm.

>Your phrase 'the genuine phenomenon' simply begs the question. >Are you saying that only single-circle markings can be accepted >as genuine natural phenomena? If so, I would tend to agree with >you, but that does rather render the whole topic of 'crop circle Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>studies' rather pointless.

Pointless? Far from it, for the reason I first noted above. And they may have a natural origin and they may not. But 'genuine' circles are any that are not man-made, simple as that. Even simple circles (in the 70s and 80s in England) sometimes displayed oddities like self-referencing themselves to subtle colour changes in a field which could only be seen from above and not on the ground. Why? How? There are a lot of 'funny little details' like that which most people probably aren't even aware of.

Even if it did turn out that only the simpler circles were genuine, with a natural origin, because of their physical characteristics it would probably point to some previously little known or understood meteorological phenomenon. Perhaps not exactly like what Terence Meaden first proposed back in the 80s (the plasma-vortex), but maybe similar. Would learning about that be pointless? I think not.

Paul Scott Anderson

founder Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

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Re: Timothy Good On 'Green Men Myth'

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 12:22:46 EDT
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 11:28:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Timothy Good On 'Green Men Myth'

>Source: The North-West Evening Mail, Penrith, Cumbria, UK

>http://www.nwemail.co.uk/news/viewarticle.aspx?id=3D534010

>21/08/2007

>Letters To The Editor

>Regarding 'Green Men Myth' >(Cornwallis column, Evening Mail, August 7), >the following should be noted.

<snip>

>Regarding film/video footage, most can be explained in terms of >hoaxes or misidentifications, but certainly not all. As for >hardware, plenty exists =E2=80=94 including several vehicles recovered >prior to the 1947 Roswell incident =E2=80=94 though such hardware >remains highly classified to this day.

<snip>

>Timothy Good >via e-mail

Okay, stop right there. Good was doing good until this statement.

"plenty exists" in regard to hardware? Has anyone to date produced irrefutable data regarding hardware? Then it doesn't exist except for hearsay. If there was one scrap of physical evidence that was proven to be extraterrestrial in origin or design (meaning ETs that had come here used materials here to build other things) then this entire debate would have been over long ago.

Now I'll be happy with the references 'to' the 'stories' and 'documents' that as evidence there 'may' be hardware, but until that hardware is objectively analyzed by professionals and disclosed as such thar ain't no beastie in the briney.

Best,

Greg

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Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 16:57:38 +0000
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 11:29:23 -0400
Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>From: Jeff Olson <<u>jlolson</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 10:28:41 -0600
>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>From: Cathy Reason <<u>CathyM</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 23:14:58 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>>From: Gerald O'Connell <<u>gac</u>.nul>
>>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 02:42:37 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>>From: Cathy Reason <<u>CathyM</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 01:36:04 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

>>>>No, it has everything to do with using words to mean what they >>>>in fact mean.

>>>A worthy aim, so why don't you stick to it? I was originally >>>using the term 'empirical', not 'empiricism'

>>As a matter of fact, the term you used was "empirical >>rationalism". Since rationalism asserts the primacy of >>intellect >over experience, that term is meaningless.

>Here's a quote from philosophy professor Peter Markie on the >alleged irreconcilability of empiricism and rationalism:

>"Rationalism and empiricism, so relativized, need not conflict. >We can be rationalists in mathematics or a particular area of >mathematics and empiricists in all or some of the physical >sciences. Rationalism and empiricism only conflict when >formulated to cover the same subject. Then the debate, >Rationalism vs. Empiricism, is joined. The fact that >philosophers can be both rationalists and empiricists..."

>I've found the tenor of these remarks largely echoed by other >degreed philosophers on this subject. I would think that someone >who knows what they're talking about would know that.

>Jeff

I have a B.A. degree in Philosophy from Tulane University, 1958, so I guess that makes me a "degreed philosopher." And I agree. The only sense in which rationalism and empricism come in conflict is when they each are taken as the one true approach to discovery of knowledge (epistemology).

Like Cathy, I think emprical data should always be primary in scientific work, but as I believe a philosopher once said (paraphrased from memory), `One can stare stupidly at phenomena but they will not order themselves in any meaningful way without applying reason (rationality) to them.' But then Cathy seemingly contradicted herself by saying that science begins Re: The van Gogh Fallacy

with hypotheses.

What are hypotheses about if not empirical data? Perhaps she meant that to be a given, and that the process of studying the data begins with hypotheses. That would be correct, and I suspect Gerald would agree with that too.

- Dick

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From: **Steven Aftergood** <<u>saftergood</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 13:00:01 -0400 Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 11:31:35 -0400 Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/22/07

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A GLIMPSE OF THE SILEX URANIUM ENRICHMENT PROCESS

A relatively new technology for enriching uranium known as "Separation of Isotopes by Laser Excitation" or SILEX is described in some fresh detail in a recent Los Alamos paper.

SILEX, developed in 1992 by Australian scientists, is the rarest of birds in U.S. classification policy: It is privately generated information that is nevertheless classified by the U.S. government.

Ordinarily, information must be owned or controlled by the government in order to be eligible for classification in the first place. But under the peculiar terms of the Atomic Energy Act, the government may impose classification on "all" information concerning nuclear weapons and related matters that has not been previously declassified.

Since the new SILEX technology has never been declassified, it is ipso facto classified, despite the fact that it was generated by private (and foreign) researchers. It is the only known case in which the Atomic Energy Act has been used in this constitutionally questionable manner. (See Secrecy News, 06/26/01).

Unclassified details of the SILEX process, which uses pulsed lasers to selectively excite uranium hexafluoride molecules containing uranium-235, are presented in "Enrichment Separative Capacity for SILEX" by John L. Lyman, Los Alamos National Laboratory, LA-UR-05-3786 (thanks to WT):

http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/doe/lanl/docs4/silex.pdf

CIA IG REPORT ON 9/11 DECLASSIFIED BY LAW

In compliance with a requirement imposed by Congress, the Central Intelligence Agency declassified and released the executive summary of a CIA Inspector General report that was generally critical of CIA performance prior to September 11, 2001.

http://www.fas.org/irp/cia/product/oig-911.pdf

From a secrecy policy point of view, the most interesting thing about the disclosure is that it was the result of a congressional initiative undertaken against the wishes of the executive branch.

"While meeting the dictates of the law," said CIA Director Mike Hayden in an official statement, "I want to make it clear that this declassification was neither my choice nor my preference."

http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2007/08/cia082107.html

In theory, the CIA's "choice" or "preference" should be irrelevant to the declassification process. The President has directed categorically that "Information shall be declassified as soon as it no longer meets the standards for classification under this order." (Executive Order 13292, section 3.1). It is clear from the release of the Inspector General report, which was partially redacted, that it could be declassified. And therefore it should have been.

But the executive order is not self-enforcing and declassification does not occur spontaneously. Without some external stimulus it may not occur at all.

In this case, Congress provided the missing ingredient, thanks to Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR), who authored the amendment to the recent legislation implementing the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

While giving the needed push, Congress did not declassify the document itself, which is arguably within its power, nor did it define the precise terms of declassification, stating only that the document should be "declassified to the maximum extent possible, consistent with national security" -- as determined by the CIA.

By contrast, a more ambitious and unprecedented declassification action is the congressional requirement to disclose the amount of the 2007 National Intelligence Program budget, which must be declassified and released by October 30. No exercise of discretion is permitted.

AIR FORCE VIEWS IRREGULAR WARFARE

In what might be seen as a response to last year's popular Army Field Manual 3-24 on Counterinsurgency, the U.S. Air Force has issued a new publication on "Irregular Warfare."

"Irregular warfare (IW) is defined as a violent struggle among state and nonstate actors for legitimacy and influence over the relevant populations. IW favors indirect approaches, though it may employ the full range of military and other capabilities to seek asymmetric approaches in order to erode an adversary's power, influence, and will."

Though less rigorous and less original than the Army manual, the new document still contains points of interest.

It notes, for example, that counterinsurgency is not the sum total of U.S. military objectives. To the contrary, sometimes the U.S. will side with insurgents: "Various US government organizations are postured to recruit, organize, train, and advise indigenous guerrilla or partisan forces," the document observes.

"In some UW [unconventional warfare] operations, the use of US military aircraft may be inappropriate, tactically or politically. In those cases, training, advising, and assisting the aviation forces of insurgent groups, resistance organizations, or third-country nationals may be the only viable option."

See "Irregular Warfare," Air Force Doctrine Document 2-3, 1 August 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/afdd2-3.pdf

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DETAILS SOUGHT ON DOMESTIC USE OF SPY SATELLITES

Although Congress is out of session, the news that classified intelligence satellites may increasingly be used for domestic surveillance applications did not go unnoticed by congressional overseers.

Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA), chair of a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee, last week sent a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff seeking answers to a series of detailed questions about the new initiative, which was first reported in the Wall Street Journal. Among Rep. Markey's questions were these:

Will the public have an opportunity to comment on the development of appropriate guidelines for domestic use of spy satellites?

What assessments of the legality of the new surveillance program have been performed? (Please provide copies.)

How does the Department plan to ensure that Americans' privacy and civil rights are protected once this new surveillance program becomes operational?

A copy of Mr. Markey's August 16 letter is here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007 cr/markey081607.pdf

The new surveillance program "has drawn sharp criticism from civil liberties advocates who say the government is overstepping the use of military technology for domestic surveillance," wrote Eric Schmitt in the New York Times. See "Liberties Advocates Fear Abuse of Satellite Images," August 17:

http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/17/us/17spy.html

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Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 17:26:08 +0000
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 11:34:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 15:37:49 EDT
>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:43:31 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2007 22:19:31 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>>From: Anthony Bragalia <<u>envcol</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 20:01:28 -0400
>>>Subject: Brad Sparks 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>>Brad Sparks MUFON Symposium Proceedings paper on MJ-12
>>>hints at tantalizing and potentially very valuable new Roswell
>>>information. He is very brief in these revelations, which could
>>>easily go unnoticed without careful reading. Perhaps Brad may
>>>speak more directly to them here. To my knowledge this
>>>information has never been mentioned or published by any other
>>>researcher.

>>>I think that is correct, no other researcher has ever mentioned >>or published anything like this. The skeptics will not tolerate >>anything but a Mogul balloon. Roswell proponents will not >>tolerate anything less than alien bodies and crashed spaceship. >>Even something like "possibly extraterrestrial" is not good >>enough for them. It can be right in front of their eyes and they >>cannot see it.

>>>Anything in between a Mogul balloon and an ET spacecraft is
>>>completely invisible to skeptics and advocates alike, they
>>>cannot see any evidence that falls in between even if they
>>>should happen to come across it (as a few have), they will not
>>>look for such evidence, and with virtually no exceptions they
>>>will not help anyone else (such as me) look for such "in
>>>between" evidence.

>>These gratuitous insulting characterizations of other
>>researchers are so much egocentric nonsense, Brad. You throw out
>>more hints and teases than a...well, choose your own analogy.

>I just answered someone's questions so you don't need to butt in >if you don't like the answers.

>I suggest that the Roswell methodology of the past 30 years has >led absolutely nowhere but to dead-ends and you go ballistic >with name-calling about so-called "insulting" and "egocentric >nonsense." If you have a better Roswell investigative >methodology that doesn't lead to dead-ends let's hear it Dick >and leave the snide ad hominems out of it.

What is more ad hominem than your disparaging remarks about

other Roswell researchers? In fact, I criticized your methodology which consists of constant hints about special knowledge and unsupported assertions, plus the strong suggestion that you and only you know how to winnow out the truth about Roswell. Listers can see that for themselves above.

>These are facts which you are calling "insulting" and >"egocentric nonsense" and which has taken me 6 years to overcome >- see that part of my post about how the refusal to see anything >in between a Mogul balloon and an ET spaceship also results in >refusal to help anyone dig up evidence that may _seem_ to fall >in between Mogul and ET (as say with me the past 6 years when no >one previously would help).

Just what lies between a Mogul balloon and an ET spacehsip, Brad? That is the question.

>>First you produce some evidence, then we look at it, then we
>>decide how meaningful it is and how to interpret it. Only Brad
>>Sparks is open-minded and only Brad Sparks has the correct road
>>to truth?

>Only Dick Hall is "open-minded" and has "the correct road to
>truth"? Where has it led us Dick with Roswell the past 30 years?
>If you are so "open-minded" then why can't you comprehend Karl
>Pflock's middle option, a Roswell extraterrestrial "anomaly" in
>between Mogul and ET?

I said "we," Brad. It's known as colleagues and peer review. And just what the hell are you talking about here? ET but not ET? What anomaly? What is your superior hypothesis than which the rest of us are a bunch of blind dummies?

>No I'm sorry but it is a _fact_ that Roswell investigations to >date are a dead-end. Prove me wrong with a slew of leads >actually leading somewhere besides Roswell, New Mexico. In the >extremely rare instance of an air bus-driver who purportedly >transported a national secret and of course was told all about >it even though just a transport pilot - got to peek under the >tarp and all that typical lying Roswell bulls-t I'm so sick of >reading - even in those few rare instances they lead to dead->ends, too.

I would say that the Carey-Schmitt book shows substantial progress, leading us strongly in the direction of an ET spacecraft crash. (Note: I did not say proof, and I sincerely doubt that you have any proof of anything either.) Pursuing all the witnesses and all the evidence has not resulted in a deadend.

>How many years do you get to keep making the same mistake over >and over again using the same fruitless Roswell methodology >before someone blows the whistle and says "Hey! This isn't >working people!"

Until the year that you show us a superior hypothesis.

>And no Dick I won't "produce some evidence" to compromise the >ongoing investigation - which has taken me 6 years to get under >way because of the hardened attitudes of those who cannot >tolerate anything in between a full-fledged ET spaceship with >alien bodies and a Mogul balloon. I have had only a few months >finally getting the assistance I've needed. You've had 30 years.

Until you do provide some evidence you shouldn't expect to be taken seriously. And there you go agin, repeating your mantra over and over about all of us being intolerant, blind to alternatives, not open to new evidence. Once again, show us the evidence. Elaborate your hypothesis. Then it will be peer reviewed. Authoritative pronouncements without producting the evidence and disparagement of colleagues is not science.

- Dick

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From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 12:28:45 -0500
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 11:35:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Enhanced Credibility For Pilot Reports

>From: Ray Dickenson <<u>r.dickenson</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 06:10:04 +0100
>Subject: Enhanced Credibility For Pilot Reports

>[And what about the criminalizing of service personnel who do >the same? Surely any straight judge (maybe rare) would say it >was their right and duty to tell the truth.]

Refusing, moreover, to comply with perceived illegal orders to facilitate a suspicious cover-up must be a reasonable defense, too.

<u>alienview</u>.nul <u>www.AlienView.net</u> AVG Blog -- <u>http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/</u> U F O M a g a z i n e -- <u>www.ufomag.com</u>

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>>As a matter of fact, the term you used was "empirical
>>rationalism". Since rationalism asserts the primacy of
intellect
>>over experience, that term is meaningless.

>I have demonstrated otherwise previously in this thread and my >argument went unanswered save by repetition of versions of your >original assertion. I have also stated quite clearly what I >meant by the term 'empirical rationalism', and you have, >effectively, ignored that explanation.

I guess I should have explained this in a little more detail, though it speaks volumes that it should even be necessary.

When I see a phrase like "empirical rationalism", the first thing that springs to mind is to wonder how empirical rationalism is supposed to differ from other sorts of rationalism, as it presumably must do if the qualifier is to be anything other than redundant. Presumably the qualifier is supposed to indicate some special status which empirical data is to be assigned, but as rationalism by definition asserts the primacy of intellect over empirical data, it's hard to see what this special status amounts to.

Of course it's true that rationalists will usually allow the supremacy of the empirical method in science, but that merely begs the question of why, if the empirical method is good enough for science, it isn't good enough for everything else. (I don't accept mathematics as a counter-example, by the way - in mathematics, it isn't so much that intellect is more reliable than experience, it's rather that the two are never in conflict to begin with.) One also has to ask how one is supposed to define the boundaries of science, where the empirical method is supreme, in order to differentiate science from the domain of everything else where the empirical method is presumably to be rejected.

Once you start down this path you inevitably end up with an increasingly convoluted and confused notion of science as some sort of abstruse, arcane activity which has to be performed according to special rules which don't apply in the rest of life. And it's not far from this to the cult of authority associated with the mystique of men in white coats and incomprehensible mathematical alchemy.

I'm convinced the pervasiveness of this sort of rationalism is the direct result of an arts-dominated educational establishment. And it's pernicious, because if you don't know how and why science works, then how are you ever going to be equipped to tell the difference between genuine science and junk masquerading as science? Nothing illustrates this better than Gerald's evident belief, according to his rationalist understanding, that the methods of literary criticism qualify as science.

<snip>

>>>Doesn't science, in general (by which I mean to include the >>>activity at large, while excluding that of individual scientific >>>operatives who perform only part of the overall process), start >>>with hard data about the world (empirical data, please note), >>then form hypotheses that attempt to explain this data >>>(according to rationalist criteria of logical consistency and >>>coherence, please note), and then proceed to validate (or >>>otherwise) these explanations through comparison with further >>>data (much of it specially generated through experiment or >>prediction for the express purpose of rigorous testing)?

I don't have much more to say on this but there is a very good reason why one doesn't bother too much about consistency between hypotheses - it's a practical impossibility. One could spend a lifetime attempting to establish the consistency of any given hypothesis and the set of all other currently valid hypotheses in existence and one would never get around to testing it. Real scientists are practical people and they prefer not to squander their time in this way.

This does sometimes have unexpected consequences, such as the current inconsistency between QM and Relativity in physics. Here there is a widespread expectation (or perhaps "hope" would be a better word) that the inconsistency will be resolved at some future date. But this is more of an aspiration than a genuine empirical necessity. Only time will tell if this aspiration is ever realized.

As for coherence - that is theoretically desirable, certainly, but in now way should it predominate over evidence.

Cathy

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 12:01:05 -0600 Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 11:38:54 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 07:47:03 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 13:25:31 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>It seems a little odd for you to suggest that we stick to
>>ufology... it is _you_ posting to the UFO UpDates List to
>>perpetuate a thread about crop circles. I am sure there are
>>other venues where you are more likely to find an acceptable
>>level of expertise. Not everyone considers these phenomena
>>inseparable, or even related.

>_I_ did not start the thread on crop circles. But when I see >people here who keep making the same, erroneous statements as if >they were fact, I will respond to that.

>'Acceptable level of expertise'? Yes, some ufologists have >documented the trace cases exhaustively, but when it comes to >the crop circle phenomenon specifically, they often do not know >what they are talking about (the negative posters here). There >are other long-time researchers, including scientists, who have >studied this phenomenon to a far greater extent. What's annoying >is when these self-appointed experts think they know everything >about crop circles. They do not! They've ignored much of the >scientific and historical evidence. They like to think they know >more about crop circles than these other many long-time >researchers, but they don't, they just show their ignorance of >the subject. That statement of your shows that you also think >this is a subject unworthy of serious study?

I think that crop circles are a perfectly legitimate topic for serious study. So are the Loch Ness monster and ESP, but they hardly ever come up on this list.

>And when I said 'stick to ufology' I was directing that to Don >and the other 'negative posters' here only, obviously.

Your post made broad reference to "you guys"... apparently you had intended to be more specific.

In any case, if Don were posting about UFOs on a Crop Circle UpDates List, would it ever make sense for him to tell them, "stick to crop circle-ology"? It certainly begs the reply, "Um, we _were_".

>And I've also never said that I think the two phenomena are >necessarily inseparable or related. Anyone who knows my work in >this knows that.

I'll accept that you've never said that. So then I'll ask you: do you think these phenomena are related? If not, why would you be here discussing it?

I hope you will not interpret my comments as dismissive of your

area of study or the crop circle phenomena in general. I find the subject quite interesting, although, like UFOs, it is heavily polluted with hoaxes.

I do find irksome, however, the fury and indignation here (not this thread specifically, but UFO UpDates in general) on subjects that many would consider peripheral, if not utterly off-topic. Indeed, the further it strays, the more likely it seems to produce warring camps and tortured martyrs.

Mike

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 20:14:21 +0100
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 11:40:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 12:55:16 EDT
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>Excellent Paul Scott Anderson. Thanks for the professional data.

>The huge designs are intriguing because one would figure a >formation a hundred meters wide would attract attention with the >dozens upon dozens of people who would be needed to form it, not >leave footprints, cigarette buts, hair, all over the formation.

Even the most intricate crop art does not involve "dozens upon dozens" of people. Read Robert Irving and John Lundberg's book, which Mark Pilkington told us about at the beginning of this thread, to see how it's done.

John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>

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Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

From: Rick Nielsen <<u>nilthchi</u>.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 17:45:08 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 11:42:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 15:37:49 EDT
>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 10:43:31 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

<snip>

>>These gratuitous insulting characterizations of other
>>researchers are so much egocentric nonsense, Brad. You throw out
>>more hints and teases than a...well, choose your own analogy.

>I just answered someone's questions so you don't need to butt in >if you don't like the answers.

>I suggest that the Roswell methodology of the past 30 years has >led absolutely nowhere but to dead-ends and you go ballistic >with name-calling about so-called "insulting" and "egocentric >nonsense." If you have a better Roswell investigative >methodology that doesn't lead to dead-ends let's hear it Dick >and leave the snide ad hominems out of it.

<snip>

I'd like to butt in...

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But we do know that 'they' are in our skies. We know that 'they' have been flying for decades at least. Those UFOs have been happening without credible humanity taking credit for it.

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 01:53:50 -0300
Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 08:07:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 08:07:35 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger.nul></u>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 13:28:24 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>I also answered this in a previous post.

This is one of those cases where I answered one of your e-mails when a few moments later your answers to a previous question arrived a short time later. Sorry for the miox-up.

>>Perhaps some of the older UFO trace cases with swirled grasses
>>might have had some root in a weather phenomenon as suggested by
>>John Rimmer-but it's a stretch and not scientifically
>>supportable- but those "saucer" nets as they are known, with
>>depressions, weight related evidence and burn evidence are not
>>good candidates for weather phenomenon. Ted Phillips has over
>>800 of these cases he's investigated. he's the expert in that
>>area.

>Again, you are confusing two different things. The 'saucer >nests' are different from classic crop circles.

>What I've said, is that there are other older crop circle cases >of _flattened_ and _swirled_ circles and/or rings, with _no_ >weight or burn evidence.

>You are the one assuming that what I refer to as crop circles >are all just landing trace cases.

>I am well familiar with Ted Phillips and his excellent work. >And when I first met him several years ago, he expressed a >genuine interest in discussing and comparing the two phenomena, >unlike yourself...

Answered in a later email.

>Re not scientifically supportable, have you ever read any of >Terence Meaden's work? Have you even heard of him?

No I haven't, and he likely hasn't heard of me either.

Don Ledger

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Re: Cutler Twining Memorandum On-Line

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 01:12:44 -0400
Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 08:09:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Cutler Twining Memorandum On-Line

>From: Diane Harrison <<u>auforn06</u>.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Aug 2007 18:41:51 +1000
>Subject: Re: Cutler Twining Memorandum On-Line

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <<u>brumac</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 15:26:32 -0400
>>Subject: Cutler Twining Memorandum On-Line

>>The recent discussion about MJ-12 and the role played by the
>>Cutler Twining Memorandum has caused me to make use of my
>>relatively new slide scanner to make available, on-line, scans
>>of the slides I made about 20 years ago - about 2 years after
>>the memo was discovered by Shandar and Moore in the National
>>Archives.

<snip>

>>The reason for the red line was not known to Friedman, Shandara
>>or Moore until after the CT document - and some other
>>declassified documents found afterward - became available.

>>See: www.brumac.8k.com

>Do you have a copy of MAJIC's White Hot project file? The >unedited version, without the blacked out bits?

I think I have a copy buried somewhere in stacks of documents.

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 02:18:35 -0300
Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 08:12:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 08:49:32 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 14:01:39 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>You are dragging this into ufology, not I. And you are on a List >>called UFO UpDates in case you haven't noticed. If you want to >>flaunt crop circles then expect to take some flack about it. Now >>you refer back to what were once considered to be trace evidence >>of landings in marshes and in the forests and suddenly they are >>crop circles san the crops and the beginnings of some phenomenon >>you propose. A lot of work was done investigating these which >>were evident trace cases of some heavy object having landed or >>set down there not some design created to communicate.

>I'm not 'flaunting' anything. I've seen numerous other subjects
>get posted about here, but don't see you complaining about
>those... And I didn't start the thread. I'm just rebutting the
>erroneous statements being made; I and others have been
>investigating and studying this subject for many years now, far
>more than you. Per my other post: you are confusing two
>different things. These 'trace cases' are different from classic
>crop circles. What I've said, is that there are other older crop
>circle cases of _flattened and swirled_ circles and/or rings,
>with _no_ weight or burn evidence. You are the one assuming that
>what I refer to as crop circles are all just landing trace
>cases. Wrong!

>>There are no 200-300 foot wide circles in the forests or marshes >>either with the intricate patterns seen since the 80s. You have >>confused those with the older trace cases which still occur or >>done so to give some credence to the growth of crop circles.

>>I'm well aware of the huge circles in the Northwest Territories
>>but it seems to me they were explained away as some tree growth
>>pattern after some natural event.

>The 'forest circles' have all been simple circles, as far as I >know. Some of those may indeed be classic trace cases, but some >do not seem to be. When trees are described as all flattened >radially from the centre to the outside edges in circles from >about 300-500 feet diameter, that does not sound like a landing >case to me. Those were the NT circles in 2004. I talked to the >witness who found them while flying as well as a couple other >witnesses to these and previous circles in that region.

>I also talked to a couple of the forestry experts in the area >and they did not think these were likely to be ordinary >blowdown. I've never heard since anything about them being some >tree growth pattern. Do you have a specific reference for that >claim, or are you just making assumptions again?

No, I asked where the intricate patterns were in dense forests similar to those found in easy to reach fields. The flattened

http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/aug/m24-003.shtml[11/12/2011 16:59:49]

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areas you speak of are nothing like the snazzy glyphs of today. Those 300-500 foot diameter circles with the trees lying about in a radial pattern suggest some type of air burst to me, perhaps some sort of microburst from a rapidly disintegrating TCU. Get these trees at the right time during a rapid freezing and that can snap like twigs when this heavy, cold, descending vertical wind hits them.

>>And I'll stick to whatever I damn well want which is an attempt >>at some critical thinking, not blind acceptance of some theory >>that these are created in fields from the air by UFOs.

>>You on the other hand seem to blindly accept these intricate >>patterns as some phenomenon created by some extra terrestrial >>intelligence despite the fact that many have been admittedly >>hoaxed and that humans are just as capable of producing them >>with boards, ropes and measuring tapes.

>I've _never_ said I think these are necessarily made by UFOs, in >all the years I've been doing this. If you actually knew >anything about me or my work, you would know that! You keep >making these same, baseless comments. And I've said that I >accept that many are made by people. Do you even read what I >post?

Yes I do. You missed my point above so I could ask the same.

>>To me they are noise in the signal not to mention another source
>>of ridicule from science and the media. Off list I have been
>>accused of being a Shirmer re crop circles at my peril
>>reputation wise.

>There are a growing number of scientists who have become >involved in the last several years who would disagree with you. >Try actually reading some of their reports, such as the clay->mineral XRD study done on a Canadian formation in Alberta a few >years ago:

I'll read them. But consider this. I was as puzzled as anyone else when I started hearing about the larger crop depressions or circles back in the eighties. I thought there might have been some connection to the UFO phenomenon but time after time I read about hoaxes surounding the crop circle phenomenon. Was it Nancy Talbot [did I not read this recently] that discovered instances of famers in collusion with the boys with the boards for some financial gain.

>http://www.cccrn.ca/science.html
>http://www.bltresearch.com/xrd.html
>http://www.bltresearch.com/plantab.html
>http://www.bltresearch.com/magnetic.html
>http://www.bltresearch.com/published.html
>http://www.bltresearch.com/proffcons.html

>The Shirmer analogy is appropriate, because you keep making the >same erroneous statements, putting words in other peoples' mouths >(me, in this case), etc.

We all have a bit of the Shirmer in us but I've not been Shirmerized, and I'm not putting words in your mouth. I've been disappointed with the hoaxing that has gone on in crop art. What I'm afraid of is that the phenomenon you embrace is considered to be part of the phenomenon that I embrace, by a large segment of the public and the media, and that yours will ultimately collapse and drag, mine down with it.

Don

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Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

From: Gerald O'Connell <<u>gac</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 12:52:32 +0100 Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 08:14:21 -0400 Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 16:35:19 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 00:55:17 +0100
>>Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

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>>How does one distinguish between 'instantaneous jumping' between
>>two points in space and 'passing through the intervening space'
>>when the movement is accomplished at infinite speed?

>If there were any objects in the path, one would leave a hole, >and the other would not?

Simple though the suggestion sounds, Eleanor, you may be on the right track. Certainly the situation suggests all sorts of further experimental investigation, maybe more intervening prisms - who knows?

My question was intended to draw attention to the fact that extraordinary experimental data invariably raises some extraordinary questions. The first of these ought to be to go back to the assumptions underlying the original theoretical status quo, and to ask which of them might need to be suspended in order to explain the data.

In a case like this there is always likely to be controversy because the basic assumptions involved are very fundamental indeed. Not everybody feels comfortable when baseline assumptions about things like 'space', 'movement' or 'speed' are called into question. If Physics has taught us anything in the last hundred years, then it is to regard our 'common sense' ideas about some of these things as potentially treacherous - a lesson that some physicists have not entirely taken on board (and who can really blame them when the most fundamental ideas that we use to categorise empirical data are called into question?).

Anyway, it would be nice to hear on this from List-members who have a sophisticated understanding of frontier physics.

Gerald O'Connell

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Randle's Analysis Of The Mantell Case

From: Tim Donovan <uwtd.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 05:32:50 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 08:18:33 -0400
Subject: Randle's Analysis Of The Mantell Case

An Analysis Of The Thomas Mantell UFO Case:

http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/nov/m16-026.shtml

Ηi,

So what comments were received? It's been five years, but I didn't come across the paper until now. Is Randle's view widely accepted by Ufologists?

Tim

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From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor.nul></u>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 17:12:03 -0400
Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 08:54:24 -0400
Subject: Other Topics [was: Crop Circles Discussion]

>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 12:01:05 -0600
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

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Mmmm... a moderate amount of other-topic discussion may ultimately benefit one or both topics, (UFOs and the other.)

For example, if some inventor (John Hutchison?) is able to demonstrate anti-gravity publicly and convincingly enough, imagine what a huge boost that would be for credibility in the UFO field.

Another example might be official recognition of the time distortion reported by some crop circle investigators who find that time elapsed at a noticeably different speed in the circle they were working in, as opposed to the outside world.

That could have ramifications for the so-called speed of light barrier making it "impossible" for ETs to get here.

Eleanor White

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 22:32:37 +0100
Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 08:56:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 09:05:55 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 22:36:15 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>I have got no problems at all with the idea that certain
>>meteorological conditions will create circular depressions in
>>standing crops. Some of these circles will probably have sharp
>>edges. However they do not seem to be a very frequent occurance,
>>largely of interest to meteorologists and to a lesser degree
>>farmers, and I don't see any reason to get particularly worked
>>up about them.

>It would still be an interesting phenomenon, because 'normal'
>meteorological effects like dust devils, tornadoes, etc. typically
>produce roughly circular patches, but not sharp-edged circles
>with elegant, spiralling lay patterns. Complex lay patterns have
>been seen and documented even in the simplest of circles
>sometimes.

<snip>

>Even if it did turn out that only the simpler circles were >genuine, with a natural origin, because of their physical >characteristics it would probably point to some previously >little known or understood meteorological phenomenon. Perhaps >not exactly like what Terence Meaden first proposed back in the >80s (the plasma-vortex), but maybe similar. Would learning about >that be pointless? I think not.

No, learning more about uncommon meteorological phenomena will always be of interest to specialists. But I doubt that such a phenomenon on its own is enought to support the vast crop-circle industry which has grown up over the last 20 years or so.

And, as I have pointed out before, we cannot be sure that historical accounts actually occured literally as described or are all referring to the same type of event.

However, as you seem to accept that the complex modern 'cropcircle phenomenon' is entirely man-made, and I do not think there is too much point in arguing the details of a very small number of reports from a hundred years ago or more, it strikes me that there is far less a difference of opinion between us that seemed apparent at first.

John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>

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From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 17:55:57 -0400
Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 09:02:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>From: Rick Nielsen <<u>nilthchi</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 17:45:08 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

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>Thanks to EBK, for keeping us all in touch!

While Errol has his critics, I also believe this List is a valuable forum for many of us to review current thoughts and information.

I'm not sure what you mean by "open peer review", and who you would expect to perform that "review" (or more importantly how much expertise they would have to properly review the facts and proposed theories). Open peer review by Internet posters in general isn't helpful, and I think we're at the point of disagreement over who is an "expert" in the field. I notice that you didn't use the word 'science' in your suggestion, and I sense that many are too frustrated with the limitations imposed by the scientific analysis.

Steve

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Archived: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 09:04:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 17:26:08 +0000
>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

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>I would say that the Carey-Schmitt book shows substantial >progress, leading us strongly in the direction of an ET >spacecraft crash. (Note: I did not say proof, and I sincerely >doubt that you have any proof of anything either.) Pursuing all >the witnesses and all the evidence has not resulted in a dead->end.

Hi Richard,

I just wanted to say that I agree that Roswell seems to be reinvigorated by some of the new material that we have to review and new leads would indicate that we are not at a "dead end".

Steve

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>>>>Brad Sparks MUFON Symposium Proceedings paper on MJ-12
>>>>hints at tantalizing and potentially very valuable new Roswell
>>>>information. He is very brief in these revelations, which could
>>>>easily go unnoticed without careful reading. Perhaps Brad may
>>>>speak more directly to them here. To my knowledge this
>>>>information has never been mentioned or published by any other
>>>>researcher.

>>>I think that is correct, no other researcher has ever mentioned >>>or published anything like this. The skeptics will not tolerate >>>anything but a Mogul balloon. Roswell proponents will not >>>tolerate anything less than alien bodies and crashed spaceship. >>>Even something like "possibly extraterrestrial" is not good >>>enough for them. It can be right in front of their eyes and they >>>cannot see it.

>>>>Anything in between a Mogul balloon and an ET spacecraft is >>>completely invisible to skeptics and advocates alike, they >>>cannot see any evidence that falls in between even if they >>>should happen to come across it (as a few have), they will not >>>look for such evidence, and with virtually no exceptions they >>>will not help anyone else (such as me) look for such "in >>>between" evidence.

>>>These gratuitous insulting characterizations of other >>>researchers are so much egocentric nonsense, Brad. You throw out >>>more hints and teases than a...well, choose your own analogy.

>>I just answered someone's questions so you don't need to butt in >>if you don't like the answers.

>>I suggest that the Roswell methodology of the past 30 years has
>>led absolutely nowhere but to dead-ends and you go ballistic
>>with name-calling about so-called "insulting" and "egocentric

>>nonsense." If you have a better Roswell investigative
>>methodology that doesn't lead to dead-ends let's hear it Dick
>>and leave the snide ad hominems out of it.

>What is more ad hominem than your disparaging remarks about >other Roswell researchers?

You resorted to the name-calling, Dick, not I. You are the one calling my citicism "insulting ... egocentric nonsense." You apparently cannot stand criticism of failed methodologies such as the Roswell investigations that have yielded nothing but dead-ends after 30 years.

You apparently are happy to read about 100 more anecdotal accounts of Roswell that are exactly like the first 100 Roswell accounts in the 1980's, and any slightly different or 'new' data still does not result in anything but a dead-end, no documents, no physical evidence, no uncovering of the repository holding the alleged alien ship and pickled crew members. I am not satisfied with such disappointing results and am surprised that you would be.

>In fact, I criticized your

>methodology which consists of constant hints about special
>knowledge and unsupported assertions, plus the strong suggestion
>that you and only you know how to winnow out the truth about
>Roswell. Listers can see that for themselves above.

This is pure disengenuousness. You know perfectly well that my Roswell methodology involves searching for US Government policy response to Roswell, and that no one else is pursuing it. It's 'special' (meaning unique to me) because no one else wants to do anything but look around the town of Roswell for another 'witness' to ET bodies and spacecraft, and evidently cannot conceive of there being anything else to do or any other way of doing it.

You never discuss that fact or the methodology involved, as apparently you are more interested in sniping, personal attacks on my efforts to exercise due caution in protecting my ongoing investigation.

>>These are facts which you are calling "insulting" and >>"egocentric nonsense" and which has taken me 6 years to overcome >>- see that part of my post about how the refusal to see anything >>in between a Mogul balloon and an ET spaceship also results in >>refusal to help anyone dig up evidence that may _seem_ to fall >>in between Mogul and ET (as say with me the past 6 years when no >>one previously would help).

>Just what lies between a Mogul balloon and an ET spacehsip, >Brad? That is the question.

Why don't you read ahead a few paragraphs first before asking questions that are answered further on? Surely you read the whole post first then went back and replied? I cited Karl Pflock but you ignored that completely here and below.

Another reason Roswell methodology has been such a failure is the failure to do one's homework first or to have a sense of history, a history of the UFO field and of the surrounding world. Instead world events all happen in a Roswell UFO vacuum. All we get is an obligatory reference here or there to the "Cold War", and then the Roswell researcher's unhappy duty is fulfilled.

Forget about trying to place the Roswell event in the broader context of US national and global history - and I don't mean those BS sociological hogwash essays either, but a meaningful context for national policymakers' actions and policies on Roswell if a major ET event actually happened.

Again the late Karl Pflock, a former policymaker himself as an Assistant Deputy Secretary of Defense, explained all this, in his 2001 book, but reached a skeptical conclusion. Still his policy reasoning is sound and yields startling results, as I discovered before I read the book, when I was not even looking for it in 2000, and again afterward.

For another example, Roswell researchers seem to violate Hynek's multiple-witness rule with impunity, and they make no reference.

They simply are unaware of it because they haven't done their homework on basic principles of UFO research. Single witness cases are not favored under Hynek's rules because the possibility of hoax and strange personal motives can be unacceptably high, and they are greatly reduced by insisting on at least 2 witnesses.

Not even one person observed a spaceship impact the ground in the Roswell incident. No two people at exactly the same location report the same thing about ET ship or bodies. At best you have several people reporting variant descriptions of the Brazel Debris Field, variant descriptions of its linear dimensions or area, variant descriptions of the amount and nature of the debris, variant accounts of how long the material had been out there (June 14? early July?), variant accounts who took what debris and when, etc.

No one asks if the rule should be that witness accounts that fail to meet certain minimum criteria (such as Hynek's multiplewitness rule) will be discarded right from the outset. Instead the de factor rule of Roswell investigation is 'accept everything unless it is absolutely proven to be false.' Yet Hynek also insisted that the UFO investigator has the burden of eliminating all conventional investigations first, by technically or scientifically competent investigation, before accepting a case as a 'UFO'.

>>>First you produce some evidence, then we look at it, then we >>>decide how meaningful it is and how to interpret it. Only Brad >>>Sparks is open-minded and only Brad Sparks has the correct road >>>to truth?

>>Only Dick Hall is "open-minded" and has "the correct road to
>>truth"? Where has it led us Dick with Roswell the past 30 years?
>>If you are so "open-minded" then why can't you comprehend Karl
>>Pflock's middle option, a Roswell extraterrestrial "anomaly" in
>>between Mogul and ET?

>I said "we," Brad. It's known as colleagues and peer review.

And where is the so-called "peer review" of any of the Roswell books published to date? Where is the "peer review" criticism of the Roswell methodology of interviewing more and more Roswell base personnel and townspeople with the interviewing undertaken to what end??

What is the purpose of doing more of the same that hasn't worked in 30 years? Is there a learning curve here at all? Doesn't 30 years of failure, 30 years of dead-ends tell us something? Something like 'We're doing this all wrong let's go back to the drawingboard!' No one is doing that, so that doesn't say much about the Roswell "peer review" process.

>And

>just what the hell are you talking about here? ET but not ET? >What anomaly? What is your superior hypothesis than which the >rest of us are a bunch of blind dummies?

Surely you read Karl Pflock's Roswell In Perspective (1994). ET ship crashes into Mogul balloon, but leaves no crashed ship or bodies. Maybe some physical evidence, maybe not. The evidence might be ambiguous to government investigators, or it might not. _All_ options need to be _investigated_, not just the tiresome stories of the alien bodies under the tarp. And that is just one of many possible alternatives in between the Roswll advocates' rigid fixation on 'alien ship and bodies or else nothing' and the debunker-skeptics' Mogul balloon.

Many times when I tell people it may be an ambiguous situation or only an anomaly in the desert, just as soon as they hear nothing about 'alien bodies or craft' they lose all interest. This has happened many times in the past 6 years or so. I have the right to criticize that kind of myopic response and how it has delayed things.

>>No I'm sorry but it is a _fact_ that Roswell investigations to
>>date are a dead-end. Prove me wrong with a slew of leads
>>actually leading somewhere besides Roswell, New Mexico. In the
>>extremely rare instance of an air bus-driver who purportedly
>>transported a national secret and of course was told all about
>>it even though just a transport pilot - got to peek under the

>>tarp and all that typical lying Roswell bulls-t I'm so sick of
>>reading - even in those few rare instances they lead to dead>>ends, too.

>I would say that the Carey-Schmitt book shows substantial >progress, leading us strongly in the direction of an ET >spacecraft crash. (Note: I did not say proof, and I sincerely >doubt that you have any proof of anything either.) Pursuing all >the witnesses and all the evidence has not resulted in a dead->end.

Oh really, no dead-end? Where is the physical evidence then? Where are the ET ship and bodies stored? Where are the documents and lab reports on it all? Did Carey-Schmitt find any such things? All they have is more of the same kind of anecdotes published back in 1980. It still stops cold in Roswell, New Mexico, the graveyard of investigative leads. Exactly where the AF wants it to dead-end. You are happy with that??

As if Roswell consists entirely of stories, nothing else, and Roswell investigation consists of nothing more than uncovering the US Government's investigations and coverup of Roswell. Like the US Government's entire interest in Roswell begins and ends with only investigating it, as if to satisfy some personal curiosity, and the USG didn't really take it seriously enough or believe in it enough to formulate a secret national policy of response to the ET event of monumental historic importance that supposedly occurred.

That sounds pretty short-sighted for an investigative methodology but it accounts for why Roswell investigations to date can uncover nothing more than what happened at Roswell, New Mexico. Nothing more than what the USG investigated at Roswell. A cold and dead trail.

A few feeble attempts to follow some kind of evidence 'trail' on a few flights elsewhere also lead to absolutely dead dead-ends. And as I say I don't believe those kinds of hearsay war-story tall tales anyway. They sound like convenient stories planted because they tell Roswell researchers exactly what they want to hear and calculated to lead to dead-ends, it keeps Roswell researchers stuck in Roswell forever.

And you then come along and defend this hopeless and futile practice of Roswell investigators continuing to do as they have always done despite its complete failure in 30 years to break through the coverup or to turn up radically new areas beyond what Moore and Friedman scoped out in 1979-80.

Few dare to question the validity of soliciting anecdotal stories often with leading questions 30-60 years after the fact for fear of incurring wrath - like you've unleashed on me for my rather mild criticism of methodology. Any criticism of Roswell and you go ballistic and attack the messenger for delivering the unhappy message, instead of dealing with the issue of the wrong approach that hasn't worked.

The few who do question 30-60-year-old stories don't pursue or even ask if there is a better way. You don't.

>>How many years do you get to keep making the same mistake over >>and over again using the same fruitless Roswell methodology >>before someone blows the whistle and says "Hey! This isn't >>working people!"

>Until the year that you show us a superior hypothesis.

I wasn't talking about a Roswell "hypothesis". I was talking about Roswell investigative methodology. You would rather just demand that everything be handed to you on a silver platter or you won't budge. You have made it clear that you won't lift a finger to help and haven't in the last 6 years, thus proving my original point which you jumped on, which is that rigid insistence on doing it your way (the same way of all Roswell investigators) results in no real progress, no help for other strategies, and no ability even to see evidence that doesn't quite fit this reigning Roswell paradigm which will tolerate nothing less than ET bodies and spacecraft or it is pointedly not the hell interested!

>>And no Dick I won't "produce some evidence" to compromise the

>>ongoing investigation - which has taken me 6 years to get under >>way because of the hardened attitudes of those who cannot >>tolerate anything in between a full-fledged ET spaceship with >>alien bodies and a Mogul balloon. I have had only a few months >>finally getting the assistance I've needed. You've had 30 years.

>Until you do provide some evidence you shouldn't expect to be >taken seriously.

Until you or the Roswell investigators produce something different after 30 years of total failure to get past dead-ends then you and they shouldn't be taken seriously. Here again you belittle what you don't know and do your best to stymie the effort with flak. As usual you expect me to foolishly blab everything on UFO UpDates, compromising the ongoing investigation.

>And there you go agin, repeating your mantra >over and over about all of us being intolerant, blind to >alternatives, not open to new evidence.

You've proven your absolute intolerance of even the slightest criticism of the failed Roswell approach of the past 30 years right here in this post. And you've shown how you can weaselword things to obfuscate the real issue, such as above where again you posture that it is all about what "new evidence" someone else has to bring to _your_ attention instead of the real issue of you and Roswell investigators seeking out new methods. Surely you can tell the difference between evidence and methodology of gathering evidence. Two different things. Ontology and epistemology.

>Once again, show us the >evidence. Elaborate your hypothesis. Then it will be peer >reviewed.

You mean like Carey-Schmitt's book was 'peer reviewed' before publication, a book you approved of here in this post? Who did that 'peer review' and where are their 'reviews'?

>Authoritative pronouncements without producting the >evidence and disparagement of colleagues is not science.

Pursuing a failed methodology year after year is what is not science. You are the one who resorted to name-calling by calling my mild criticism of Roswellology "insulting... egocentric nonsense." I simply explained why I got little or no co-operation from either the skeptics or the Roswell proponents - they are not about to help undermine their pet theories and have made that clear over the past 6 years in which I sought out assistance. Those are the facts, and they explain the 6 years of delay in not getting the vital assistance I needed on this project.

Brad

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Earlier this year I posted links to some of the key pieces of information about the Channel Islands UFO sighting:

http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/jun/m27-012.shtml

This additional link, to information on the Civil Aviation Authority website, may also be of interest:

http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/1357/F0000558ReplyLetter.pdf

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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MUFON has made available on our web site the Pratt Sensitive Document from 1982 at:

http://www.mufon.com/documents/MJ-121982.pdf .

Of particular interest is the paragraph from 1/02/82 that links Project Aquarius to MJ12 that is the thesis of Brad Sparks' paper.

James

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>An Analysis Of The Thomas Mantell UFO Case:

>http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/nov/m16-026.shtml

>Hi,

>So what comments were received? It's been five years, but I >didn't come across the paper until now. Is Randle's view widely >accepted by Ufologists?

Tim,

I don't know how widely accepted Randle's conclusions are, but he is to be commended for pulling together a lot of information on the case in a fair and balanced manner. Some new information has come to light since his report was written, and the case is still being reviewed by personnel of the NICAP web site.

Having personally investigated hundreds of cases, I am inclined to think that witnesses probably confused two or more visual stimuli as being one and the same object. I have encountered this numerous times when an object is widely reported and a lot of people go out and scan the sky trying to see it for themselves. One or more Skyhook balloons were somewhere in the general area, and their exact locations need to be pinned down. That research is going on now.

I am not wholly convinced that what Mantell chased was a Skyhook balloon. There are too many unusual observations suggesting that a high- performance object was also in the area. But in all such cases we need to go where the evidence leads us. The Skyhook explanation is a reasonable one generally speaking, if certain problems with it can be clarified or explained. Randle's effort is good science. I applaud it. But there is more to come.

- Richard Hall

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[Many links at site]

UFO Researchers Seek 'The Truth' By Leonard David Special Correspondent SPACE.com

DENVER, Colorado =96 With so much planet-hunting and spotting going on, we are in a showdown to see whether the universe is perhaps chock-full of extraterrestrial life.

Distant starfolk is one thing. Having ET stopovers here on Earth, via UFOs, is another. And that was just the topic du jour here at the 38th Annual International UFO Symposium, subtitled An Estimate of the Situation: The ET Hypothesis, held August 10-12 and sponsored by the Denver-based Mutual UFO Network, Inc., or MUFON for short.

As a yearly affair, the symposium provides a platform for specialists and investigators that delve into UFOs, purported military cover-ups and denials, physical evidence surrounding UFOs, as well as those "high strangeness" encounters with alien visitors.

The MUFON summit brought together more than 500 people =96 a true gabfest for the flying saucer devotee.

Passion for the truth

James Carrion, MUFON'S International Director, said the organization is fervent about resolving the scientific enigma known as unidentified flying objects.

"To me, it's all about the truth. I have a passion for the truth," Carrion told SPACE.com.

Still, after decades of pursuing "the truth" behind UFOs, Carrion admitted that the quest is befuddling. "Why is it always within out of reach...kind of there, but it's not there?"

A new MUFON initiative being implemented this year is outreach to engage mainstream scientists, Carrion said, to assist in taking a more detailed look at the data. An open letter to the professional scientific community is now being drafted, to be issued before year's end, he said.

"We have to gain respectability here ... so we're trying to kick-start intellectual curiosity out there," Carrion added. "We know that there are folks in academia who have an interest, but they don't know what to do with it." The MUFON strategy initially centers on the hypothesis that UFOs are human-manufactured and then evaluate the data amassed to date against that premise, Carrion advised. "If this triggers your intellectual curiosity ... help us out," he said.

Carrion said that MUFON is also forming two research teams: One to dive into the history of "UFOlogy" and government archives, the other to probe into the abduction encounters.

"I'm a skeptical believer," Carrion pointed out. "I've never seen a UFO. But I've read enough of our own evidence. There's something real to this. To me, it's an issue of what is it?"

Tell it like it is

For nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, there is no doubt that some UFOs are alien spacecraft. Moreover, the subject of flying saucers, in his view, represents a "Cosmic Watergate" - a colossal government cover-up.

Friedman is a globe-trotting lecturer on UFOs and is the original civilian investigator of the celebrated UFO crash case in Roswell, New Mexico. That out-of-the-blue happening supposedly occurred some 60 years ago, in 1947, involving no less than two crashed saucers, strewn debris and recovered alien bodies, he reported at the MUFON meeting.

"I come on very, very strong. I'm not an apologist UFOlogist...I tell it like it is," Friedman told SPACE.com. He senses that a "big sea change" is taking place on several fronts.

"My overall impression is that people are more ready to accept [UFO visitation] because the world has changed...space travel being an important part of that," Friedman noted. "What I'm saying is that the notion that most people don't believe in UFOs isn't true."

Also, the media is giving UFO sightings a much fairer shake than in the past, Friedman suggested, citing not only Roswell coverage, but the reporting of UFO sightings made at O'Hare Airport late last year and more revelation concerning the Phoenix lights saga of March 1997.

"I don't look for advocacy...I want fairness," Friedman added. "I feel the world is ready. I'm outspoken, yes. But I try to make it a rule: Fact in hand before mouth in gear."

Mind-bending finding?

UFOs as visitors from afar would be a simple, easy-to-grasp explanation, suggested George Knapp, an investigative reporter for KLAS-TV in Las Vegas, Nevada. But he wonders if there isn't a mind-bending finding waiting at the bottom of the UFO barrel.

"It seems to stay one or two steps ahead of what we can do...from airships to the saucers, to giant flying triangles...almost teasing, taunting, or inspiring," Knapp told SPACE.com. Given cutting-edge physics, talk of the multi-verse and parallel universes, along with threshold biological and computer work, there are fundamental paradigm shifts ahead, he said.

"Although we can't figure out a way to get there...doesn't mean they can't figure out a way to get here," Knapp said. Involved in UFO reporting for some two decades, Knapp said he's committed to the journalistic credo that the public has a right to know.

"But you know what? Maybe not! It goes against everything in my professional life that I believe. What if it's not something we should know? That the truth is so unsettling that our social institutions would, in fact, crumble," Knapp confided.

Knapp underscored the prospect that perhaps we Earthlings live in the middle of some other kind of intelligence. Perhaps our planet is nothing more than a cosmic drive-in theater, he added, and UFOs skim in and out of our skies just to watch goofy movies.

"And if it's something else - like they live here among us and everything we do is like being in a glass shower - people are going to go crazy. So maybe there is a reason for keeping this secret...and a need for government cover-up which I believe there is," Knapp said.

Knapp's on-air investigative work focuses primarily on government corruption and organized crime. But asked about the angle that his next investigative piece on the UFO phenomenon will take, he quickly responded. "Nothing I'm going to tell you about."

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>>>Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

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>>>How does one distinguish between 'instantaneous jumping'
>>>between
>>>two points in space and 'passing through the intervening
>>>space'
>>>when the movement is accomplished at infinite speed?

>>If there were any objects in the path, one would leave a hole, >>and the other would not?

><snip>

>In a case like this there is always likely to be controversy >because the basic assumptions involved are very fundamental >indeed. Not everybody feels comfortable when baseline >assumptions about things like 'space', 'movement' or 'speed' are >called into question. If Physics has taught us anything in the >last hundred years, then it is to regard our 'common sense' >ideas about some of these things as potentially treacherous - a >lesson that some physicists have not entirely taken on board >(and who can really blame them when the most fundamental ideas >that we use to categorise empirical data are called into >question?).

>Anyway, it would be nice to hear on this from List-members who >have a sophisticated understanding of frontier physics.

Be careful Gerald, read of a woman who said she'd slap a man's face for calling her 'sophisicated' - to her it meant 'corrupt'.

On the subject - didn't we read recently that Fermi not only believed that alien civilizations should exist but was fairly confident that faster than light transfer of material objects would be achieved "within ten years or so"?

Or was that just a bet he was making?

Cheers

Ray D

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>No, I asked where the intricate patterns were in dense forests >similar to those found in easy to reach fields. The flattened >areas you speak of are nothing like the snazzy glyphs of today. >Those 300-500 foot diameter circles with the trees lying about >in a radial pattern suggest some type of air burst to me, >perhaps some sort of microburst from a rapidly disintegrating >TCU. Get these trees at the right time during a rapid freezing >and that can snap like twigs when this heavy, cold, descending >vertical wind hits them.

It's possible they are from some airburst, sure, we just documented them for what they were, unusual radially-flattened trees in circular patterns. Again, the forestry experts I talked to were unsure about their cause, but said that specific type of 'damage' is _not_ something typically seen around there.

>I'll read them. But consider this. I was as puzzled as anyone >else when I started hearing about the larger crop depressions or >circles back in the eighties. I thought there might have been >some connection to the UFO phenomenon but time after time I read >about hoaxes surounding the crop circle phenomenon. Was it Nancy >Talbot [did I not read this recently] that discovered instances >of famers in collusion with the boys with the boards for some >financial gain.

Good. So you acknowledge you hadn't read them before? And in your previous post today you said you hadn't heard of Terence Meaden. You've just proven my point, that there is a lot about this subject that you didn't know, yet whenever it comes it comes up you tend to attack it as a bunch of nonsense. If you don't even know about Terence Meaden, who first proposed a possible natural yet previously unknown cause of the simpler circles back in the 80s, then you need to go back and take the Crop Circles: 101 class... his work was some of the most significant (and debated) ever done.

Yes, it was Nancy Talbott who first told me that.

>We all have a bit of the Shirmer in us but I've not been >Shirmerized, and I'm not putting words in your mouth. I've been >disappointed with the hoaxing that has gone on in crop art. What >I'm afraid of is that the phenomenon you embrace is considered >to be part of the phenomenon that I embrace, by a large segment >of the public and the media, and that yours will ultimately >collapse and drag, mine down with it.

Yes, you did put words in my mouth. Quote:

"You on the other hand seem to blindly accept these intricate patterns as some phenomenon created by some extra terrestrial intelligence despite the fact that many have been admittedly hoaxed and that humans are just as capable of producing them with boards, ropes and measuring tapes." Re: Crop Circles Discussion

When I have _never_ said I believed that, and actually have leaned in other directions for quite a few years now. By intelligence I mean 'ET' as in spacecraft/UFOs; there are other intelligence or conciousness-related experiences that are possibly connected though, imo, and I've had some of those myself (the 'premonitions' of formations on a couple or so occasions, down to specific details, etc.). Other people I know have had these as well, including Nancy Talbott, as she has written about previously, having _witnessed_ formations happen only a few hundred feet away from her.

It has already 'collapsed' in some respects, but not for those who still contend that there is a genuine phenomenon among all the 'noise' which has simply been overshadowed and ignored for the most part.

The lesson here is that you should try to familiarize yourself more with subjects like these before sounding off on them...

Paul

Paul Scott Anderson

founder Canadian Crop Circle Research Network

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>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 22:53:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 17:26:08 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

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>Another reason Roswell methodology has been such a failure is >the failure to do one's homework first or to have a sense of >history, a history of the UFO field and of the surrounding >world. Instead world events all happen in a Roswell UFO vacuum. >All we get is an obligatory reference here or there to the "Cold >War", and then the Roswell researcher's unhappy duty is >fulfilled.

I'm a published historian, Brad. American history. You?

>Forget about trying to place the Roswell event in the broader >context of US national and global history - and I don't mean >those BS sociological hogwash essays either, but a meaningful >context for national policymakers' actions and policies on >Roswell if a major ET event actually happened.

<snip>

To paraphrase the chairman of my philosophy department many years ago, it's not the quantity of the verbiage but the cogency of the argument that counts. You violate Hall's First Law of Excessive and Repetitive Verbiage. That verbiage contains so many distortions of my posiiton that I find it tiresome and not worthwhile to comment on.

To sum up, talk is talk, and without production is empty.

- Dick

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The Coming UFO Abduction Debunking

From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 11:08:35 EDT Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 10:47:28 -0400 Subject: The Coming UFO Abduction Debunking

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/6960612.stm

http://tinyurl.com/ywmn44

Here are two fascinating stories regarding experiments that artificially recreate the Out of Body Experience, OBE for short.

As you can tell from the stories the writers and experimenters are pushing for the mechanical source of these experiences. We know from an abundance of medical, historical records that the OBE is not only real but has been able to glean detailed information from great distances by the person experiences.

These experiments I feel debunkers will use with abundance in stretching that the abduction experience can equally be duplicated and would be the source of abductions. You'll not how sleep paralysis is used in the story.

However it doesn't account for abductions where the person or persons are wide awake or multiple persons wide awake are abducted.

I'm betting these experiments will end up at an amusement park one day.

Best,

Greg

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Marcel & Mogul?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 11:14:58 EDT
Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 10:49:06 -0400
Subject: Marcel & Mogul?

When the Mogul Balloon experiment was dished out as the source of the debris recovered from the two locations, wouldn't Major Jesse Marcel have been fully knowledgeable about Mogul since he was the IO of the base?

Best,

Greg

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>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 12:52:32 +0100
>Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 16:35:19 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

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>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 00:55:17 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

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>My question was intended to draw attention to the fact that >extraordinary experimental data invariably raises some >extraordinary questions. The first of these ought to be to go >back to the assumptions underlying the original theoretical >status quo, and to ask which of them might need to be suspended >in order to explain the data.

>In a case like this there is always likely to be controversy >because the basic assumptions involved are very fundamental >indeed. Not everybody feels comfortable when baseline >assumptions about things like 'space', 'movement' or 'speed' are >called into question. If Physics has taught us anything in the >last hundred years, then it is to regard our 'common sense' >ideas about some of these things as potentially treacherous - a >lesson that some physicists have not entirely taken on board >(and who can really blame them when the most fundamental ideas >that we use to categorise empirical data are called into >question?).

>Anyway, it would be nice to hear on this from List-members who >have a sophisticated understanding of frontier physics.

Hi Gerald

It would indeed. In the meantime here is my understanding. As someone else noted, this is not a new issue and has been vigorously discussed for more than a decade. The consensus is that the quantum tunnelling implies no violation of special relativity. This is because a photon is not a bullet but a probabilistic wave packet and because there are several different dispersion velocities associated with photon propagation, and it depends which one you are measuring.

First, classically speaking there is no constraint in SR that the phase velocity of a wave has to be subluminal; in fact, the phase velocity is generally superluminal and tends to infinity. Also the group velocity of a packet of waves can exceed c. What may not exceed c is what is called the front velocity. This may sound strange, but the distinctions start to come into play when you are tunnelling very long wavelength photons over a small distance, as is the case with Nimtz (and others, going back certainly to 1993). A group velocity greater than c is sometimes claimed to violate SR because we normally associate the group velocity with the signal velocity, which is the speed of information carried by the wave. But this is true only in cases of normal dispersion. The group velocity can be described as the speed of the envelope of the wave packet, and you can simulate what happens in cases of abnormal dispersion (such as negative refractive index) by combining a couple of simple waveforms (could be water ripples) so that by the principle of superposition they generate a third, different waveform which has a new velocity quite different from either of its parent waves. This velocity can be made arbitrarily large or even made to propagate in the opposite direction. It's a bit like looking at the racing wagon wheels in a western movie and seeing the spokes slow down and rotate backwards. Some effects like this have been known for decades, such as the apparently anomalous >c group velocity of light in some thin metal foils.

In the Nimtz experiments this is the sort of effect that is thought to happen, but it's complicated because it's a quantum mechanical tunnelling through a potential barrier rather than a classical wave propagation. In such a case the question of what happens if you put a barrier in the way of a photon is already answered - there is a barrier, and the photon is already potentially on both sides of it. This again is a perfectly conventional QM effect that has been known for many decades and is also a related wave phenomenon that works as well for electrons or any particle. In this case the wavefunction of an electron in a box (walls = potential barrier) is found to extend into regions where for a classical particle the kinetic energy is negative and it cannot go, i.e. outside the box, but the quantum particle has a small probability of being there, proportional to the amplitude of its wave, and sometimes is.

By reference to the questions of wave velocity mentioned above you can see that the question of "how fast does it go?" might be complicated, and it is. The wavefunction represents a probability of measuring some potentiality which, in some sense, is already there. The question of where the electron/photon is "really" before we measure it is regarded as a non-question as it presumes knowledge of a state which is forbidden by the uncertainty principle. Some aspect of the photon/elecrtron exists on both sides of the barrier; but the measurable aspect, the one associated with signalling information - the "translation of a particle" in the case of the electron happens here and then there, sequentially, and this particle velocity is alwayts less than c.

Similarly, in the tunnelling-photons case the probability wave plays the part of the classical wave. Some phase components of the wave can "travel faster then c" when you arrange things so that the pulse width of your wave packet is large compared to the tunnelling interval, because parts of the wave are quantummechanically speaking actually on both sides of the barrier. But the bit that contains signalling information is not the phase or the group but the wave _front_, and this front velocity is approximately equivalent to the group velocity only in this special case.

As far as I can see, if you extend the barrier to be a spacetime interval of any practical length then you find that you need wavelengths proportionately long to see tunnelling, and the quantity of information tends to zero. Tunnelling photons between stars for example does have a certain tiny probability amplitude associated with it, but for any meaningful probability of seeing it happen you need photon wavelengths of lightyears, comparable to the thickness of the ptential barrier, which means because of Planck's e = h-nu relation that they only contain incredibly small energies.

Anyway the debate has been going on for about 15 years and that's is the state of play as I understand it. There are lots of web resources. There's a very useful partial listing by Markus Possel updated as of 2001 that contains numerous references, a few from his page are quoted below.

Martin Shough

Aichmann, H., G. Nimtz and H. Spieker: "Photonische Tunnelzeiten: sunb-- und superluminales Tunneln" in

Verhandlungen der Deutschen Physikalischen Gesellschaft 7, 1995, S. 1258.

I'm listing this brief publication (a conference abstract) despite its being in German as it is the only publication directly referring to the tunneling of the Mozart symphony that I know of. The following article has much more content:

Nimtz, G. and W. Heitmann: "Superluminal Photonic Tunneling and Quantum Electronics" in Progress in Quantum Electronics 21(2) (1997), S. 81-108.

Contains an expose of Nimtz' interpretation of his and other tunneling experiments.

Chiao, R.Y. Chiao and A.M. Steinberg: "Tunneling Times and Superluminality" in Progress in Optics XXXVII (1997), S. 345-405.

Good summary of the "conventional" view why there is no fasterthan-light information transfer in these tunneling experiments.

Mitchell, M.W. and R.Y. Chiao: "Causality and negative group delays in a simple bandpass amplifier" in American Journal of Physics 66(1) (1998), S. 14-19.

Describes a very simple setup with the help of which one can understand how faster-than-light (or even negative) group and "signal"-velocities can occur without any violation of causality and without any faster-than-light information transfer.

Diener, G.: "Superluminal group velocities and information transfer" in Physics Letters A223 (1996), S. 327-331.

General article about the pulse reshaping which, in the conventional interpretation, explains the faster-than-light (or negative) group velocities.

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>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 22:53:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 17:26:08 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

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>You apparently are happy to read about 100 more anecdotal >accounts of Roswell that are exactly like the first 100 Roswell >accounts in the 1980's, and any slightly different or 'new' data >still does not result in anything but a dead-end, no documents, >no physical evidence, no uncovering of the repository holding >the alleged alien ship and pickled crew members. I am not >satisfied with such disappointing results and am surprised that >you would be.

Brad,

I must tell you, Brad, That I am entirely in agreement with Dick Hall in this debate.

I have twice read the book by Tom Carey and Don Schmitt., I have listened to them and talked with them in Roswell, and I am quite impressed by the quality of their resarch, which reinforces the already impressive case of a UFO crash near Roswell.

Now, about Karl Pflock, I read his two books, of 1994 and 2001. I was intrigued by the first one, which seemed to leave the door opened to something else. So, I was glad to meet him, at the 1995 MUFON Symposium in Seattle. But I realised that he was then totally supporting the Mogul 4 explanation. And it is the same with his book of 2001. So, I really don't know what you have in mind now, regarding Karl Pflock.

What could there be between the Mogul tale and the UFO crash? I will be quite interested to learn, when you will tell us something about it. In the meantime, I consider that a lot of progress has been made, since the end of the 80's, and again this year, in the direction of the UFO crash hypothesis.

The final proof is not there yet, and Don Schmitt seemed pessimistic when I talked to him, but, who knows? It might not be very far.

Gildas Bourdais

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Sorry, forgot to attach the link I referred to:

http://www.aei.mpg.de/~mpoessel/Physik/FTL/tunnelingftl.html

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>From: Steven Kaeser <<u>steve</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 17:55:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>From: Rick Nielsen <<u>nilthchi</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 17:45:08 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

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>>I'd like to butt in...

>>This field is fraught with frustrations, isn't it? The UFO >>pilots aren't forthcoming.

>>But we do know that 'they' are in our skies. We know that 'they'
>>have been flying for decades at least. Those UFOs have been
>>happening without credible humanity taking credit for it.

>>The best way to move this study forward is to include open peer >>review, with as little belittling as possible. Dick Hall has his >>place, as does Brad Sparks. And so does everyone else.

>>Thanks to EBK, for keeping us all in touch!

>While Errol has his critics, I also believe this List is a >valuable forum for many of us to review current thoughts and >information.

>I'm not sure what you mean by "open peer review", and who you >would expect to perform that "review" (or more importantly how >much expertise they would have to properly review the facts and >proposed theories). Open peer review by Internet posters in >general isn't helpful, and I think we're at the point of >disagreement over who is an "expert" in the field. I notice that >you didn't use the word 'science' in your suggestion, and I >sense that many are too frustrated with the limitations imposed >by the scientific analysis.

Just butting in here for a moment...

Science isn't the be-all and end-all of any study. Often they get it wrong-or perhaps thought to be right until new data comes along. I was watching a program last night on NOVA re. the first "Americans".

The Clovis point [spear-tip] kept coming up at 13,000 years ago for the first peoples coming across from Asia - remember when it was 10,000 years ago - but know one could figure out why this point just popped up.

But anyway, the 13,000 year ago date got carved in stone until a few archeologists began to dig deeper, and sure enough they began to find evidence of human habitation back to 16,000 years ago.

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Naturally they were upsetting the apple-cart and were then accused of falsifying and hoaxing because it went against the mainstream. It took a few years and the credibility of the archeologists who were writing papers on this new data before the old Clovis point period as being the furthest back began to crumble and I'm willing to bet that it will go back further than that.

There is evidence now that the first hominids came from Asia and not Africa.

Egyptology rejects any data that pushes the history of that religion back further than 5,500 years ago, yet evidence suggests that it goes back as much as 9,000.

Science has a lot of it's own problems and often ignores its own hard evidence.

For the most part science ignores the UFO phenomenon, but those scientists that don't ignore it usually find compelling evidence once they actually study the data. There is a growing list to support that.

Don Ledger

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Re: Other Topics

From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul> Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 17:40:15 +0100 Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 11:01:52 -0400 Subject: Re: Other Topics

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 17:12:03 -0400
>Subject: Other Topics [was: Crop Circles Discussion]

>For example, if some inventor (John Hutchison?) is able to >demonstrate anti-gravity publicly and convincingly enough, >imagine what a huge boost that would be for credibility in the >UFO field.

Imagine.

>Another example might be official recognition of the time >distortion reported by some crop circle investigators who find >that time elapsed at a noticeably different speed in the circle >they were working in, as opposed to the outside world.

Maybe proving it actually happened might help 'official recognition'?

John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>

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>From: Tim Donovan <<u>uwtd</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 05:32:50 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Randle's Analysis Of The Mantell Case

>An Analysis Of The Thomas Mantell UFO Case:

>http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/nov/m16-026.shtml

>So what comments were received? It's been five years, but I >didn't come across the paper until now. Is Randle's view widely >accepted by Ufologists?

Hi Tim,

Kevin Randle posted that some years ago and since then there has been further information gathered by the NICAP team. I had some modest input myself re. the technical details of aviation.

It appears that there might have been more than one object involved on that fateful afternoon and it can't be definitively proved that a Skyhook balloon was actually in the area during the critical period.

Whatever Mantell went after that day, the result was the same. He flew well above safe limits without oxygen and passed out as a result, due to anoxia. He might have come around briefly during his descent while his aircraft was spiralling down which overstressed the F-51s wing - there were F-51s prone to wing separation due to excessive twisting and by-product of a spiral, not to be confused with a spin - which then separated putting his aircraft into a flat spin. The aircraft pancaked into the ground in a flat upright position.

Whatever he was chasing was going only a bit faster than his aircraft which was in a climb at about 145 mph. That doesn't eliminate a balloon however that might have been in the jetstream at between 29,500 feet and 31,000 feet and moving quite fast. Howeversaid balloon would not then have been in the area the many hours over which this scenario unfolded from witness reports just before noon to past mid-afternoon.

NICAP should have a report out on this soon.

Don Ledger

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Re: Randle's Analysis Of The Mantell Case

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 18:34:16 EDT
Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 11:08:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Randle's Analysis Of The Mantell Case

>From: Tim Donovan <<u>uwtd</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 05:32:50 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Randle's Analysis Of The Mantell Case

>An Analysis Of The Thomas Mantell UFO Case:

>http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/nov/m16-026.shtml

>So what comments were received? It's been five years, but I >didn't come across the paper until now. Is Randle's view widely >accepted by Ufologists?

Tim, List All -

This was an attempt to create a scientific forum for the discussion of cases and an attempt to bring a little bit of structure to what we all have been doing. My thinking was to provide an example of how to create this and publish the results hoping that others would examine other cases in a similar way. That has not happened.

Errol, though his kindness, posted the preliminary paper and we asked for a "peer" review. Since this List is circulated widely and we have some highly educated people on it, this seemed the best way to create the peer review, especially since there are no degrees in Ufology.

Some of the things that were pointed out, and then corrected had to do with hypoxia (which is a shortage of oxygen in the blood) the various performance statistics of the F-51, and points where it seemed we had contradictory testimony. Many people contributed to the project by supplying documentation and leads.

Once all the data were gathered, I put it all down with the resources used. The conclusions drawn are mine, based on the evidence that I had available to me.

Now, I have heard that new evidence has been located that suggests Mantell was chasing something more extraordinary that a balloon but no one has shared any of this evidence with me. I'm just told that this new evidence eliminates the balloons. Frankly, I find that hard to believe, given the evidence that was available when I put the paper together.

I will note, and I don't believe there will be any disagreement, Mantell died because he had no oxygen for his aircraft and he attempted to climb to 25,000 feet. At twenty thousand the average useful consciousness is ten minutes and when Mantell began his climb to 25,000 feet he'd already been at 20,000 for his ten minutes. It's clear from the evidence that at about 30,000 feet the aircraft rolled over into a power dive and began to break up at about 19,000 feet. There was no evidence that Mantell tried to get out of the aircraft.

This should, I believe, provide enough information. I'm still waiting to see the new evidence, though people told me about

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more than a year ago.

KRandle

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Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

From: Rick Nielsen <<u>nilthchi</u>.nul>
Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 15:34:57 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 11:12:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>From: Steven Kaeser <<u>steve</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 17:55:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>From: Rick Nielsen <<u>nilthchi</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 17:45:08 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

<snip>

>>The best way to move this study forward is to include open peer >>review, with as little belittling as possible. Dick Hall has his >>place, as does Brad Sparks. And so does everyone else.

>>Thanks to EBK, for keeping us all in touch!

>While Errol has his critics, I also believe this List is a >valuable forum for many of us to review current thoughts and >information.

>I'm not sure what you mean by "open peer review", and who you >would expect to perform that "review" (or more importantly how >much expertise they would have to properly review the facts and >proposed theories). Open peer review by Internet posters in >general isn't helpful, and I think we're at the point of >disagreement over who is an "expert" in the field. I notice that >you didn't use the word 'science' in your suggestion, and I >sense that many are too frustrated with the limitations imposed >by the scientific analysis.

>Steve

I appreciate your comment and contributions Steve.

The subject of 'peer review' has been discussed, even on this List, several times before. But let me summarize at least my understanding of it here, and take it one step further.

Peer review is defined at:

http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/peer%20review

as "evaluation of a person's work or performance by a group of people in the same occupation, profession, or industry" or "to evaluate professionally a colleague's work."

I'm not aware of any professionally accredited organizations for credentialing researchers in this field. In fact, most published, on-topic authors do not have advanced degrees in _any_ field.

But they all have a valid, and not always vested, interest in this field. So I have concluded that every discussion of this topic, formalized or otherwise, is a 'peer review'.

Obviously, any researcher with specific training will have an advantage over another without that training. That advantage

http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/aug/m25-014.shtml[11/12/2011 17:00:03]

will be shown in the quality of commentary, within any given venue of peer review. On those two statements, I believe, we agree.

But even posts to a List such as this, offer a valid peer review, at least until something more formal, (i.e., accredited), is available. And this kind of forum also contributes to that formalization.

Is anyone out there ready to obtain accreditation for this field?

Yes, I'm serious.

I believe that there would be many benefits to humanity if this field was formalized further than what current and past organizations have done.

Those groups have indeed 'raised the bar' on investigative practices, thus establishing a consistent quality in the data which they have directly collected. But they have not brought about much in the ways of a general societal benefit. Perhaps that has to do with the limits of their intended scope.

Regardless, their established standards would best be included in any curriculum of this new accreditation.

Without too much trouble I can think of several advantages to a formal, accredited study of this field, including:

- achieving a better understanding of our place in the universe
- developing new technologies, physical and societal, which are beneficial to humanity _and_ our planet
- prevention of, or at least a better understanding of, abductions

I'm sure that other readers here have thought of even more reasons to formalize this field. But for now, I think we have to acknowledge _and_appreciate_ this peer review, made possible by EBK and all those who post. Even we two.

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Re: Marcel & Mogul?

From: Steven Kaeser <<u>steve</u>.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 11:34:56 -0400
Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 15:13:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Marcel & Mogul?

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 11:14:58 EDT
>Subject: Marcel & Mogul?

>When the Mogul Balloon experiment was dished out as the source >of the debris recovered from the two locations, wouldn't Major >Jesse Marcel have been fully knowledgeable about Mogul since he >was the IO of the base?

I believe that Walter Haut was the Public Information Officer for the Roswell AAF at Roswell, and I thought that Jesse Marcel Sr. was the Base Security Officer, but he was familiar with balloon technology of that day. While the 'Mogul' project was very secret, the materials used in the balloon train were common and recognizable.

For all the discussion, IMO, it is still inconceivable that Marcel would have not recognized debris from a Mogul balloon cluster.

Steve

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From: **Kevin Randle <<u>KRandle993.nul></u>** Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 11:39:37 EDT Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 15:15:11 -0400 Subject: Re: Marcel & Mogul?

>From: Greg Boone <<u>Evolbaby</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 11:14:58 EDT
>Subject: Marcel & Mogul?

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Greg, List, All -

Here's what the Mogul crowd seems to forget... According to Charles Moore, they went to Roswell to brief the base on their experiments and to ask for help in tracking the balloons. We don't know who was at that meeting, but Blanchard would have asked Marcel to keep track of this stuff because it could be a hazard to aerial navigation... The Mogul flights were announced through NOTAMS (Notice to Airmen) so that those flying in New Mexico were aware of the balloon launches.

As if this really matters because Mogul was off-the-shelf weather balloons and rawin wind targets. There was nothing in a Mogul array that would have been sufficiently unusual that Marcel wouldn't have recognized it immediately.

And, Sheridan Cavitt, in his interview with the Air Force said that he recognized the material as a balloon when he saw it but no one ever asked him why he didn't mention that to Marcel while both were out on that field or why he didn't mention it to Blanchard before the press release, or why he didn't send a report to his higher headquarters explaining that he had been out chasing balloons.

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From: David Rudiak <<u>drudiak</u>.nul> Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 10:04:37 -0700 Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 15:16:45 -0400 Subject: Re: Marcel & Mogul?

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>Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 11:14:58 EDT
>Subject: Marcel & Mogul?

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Mogul was required to issue NOTAMS or Notices to Airmen to surrounding air fields, because the balloons were potential air traffic hazards. So one would think Roswell base would be among those so notified.

Mogul was required to track the balloons and issue updates if they drifted into air traffic lanes. Mogul #5, e.g., from June 5, 1947, passed within only 4 miles of Roswell base. One would think Roswell base would not only have seen the balloon but also the B-17 chase plane circling underneath. This would obviously beg the question from Roswell base, "What's that plane and balloon thingy doing in our air space?"

Brad Sparks got into an e-mail debate with Mogul engineer Charles Moore on this very issue (the debate was mediated by Karl Pflock). When pushed, Moore finally admitted that the B-17 crew probably would have been in communication with the base. Previously Moore's position was that Roswell knew absolutely nothing about Mogul.

One would think that Marcel's intelligence office would indeed have been informed of all this somewhere down the line. They had responsibility for base security. A balloon and chase plane, for all they knew, could have been spying on the nation's one and only atomic bomber base. Better check it out to make sure that wasn't the case.

Even if Roswell base was completely unaware of Mogul, the alleged Mogul crash object, Flight #4 (which probably never existed) was made of common weather balloons, twine, balsa wood/foil-paper radar targets, and other common materials. Anyone coming across such materials would not confuse them with anything extraordinary. Balloons are balloons. String is string. Balsa wood is balsa wood. Foil-paper was a common consumer product (candy bar & chewing gum wrapper). Etc., etc.

Interestingly, Marcel in one interview mentioned some of the metallic memory material resembling balloon fabric, but said he ruled this out because he could blow through it. Hence he referred to it as clothlike. (The only Moguls with material that even remotely resembed this were two or three experimental balloons where the rubber balloon core was covered with a nylon shroud sprayed with aluminum paint. This is all moot anyway, since the few of these that existed were all tested much later.)

Marcel had taken an extensive radar intelligence course at the end of WWII (one of his MO's was radar intelligence officer). Very likely Marcel would have been introduced to the radar targets at that time. Also radar jamming chaff was made of the same foil-paper candy bar wrapper as covered the radar targets. For sure Marcel would have been shown this stuff in a radar intelligence course. Marcel Jr. notes in his new book that his dad would never have graduated radar intelligence school if he couldn't ID a radar target. (Marcel, incidentally, graduated with high scores and was offered an instructorship afterwards, according to Marcel Jr. Marcel wasn't a dummy when it came to radar.)

Even if Marcel was a complete moron, he wasn't the only person to see the material. Base commander Blanchard for sure would have examined the debris before issuing his infamous flying disc press release. So make that two utter fools, if not considerably more at Roswell base, who couldn't recognize balloons, aluminum foil, etc.

And even if Marcel never figured it out at Roswell, his next assignment in Washington for the Special Weapons Project involved collating all intelligence on whether the Soviets had an A-bomb or not. Mogul was one of three systems for detecting A-bombs at long-distance (the other two were fallout and seismic recordings). So Marcel as a necessary part of his job would have known for sure about the data from Project Mogul when he was with the Special Weapons Project.

So yes, Marcel must have known about Project Mogul, not that he needed to know anything about it to ID simple balloon materials.

David Rudiak

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Gigantic Jets

From: Geoff Richardson <geoff.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 15:19:05 -0400
Subject: Gigantic Jets

Gigantic Jets - they might explain a number of UFO events but in particular Jack Kasher's 'Space Wars' incident.

You've never seen one? "Gigantic Jets are rare," explains atmospheric scientist and Jet-expert Oscar van der Velde of the Universite Paul Sabatier's Laboratoire d'Aerologie in Toulouse, France. "The first one was discovered in 2001 by Dr. Victor Pasko in Puerto Rico. Since then fewer than 30 jets have been recorded - -mostly over open ocean and on only two occasions over land."

See:

http://www.spaceweather.com/

Geoff Richardson

www.thewhyfiles.net

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Re: Gigantic Jets

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 20:42:41 +0100
Archived: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 10:21:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Gigantic Jets

>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 16:36:23 +0100
>Subject: Gigantic Jets

>Gigantic Jets - they might explain a number of UFO events but in >particular Jack Kasher's 'Space Wars' incident.

How so?

From what we're told they happen about 50 miles up and last for milliseconds.

If humans can't see them without special cameras - how can they account for any UFO incidents?

Cheers

Ray D

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Cavitt's testimony is some of the best evidence against Mogul. Apparently he hadn't been properly "briefed" before his Air Force interview.

See Cavitt Emptor at my web site:

http://www.brumac.8k.com/Roswell/CavittEmptor.html

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Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 18:20:32 EDT
Archived: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 10:25:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>From: Gildas Bourdais <<u>bourdais.gildas</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 17:53:24 +0200
>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 22:53:52 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

>>From: Richard Hall <<u>hallrichard99</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 17:26:08 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Brad Sparks' 'Forthcoming' Roswell Revelations?

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>>You apparently are happy to read about 100 more anecdotal
>>accounts of Roswell that are exactly like the first 100 Roswell
>>accounts in the 1980's, and any slightly different or 'new' data
>>still does not result in anything but a dead-end, no documents,
>>no physical evidence, no uncovering of the repository holding
>>the alleged alien ship and pickled crew members. I am not
>>satisfied with such disappointing results and am surprised that
>>you would be.

>I have twice read the book by Tom Carey and Don Schmitt., I have >listened to them and talked with them in Roswell, and I am quite >impressed by the quality of their resarch, which reinforces the >already impressive case of a UFO crash near Roswell.

But Gildas, further down you admit that Schmitt himself is "pessimistic." How is that possible if his work is such a great step forward to "final proof" (your words farther down)??

Sorry but all we have from Carey-Schmitt is more of exactly the same kind of dead-end anecdotes we got in 1980 from Berlitz and Moore-Friedman. How many more years of interviewing Roswell townspeople and _relatives_ of Roswell townspeople before we realize that they lead us nowhere but to the _town_ of Roswell, New Mexico? Roswell is the graveyard of investigative dead-end leads, exactly as the AF likes it.

Now if a crashed spaceship and dead aliens were stored in a secret underground vault under Roswell why then it might make some sense to keep investigating Roswell town leads.

>Now, about Karl Pflock, I read his two books, of 1994 and 2001. >I was intrigued by the first one, which seemed to leave the door >opened to something else. So, I was glad to meet him, at the >1995 MUFON Symposium in Seattle. But I realised that he was >then totally supporting the Mogul 4 explanation. And it is the >same with his book of 2001. So, I really don't know what you >have in mind now, regarding Karl Pflock.

I should explain that I brought up Pflock's 1994 book to illustrate how the 'open door' to ETH at Roswell can be opened without involving a recovered ET spacecraft or alien bodies. For more on this see below. I should also explain that I stated in the MUFON Proceedings article on Pratt's files and MJ-12 that the reason I mentioned my own pro-ETH evidence for Roswell was out of "fairness" and balance, since my own conclusion is skeptically non-ETH.

Refuting MJ-12 is an anti-ETH result and I didn't want readers to think that means there is nothing to Roswell and no evidence at all for ETH, if in fact I have found something pro-ETH that is contrary to my own position on the subject.

But I was lambasted for not posting _all_ this pro-Roswell evidence on UFO UpDates even before my investigation has had a chance to get underway. Yet I see no one complaining that Carey-Schmitt should have posted their entire book on UpDates _before_ publication in order to undergo "peer review." Double standard.

Finally, lest there be any misunderstanding, I have completely eliminated a Mogul balloon at Roswell, based on finding that Flight 4 could not possibly have _successfully_ flown almost 100 miles to Brazel's Debris Field since the next Mogul Flight 5 was in fact the "first successful" Mogul flight, according to the NYU Final Report. Crary's diary records that Flight 4 was cancelled, and in fact it must have been launched the next morning _as_ Flight 5, which was recovered. So we know Flight 5 did not land on Foster Ranch a hundred miles away from where it was followed by the Mogul project chase-plane and actually retrieved.

>What could there be between the Mogul tale and the UFO crash? I >will be quite interested to learn, when you will tell us >something about it. In the meantime, I consider that a lot of >progress has been made, since the end of the 80's, and again >this year, in the direction of the UFO crash hypothesis.

At the risk of repeating myself and violating Hall's Law, I did explain all this. Karl's scenario suggested an ET vehicle collided with a Mogul balloon possibly leaving some anomalous debris or residue but _no_ crashed spaceship or bodies. That is _one_ example of an in-between scenario. Many others can be suggested _without_ a Mogul balloon, especially the one coming from the most credible witness data, which I consider to be the CIC agents and what they reported about LaPaz's scientific investigation of Roswell. They saw no bodies and no ship. But they did see a burned area or crater with melted glass, etc. That's an 'in between'.

Brad

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Another Slur From Mainstream Press

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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The San Francisco Chronicle

http://tinyurl.com/376ngl

You would figure by now calling your fellow citizens "kooks" near the beginning of your so-called objective outlook in a major newspaper story would have gotten some editor's eye and a less disingenuous word would be used.

How can you editorialize in a staff-writer story?

This is exactly what I mean about trusting the mainstream press regarding UFOs.

Yes there are some things in ufology that aren't the norm but calling people "kooks" from a professional perspective undermines professionalism.

Within our own ranks some of us demean one another with such snide terms revealing more about the inadequacies of the snideterm-slinger than the intended target.

Looks like no matter which way one turns there are enemies without and worse, within.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

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>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 22:32:37 +0100
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>No, learning more about uncommon meteorological phenomena will >always be of interest to specialists. But I doubt that such a >phenomenon on its own is enought to support the vast crop-circle >industry which has grown up over the last 20 years or so.

True. It has become very commercially-oriented unfortunately.

>And, as I have pointed out before, we cannot be sure that >historical accounts actually occured literally as described or >are all referring to the same type of event.

Some historical accounts have more details and specific descriptions than others, just like UFO reports, etc. The 1880 Surrey, England account I linked to before, written by a noted scientist of the time, was quite specific though; he had also done diagrams which Nature didn't include in the magazine. I would love to find copies of them somewhere.

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Billy Cox's Blog De Void

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 10:40:16 -0400 Archived: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 10:40:16 -0400 Subject: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

I've recently added Billy Cox's Blog De Void to a very small list of Blogs I visit on a daily basis. Its well worth my time and I trust yours too...

http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?CATEGORY=BLOG32

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Military 'Tagging, Tracking & Locating'

From: Bob Soetebier <xxxxx.xxx>
Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 20:21:09 -0500
Archived: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 10:45:01 -0400
Subject: Military 'Tagging, Tracking & Locating'

Errol... figured you all might find this of interest.

Bob

http://blog.wired.com/defense/2007/08/danger-room-inb.html

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Re: Another Slur From Mainstream Press

From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 11:31:41 -0400
Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:12:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Slur From Mainstream Press

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 18:31:06 EDT
>Subject: Another Slur From Mainstream Press

>The San Francisco Chronicle

>http://tinyurl.com/376ngl

>You would figure by now calling your fellow citizens "kooks" >near the beginning of your so-called objective outlook in a >major newspaper story would have gotten some editor's eye and a >less disingenuous word would be used.

>How can you editorialize in a staff-writer story?

>This is exactly what I mean about trusting the mainstream press >regarding UFOs.

>Yes there are some things in ufology that aren't the norm but >calling people "kooks" from a professional perspective >undermines professionalism.

>Within our own ranks some of us demean one another with such >snide terms revealing more about the inadequacies of the snide->term-slinger than the intended target.

>Looks like no matter which way one turns there are enemies >without and worse, within.

Funny that I found the following passage at De Void blog, our List Moderator was good enough to bring to our attention thanks! It's a quote from Don Ecker explaining the reasons why he became a little tired of the pursuit of the truth about UFOs.

"Almost from the very beginning, I encountered the lunatic fringe: the BS artists, the liars, the hoaxers," Ecker says.

"And frankly, after awhile, I got tired of shooting all these fish in a barrel. Between the fruits and the flakes and the nuts, and the smoke-and-mirror bull - reports from the Air Force, I got disillusioned by the whole thing."

Yes, the article was condescending; par for the course. But, was it inaccurate? I think not. How can one deny that there are "kooks" involved with the UFO subject?

I certainly wouldn't suggest that the best path to mainstream acceptance would be for researchers in this field to denounce others. We all know how that turns out. But there's certainly nothing to be gained for the serious researcher in defending the indefensible, nor in embracing the kooks.

Brian

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer.nul></u>
Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 16:35:46 +0100
Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:13:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 19:04:38 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 22:32:37 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

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Ah, there's always a get-out clause!

John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 14:15:39 -0300
Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:16:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 06:27:37 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 02:18:35 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

<snip>

>The lesson here is that you should try to familiarize yourself >more with subjects like these before sounding off on them...

I don't know what subjects - plural - you are referring to. We are talking about the subject of crop circles. I did for some time familiarize myself with the formations of these crop circles but became disenchanted when it was discovered that there was obvious hoaxing in their formation in more than a few cases. At that point I began to tune out. You yourself admitted to John Rimmer that you thought most were hoaxed.

I don't need lessons to have an opinion about something I've looked into previously that to me has a high probability of being laid to rest as a man made phenomenon. I disregard all of the new video and digital camera evidence as hoaxed for the same reason, because it is now relatively easy to fake UFO photos.

You seem to be selective with whom you get testy with. Rimmer is saying the same things I am but with him you show patience. I'll guarentee you he's less informed about the subject than I am. maybe you recognize that and that's the reason.

The only reason I even bothered with this thread was because there was/is an attempt on your part to link trace cases to crop circles as some way to legitimize it and give it a birth right by somehow making this some smooth progression from small circles to the larger when in fact the early crop circle hoaxers used just this link to play upon amplifying it into something other than how the original depressions and swales were formed; by the hull of some anomalous craft.

When I see a sophisticated 200 foot "crop" circle branded into a large stand of 45 foot spruce trees-without evidence of chain saw use-then you will have me convinced.

Don Ledger

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Re: Marcel & Mogul?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 14:26:59 EDT
Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:18:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Marcel & Mogul?

>From: Bruce Maccabee <<u>brumac</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 18:17:21 -0400
>Subject: Re: Marcel & Mogul?

>>From: Kevin Randle <<u>KRandle993</u>.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 11:39:37 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Marcel & Mogul?

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>See Cavitt Emptor at my web site:

>http://www.brumac.8k.com/Roswell/CavittEmptor.html

I knew you guys would have the answers. I originally asked because some official types started with the Mogul balloon explanation as mentioned in that Roswell: Case Closed nonsense of 10 years ago. Word is that another Roswell book was due out just to invalidate any other findings that may have emerged but I guess they didn't have it done in time enough.

I'm beginning to think there's a think tank of some sort where people just sit around trying to invalidate any UFO research whatsoever.

So since we can clearly see Mogul 4 or Mogul 3 1/2 or whatever Mogul balloons they claim could not be the source of the Roswell wreckage and that only Cavitt recognized it as balloon debris but his story is shakier than a belly dancers navel on a Dallas dance floor, then we are left to the conclusion that another big lie has been told by the officials.

No I won't even go into the time traveling crash test dummies. That was the biggest clue ever. Semantics with a snide grin.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 12:25:26 -0700
Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:20:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Michael Tarbell <<u>mtarbell</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2007 12:01:05 -0600
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>In any case, if Don were posting about UFOs on a Crop Circle
>UpDates List, would it ever make sense for him to tell them,
>"stick to crop circle-ology"? It certainly begs the reply, "Um,
>we _were_".

Yes, it would, if they were trying to sound like experts in ufology when in fact they knew little about it and got their facts wrong; then Don would be perfectly in his right to tell them so. It works both ways...

>I'll accept that you've never said that. So then I'll ask you: >do you think these phenomena are related? If not, why would you >be here discussing it?

I don't have any evidence that they are directly connected, although on occasion there have been rare reports of UFOs/craft seen near, or making, formations. The 'balls of light' though have been seen and filmed fairly often now in the UK. They could also be referred to as UFOs.

I had been posting about the Canadian reports here for years now, and Errol has interviewed myself and others before on the subject for SDI. Other people here have expressed an interest in the subject as well. That's why. And for the reason I just noted in the previous paragraph, these other as-yet unexplained sightings are something that may or may not have a bearing on ufology in general, but are important enough to be studied I think.

>I hope you will not interpret my comments as dismissive of your >area of study or the crop circle phenomena in general. I find >the subject quite interesting, although, like UFOs, it is >heavily polluted with hoaxes.

Yes, there is a lot of 'pollution' out there, but just like with UFOs, that doesn't mean there isn't a genuine phenomenon worthy of study.

Paul Scott Anderson

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor.nul></u>
Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 16:36:19 -0400
Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:22:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <<u>paulscottanderson</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 19:04:38 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

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>I didn't say I think that all of the modern complex formations >are necessarily man-made, but do think now that most of them are.

I'd like to know if the complex glyphs have their laid-down wheat stalks interwoven, which is unlikely in a hoax. It would seem that bent over and interwoven stalks would look entirely different from those simply stomped down.

If the Crabwoods glyph (alien face and apparent data disk) had interwoven stalks, no stompage, then I'd like to see that one videotaped, recreated in daytime.

Stuart Miller mentioned a Japanese 'circle' was done overnight, but I want to see _all_ the moves made by the do-ers. Especially when the graphic shading of the Crabwoods glyph is used.

Do you know if Crabwoods had interwoven radiused bent stalks, or stompage?

And as recently questioned by John Rimmer, how often has time distortion between investigators inside glyphs and those outside the glyphs happened? And, how reliable are those reports?

Eleanor White

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Today Is Stanton T. Friedman Day

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:29:07 -0400 Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:29:07 -0400 Subject: Today Is Stanton T. Friedman Day

Source: The Chronicle Herald, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

http://www.thechronicleherald.ca/Search/855705.html

Monday August 27, 2007

Fredericton Honours World-Renowned Flying Saucer Expert

By Chris Morris

FREDERICTON =97 If alien visitors to Earth ever decide to formally introduce themselves to humankind, they should consider landing in Fredericton.

Not only is the New Brunswick capital friendly and accommodating, it's also the home of Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist, lecturer and world-renowned prophet of extraterrestrial existence.

The city of Fredericton is proclaiming today as Stanton Friedman Day, an homage to the 73-year-old UFOlogist who has talked and written his way to the top ring of the galaxy of believers who say Earth is being visited by aliens.

Friedman has built himself a reputation as the ultimate authority on flying saucers, alien abductions and the infamous Roswell incident, considered by many to be the definitive UFO event in world history.

This year marks the 60th anniversay of that day near Roswell, N.M., when the U.S. army claimed briefly it had recovered an unidentified flying disc =97 triggering a flying saucer frenzy that endures to this day.

Although the U.S. military later backtracked, insisting the object was just a fancy weather balloon, that only gave birth to Friedman's other major area of study =97 the so-called "cosmic Watergate."

Friedman says his personal success owes much to the fact that people have an endless fascination with space and the unknown.

"Can you think of anything that touches more deeply on who we are, where we stand and the mystery and the coverup?" he says in an interview from his comfortable Fredericton home.

"People are excited because it opens up the universe to wonderful possibilities."

Fredericton Mayor Brad Woodside says Friedman is being honoured not only because of his tireless efforts in spreading the word about UFOs, but also because of his enthusiastic promotion of the city.

"Stanton has lived here for 27 years," Woodside says.

"He's not only a nuclear physicist but also a world-renowned UFOlogist. In just the past few months, he has appeared on Larry King Live, Fox News Live and he appeared on CBS Sunday Morning. He could live anywhere in the world but he has chosen to live in Fredericton. . . We believe it is worth celebrating his celebrity."

Friedman, who was born and raised in New Jersey and began his career in California, says he's thrilled by the honour.

"I get friends in California saying to me, =91Stan, don't you miss being in California? What are you doing back there?' And I say, =91Yeah, I do miss the earthquakes and the horrible smog and the terrible traffic and the drive-by shootings and the drugs all over the place, but I've learned to do without those things.' "

Although Friedman has been a UFOlogist for more than 40 years, he has yet to see an alien spacecraft.

He says his belief is founded in the data he has uncovered over the years about flying saucers and various UFO events, most of it buried in U.S. government documents.

"I have never seen a flying saucer and I have never seen an alien. But remember, I chased neutrons and gamma rays for a lot of years as a physicist and never saw one of them either," he says.

"In fact, I've never seen Tokyo, but I'm convinced it's there."

Friedman, who refers to himself as "a wandering Jew," says he has so far lectured at more than 600 colleges, addressed more than 100 professional groups and toured all 50 American states, as well as nine Canadian provinces, the Yukon and 16 other countries.

He has no plans for retirement, but he admits he has been at it for a long time.

"One reason I'm beginning to feel old, I did Merv Griffin twice and he just died," he says ruefully.

"I have never seen a flying saucer and I have never seen an alien. I've never seen Tokyo, but I'm convinced it's there."

Stanton Friedman Ufologist

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Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 18:16:55 -0400 Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:44:43 -0400 Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>From: Brian Ally <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Aug 2007 18:52:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>>From: William Treurniet <<u>wtreurniet</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2007 15:27:11 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Worm' UFOs Or Baloons?

>>There is even a hint of a circular force field around the >>parent object

>That appears to me to be an artifact of the images.

I suppose it could be an artifact, but maybe not. Please go to:

http://www.treurniet.ca/tori/moussan.htm

where I placed selected frames of the sequence.

It's hard to quantify but there seems to be something more there than random noise.

My opinion may be biased by what else seems to be going on. That is, it is not unreasonable to expect an energetic process to be involved in launching an object. The second object follows a semi-circular trajectory around the first object, and this might be assisted by an external toroidal field. Why this field would be visible to the camera is another question.

Regards,

William

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Re: Another Slur From Mainstream Press

From: Robert Williams <rhw007.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 20:32:53 -0400
Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:49:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Slur From Mainstream Press

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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And here I was about to give space.com such a good mark for a somewhat fair and balanced review of the MUFON conference.

I think the quotes from Stanton Friedman were well handled and I noticed that there was absolutely no giggle-factor involved and for Space.com that's ing a lot.

All discussions about UFOs, ETIs here on Earth (or neighborhood) along with the propensity of NASA to somehow fumble and mumble over anything to do with Cydonia on Mars are banned to the Phenomenon section of their own discussion board... and repeatedly trying to get things like the above into the main 'Science' thread areas gets you banned... for life... no matter the evidence presented or questioning their own personal SETI section writers. So, I was almost about to say Wahoo! we're making some progress with the mainstream. Seems every step forward someone has to shove us back two or three steps.

Sad... but seems to be the brutal truth reaction of mainstream media along with mainstream scientists, Even with finding DNA helixes forming in the deepest cold of space and having elctromagentic actions similar to our own neuron to neuron activity across our synapes (holes) in our own puny human brains... some mainstream scientists are enamored with their own hubris of deciding _how_ any ETI will act or even look.

Mainstream media and mainstream scientists need to get outside their boxes.

Bob... :D http://www.commonsensecentral.net

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Re: Marcel & Mogul?

From: Jan Aldrich <<u>project1947</u>.nul> Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 22:22:21 -0400 Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:51:17 -0400 Subject: Re: Marcel & Mogul?

>From: Bruce Maccabee <<u>brumac</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Aug 2007 18:17:21 -0400
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I don't remember ever seeing any report any of the CIC guys wrote on Roswell. There is none, at least that have been found yet.

In the Sign Oral History interview with Col. Doyle Reese, Reese said he had no files from the CIC before the OSI was formed. He had nothing from 1947 on UFOs except what his guys turn up in their investigations.

I mentioned a number of possible place which might contain Roswell records. To date and the best of my knowledge, none of these have been checked.

Jan Aldrich Project 1947 <u>http://www.project1947.com/</u> P. O. Box 391 Canterbury, CT 06331, USA (860) 546-9135

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Stanton T. Friedman Day Traditions

From: Jason Gammon <<u>BoyintheMachine</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 10:30:46 EDT Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 14:25:04 -0400 Subject: Stanton T. Friedman Day Traditions

Here are some suggestion of how we all can celebrate this our new holiday.

Gather around the fireplace and relate Roswell Witness Testimony.

Enjoy a cake with Stan's mug on it.

Play pin the tail on the Nuclear Physicist.

Create alien-shaped balloon animals.

Engage in mock Friedman vs. Klass debates.

Burn skeptic effigies while going around asking for a 'Penny for the UFO Researcher?'

Dress as our favorite Roswell Crash Expert and 'Trick or Treat' for crash debris-shaped candy.

Send friends and loved ones 'MJ12' Greeting Cards. (Remember not to blackout your signature)

Leave out milk and cookies for the Roswell Crash Dummy

Have a mutilated cow BBQ?

Sneak foil and balsa wood around the yard for the young ones to find in a 'Friedman Wreckage Hunt.'

As to which traditions stick, I guess only time will tell.

Wishing everyone a Happy/Merry Stanton T. Friedman Day!

-Jason Gammon

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Mary Castner <<u>m.castner</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:46:01 -0500 Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 14:38:08 -0400 Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

You clearly _never_ intentioned to let me or Barry see the paper before it was sent to MUFON. The so-called co-author couldn't even get a copy for review until a couple of days before press, but you passed off the paper to Paul Kimball weeks earlier.

I happened to know about Kimball's site:

http://redstarfilms.blogspot.com:80/

and an earlier mention by him of your friendship... and still he supports you...

"I had an advance peek at the paper weeks before the Symposium courtesy of Brad, and was going to provide some editorial input (mostly re: spelling, grammar, and overall construction, which it badly needed at that stage), but work and life got in the way, and I never got a chance to send back my suggestions, which Brad had asked for (putting the boots to any assertion that Brad can't take constructive criticism)."

Obviously, Paul Kimball didn't have to deal with you over suggestions as he didn't give any.

Obviously, you knew Barry wouldn't go along with your changes of stripping out his information. Which I am sure was done before Kimball got a copy. Who was to be the co-author anyway Kimball or Greenwood?

If Kimball's suggestions were incorporated would Barry have been advised of them?

Kimball plays down the money or AFOSI motivation as nonimportant. Least we forget in a court of law and life in general motivation carries a great deal of weight on passing judgment.

Obviously, you couldn't handle dealing with facts so you had to huff and puff all sorts of legalese about being sued as a poor excuse to strip out material and to create a fog to hide in. Well the sun is coming out and the fog is starting to burn away.

At this point MJ-12 isn't in the sunlight it's Brad Sparks behavior. When someone behaves this way I have to question everything they say and do and their lack of character.

Obviously, you had no confidence in your own AFOSI theory since you were afraid of the competition. Couldn't go head to head instead you took undue advantage at another's expense. Then when brought to task you and complain about abuse.

Of course the field of Ufology is littered with this type of behavior so should I have expected better from Brad Sparks? Brad has the ability to be an excellent researcher, unfortunately, he has let his attitude, my way or the highway and only seeing what he wants to see, take him across the line of acceptable research.

I truly hope you're redeemable... I won't hold my breath though.

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Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 16:13:44 +0100
Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 14:43:33 -0400
Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>From: Martin Shough <<u>parcellular</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2007 16:44:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 23 Aug 2007 12:52:32 +0100
>>Subject: Re: 'We Have Broken Speed Of Light'

<snip>

>>Anyway, it would be nice to hear on this from List-members who >>have a sophisticated understanding of frontier physics.

>It would indeed. In the meantime here is my understanding.

You are too modest Martin. After all, in the land of the blind the one-eyed man is about as sophisticated as it gets!

>As

>someone else noted, this is not a new issue and has been >vigorously discussed for more than a decade. The consensus is >that the quantum tunnelling implies no violation of special >relativity. This is because a photon is not a bullet but a >probabilistic wave packet and because there are several >different dispersion velocities associated with photon >propagation, and it depends which one you are measuring.

>First, classically speaking there is no constraint in SR that >the phase velocity of a wave has to be subluminal; in fact, the >phase velocity is generally superluminal and tends to infinity. >Also the group velocity of a packet of waves can exceed c. What >may not exceed c is what is called the front velocity. This may >sound strange, but the distinctions start to come into play when >you are tunnelling very long wavelength photons over a small >distance, as is the case with Nimtz (and others, going back >certainly to 1993).

>A group velocity greater than c is sometimes claimed to violate >SR because we normally associate the group velocity with the >signal velocity, which is the speed of information carried by >the wave. But this is true only in cases of normal dispersion. >The group velocity can be described as the speed of the envelope >of the wave packet, and you can simulate what happens in cases >of abnormal dispersion (such as negative refractive index) by >combining a couple of simple waveforms (could be water ripples) >so that by the principle of superposition they generate a third, >different waveform which has a new velocity quite different from >either of its parent waves. This velocity can be made >arbitrarily large or even made to propagate in the opposite >direction. It's a bit like looking at the racing wagon wheels in >a western movie and seeing the spokes slow down and rotate >backwards. Some effects like this have been known for decades, >such as the apparently anomalous >c group velocity of light in >some thin metal foils.

>In the Nimtz experiments this is the sort of effect that is >thought to happen, but it's complicated because it's a quantum

>mechanical tunnelling through a potential barrier rather than a >classical wave propagation. In such a case the question of what >happens if you put a barrier in the way of a photon is already >answered - there is a barrier, and the photon is already >potentially on both sides of it. This again is a perfectly >conventional QM effect that has been known for many decades and >is also a related wave phenomenon that works as well for >electrons or any particle. In this case the wavefunction of an >electron in a box (walls = potential barrier) is found to extend >into regions where for a classical particle the kinetic energy >is negative and it cannot go, i.e. outside the box, but the >quantum particle has a small probability of being there, >proportional to the amplitude of its wave, and sometimes is.

>By reference to the questions of wave velocity mentioned above >you can see that the question of "how fast does it go?" might be >complicated, and it is. The wavefunction represents a >probability of measuring some potentiality which, in some sense, >is already there. The question of where the electron/photon is >"really" before we measure it is regarded as a non-question as >it presumes knowledge of a state which is forbidden by the >uncertainty principle. Some aspect of the photon/elecrtron >exists on both sides of the barrier; but the measurable aspect, >the one associated with signalling information - the >"translation of a particle" in the case of the electron -> happens here and then there, sequentially, and this particle >velocity is alwayts less than c.

>Similarly, in the tunnelling-photons case the probability wave >plays the part of the classical wave. Some phase components of >the wave can "travel faster then c" when you arrange things so >that the pulse width of your wave packet is large compared to >the tunnelling interval, because parts of the wave are quantum->mechanically speaking actually on both sides of the barrier. But >the bit that contains signalling information is not the phase or >the group but the wave _front_, and this front velocity is >approximately equivalent to the group velocity only in this >special case.

>As far as I can see, if you extend the barrier to be a spacetime >interval of any practical length then you find that you need >wavelengths proportionately long to see tunnelling, and the >quantity of information tends to zero. Tunnelling photons >between stars for example does have a certain tiny probability >amplitude associated with it, but for any meaningful probability >of seeing it happen you need photon wavelengths of lightyears, >comparable to the thickness of the ptential barrier, which means >because of Planck's e = h-nu relation that they only contain >incredibly small energies.

>Anyway the debate has been going on for about 15 years and >that's is the state of play as I understand it. There are lots >of web resources. There's a very useful partial listing by >Markus Possel updated as of 2001 that contains numerous >references, a few from his page are quoted below.

>Martin Shough

>Aichmann, H., G. Nimtz and H. Spieker: "Photonische
>Tunnelzeiten: sunb-- und superluminales Tunneln" in
>Verhandlungen der Deutschen Physikalischen Gesellschaft 7, 1995,
>S. 1258.

>I'm listing this brief publication (a conference abstract)
>despite its being in German as it is the only publication
>directly referring to the tunneling of the Mozart symphony that
>I know of. The following article has much more content:

>Nimtz, G. and W. Heitmann: "Superluminal Photonic Tunneling and >Quantum Electronics" in Progress in Quantum Electronics 21(2) >(1997), S. 81-108.

>Contains an expose of Nimtz' interpretation of his and other >tunneling experiments.

>Chiao, R.Y. Chiao and A.M. Steinberg: "Tunneling Times and >Superluminality" in Progress in Optics XXXVII (1997), S. 345->405.

>Good summary of the "conventional" view why there is no faster->than-light information transfer in these tunneling experiments.

>Mitchell, M.W. and R.Y. Chiao: "Causality and negative group >delays in a simple bandpass amplifier" in American Journal of >Physics 66(1) (1998), S. 14-19.

>Describes a very simple setup with the help of which one can >understand how faster-than-light (or even negative) group and >"signal"-velocities can occur without any violation of causality >and without any faster-than-light information transfer.

>Diener, G.: "Superluminal group velocities and information >transfer" in Physics Letters A223 (1996), S. 327-331.

>General article about the pulse reshaping which, in the >conventional interpretation, explains the faster-than-light (or >negative) group velocities.

Sincere thanks for this post Martin. Immensely helpful.

Digging into some of this material has re-awakened a personal nightmare for me (the ontology of wave theory is either crackers, or - more likely - sends me crackers, or possibly both) - but that's my problem and nobody else's.

I'd recommend List members with an interest in this stuff to follow up on Martin's good advice, and also the link he provided:

http://www.aei.mpg.de/~mpoessel/Physik/FTL/tunnelingftl.html

in a subsequent addendum.

I also found to be clear and useful Raymond Y. Chiao: 'Tunneling Times and Superluminality: a Tutorial' which is at:

http://tinyurl.com/yr2cue

Gerald O'Connell

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Telling Footprints Of Ray Stanford

From: Christopher O'Brien <<u>cob</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 11:54:20 -0400 Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 14:51:21 -0400 Subject: Telling Footprints Of Ray Stanford

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August 17, 2007 Baltimore Sun Article on Ray Stanford:

http://tinyurl.com/2b8grc

I'm a relative newcomer to the 'field' and have spent the better part of fifteen years trolling for ufological data and documenting a variety of unusual events in the San Luis Valley, CO/NM.

Like some of you, I've devoured books on 'the field' since I was a kid and spent thousands of hours in the field interviewing hundreds of witnesses of seemingly inexplicable, real events. A select few of you have learned from the true pioneers of this field - how to identify. Investigate and document legitimate reports of the unusual. And we all probably agree that there is no substitute for truly competent field investigation in any scientific discipline.

Before my move to Arizona, Ray Stanford invited me to his and wife Sheila's "living room museum". Having an interest in dinosaur paleontology, after seeing his collection (and listening to his analysis) I must agree with Dr. Matthew Carrano, Curator of Dinosaurs at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, who has publicly acknowledged Stanford's collection and paleontological analysis as "extremely important, even on a global scale." (Quote from the Sun 8-17-07 article.)

Dr. Carrano had been to the Stanford's home, seen his track collection, and examined Stanford's soon-to-be-published new genus and species of nodosaur, an armored dinosaur.

Another scientist, the author of an important book about dinosasurs on the East Coast signed his book "To Ray=97Now that I know you, this book is due for a big re-write!" Ray has even been asked to add his nodosaur track to a display of infant dinosaur tracks in the Smithsonian! =09

As to Ray Stanford's unparalled UFO research, I personally feel Stanford has no equal. When his instrument-recorded evidence is published (a very impressive part of it has been shown to me), I'm sure its importance will be even greater than even his impressive paleontological contributions, and that's a conservative estimate.

Unfortunately, there are only a small number of truly competent, exceptionally experienced field investigators left in ufology and, over the decades, the field has featured only a few true stalwarts.

In IMHO, Ray Stanford stands head and shoulders above this fractious field and I think it is about time that someone points this out. There is no other person that I know of - period - that can rival his fifty-plus years of instrumented UFO investigation and his impressive cross-scientific knowledge in a variety of scientific fields.

When armchair Ufologers cease passing the buck and start doing physical science instead of acting like mere UFO anecdote collectors, progress might be made in this field.

Christopher O'Brien Author of: The Mysterious Valley Book series

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 11:00:51 -0300 Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 14:54:12 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 16:36:19 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

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>If the Crabwoods glyph (alien face and apparent data disk) had >interwoven stalks, no stompage, then I'd like to see that one >videotaped, recreated in daytime.

Some days after the Crabwood formation, the same technique was applied by the Circlemakers.org to create two commissioned formations:

http://www.circlemakers.org/orange.html

http://www.circlemakers.org/richardjudy.html

It's very improbable that they would have developed the technique so perfectly in just a few weeks. Rather, though they do not specifically claim authorship for the Crabwood formation, it's clear they did that first to promote a new technique for creating glyphs and then successfully sold that.

As for the general discussion, it must be noted ancient mentions to circles in vegetation are probably related to 'fairy rings', produced by fungi, mushrooms.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairy ring

Erasmus Darwin mentioned crop circles in 1789 and suggested they were produced by bizarre lighting, but today it's clear he was referring to fairy rings.

Even today, as many ufologists may know, fairy rings continue to be mistaken for 'landings' of flying saucers. Along with meteorologically produced UFO "nests", they do link UFOs with crop circles.

Doug Bower and Dave Chorley mentioned the 1966 Tully UFO nest as inspiration for their first crop circles. As far as anyone know, no matter how they may be vilified by believers, they were the first (or at least among the first) to produce crop circles as we know them.

As they didn't care to hoax stories to go along with their creations, crop circles gained a life of their own - not necessarily associated with theories such as lightnings, flying saucers, fairies, mowing devils and so on. Their mere existence and beauty as an art form became their most important aspect, and one that could be clearly seen.

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Secrecy News -- 08/27/07

From: Steven Aftergood <<u>saftergood</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 12:00:01 -0400 Archived: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 14:58:50 -0400 Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/27/07

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THE FBI AS AN INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has increasingly supplemented its traditional law enforcement role with new intelligence and counterterrorism functions, now says its paramount objective is to "prevent, disrupt, and defeat terrorist operations before they occur."

New domestic intelligence collection activities that have been adopted in pursuit of this goal are described in unusual detail in the Bureau's 2008 budget request.

http://fas.org/irp/agency/doj/fbi/2008just.pdf

Special attention is given to cultivating human intelligence sources.

"The FBI recruits new CHSs [confidential human sources] every day," the budget request notes. But without increased budget support, the FBI says it will not be possible to validate these sources and to determine the credibility of the information they provide.

"With current resources, the FBI is unable to reach a point where all CHSs are successfully subjected to the CHSV [confidential human source validation] process."

The budget request refers in passing to "more than 15,000" confidential human sources requiring validation (page 4-24).

The FBI also seeks new funds for intelligence collection training and operations.

"Without this training, the FBI would lack the full capacity to provide SAs [special agents] the comprehensive tradecraft, procedural, legal and policy direction needed to execute the significant and constitutionally sensitive domestic intelligence collection mission with confidence," the budget document states (page 4-27).

The FBI's budgetary focus on expanding its human intelligence capability was first reported by Justin Rood of ABC News. See "FBI Proposes Building Network of U.S. Informants," July 25:

http://blogs.abcnews.com/theblotter/2007/07/fbi-proposes-bu.html

The same FBI budget document provides significant new detail on other FBI intelligence and counterterrorism activities, the FBI open source program, the National Virtual Translation Center, and other initiatives.

The Washington Post reported that there were nearly 20,000 positive matches of individuals seeking to enter the United States who were flagged by the Terrorist Screening Center, according to the FBI budget request. Despite the surprisingly large figure, only a small number of arrests resulted.

See "Terror Suspect List Yields Few Arrests" by Ellen Nakashima, Washington Post, August 25:

http://tinyurl.com/ypd267

DOMESTIC USE OF SPY SATELLITES QUESTIONED

The chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee scolded Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff last week for failing to notify him of plans to expand the use of intelligence satellites for homeland security applications.

"Unfortunately, I have had to rely on media reports to gain information about this endeavor because neither I nor my staff was briefed on the decision to create this new office prior to the public disclosure of this effort," wrote Rep. Bennie Thompson in an August 22 letter to Secretary Chertoff (who has been mentioned as a possible nominee to replace Alberto Gonzales as Attorney General).

"I need you to provide me with an immediate assurance that upon its October 1st roll out, this program will be operating within the confines of the Constitution and all applicable laws and regulations," Chairman Thompson wrote.

"Additionally, because I have not been informed of the existence of this program for over a two year period, I am requesting that for the next six weeks, you provide me with bi-weekly briefings on the progress of the [National Applications Office] working groups."

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/thompson082207.pdf

The Thompson letter as well as the new homeland security initiative were first reported in the Wall Street Journal.

A Washington Post editorial said that any use of spy satellites for domestic monitoring "must be accompanied... by robust protections for privacy and civil liberties." The failure to properly advise Congress was "not a comforting start for a landmark change."

http://tinyurl.com/2zbmu3

ARMY JAG ISSUES OPERATIONAL LAW HANDBOOK

A comprehensive introduction to military operational law is presented in a new edition of the Operational Law Handbook published by the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General.

The Handbook, intended for the use of judge advocates, describes tactics and techniques for the practice of operational law.

Along the way, it provides a useful survey of the laws of war, human rights law, prisoner detainment policy, the use of contractors alongside military forces, and intelligence law, among other topics.

"Because intelligence is so important to the commander, operational lawyers must understand the basics of intelligence law, including how law and policy pertain to the collection of human intelligence, such as interrogation operations," the Handbook states.

See "Operational Law Handbook," The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, July 2007 (667 pages, 6 MB PDF file):

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/law2007.pdf

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CBC Radio 'Celebrates' Stanton Friedman Day

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 09:51:20 -0400
Archived: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 09:51:20 -0400
Subject: CBC Radio 'Celebrates' Stanton Friedman Day

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Radio One yesterday evening interviewed Stanton T. Friedman on As It Happens. Its contribution to Stanton Friedman Day.

A recording of that interview is available at:

www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/listers/cbcfriedmanday.mp3

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Crash Retrievals?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 15:00:41 EDT
Archived: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 09:53:58 -0400
Subject: Crash Retrievals?

I recall the list Kevin Randle had regarding crash retrievals.

I remember there were two near my hometown in the Hudson Valley area back when I was a wee lad.

Has that list been updated? Any new data come forward?

I'm really tempted to write a book about what happened in the Hudson Valley but it would so ruin a lot of people's lives if not done properly.

If I had to put a humous twist but also scary twist I would have to add the stories of the mobsters aka wiseguys up there that had their own close encounters and would tell me about them.

Talk about scary yet funny!

Best,

Greg

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Don't Shoot The Messenger

From: James Carrion <<u>jcarrion</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 13:58:01 -0600 Archived: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 09:59:11 -0400 Subject: Don't Shoot The Messenger

I am surprised how that Brad Sparks is being maligned on this List while the message of his MUFON Symposium talk has been scarcely debated here. To borrow a phrase from Stanton Friedman:

If one can't attack the data, attack the people. It is easier...

If you take the time to read Brad s Paper and the Pratt Sensitive Documents (both available for download at:

http://www.mufon.com/symposia.htm

you will find something very interesting Bill Moore and Bob Pratt discussing the plot and characters of a proposed fiction novel where MJ-12 figures prominently.

In that conversation Moore remains fixated on the 1952 Eisenhower Transition period which also figures prominently in the Eisenhower Briefing Document (EBD) that shows up in 1984 in Sandera s mailbox. From Page 60 of the Pratt paper:

Moore: Well, that was '53... fully 11 months after the Robertson Panel, and there were all sorts of doings and goings on between the CIA and the NSC where the CIA was attempting to - it's not clear which way it was going, whether the NSC was attempting to get the CIA to take over things or whether it was vice versa. I've never been quite clear, on who was trying to influence whom, but if you read that message it is very confusing. And especially when a lot of those documents make reference to attachments which aren't there. So I have just sort of conjectured that the NSC got control of it at the point in time where Truman was ending his administration and Eisenhower was beginning his. If you stop and think about the point in time of the Robertson Panel, it happened just on that transition phase. See, Truman had not run for reelection in '52, in November. Eisenhower wins and takes office in January, January 20, and you've got the Robertson Panel deliberating in there, and it could .well be that somebody was trying to determine how to go on with the change in administrations, which would have presented a problem for that sort of a thing, especially if it had gotten highly developed and the decision had already been made that this has got to be kept locked tighter than a drum. How then to deal with it with an incoming president whose reaction is not certain. And that's a point that nobody's ever brought up that I've heard in discussion. Nobody's ever noticed that that date is a very interesting.

Pratt: The CIA has taken advantage of other changes of administration to take control of things.

Moore: Of course and so it is entirely possible that there is more to this business than meets the eye and that the Robertson Panel was sort of a front to hide activities behind... Stan said that recently Rickover said - I don't know how he got this - to somebody at a dinner or something, "Yeah, we've got two saucers and a couple of bodies and they're little brown creatures."...(Two saucers. That's what we been getting consistently, that we've two of them, that one's badly broken up and damaged and the other is almost intact. I find it highly strange that Moore is pursuing this line of thought in 1982 and two years later the same plotline shows up in the EBD.

I am not pro or con the existence of MJ-12 (or a similar group with a different name), but I can say one thing for certain, the Pratt Papers cast doubt on the authenticity of the EBD.

The EBD is too convenient a package when you add up Moore s Roswell investigation and this proposed fiction novel. Of course detractors will probably state that Moore had been previously shown the EBD by one of his insider contacts, that he was relaying factual data, and the 1984 release was more appropriate since the last MJ-12 member had just keeled over. Then again dead men can t sue for libel.

Bottom line, I don t condone personal attacks of any kind.

Please focus on the message and not the messenger.

James

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Today Is Stanton T. Friedman Day

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 17:32:04 -0300
Archived: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 10:01:07 -0400
Subject: Today Is Stanton T. Friedman Day

>Source: The Chronicle Herald, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

>http://www.thechronicleherald.ca/Search/855705.html

>Monday August 27, 2007

>Fredericton Honours World-Renowned Flying Saucer Expert

>By Chris Morris

>FREDERICTON =97 If alien visitors to Earth ever decide to formally >introduce themselves to humankind, they should consider landing >in Fredericton.

>Not only is the New Brunswick capital friendly and >accommodating, it's also the home of Stanton T. Friedman, >nuclear physicist, lecturer and world-renowned prophet of >extraterrestrial existence.

>The city of Fredericton is proclaiming today as Stanton Friedman >Day, an homage to the 73-year-old UFOlogist who has talked and >written his way to the top ring of the galaxy of believers who >say Earth is being visited by aliens.

Hi Stan,

Is there any truth to the rumour that they are going change the name from Fredericton to Friedmanton?

Best,

Don Ledger

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul> Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 17:02:45 -0400 Archived: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 11:21:04 -0400 Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 11:00:51 -0300
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 16:36:19 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

<snip>

Many thanks, Mori. Do you happen to have answers for either or both of these questions?

1. Did Crabwoods and the known to be human made glyphs using the "new technique" have woven laid down areas and no signs of footprints?

2. Do you happen to know how many time distortion reports (in glyph as compared with outside the glyph) have been made, and how reliable those reports are regarded to be?

Eleanor White

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Paul Kimball <<u>TheRobieShark.nul></u>
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 18:46:47 EDT
Archived: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 11:26:27 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Mary Castner <u>m.castner</u>.nul
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:46:01 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

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>I happened to know about Kimball's site:

>http://redstarfilms.blogspot.com:80/

>and an earlier mention by him of your friendship... and still he
>supports you...

>"I had an advance peek at the paper weeks before the Symposium >courtesy of Brad, and was going to provide some editorial input >(mostly re: spelling, grammar, and overall construction, which >it badly needed at that stage), but work and life got in the >way, and I never got a chance to send back my suggestions, which >Brad had asked for (putting the boots to any assertion that Brad >can't take constructive criticism)."

Brad sent me the draft on the 17th to have a look at, primarily because I had done related research into Wilbert Smith (which you can find at my blog), and presumably because I had made a film about MJ-12, and researched it over the past few years. He swore me to pre-conference secrecy, which I kept.

>Obviously, Paul Kimball didn't have to deal with you over >suggestions as he didn't give any.

Good grief. Look, I don't know you, Mary, so I have no idea who put the bee in your bonnet, nor do I want to get involved in this peripheral dispute, which as I noted at my blog is a waste of time, in my opinion. But, as you have seen fit to mention me, I'll tell you - I worked very, very closely with Brad for two years on Best Evidence: Top 10 UFO Sightings, as he was our lead 'UFO' consultant. Even when we did not agree, it was always cordial, and Brad took criticism as well as he gave it. I know Brad can come off as cantankerous sometimes (who doesn't on this List?), but my experience with him was 100% positive, and I'd happily work with him again.

>Obviously, you knew Barry wouldn't go along with your changes of >stripping out his information. Which I am sure was done before >Kimball got a copy. Who was to be the co-author anyway Kimball >or Greenwood?

You need to take a deep breath, and calm down. Me, as co-author? Where do you get that from - or is it just some off-the-cuff way to slam Brad?

As noted above, Brad sent the paper to me for a once over, which it frankly needed in terms of grammar, and overall construction. My only regret is that life and work precluded me from sending Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

him any suggestions.

I would also note that Brad made it clear to me that this was a paper he had co-authored with Barry Greenwood, of whom he has always spoken of highly, at least to me.

<snip>

>Kimball plays down the money or AFOSI motivation as non->important. Least we forget in a court of law and life in general >motivation carries a great deal of weight on passing judgment.

That is my own personal observation, which you have either purposefully or mistakenly mischaracterised. My point was that it doesn't really matter why the documents were hoaxed - all that really matters is that they were. Time to move on from there to more important things, like good cases.

>Obviously, you couldn't handle dealing with facts so you had to >huff and puff all sorts of legalese about being sued as a poor >excuse to strip out material and to create a fog to hide in. >Well the sun is coming out and the fog is starting to burn away.

Mary, I'm just guessing that you don't know very much about the law. I have no idea what Brad "stripped away", but libel and slander are not things that one should ever take lightly, as simple "legalese". From the sounds of it, the worst thing you could accuse Brad of here is an over-abundance of caution which is always a good thing where the law is concerned. Better to be safe than sorry. Of course, until I see what Barry had originally written, I couldn't say whether Brad was right to be cautious or not.

<snip>

I have snipped the rest, because it's meaningless ad hominem attack, and I've seen and had enough of dealing with that in the few years I've been even remotely associated with ufology to last a lifetime. I'll say it again - in my opinion, having worked closely with him, Brad is a good guy, a top notch researcher, and I've never had a problem with him and his ability to take constructive criticism as well as he gives it.

Now, leave me out of this from hereon in.

Regards,

Paul Kimball www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com www.bestevidence.blogspot.com

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 19:21:08 EDT
Archived: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 11:34:51 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Mary Castner <<u>m.castner</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:46:01 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

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Your facts are hopelessly wrong again as usual. You falsely charge that I gave Paul preferential treatment with reading an advance copy of my draft "weeks" before even my own co-author Barry. This is absolutely false and outrageous.

I submitted a partial draft "preview" on May 24, which you and Barry received, less than two weeks after I had Barry's draft suddenly thrust upon me. Paul got nothing at all until July 17. How do you explain that?

I sent you and Barry a complete draft on July 11 and you even sent back a copy with some line edits on July 11.

You were sending out copies of my draft for comments and review on July 11 even before I sent anything to Paul on July 17 - how is that possible if you and Barry allegedly got nothing till "weeks" after Paul did?

I sent it to you and Barry on July 11 and you/he were already commenting on it July 11, doing line edits July 11, more comments on it July 13, 14 and 15, before I sent Paul anything.

Paul got absolutely nothing "weeks earlier". He got nothing until a week _after_ you and Barry got it. On July 11 you and Barry were already praising my draft as you emailed me:

"I'll say one thing whether AFOSI or money motivation or both Barry said... 'There is no doubt that it is utterly destructive to any thought that MJ-12 is real.' ...Haven't heard from Vic yet. I forwarded to his work after calling him and telling him you sent it out."

So, reading your last comment above, you were also sending out copies of my draft for private review and comment on July 11 even _before_ I sent a thing to Paul on July 17. Talk about throwing stones in glass houses!

Again more laudatory comments from you and Barry _before_ a damn thing went to Paul. July 14 from Barry:

"a mythology is being created around UFOs and this paper is clear evidence of that notion."

And you emailed on July 14, before anything was sent to Paul:

"I just finished reading the text last night.... Brad pointed out a couple of things I though interesting a) UFOlogists are basically spies in the militaries eyes ... b) turf battles between branches of the military I knew about, but it finally dawned on me UFOlogists are also viewed as infringing on their turf c) there is still room for rogue agents in the since of carrying out a mission to excess... and having personal vendettas against ufologists if for no other reason then being a thorn in their side."

I contacted Paul on July 17 for his last-minute input on the Wilbert Smith connection since he had done extensive investigation of Smith and the Smith Memo in Canadian archives and he had produced a television documentary on MJ-12. There was no time for anything else, just a lookover to see if in the rush I had missed something important working day and night on the MUFON Symposium article. I was looking for anything on the Wilbert Smith Memo that I should mention and had missed because of fatigue. I was not looking for line edits of grammar and structure as these were like trying to hit a moving target as I was myself doing extensive re-working hour by hour after the July 11 draft I sent out.

You are forgetting to mention, as I pointed out before, that you and Barry had 5 months from January to May 11 to work on the article, then you dumped it on me at the last minute just before the then May 15 deadline. You had 5 months and then gave me 4 days (and didn't tell me what the exact deadline was, but left me groping in the dark unable to plan how much time I had to work on the article).

You call that fair? You and Barry get 5 months but I get 4 days? What kind of "collaboration" is that where you two withhold the most vital info, like exact deadline, the serious problems one of two co-authors was having (Barry), the fact that the co-author who was holding everything up for 4-1/2 months had not produced a single footnote of documentation all the while misleading the other about the contents he was or was not producing??

Thankfully I was able to get time extensions that were specific and not nebulously confused, and thankfully someone else was even later in submitting their article to MUFON so we were not the last and not holding it all up.

For 4-1/2 months you and Barry didn't give me even a partial draft (till April 29) but you complain about a few days' or weeks' delay with getting my draft when I was not ready since you left me with almost zero time.

During those 4-1/2 months you concealed from me the fact that Barry had tendonitis slowing down his writing. You and Barry also concealed from me the fact that Barry was absolutely _not_ going to show up at MUFON with me, not just _probably_not_ going to attend, thus misleading me into thinking there was a chance that Barry would be there to help. I only find out in mid-July that it was certain and conclusive that I was going to be the only one at MUFON and the entire burden would all fall upon me. Is that fair?

You two also concealed from me the fact that Barry was _able_ to attend but was simply _refusing_ to show up at MUFON. You led me to believe that Barry was _unable_ to attend. In fact, I only find out in mid-July that Barry was saying that Walt Andrus and Stan Friedman "did" something to him at the last MUFON Symposium he attended, apparently some kind of ambush, but you didn't have the courtesy or decency to let me know about this before I made my decision on whether to help Barry out, so that I would know all the facts beforehand. Instead you suckered me into taking Barry's place at the MUFON podium all alone to take the potshots that he was unwilling to face.

As I emailed you on May 25 and reiterated numerous times:

"no one was preventing you from putting in an email what James told you on the phone about a May 15 due date. You deliberately did not. Now you're just gonna have to wait a little while I try to make up for all the work that could have been done the last 3 MONTHS but never was done. All this time I thought Barry was making an effort to capture the data in the Pratt files and analyze it, but NEVER SENT ME HIS DRAFT so I could see what it was he was doing. Now I find out he was just doodling with the data, playing games, filling space with irrelevancies." Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

Another email from me on May 25:

"For the past TWO MONTHS I thought Barry was systematically going through the hundreds of pages of Pratt files selecting out juicy items, writing up his take on each so we would have the benefit of his 20+ years on MJ-12. I thought all those blizzards of HUNDREDS of ... emails analyzing to death every little tidbit piece of MJ-12 ... was going into Barry's master presentation, that it wasn't wasted... but the good points were carefully being preserved. Instead what came out was a VACUOUS REHASH of boring and useless OLD MJ-12 history [instead of reporting on the newly released Pratt files on MJ-12] and literary gameplaying with loving to hear the sound of his own words about "In the beginning man created MJ-12" blah blah blah."

"So now I am having to go back and do all the work that Barry never did. Then you and Barry will try to nitpick every damn thing to death when time is running out, after all the past two months were already wasted, and now I get just a few days? A week? What? You'll excuse if I don't have time for this game."

I put together the most heavily documented and footnoted article in MUFON history but Barry didn't even have a single footnote of his own, and refused to supply references I asked again and again to support his own points. I am still waiting for the references on Doty admitting he faked the Ellsworth document (I think that is just false) and references and copy of the CAUS article reporting some stray irrelevant remark by Bill Moore about "putting bread on the table."

Well now you and Barry can present your own version of Barry's MJ-12 greedy-rogue-agent theory in the MUFON Journal as James Carrion offered you way back on July 15, but which you withhold from readers here. I hope you can dredge up a single fact to support greed motivation but I don't have much hope of that. Barry has had 20 years to come up with evidence of greedy AFOSI agents and has not. And he cannot refute the counter-evidence (Doty not seeking out big bucks Hollywood producers like Shandera, etc.).

The point still remains that the MJ-12 Eisenhower Briefing is identified in the Pratt files as "the original Aquarius document" - with its absurd Jesus-was-an-alien hogwash - in 1981-2, three years before the Eisenhower document ever showed up in Shandera's mailbox in 1984, regardless of who hoaxed it or why.

Brad

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From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul> Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 11:41:00 -0400 Archived: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 11:41:00 -0400 Subject: Canadian UFO Reports Jan - Aug 2007

Source: American Chronicle - Beverly Hills, California, USA

http://tinyurl.com/35wbl6

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Canadian UFO Sighting Reports - January - August 2007

Brian Vike

HBCC UFO Research and UFOINFO together have received 293 written UFO sighting reports from January 1, up until August 27, 2007 and I am sure the total number will climb as we still have four months left in 2007. Not included in the total number of reports is approximately 26 telephone interviews which we done and the reports have not been written up as of yet, these would include sightings from British Columbia, Ontario and Alberta.

Ontario still leads the Canadian provinces with a whopping 140 reported sightings, followed by British Columbia with 81 cases.

Below is a break down on reports received by HBCC UFO Research and UFOINO from January 1, 2007 to August 27, 2007.

Ontario - 140

British Columbia - 81

Alberta - 27

Nova Scotia - 10

Quebec - 10

Manitoba - 10

Saskatchewan - 7

New Brunswick - 5

Newfoundland - 2

Yukon - 1

Total number of Canadian reported sightings so far for 2007 is 293 cases. Plus another 26 cases which have not been written up as of yet.

The sightings range from a spectacular meteor event over Ontario back in March of 2007, followed by a wave of unknown craft/objects. Stars and the planet Venus were another cause for some of the reports, the IS (International Space Station) and Space Shutle played a roll as well. Also aircraft were reported as being a UFOs. To round things off, there were a few UFO sightings that did turn out to be balloons, but although many sighting were certainly explainable, there were some really amazing cases in which no answers could be found, and I am still looking for a rational explanation for some events.

One of the most amazing UFO events took place over the Kelowna, British Columbia region on July 2, 2007 where numerous eyewitness in different parts of Kelowna saw a cylinder shaped craft, with what looked like fins on it, and on fire, ripped down through the sky and finally hitting the water on Okanagan Lake, British Columbia. The sound was incredibly loud and like a deep bass "womp, womp, womp" sound as it came down. The same object then reappeared from where it hit the lake, rose up and then sat and hovered in the sky. Meanwhile a cone or "possible" triangular shaped craft was stationary a short distance away from the cylinder shaped craft. What took place next dumbfounded all of the people who had watched the event unfold, the two objects started reacting to one another, and the best description given from the witnesses was like looking at tracer fire from automatic weapons, or in other words it was like the two UFOs were shooting at one another. After a short time of exchanging what looked like the two craft were firing on one another, a loud bang was heard and the cone shaped craft was nowhere to be seen. The torpedo shaped object was still hovering in the sky. It started moving from side to side and then a loud sonic boom and it was now gone. Needless to say, some witnesses screamed loudly or when watching had their jaw almost hit the ground from watching such a unusual event unfold in front of their eyes.

A couple of other interesting things happened not long after this UFO battle. A NATO AWAC aircraft did a couple of fly-bys over the Kelowna airport, when Airport Operations Manager James Hall was contacted, he confirmed that the aircraft that flew over the Kelowna airport was indeed a NATO aircraft, a modified Boeing 707 AWAC. Mr. Hall also said that they were not privy to their (military) operations or plans. Numerous unknown helicopters were seen in and around the area, more than the normal helicopter traffic one would see in the area. Also CF-18 fighter jets were video taped leaving the Kelowna airport, but this certainly may or may not have anything to do with the UFO battle over Okanagan Lake. I guess we just keep an open mind to the chain of events and hope for a break in the case.

One of the witnesses did a nice graphic on their computer to illustrate what the UFO event looked like, this can be viewed at: *Kelowna UFO Battle Illustration*

Other amazing cases came in from Ontario and other provinces as well. I would also like to note, the 293 reported sightings came into just *HBCC UFO Research* and *UFOINFO*. There are many other UFO organizations across Canada and in the United States that are receiving Canadian UFO cases. So the total will be much greater for each of the Canadian provinces.

I couldn't even guess how many UFO reports were reported from the United States and other areas of the world. Most sightings do come into us from the United States and we are very happy to receive them, actually some of the best cases are coming from the U.S. and go back numerous years.

Like I always tell folks, no matter when the UFO event took place, please send in your report, either to HBCC UFO Research or UFOINFO as we are here to help where we can, and are extremely interested in what the witness has to say. I also keep harping on an important part of this UFO topic, and that is that the witness who is reporting to us, is that their private/personal information is completely confidential.

Well in the next four months we shall see what other interesting cases come into us. Don't forget to file your sightings.

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The Man To Contact When Calling Home From Across The Galaxy

by Leslie Mullen for Astrobiology Magazine

Moffett Field CA (SPX)

In the field of astrobiology, few people have had a bigger influence than Frank Drake. In 1960, he conducted the first radio Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI). He formulated the "Drake Equation," which set the standard for the search for alien life in our galaxy, providing scientific rigor to a field of inquiry that previously had been derided as pure science fiction.

Drake, along with Carl Sagan, designed plaques that were carried on the Pioneer 10 and Pioneer 11 spacecraft. The Pioneer plaques depicted symbolic messages for any aliens the spacecraft might encounter as they travel outside our solar system. Drake also worked with Sagan on the Voyager Golden Record. Containing sounds and images of life on Earth, the record was sent on both the Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 spacecraft.

Besides pursuing his interest in alien life, over the course of his career Drake conducted radio studies of the planets in our solar system, discovering the radiation belt of Jupiter and showing that Venus had a very high surface temperature. He also studied pulsars, neutron stars that spin rapidly and thus send out flashes of electromagnetic energy much like a lighthouse beacon. Drake was the director of the Arecibo Radio Telescope Observatory for 12 years, and taught at Cornell University and the University of California, Santa Cruz. Now retired from teaching, he runs the Carl Sagan Center for the Study of Life in the Universe at the SETI Institute.

"There are currently two scientific programs at the SETI Institute," says Drake, "one for radio SETI and one for astrobiology. I tell people that the first program deals with radio and optical searches, and then I take care of the rest of the universe."

Frank Drake sat down with Astrobiology Magazine's Leslie Mullen to discuss sending a message to the aliens from Arecibo, the Drake Equation, and the search for alien life.

Astrobiology Magazine (AM): In 1974 you sent a message from the Arecibo radio telescope into space. What was the message composed of entirely?

Frank Drake (FD): It had a number system. It had a group of five numbers which were the atomic numbers of the five elements in

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DNA. And then there were actual schematics of the DNA molecule itself, with the bases and the deoxyribose frame. There was a sketch of the solar system. There was a diagram of a telescope focusing rays to a point, with the size of the Arecibo telescope given because that's what sent the message, and that indicated the maximum level of intelligent technology on Earth. There was a sketch of a human being, our population was given, and planet three in the solar system sketch was displaced towards the human to indicate that's where we lived.

AM: Did Carl Sagan collaborate with you on designing the message?

FD: Carl Sagan wasn't part of that, actually. It was constructed by several of the scientists on the staff at Arecibo, but mainly by me. But Carl Sagan did play a role after it was constructed. I took him to lunch one day and presented him with the message already decoded. I asked, "Can you understand this?" This was a test to see if the message was understandable to a very knowledgeable Earth scientist. We eventually learned that nobody could interpret all of the message; each scientist only could interpret the part relevant to their discipline. So Carl got the numbers right and the planetary system right, but he didn't get the DNA chemistry.

AM: The message was sent to the globular cluster Messier 13. Was that to increase the odds of someone receiving the message, because more planets should be in that area of so many stars?

FD: That's right. The message would come to the maximum number of stars.

AM: I've heard that life may be less likely in globular clusters because of the intense gravitational forces and high radiation environment.

FD: That's true, although more important is the lower abundance of the chemical elements of life there. It would have been better to send the message to the galactic center, but the Arecibo telescope can't point towards to the center of the galaxy because of its mechanical limitations. The dish is fixed in the ground, and it can't look south of minus 2 degrees. If we could send the message again we'd send it from a telescope that could point to the center of the galaxy. There's a 100-meter telescope at Green Bank that could do that.

AM: How long will it take the Arecibo message to reach the globular cluster?

FD: 25,000 years. We sent it in 1974, so it's 33 light years out.

AM: Has it reached any stars at all during that time?

FD: No. It'll come to 30 stars along the way, but it hasn't reached any of them yet.

AM: Your "Drake Equation" sets constraints on the possible number of intelligent civilizations in the galaxy. I see the equation as establishing which questions scientists should ask in the search for alien life.

FD: That's a good way to look at it, as a table of contents of what we have to study.

AM: Do you feel much progress has been made in filling in the values of the equation? FD: Oh, enormous progress has been made. Most important was the detection of the extrasolar planetary systems. Before, we had theories but no direct knowledge. There's also been increased understanding on the origins of life, showing it may be an easy process. We've also improved our understanding of what makes a planet habitable, and how many habitable planets there might be.

AM: The extrasolar planets found so far are thought to be not habitable.

FD: But they may be. Determining habitability is complicated. In our own solar system we've found a potentially habitable planet in Jupiter's satellite Europa, which is outside the solar system's habitable zone based on, as we now know, an The Man To Contact When Calling Home

oversimplified theory. I think the habitable zone actually extends out almost to infinity from a star, because, if a planet has an insulating layer, it can have temperatures suitable for liquid water. In the case of Europa, that insulating layer is ice. On Jupiter there are layers in the atmosphere at room temperature, and also on Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. For those planets, the insulating layer is gas. In the case of Mars, the insulating layer is probably soil. There could well be life deep under the surface. So when there's an insulating layer, a planet can be much farther from the star and still be warm enough.

AM: Do you think a lot of the models searching for life are too limiting?

FD: Yes, very much. Some of the models take no account for the fact that a greenhouse effect can cause the habitable zone to be much farther out from the star. We could put Venus much farther from the Sun, and with its massive atmosphere it would have liquid water on the surface. Of course, there's the habitable zone for any kind of life, and a habitable zone for intelligent creatures. They're probably not the same. Microbial life is going to be everywhere, but intelligent life won't be as widespread.

AM: What do you think of the idea that life, once it does get started on a planet, will inevitably advance to higher complexity, even if it's not in forms we may recognize?

FD: Sure, Darwinian evolution will proceed.

AM: Although we have no evidence for intelligent life in our own solar system other than Earth.

FD: But that's meaningless. Probably every planet can produce more than one intelligent species eventually. But they do it at different rates. So on every suitable planet in very many planetary systems, there may be many intelligent species about to appear, but one is always first. And the first one looks around and says, "We're the only smart ones!" It is the only way it can be, and this is greatly misunderstood. This inevitable situation does not say that a planet can produce only one intelligent species. This fact says nothing about the probability of intelligent life or the possible eventual number of intelligent civilizations. AM: Have you ever felt the need to make any changes to the Drake Equation over the past 47 years?

FD: No. I do get letters all the time suggesting we should add more factors, like the role of politicians. But all of that is a part of the already existing factors, so there's been no need to change it. It's held up well. The numbers may change, but not the equation itself. One rapidly changing factor in the equation is the typical number of planets in the habitable zone. Well, that number is changing all over the place, but that just reflects a healthy march of science towards the real truth.

AM: There are a number of missions in the near future that could have an impact on your equation. Are there any in particular you are looking forward to?

FD: A mission to Europa. I think that's the best chance of finding life elsewhere in the solar system, if they can drill through the ice. But that mission doesn't exist yet.

AM: Is there anything in the science of astrobiology in general that strikes you as being particularly interesting?

FD: Subsurface life on Mars is important to explore, and that's relatively easy. Also, searching for potential life on Titan, but that's more problematic because it's so cold there.

AM: What about in the field of SETI?

FD: The funds are drying up. SETI has always been dependent on private gifts, and those have become very limited. The price of SETI is not a lot, only a few million dollars a year. People ask me, "How long will it take for you to succeed?" I say, "It all depends on how much money people give."

AM: Success depends on more than money, though. Dan Werthimer, who runs the SETI.nul project, says the success of that project is highly dependent on how much computer processing they can get

done. They need millions more volunteer computers crunching the numbers, analyzing the data.

FD: Dan's statement is very true. A lot of people think SETI has failed, but we just haven't looked at nearly enough stars or radio frequencies in different ways. The signals may not be there all the time, and we may have to look at the same star in different frequencies over and over in order to be listening at the right time.

AM: Listening at the right time, at the right star that has a planet with life at the same point of evolution as us - the chance of that seems so small. FD: Small, yes, but we live in a galaxy very rich in stars suitable for life. My estimate is we'll find existing intelligent life in one in ten million stars.

AM: Speaking of listening at the right time, what are your thoughts about the "Wow signal" received by the Big Ear telescope at Ohio State University in 1977?

FD: It's an unsolved mystery. It could have been an alien signal, or it could have been a human signal inadvertently picked up, or something else, perhaps an equipment failure. Hundreds of people have looked for that signal over the years, but it's never been repeated.

There have been some other tantalizing candidate signals. The long Harvard search of Horowitz and Sagan observed more than thirty signals that had the earmark of an extraterrestrial signal. The SETI.nul program has observed more than a hundred such signals. Both of these programs are automated, though, so no one was there at the time to do immediate follow-up observations. Researchers later tried to detect these signals, but, as with the Wow signal, they've been unsuccessful. So the origin of these signals is an open question.

Project Phoenix of the SETI Institute also has found many good candidates, but that program could immediately determine the origin of the signal and all of them turned out to be of human origin. It may be that all the potential signals detected so far were generated by humans. But for now they remain a mystery, and that gives hope to those of us who search for alien signals.

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A 1967 Letter From Dr. Edward U. Condon

From: Robert Barrow <rbarr.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 03:01:27 -0400
Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:03:23 -0400
Subject: A 1967 Letter From Dr. Edward U. Condon

Dear List Readers,

We knew him, we loved him (not), and now I've found a 1967 letter from the late Dr. Edward U. Condon, he of the infamous Colorado UFO study, previously unseen by any human eyes but mine. I've just posted it on my blog at:

http://robert-barrow.blogspot.com/

should you be interested.

One thing of note is Condon's apparent disregard for the 1964 Socorro, New Mexico UFO incident, still 'hot' only three years after it happened. He indicates no interest in pursuing this important case in depth.

Unfortunately, one can look upon this as a vision of things to come, as the Colorado project deflated faster and flatter than a Mogul balloon at a crash dummy convention.

Robert Barrow

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 05:56:32 -0700
Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:04:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 11:00:51 -0300
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>As for the general discussion, it must be noted ancient mentions >to circles in vegetation are probably related to 'fairy rings', >produced by fungi, mushrooms.

Wrong again. Of course some may be, but as I've said before, others have more specific descriptions, like the 1882 England account in Nature. Did you even read that one I linked to? Flattened, swirled circles around a standing centre. Not the same as fairy rings at all. Other older accounts also describe similar flattened and swirled circles. The 1925 Canadian report comes from the grandson, who I know personally, of the farmer at the time. Again, a specific description of circles in wheat flattened hard to the ground. That is just one other example of many whose description does not match that of fairy / fungus rings...

>Erasmus Darwin mentioned crop circles in 1789 and suggested they >were produced by bizarre lighting, but today it's clear he was >referring to fairy rings.

How do you know this? References please?

>Doug Bower and Dave Chorley mentioned the 1966 Tully UFO nest as >inspiration for their first crop circles. As far as anyone know, >no matter how they may be vilified by believers, they were the >first (or at least among the first) to produce crop circles as >we know them.

Again, read more of the historical accounts I linked to before, including multiple pre-1980 reports in Canada (and other countries). There _is_ evidence for earlier crops circles 'as we know them'.

Paul

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 06:01:50 -0700
Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:05:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: John Rimmer <<u>j.rimmer</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 16:35:46 +0100
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>Ah, there's always a get-out clause!

No, that's just my feeling on the matter, which I've had for some time now. I've said that before, you just interpreted me to mean _all_ complex formations. Many of the complex formations do show evidence for being made by people, but there are still some which don't seem to neatly fit into that box, based on the available physical evidence. That said, most of the best scientific evidence to date has come from simpler formations, including from Canada.

Paul

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:06:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 14:15:39 -0300
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>I don't know what subjects - plural - you are referring to. We >are talking about the subject of crop circles. I did for some >time familiarize myself with the formations of these crop >circles but became disenchanted when it was discovered that >there was obvious hoaxing in their formation in more than a few >cases. At that point I began to tune out. You yourself admitted >to John Rimmer that you thought most were hoaxed.

Okay, that's part of the problem. Most people just tuned out after Doug n' Dave came on the scene. The ones that continued to investigate still found evidence that there was more to the story... and just because some are hoaxed does not mean they all are.

>I don't need lessons to have an opinion about something I've >looked into previously that to me has a high probability of >being laid to rest as a man made phenomenon. I disregard all of >the new video and digital camera evidence as hoaxed for the same >reason, because it is now relatively easy to fake UFO photos.

You made statements about the subject as if they were known facts, ones which I knew from experience were simply wrong. An opinion is fine, but when you state these things as facts in an attempt to disregard the phenomenon, that is misleading. You sort of admitted there were some historical cases that you hadn't heard of, and said you'd read them. What about the scientific evidence?

>You seem to be selective with whom you get testy with. Rimmer is >saying the same things I am but with him you show patience. I'll >guarentee you he's less informed about the subject than I am. >maybe you recognize that and that's the reason.

No, at least not intentionally, I just responded to specific statements being made. Both of you are less informed than many of the long-time circle researchers out there.

>The only reason I even bothered with this thread was because >there was/is an attempt on your part to link trace cases to crop >circles as some way to legitimize it and give it a birth right >by somehow making this some smooth progression from small >circles to the larger when in fact the early crop circle hoaxers >used just this link to play upon amplifying it into something >other than how the original depressions and swales were formed; >by the hull of some anomalous craft.

You still don't get it. I'm not trying to connect the two things, what I'm saying is that there is evidence for _another class_ of circles or rings in vegetation which are _not_ connected to landing reports (trace cases). Most of the early crop circle reports I am trying to tell you about did _not_ have physical craft associated with them and did not show evidence of heavy pressure, landing gear, burn marks, etc. as in typical landing trace cases. They are also physically similar to the Re: Crop Circles Discussion

simple circle and ring type 'classic' crop circles which are still found today on some places. These also are almost never associated with a landing craft. You and John just assumed that any old crop circle cases I made reference to must actually be landing trace cases. Why can there not be more than one cause or origin for circles and rings?

If you also look at photos of many of the earliest documented circles in England for example, they exhibit the intricate swirl patterns (of various categorized types) still often seen today, not simply crushed and sort-of swirled and/or burned plants seen in landing traces.

>When I see a sophisticated 200 foot "crop" circle branded into a >large stand of 45 foot spruce trees-without evidence of chain >saw use-then you will have me convinced.

I'd like to see that too...

Paul

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Re: Today Is Stanton T. Friedman Day

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 13:42:38 -0300
Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:09:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Today Is Stanton T. Friedman Day

>From: Don Ledger <<u>dledger</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 17:32:04 -0300
>Subject: Re: Today Is Stanton T. Friedman Day

>Is there any truth to the rumour that they are going change the >name from Fredericton to Friedmanton?

Not that I know of. I will say one thing, it must have been a slow news day because the story showed up all over the place including in an editorial in National Post. I haven't done so many interviews in one day since the 50th anniversary of Roswell!

I should add for those worried about such things that there were no certificates for free parking or Coffee at Tim Horton's.

I did get a laugh at the City Council Proclamation presentation when I showed my Alien Oscar Statuette given me by MUFON on August 11 for Excellence In Ufology and also when I pointed to the Larry King coffee mug, my payment for being on that show.

I also noted that contrary to an urban myth, we didn't migrate to Fredericton in 1980 because of being chased out by the FBI. My wife is one of 9 children. Six now live in Fredericton. Annual family reunion usually has about 60-65 people.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Telling Footprints Of Ray Stanford

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 12:44:32 -0500
Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:11:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Telling Footprints Of Ray Stanford

>From: Christopher O'Brien <<u>cob</u>.nul
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 11:54:20 -0400
>Subject: Telling Footprints Of Ray Stanford

>August 17, 2007 Baltimore Sun Article on Ray Stanford:

>http://tinyurl.com/2b8grc

<snip>

>Before my move to Arizona, Ray Stanford invited me to his and >wife Sheila's "living room museum". Having an interest in >dinosaur paleontology, after seeing his collection (and >listening to his analysis) I must agree with Dr. Matthew >Carrano, Curator of Dinosaurs at the Smithsonian's National >Museum of Natural History, who has publicly acknowledged >Stanford's collection and paleontological analysis as "extremely >important, even on a global scale." (Quote from the Sun 8-17-07 >article.)

>Dr. Carrano had been to the Stanford's home, seen his track >collection, and examined Stanford's soon-to-be-published new >genus and species of nodosaur, an armored dinosaur.

Ray has invited me to his "home-eum" several times. I just haven't had the chance to make it up there.

>Another scientist, the author of an important book about >dinosasurs on the East Coast signed his book "To Ray-Now that I >know you, this book is due for a big re-write!" Ray has even >been asked to add his nodosaur track to a display of infant >dinosaur tracks in the Smithsonian!

>As to Ray Stanford's unparalled UFO research, I personally feel >Stanford has no equal. When his instrument-recorded evidence is >published (a very impressive part of it has been shown to me), >I'm sure its importance will be even greater than even his >impressive paleontological contributions, and that's a >conservative estimate.

>Unfortunately, there are only a small number of truly competent, >exceptionally experienced field investigators left in ufology >and, over the decades, the field has featured only a few true >stalwarts.

>In IMHO, Ray Stanford stands head and shoulders above this
>fractious field and I think it is about time that someone points
>this out. There is no other person that I know of - period >that can rival his fifty-plus years of instrumented UFO
>investigation and his impressive cross-scientific knowledge in a
>variety of scientific fields.

>When armchair Ufologers cease passing the buck and start doing >physical science instead of acting like mere UFO anecdote >collectors, progress might be made in this field.

>Christopher O'Brien
>Author of: The Mysterious Valley Book series

Thanks for posting this Chris!

Ray had asked me to do it but I'm sure I wouldn't have done it as well as you have.

His accomplishments also illustrate how even amateur investigators can make significant contributions to any science.

BTW, I like the term "ufologers". I don't know if that was a typo or not but I like it.

Terry

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Re: Don't Shoot The Messenger

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 14:45:28 EDT
Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:14:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Don't Shoot The Messenger

>From: James Carrion <<u>jcarrion</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 13:58:01 -0600
>Subject: Don't Shoot The Messenger

>I am surprised how that Brad Sparks is being maligned on this >List while the message of his MUFON Symposium talk has been >scarcely debated here. To borrow a phrase from Stanton Friedman:

<snip>

It's not a case of 'shooting the messenger' if the person is not behaving in a professional manner, which is as I see it, the central point of this thread.

The criticism leveled against one Brad Sparks is that he refused to allow co-authors to read his writing, yet sent a rough draft to a certain non-CO-author acquaintance.

As a bystander to this mess, my opinion is that this accusation still stands and that Brad Sparks has failed to address this, or refuses to.

Mr. Carrion, please also realize that no one is debating Mr. Sparks 'message' because he refuses to put forth his thesis in a straight- forward manner, that would allow subsequent intelligent discussion and debate.

My suggestion:

1.) Mr. Sparks needs to address the criticism as to why he reportedly didn't share his writings with co-authors. This is a very serious accusation. Not too many people may want to join forces with Sparks in the future if this proves to be true.

2.) Mr. Sparks needs to put forth his thesis to the list in a straight- forward manner and not hide behind vague and veiled statements.

-Jason Gammon

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Another Condition For Documentary Participation

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 18:32:52 -0400
Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:18:11 -0400
Subject: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

I've already suggested that one of the best physical trace cases should be printed up as a flyer, and given to each UFO TV documentary producer by researchers invited to be on. Airing of that case, I suggested, should be made a standard condition for the UFO researcher's cooperation.

Here's another:

UFO researchers might make it a condition of their interview that once all the interview footage is complete, the producer will allot a number of minutes of the final cut to that researcher.

The _researcher_ will then perform his or her _own_ editing, to fill the minutes alloted. Permission to use the interview footage would be withdrawn if this is not honoured.

If the researcher can't access adequate video editing software, then the researcher could do a substandard edit job, send the DVD to the producer's video editor, and have the producer's video editor duplicate the edits with the required quality. Final approval of that final edit would always reside with the researcher.

Included in the condition is that the producer may not dub in dark, mysterious backgrounds, odd lighting, or mysterious sounds and music. And the backdrop for the interview must be something taken from ordinary life, such as daytime outdoors, an office, a living room, or a vehicle, perhaps, all in daytime.

This will be repugnant to producers, and may sound far fetched at the moment, but if these conditions were consistently made part of every negotiation between researchers and producers, it might eventually bring about documentaries that give the topic a fair shake.

I suggest that a producer who is genuinely trying to convey the truth should not find these conditions operous.

Eleanor White

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From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: UFO Spotted Near Kaitaia Baffles Experts

Source: Stuff.Co.Nz - Wellington, New Zealand

http://www.stuff.co.nz/4182827a4560.html

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[2 images at site]

UFO Spotted Near Kaitaia Baffles Experts By Richard Edmondson - Northern News

A mysterious object seen in skies over the Tasman Sea near Kaitaia is baffling UFO experts.

Last month, The Northern News reported that UFO Focus New Zealand (UFOCUS NZ) and world UFO expert Dr Bruce Maccabee were studying a series of unusual photographs taken at Ahipara on April 28.

The digital photos, taken of the sky and sea at 5.42pm, showed a bright object which did not look like a cloud and had the appearance of a craft.

The story attracted intense interest and remained one of the most viewed stories on the Northland page of the Stuff news website three weeks after publication.

Last week, UFOCUS released its report on the sighting and we can now bring you photos.

The report says the photographer watched the object for nearly five minutes while it moved silently across the sky in a northerly direction reducing in size and disappearing.

Dr Maccabee, an optical physicist in the United States Navy, says in the report that the object does not display flight characteristics that distinguish it as a 'craft' of unknown origin.

However, its shape suggests a circular 'something' with a domelike top.

The object could also be a jet aircraft's vapour trail viewed end on, he says.

Air Traffic Control says there were no scheduled flights in the area at the time.

It would expect to see consistency of shape from both trails and a 'flow-off' similar to a cirrus cloud blown by winds if the object was a jet contrail.

Instead, the shapes in the photos are compact.

UFOCUS has consulted the Carter Observatory and ruled out the object being space junk or a meteorite, says the group's

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coordinator Suzy Hansen.

"Neither space junk nor a meteorite would present the images we have. They would be a ball of fire burning up rather than a bright object."

Dr Maccabee has not commented on whether the photographer may have manipulated the eight photos, says Ms Hansen.

While the UFO group cannot rule out the possibility of manipulation, she thinks it is unlikely the photos are a hoax.

"I have directly asked the witness if he hoaxed the photos, and he was most adamant that he had not.

"When you see the full series, you will see that it would take hours and hours to hoax such a thing."

UFOCUS and Dr Maccabee have agreed that no firm conclusion can be drawn about what the object is, says Ms Hansen.

They are classifying it as an unusual aerial phenomenon – UAP – but are keen to know what the public thinks it may be.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 06:26:46 -0300
Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 15:29:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 17:02:45 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>1. Did Crabwoods and the known to be human made glyphs using the >"new technique" have woven laid down areas and no signs of >footprints?

It all depends on what you consider "woven laid down areas" and "no signs of footprints". Many clearly human-made glyphs present a pattern on how the crops were laid down, sometimes woven in certain areas. The same for "no signs of footprints".

What I think would be really intriguing would be plants actually woven, or plants individually woven over each other, in long extensions. I have never seen any report of that, it's always some images of batches of plants woven over one another. And I do think it would be possible to hoax that if one developed a machine, it's simply that nobody seems to have cared to so far.

I even think one could create a very interesting formation that could have different aspects when viewed from different angles, just using the pattern of the laid down crops. I have also never seen any glyph with such feature.

>2. Do you happen to know how many time distortion reports (in >glyph as compared with outside the glyph) have been made, and >how reliable those reports are regarded to be?

I don't know exactly how many, but even the circlemakers report "anomalies" when they are creating the glyphs:

http://tinyurl.com/2mz3kd

But, as with the alleged anomalies on crops, unless that's established objectively, reviewed and if possible, reproduced, that's not reliable at all.

The much referenced work of the BLT team is sometimes touted as objective evidence, but one must note many things, among others that they always advance the plasma vortex hypothesis, even for complex formations (which Terence Meaden himself argued against) and make use of strange methodology. Not to mention how they also promote dubious evidence like:

http://www.bltresearch.com/eyewitness6.html

Or how Levengood (L of BLT) endorsed an alleged evidence that was clearly part of a hoax:

http://www.ufowatchdog.com/brazil.html

As with the Flotillas, despite much talk, there's no solid proof that the mystery even exists. Though crop circles are obviously given more serious attention than the Flotillas, indeed.

Disclaimer: I have never been to the UK, and there has never been any complex crop circle in Brazil, as far as I know. So

http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/aug/m29-010.shtml[11/12/2011 17:00:28]

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these are just armchair considerations!
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Regards,

Mori

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Re: New Revelations on the Origins of MJ-12

From: Barry Greenwood <ubr/>uhrhistory.nul> Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 09:26:40 -0500 Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 15:34:05 -0400 Subject: Re: New Revelations on the Origins of MJ-12

List,

The following paragraph, among others, was deleted without my permission by Brad Sparks from the draft manuscript for the 2007 MUFON Symposium paper on Robert Pratt's records on the early years of MJ-12. The information was originally reported in my newsletter "Just Cause," September 1989, page 10, almost 20 years ago:

"After Moore released the first wave of MJ-12 documents in 1987, CAUS, and particularly Larry Fawcett, spoke to Moore about cooperation in researching the story in the form of filing FOIA requests, etc. as an effort to flesh out information. Moore rejected the offer, adding that he wanted to "put bread on my table."

The matter was never challenged by any of the original team of Moore, Shandera and Friedman, though a lively debate continued on for years concerning the reality of the MJ-12 documents in general.

Along with a slew of personal mischaracterizations and ad hominems in his e-mails to me, Sparks claimed that this paragraph was libelous and tried to frighten MUFON into believing that they were liable for any damages that he perceived would come of it. He forced MUFON into conceding to his demand not to include this information in the paper or he would not have delivered his speech.

I asked a key proponent in the original MJ-12 team who was involved in a libel issue, Stanton Friedman, who had filed and won a libel case in Britain against Jenny Randles, if this information was libelous. His response, in an e-mail dated August 23, 2007 was "No, I don't consider it Libelous..."

One might also check the following link:

http://tinyurl.com/3dzfr2

For here you will find that even if libel did exist, which it doesn't by any stretch, the statute of limitations would not allow any action. Otherwise, Abraham Lincoln's relatives could be suing newspapers for perceived slurs 144 years ago!

Also, for more background:

http://tinyurl.com/33nsps

Judge for yourselves if this is libel. If not, then where is the justification for trying to censor and silence me in the presentation?

Barry Greenwood

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Stan Friedman <<u>fsphys</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:34:31 -0300 Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 15:39:47 -0400 Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 19:21:08 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>From: Mary Castner <<u>m.castner</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:46:01 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

<snip>

>The point still remains that the MJ-12 Eisenhower Briefing is >identified in the Pratt files as "the original Aquarius >document" - with its absurd Jesus-was-an-alien hogwash - in >1981-2, three years before the Eisenhower document ever showed >up in Shandera's mailbox in 1984, regardless of who hoaxed it or >why.

<snip>

Brad

I find it quite extraordinary that it can be claimed, apparently with a straight face, that The EBD is "the original Aquarius document" with its absurd Jesus-was-an-alien hogwash... When there is no mention of JC in the EBD.

Equally extraordinary in Brad's MUFON paper is the claim that the Cutler Twining memo is an emulation of a memo found earlier at the Library Of Congress Manuscript Division by Moore and myself, when the only similarity is the last sentence which is a standard clause indicating that if all is OK, no response necessary. The use of this strange bit (nothing else matches) is an indication of genuiness not fraud.

Both are in my Final Report On Operation Majestic 12, listed on my Website at:

http://www.stantonfriedman.com

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Re: Don't Shoot The Messenger

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:33:53 EDT
Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 15:41:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Don't Shoot The Messenger

>From: Jason Gammon <<u>BoyintheMachine</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 14:45:28 EDT
>Subject: Re: Don't Shoot The Messenger

>My suggestion:

>1.) Mr. Sparks needs to address the criticism as to why he >reportedly didn't share his writings with co-authors. This is a >very serious accusation. Not too many people may want to join >forces with Sparks in the future if this proves to be true.

>2.) Mr. Sparks needs to put forth his thesis to the list in a >straight- forward manner and not hide behind vague and veiled >statements.

Seems Brad has replied to Mary Castner's accusations, one with the details needed to properly assert his side of the story.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

From: Steven Kaeser <<u>steve</u>.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:44:13 -0400
Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 15:44:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 18:32:52 -0400
>Subject: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

<snip>

>I suggest that a producer who is genuinely trying to convey the >truth should not find these >conditions onerous.

Eleanor,

I would suggest that there are very few producers who really care about the truth, as such. They are telling a story and usually begin a project with a clear picture of how it will come out. In other words, they're usually looking for specific statements from researchers and will ask questions until they get enough responses to pull out the information they need.

Another problem we have to deal with is the archive of interviews that many producers keep on file. I've seen programs that have Stanton Friendman on them that he wasn't even aware of, but they were using old material that he had previously signed a release for and they were using the pieces they wanted.

If you can find a good Producer that is looking to expose the truth, then go for it. But there are enough people to interview on the subject that they really don't need to rely on "good" researchers who get frustrated with their treatment. Richard Hall and others have sworn off of television documentaries because they have been 'used' by the producers and a different set of faces is now beginning to appear.

While this is a serious study for most of us, it's little more than entertainment to the media. We would like it to be different, but that's just not the case, IMO.

Steve

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Yes, the goofy lighting and soundtracks are lame. And yes, giving the skeptics (or, worse, the idiots in alien costume) the last word is a drag. But your suggestion seems to me to be the perfect way to not get one's phone calls returned.

And if any researcher chooses to edit their own interview then they might as well produce their own video.

Brian

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Secrecy News -- 08/29/07

From: **Steven Aftergood** <<u>saftergood</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 12:00:01 -0400 Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 15:49:02 -0400 Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/29/07

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The controversial amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) that were enacted under intense Administration pressure earlier this month are reviewed sectionby-section in a new report from the Congressional Research Service.

The legislation, dubbed the "Protect America Act of 2007," removed legal impediments to the interception of foreign communications that pass through the United States. But it also redefined the terms of the FISA so as to permit increased surveillance of communications involving persons in the United States while curtailing judicial supervision.

The new CRS report offers a careful reading of each provision of the Act.

But instead of fully clarifying its impact, the report serves to highlight just how unclear and indeterminate the new law actually is.

Thus, one provision "could conceivably be interpreted" to apply to parties within the United States. Another provision "might be seen to be susceptible of two possible interpretations." Still others "appear to" or "would seem to" or "may also" have one uncertain consequence or another.

In other words, the new law bears the hallmarks of its hasty, poorly considered origins.

The new CRS report may help to identify some of the questions that Congress will examine when it revisits the legislation next month.

A copy of the report was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "P.L. 110-55, the Protect America Act of 2007: Modifications to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act," August 23, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/intel/RL34143.pdf

CRS ON BRIDGES AND TRAINS

Recent reports from the Congressional Research Service on transportation security and related issues include the following.

"Highway Bridges: Conditions and the Federal/State Role," August 10, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homesec/RL34127.pdf

"Federal Railroad Safety Programs: Selected Issues in Proposed Reauthorization Legislation," August 10, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homesec/RL34128.pdf

"Transportation Security: Issues for the 110th Congress," updated August 3, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homesec/RL33512.pdf

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Noteworthy new reports from the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include these.

"Diplomacy for the 21st Century: Transformational Diplomacy," August 23, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL34141.pdf

"U.S. Foreign Aid to East and South Asia: Selected Recipients," updated August 22, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL31362.pdf

"The Role of National Oil Companies in the International Oil Market," August 21, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL34137.pdf

"The War Crimes Act: Current Issues," updated July 23, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL33662.pdf

"Manipulating Molecules: Federal Support for Nanotechnology Research," updated August 2, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RS20589.pdf

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James E. Clarkson?

From: Matteo Chamey <<u>vertigodj2004</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 19:45:57 +0200 Archived: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 15:55:07 -0400 Subject: James E. Clarkson?

Hi to All,

I would like to contact Mr James E. Clarkson - can someone help me please?

Thank you so much.

I have an interesting theory for all.

Matteo Chamey Italy

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From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: August 26 '07 Circle In Saskatchewan

Source: Canadian Crop Circle Research Network -North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

http://www.cccrn.ca/stgregor2007.html

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[Six images at site]

St. Gregor, Saskatchewan, Canada - August 26, 2007

Location (nearest town or landmark): St. Gregor, Saskatchewan Date First Reported or Discovered: August 26, 2007 Description: circle Crop/Vegetation: wheat Size: approximately 15 metres (50 feet) diameter Farmer: Gail and Calvin Michel Investigation: CCCRN Saskatchewan Source/Credit: Gail and Calvin Michel

Notes:

Counter-clockwise lay with cross layering. In same field as circle from 2005; approximately 200 metres (660 feet) north of first location. Modest lengthening of stalk nodes (average of 30.6% in formation samples compared to 16.0% in control samples - apical and second nodes).

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Re: The Man To Contact When Calling Home

From: Ed Gehrman <<u>egehrman</u>.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 09:15:06 -0700
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:17:35 -0400
Subject: Re: The Man To Contact When Calling Home

>http://tinyurl.com/2u6s2a

>Aug 28, 2007

>The Man To Contact When Calling Home From Across The Galaxy

>by Leslie Mullen for Astrobiology Magazine

>AM: How long will it take the Arecibo message to reach the >globular cluster?

>FD: 25,000 years. We sent it in 1974, so it's 33 light years >out.

>AM: Has it reached any stars at all during that time?

>FD: No. It'll come to 30 stars along the way, but it hasn't >reached any of them yet.

<snip>

Drake makes some interesting comments and tries to give his calculations some perspective, including the following:

>AM: What do you think of the idea that life, once it does get >started on a planet, will inevitably advance to higher >complexity, even if it's not in forms we may recognize?

>FD: Sure, Darwinian evolution will proceed.

I think the implication is that evolution is a rather straight forward process once life gets a foothold. I agree and if our planet is any indication, it starts soon after a planet's birth.

>AM: Although we have no evidence for intelligent life in our own >solar system other than Earth.

>FD: But that's meaningless. Probably every planet can produce >more than one intelligent species eventually.

This is a point I've been trying to make. And these "intelligent species" will tend to look the same, in a very general way because intelligence may require a certain biological tool kit.

>But they do it at >different rates. So on every suitable planet in very many >planetary systems, there may be many intelligent species about >to appear, but one is always first. And the first one looks >around and says, "We're the only smart ones!"

But this may be only an illusion, as I believe it is in our (homo-sapiens) case.

>It is the only way >it can be, and this is greatly misunderstood.

What an understatement. It is almost entirely "misunderstood".

>This inevitable >situation does not say that a planet can produce only one >intelligent species. This fact says nothing about the >probability of intelligent life or the possible eventual number >of intelligent civilizations.

This is the point I've been trying to make that has been dismissed by almost everyone. Maybe Drake's insistence will encourage another examination of my hypothesis that UFO are craft from an ancient civilization that evolved here on this planet. He doesn't seem to find this idea so outlandish..

Ed

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New Roswell Witnesses Videos On-Line

From: Santiago Yturria Garza <<u>syturria</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 17:02:25 +0000 Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:19:42 -0400 Subject: New Roswell Witnesses Videos On-Line

The U.S. SciFI Channel is featuring several interviews with new Roswell witnesses in it's website. I did not know any of them and I find specially interesting Lt. Jack Trowbridge's testimonial.

The interviews are titled Rosewll Confessions.

http://www.scifi.com/roswell/index.php

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 15:12:02 -0500
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>Respectfully, you seem not to understand the business of >film/video production. In your scenario, said producer would be >literally giving up control of the video to the subject. I >cannot imagine any film producer doing such a thing (this is a >far cry from standard contractual obligations on the part of the >interviewer)....

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Brian, you are entirely right. If well intentioned, Eleanor's ideas are na=EFve, unrealistic, and unworkable in the real world of television/film production.

If you're unhappy with the way you're portrayed, you can always do what I have done: simply stop agreeing - except in the exceedingly rare instance when you have good reason to trust those with whom you're working - to appear on these shows. My road-to-Damascus movement came after viewing myself on a primetime network special on which a woman who claimed frequent sexual intercourse with alien lizards was also featured prominently.

Fortunately, my ego does not require me to be on television. I understand that other ufologists' egos may demand that their visages and dazzling insights grace our TV screens as often as called upon. That's their choice, and I respect it, but all I ask is this:

Please don't bother the rest of us with your complaints about the results. We know those results all too well by now.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Secrecy News -- 08/29/07

From: James Horak <<u>ichorak7441.nul></u> Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 13:27:49 -0700 (PDT) Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:23:03 -0400 Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 08/29/07

>From: Steven Aftergood <<u>saftergood</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 12:00:01 -0400
>Subject: Secrecy News -- 08/29/07

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>CRS ON "THE PROTECT AMERICA ACT"

>The controversial amendments to the Foreign Intelligence
>Surveillance Act (FISA) that were enacted under intense
>Administration pressure earlier this month are reviewed section>by-section in a new report from the Congressional Research
>Service.

<snip>

>In other words, the new law bears the hallmarks of its hasty, >poorly considered origins.

>Steven Aftergood

First off, Mr. Aftergood, let me express my regards for Secrecy News and for the watch dog value your work provides on evident federal programs currently being engineered to steadily encroach upon our Constitution and on the rights it guarantees us all in the context of mutually binding social contract.

As to the impressions of The Protect America Act having been a work of haste, there might just be more sinister purpose to all these loose strings than one might easily imagine.

Although judicial review might acquit many cases brought before higher courts on appeal of violations coming from what is drawn forth from this new law, much is done to defendants in the meantime...bearing in mind that now even persons of interest can be detained without showing cause simply on the basis of what stems from The Patriot Act.

What may seem slip-shod at the moment might very well be the intentional device to provide more lattitude to broaden areas of application for even further encroachment of civil rights and due process.

We will know when guidelines are provided such agencies as that of Homeland Security which stem from interpretations yet to come. By then, however, it will be too late to do much good for the early victims of government-gone-Fourth- Reich.

For the UFO researcher this may come to mean additional sets of files kept on those making inquiries in any area deemed of concern to national security... no matter how innocent.

In other words, making felt, that much more, the intimidation of growing authority constructed out of such arbitrary allowances for such loose strings.

JCH

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SDI #447 - Twenty Questions

From: Alfred Lehmberg <alienview.nul> Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 15:51:30 -0500 Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:27:37 -0400 Subject: SDI #447 - Twenty Questions

SDI #447

20 Questions interestingly addressed by Joyce Aldrich, Dave Furlotte, Michael J. Woods, and Alfred Lehmberg. As painstakingly directed, transparently managed, if passionately organized by Errol Bruce-Knapp - I mean seriously, you should hear what was consigned to digital oblivion!:

1. Can Joyce Aldrich, a song herself apparently, belt out a Jazz tune about UFOs?

2. How does David Jacobs take a lifelong "Contactee" with a positive out-look and, in a few minutes pod-cast via Errol Bruce-Knapp, transform her into a full-blown "Abductee" with the fearful outlook characteristic of this category of experiencer?

3. How are abductees like a "Cassandra screaming from the walls of Troy"?

4. What's the recently deceased Tom Snyder's connection to Ufological taproot J. Allen Hynek?

5. Is animal activity often a first warning with regard to the activity of UFOs?

6. Are power outages also an indicator of UFO activity?

7. What are Dr. Hynek's thoughts on whether or not project "BlueBook" was a scientific exercise?

8. Did BlueBook officiators try to keep Hynek from the "good" cases? Did they mislead him, misdirect him, and misadvise him? Having hired him for his expert opinion, why?

9. Who was Reverend Bud Spriggs "Hell's Chaplain," and what was his interest in UFOs?

10. Over the years, how often have police officers been involved officially with UFOs in the performance of their duties?

11. Do the best educated and best informed of us... almost invariably lead us astray, philosophically, intellectually, and academically? Is this regarding pronouncements these aforementioned worthies confidently make _about_ which they are not academically, intellectually, and philosophically qualified? Is _any_ information, of needs, required to be taken with the proverbial shaker of salt?

12. What _is_ the UFO, MM, and JFK connection?

13. Granted Ernst [Nazi UFOs] Zundel is a bigoted nut, an unenlightened racist, and an ardent revisionist qualifying anti-Semitism... should he be _imprisoned_ for his thinking? Will Alfred Lehmberg righteously _eat_ the literary face of the person suggesting Alfred Lehmberg is an anti-Semite? Should Holocaust Denial be a punishable crime, or an ignorance to be ridiculed? 14. With regard to "little hairy people," is there legitimate history regarding same as it pertains to the abduction phenomenon?

15. Are we "just getting by in a cruel and indifferent world"?

16. Are Alien beings ignored, denied, and denigrated by our Government because Aliens don't have 'government' themselves... and can provide or transfer to individual persons a method or mechanism for achieving same?

17. Do the Canadians provide the "long arm" in space when they're not trying to hold down their ration of "Tang" (TM)? Does anyone else drinking that nasty beverage remember it as fondly as does this 58 year old writer? ...Like drinking the space program, wasn't it? Is Canada the future of same? Can Dexter be trusted?

18. Is it to the Canadians, then, to be _first_ to discover life off-planet?

19. Is it irony that Michael J. Woods regularly demonstrates that he is the most scientifically grounded of any of us here at SDI and is still well known as "The UFO Guy"?

20. Does the "Tin Foil Helmut" work... in _reverse_? Can beings able to get here from another planet, time, or dimension... _defeat_ tin foil?

...And sixty minutes remain! What's Lehmberg's reaction to Pal Kimball speaking at this year's X Conference? What's up with Haiti's YouTube video? What freaked out Michael J. Woods regarding Dave Jacobs on SDI #446? How can Michael J. Woods produce a hydraulic vacuum requiring Errol pay a cleaning bill? What's up with Reverend Spriggs?

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Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor.nul></u>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 17:39:38 -0400
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:29:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

>From: Brian Ally <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:58:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

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>And if any researcher chooses to edit their own interview then >they might as well produce their own video.

Not a bad idea, not at all! And much easier to do today than in the past.

All kinds of local community TV channels willing to air such a video. DVDs of such could be available at the Roswell museum, and many other like places.

Might even net a bookseller to sell the DVD - that's happening in other controversial fields right now. Especially online booksellers like Amazon.

Maybe a small group of researchers getting together to show the world "how it's done?"

How about narration and continuity by Errol?

Eleanor White

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Re: New Revelations on the Origins of MJ-12

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 18:08:39 EDT
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:30:24 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations on the Origins of MJ-12

>From: Barry Greenwood <<u>uhrhistory</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 09:26:40 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Revelations on the Origins of MJ-12

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With respect, Stan is not a lawyer (nor does he play one on TV), so his opinion here is meaningless. Further, as it was Bill Moore who would have been the one potentially libelled in the paragraph above, only his opinion really matters. Perhaps you should check with him as to whether he would have considered it libellous enough to litigate - at which point, the only opinions that would matter would be those of the judge and jury (if it was a jury trial).

Having said that, I will add that I don't think the statement above is libellous on its own, for whatever that's worth (which is, for the same reasons noted above, nothing... unless I wound up on a jury in the case).

However, and more to the point of the real issue, which is MJ-12, the statement doesn't indicate anything about Moore in relation to MJ-12, so I'm not sure how it would have been relevant to the paper. All it shows is a guy who wanted to make some money before he did any work. So what? He wouldn't be the first, and he won't be the last - and besides, there's nothing inherently wrong with making money off of the UFO phenomenon.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com www.bestevidence.blogspot.com

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Re: New Revelations on the Origins of MJ-12

From: Martin Shough parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 00:07:06 +0100
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:32:23 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations on the Origins of MJ-12

>From: Barry Greenwood <<u>uhrhistory</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 09:26:40 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Revelations on the Origins of MJ-12

>The following paragraph, among others, was deleted without my
>permission by Brad Sparks from the draft manuscript for the 2007
>MUFON Symposium paper on Robert Pratt's records on the early
>years of MJ-12. The information was originally reported in my
>newsletter "Just Cause," September 1989, page 10, almost 20
>years ago:

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Excuse me for intervening, but if I've understood the thrust and counter-thrust of this argument correctly so far, this phrase - "bread on the table" - is supposed to be evidence of a "greed" motivation for hoaxing the documents. As it stands, and without much more supporting evidence, this phrase may be simply an author reserving the right to develop and publish his own material independently. Unless it is being suggested that commercial publishing per se is tantamount to intellectual fraud?

I have seen far stronger claims of jealous proprietorial rights over supposed intellectual property, and there may be some not far from the centre of this dispute who have resisted free sharing information with third parties from time to time. But does that make them corrupt? Of course context is all, and if someone were attempting to exploit the phrase "bread on the table" to suggest crass venality then it may be that it would be not only justifable to scratch the quote along with the speculative context in which it is embedded but editorially impractical to do anything else.

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Of course information is not libelous. Simply quoting what a person said cannot be libelous, provided the quotation is accurate. But the context, where it is used in support of a damaging interpretation, it might be construed as libelous.

>One might also check the following link:

>http://tinyurl.com/3dzfr2

>For here you will find that even if libel did exist, which it >doesn't by any stretch, the statute of limitations would not >allow any action. Otherwise, Abraham Lincoln's relatives could >be suing newspapers for perceived slurs 144 years ago! Well, as I read it (but as a mere alien I defer to local expertise) your Statute of Limitations period does not apply from the date of the action or statement which may or may not be slanderously construed, but from the date of the allegedly libellous or slanderous claim concerning it. If I slander you today in California, concerning something horrible you didn't do 10 years ago, you have one year to seek legal restitution. If the MUFON paper may have been judged to contain possibly actionable implications then the authors and publishers would be liable for the statutory period after publication. Is this incorrect?

>Also, for more background:

>http://tinyurl.com/33nsps

>Judge for yourselves if this is libel. If not, then where is >the justification for trying to censor and silence me in the >presentation?

If the above is correct then it may be due caution was exercised. Even if the claim of "greed" might be not technically actionable in the sense of being likely to lead to successful prosecution for libel, it might still be considered defamatory. Defamation may not in practice be legally actionable if it is not libel, but it still might not be desirable, and may turn out to be defamatory to one's own reputation. So then it's a question of balancing the evidence for the defamatory insinuation against the greater public interest value of pursuing it. If the "evidence" is no more than an author saying he'd rather publish his own material under his own name - and I assume you have shown us the most incriminating bloody weapon? then perhaps the public interest would need to be large. I can't see that it is. In fact to say, as you do, that merely putting the phrase "bread on the table" into an author's mouth is _not_ libellous is really just to admit that the phrase itself is rather innocuous and is a slender basis for a thesis.

Martin Shough

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Re: James E. Clarkson?

From: Peter B. Davenport <<u>director</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 17:06:46 -0700 Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:34:54 -0400 Subject: Re: James E. Clarkson?

>From: Matteo Chamey <<u>vertigodj2004</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 19:45:57 +0200
>Subject: James E. Clarkson?

>I would like to contact Mr James E. Clarkson - can someone help >me please?

Dear Matteo,

Are you referring to Mr. James Clarkson from Olympia, Washington, who serves as a MUFON Field Investigator? If so, his address is:

James Clarkson <<u>olymufon</u>.nul>

I hope that helps.

Peter Davenport NUFORC

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Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

From: Robert Williams <rhw007.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 20:07:58 -0400
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:38:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 18:32:52 -0400
>Subject: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

>I've already suggested that one of the best physical trace cases >should be printed up as a flyer, and given to each UFO TV >documentary producer by researchers invited to be on. Airing of >that case, I suggested, should be made a standard condition for >the UFO researcher's cooperation.

>Here's another:

>UFO researchers might make it a condition of their interview >that once all the interview footage is complete, the producer >will allot a number of minutes of the final cut to that >researcher.

I have seen the other replies and I think your ideas _do_ have some merit Eleanor. The flyer handout is also a very good one. While some producers of _docu-taintments_ of this subject matter _do_ want full and abolute control, I think the serious producers looking for brutal truths may not object. At least the researcher could ask for the time, and if the answer was no, then decide to either do or not do the interview.

For somoething like Larry King's show with Stanton and _scarey_ Shirmer and others, I don't think having final editorial minutes would be possible since it was a panel. The editing a minute of rebutal by the researcher may not be fully realized in the short term, but if many researchers simply _asked_ for it while not demanding it... it might come about.

We don't know for sure until people try. But we _have_ to do something to shift mainstream coverage of the topic. The _giggle_ factor must be removed from the debate. And tell producers to find a more crediable debunker than Shirmer, like Seth Shostak, if he has the courage to do it.

Bob...:D http://www.commonsensecentral.net

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Save The 'Salimbeni Sputnik' Painting

From: Elaine Douglass <<u>edouglass</u>.nul> Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 18:15:24 -0600 Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:45:34 -0400 Subject: Save The 'Salimbeni Sputnik' Painting

A Message From Italy To The Worldwide UFO Community

Why does this magnificent Italian Renaissance masterpiece have an object in it that looks like a space satellite?

[Image at:

www.save-san-pietro-montalcino.com/sputnik.htm]

No-one knows, but there it is. And there's a problem, which is why we are contacting you and other like-minded persons throughout the world known to be interested in the UFOs. We are the organization Save San Pietro of the village Montalcino in Tuscany, Italy. The ancient church which houses the 'Salimbeni Sputnik' =96 as the painting is sometimes known =96 is our church. But the church is falling down, and the painting is deteriorating. Nor can the painting be removed; it is fused to the very wall of the church.

That is the problem, and it is urgent.

A Renaissance painting with an inexplicable technological object in it, a 400-year old Italian art treasure =96 which appears to be evidence of a hidden history of man's contact with advanced extraterrestrial races =96 and it is deteriorating in a collapsing church in an Italian village.

We need your help restore and preserve the painting. That is why we are contacting you.

Save San Pietro has produced 1000 full color prints of the painting which look just like the reproduction in this email. In exchange for a donation to the restoration of the church and the painting, we will send you one of these gorgeous prints. See below for more details about the print, but first let us tell you more about the painting.

It is huge, 240x360 cent. (120x180 in.), in oil, on silk, on a wooden board framed in a golden arch. It was painted in the year 1600 by the Renaissance Italian artist Ventura Salimbeni. It is a world-recognized masterpiece, catalogued in many books. Look closely at the upper portion of the painting. The two robed figures represent God and Christ, but what is that strange object between them? Is it not a shiny metallic sphere? What are those two rods attached to the sphere? Do they not look like antennae? And what is the small round protrusion at the bottom left of the sphere? Can you almost see, if not sense, the presence of a lens? Is it a telescope? A telecamera?

Recall the sputnik satellite launched by Russia in 1956? The metallic sphere in the painting is uncannily similar to the Russian sputnik. Did Ventura Salimbeni see something in the sky above Tuscany? What on earth, or in space, prompted him to depict a sputnik among the Holy Trinity? We believe the painting has significance beyond the confines of Italy and Italian art.

Does the 'Salimbeni Sputnik' have a message for the entire world? We think it might, we hope you agree, and we hope you will help us save it.

Let me tell you who we are and how we are working to save this magnificent painting. Our organization is called 'Save San Pietro' because the painting is in the Church of San Pietro. We are a municipal organization of the village of Montalcino, Tuscany, and we citizens have banded together to save our historic church and Salimbeni's masterpiece.

The greatest immediate problem is the church itself. The roof is in a bad state of repair and rain water has soaked into the walls and the altar where Salimbeni's work sits. It is not a free standing work. The painting is literally built into the marble and plaster altar. Art restoration experts from Siena, Italy have presented their report. The church can be saved, and the painting can be returned to its former glory, but we must act now! If the church roof collapses and we cannot save the church, that will mean disaster for the painting. Both the church and the painting must be saved and we need your help to do it!

Save San Pietro has produced 1000 full colour, Limited Edition, Numbered prints on high quality paper measuring 66x84 cent. (33x82 in.) of the Salimbeni Sputnik. For a donation of US \$270.00 you will receive one of only 1000 of these Limited Edition prints, Numbered and Authenticated. This is a real collector's piece! If getting the print is not right for you at this time, Save San Pietro would be extremely grateful for contributions in any amount.

Please visit our website:

www.save-san-pietro-montalcino.com/sputnik.htm

for more information about Salimbeni, the painting, the Church of San Pietro, the village of Montalcino and our organization, Save San Pietro. Then click at the bottom of the page for the order form and details of how to make your donation. You can help us save this 400 year old piece of art and become the owner of one of only 1000 of these numbered prints depicting historical evidence of human contact with advanced extraterrestrial races.

As well, when our project is completed your name will be inscribed on a plaque permanently mounted next to the beautifully restored Salimbeni painting. Because we know you care, we will also send you periodic email reports keeping you informed about the progress of the restoration of the church and the painting.

Visit our website! Read the expert opinions about this famous painting, and on the web you'll find plenty by searching Montalcino Sputnik, Explorer in Paradise or Satellite in Montalcino.

Guided by our President, Save San Pietro is a group of volunteers drawn from the village of Montalcino. We have taken on the work of raising the money to restore the church and the inexplicable work of Salimbeni. We operate under legal Articles governing non-profit organizations set down by the Comune of Montalcino. Under these Articles our transactions are monitored and controlled by the President, Alessandro Faneschi, and the Office of the Mayor, and every dollar that goes in or out of our account is transparently visible.

In our village, over the last three years, the people of Montalcino from their own pockets have raised US \$48,000 towards our goal, but the church and the painting are threatened with every season that passes. Our immediate goal is to raise US\$270,000 through distribution of the valuable Limited Edition prints of the painting. When that amount is reached, the Italian Bank of Monte Paschi di Siena has agreed to give us another US\$ 110,000. That will bring us to a grand total of US\$428,000. The most urgent repairs to the roof will then be carried out, and the precious Salimbeni painting will be in the expert hands of professional art restorers.

I encourage you to take another look at the painting.

Think of its historical and cultural importance, and think of what it may tell us about the hidden history of humankind. I hope you will feel as I do that we simply cannot allow

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Salimbeni's mysterious and provocative masterpiece to fall into ruin. Save San Pietro looks forward to receiving your donation and to sending you your print in a protective tube by priority mail. Please contact me with any questions.

A pi=F9 presto=85=85.Isabella Best Dusi, President, Non-Profit Volunteer Committee of the citizens of the Tuscan village of Montalcino. Write to me at isabella.nul-san-pietromontalcino.com.

BTW - Come to Italy and see the Salimbeni sputnik! We will welcome you at any time to visit Tuscany and Montalcino and see your name beside Salimbeni's masterpiece in the church of San Pietro.

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Re: Don't Shoot The Messenger

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 21:51:18 EDT
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:50:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Don't Shoot The Messenger

>From: Jason Gammon <<u>BoyintheMachine</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:33:53 EDT
>Subject: Re: Don't Shoot The Messenger

>>From: Jason Gammon <<u>BoyintheMachine</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 14:45:28 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Don't Shoot The Messenger

>>My suggestion:

>>1.) Mr. Sparks needs to address the criticism as to why he
>>reportedly didn't share his writings with co-authors. This is a
>>very serious accusation. Not too many people may want to join
>>forces with Sparks in the future if this proves to be true.

>>2.) Mr. Sparks needs to put forth his thesis to the list in a
>>straight- forward manner and not hide behind vague and veiled
>>statements.

>Seems Brad has replied to Mary Castner's accusations, one >with the details needed to properly assert his side of the >story.

Thanks for correcting or retracting your earlier post.

Let me just reiterate what I pointed out my the reply to Mary: My partial draft of May 24 and complete draft of July 11 were sent to Barry and Mary and they responded as I indicated, on July 11, 13, 14, 15, etc. (as well as in May-June but I don't feel like looking up the emails). Paul Kimball got nothing before my co-author Barry. Paul got nothing till July 17, as he confirmed in his posting.

Some people cannot keep facts and dates straight even when making hurtful and outrageous charges, though ordinary prudence would require extra care or to just refrain entirely.

And Mary was also sending out copies of my draft to people without my knowledge - 'til after the fact - on July 11. Again, throwing stones inside glass houses.

This followed 4-1/2 months of Barry and Mary not submitting Barry's draft or any progress report to me all the while withholding vital facts from me about the initial May 15 deadline, Barry's writing problem, Barry's inability to document his assertions, Barry's refusal (not inability) to attend MUFON, Barry's refusal to use the mass of emails we exchanged thus rendering the efforts useless, etc.

Thus the charges are spurious.

See these UFO UpDates posts for other details:

http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/aug/m28-007.shtml

http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/aug/m28-006.shtml

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http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/aug/m28-003.shtml

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 19:55:34 -0700
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:52:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2007 12:55:16 EDT
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>Excellent Paul Scott Anderson. Thanks for the professional data.

Thanks, Greg. Just trying to do my little bit...

>The huge designs are intriguing because one would figure a >formation a hundred meters wide would attract attention with the >dozens upon dozens of people who would be needed to form it, not >leave footprints, cigarette buts, hair, all over the formation.

Some of the largest designs, if done manually, would require a team of up to maybe a dozen people or so, but probably not any more than that, based on demonstrations done. The largest one in England this year was just over 1,000 feet long with over 100 or so circles in it.

>How is the surveillance of fields going? Anyone ever catch >anyone or anything on camera making these huge complex designs?

Nope. Only the occasional time when hoaxers have been seen or caught. But there was this interesting surveillance-related report concerning the formation I referred to above (2 parts):

http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1288&category=Environment

http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1289&category=Environm

>I recall reading a news article from 1830's in my home town >about crop circles. We used to see them frequently in the Hudson >Valley before the huge surge in real estate development. Just >simple circles. Nothing like the gigantic displays seen in >England.

Do you have any more info on these circles?

Paul Scott Anderson Founder Canadian Crop Circle Research Network www.cccrn.ca

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Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul> Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:55:41 -0400 Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:55:41 -0400 Subject: Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind

Source: The New Statesman - London, UK

http://www.newstatesman.com/200708300020

30 August 2007

Close Encounters Of The Fourth Kind Ziauddin Sardar

In the age of the internet and instant communications, aliens have become irrelevant

It has been a bad summer for aliens. The last UFO sighting in Britain (the only one this year) was in April, in Guernsey, and - alas - it was not a real UFO. But it's not only here. The United States accounts for more than 99 per cent of all UFO sightings. Yet, while fence-building has failed to staunch the flow of illegal immigrants from Mexico, the department of homeland security has somehow managed to deter illegal aliens of the intergalactic kind.

Maybe the visitors have been put off by the increasing number and ferocity of hurricanes. Whatever the reason, UFO sightings in the US have almost disappeared.

My friend Kevin Fitzpatrick, who spends a great deal of time thinking about these things, says there is a simple answer. He suggests an exact parallel between the rise in the use of the internet and the fall in UFO sightings. Logical: the amount of time spent staring at the sky must be in inverse proportion to the amount of time available to stare at a computer screen.

But Kevin, a philosopher-cum-psychologist from Cardiff University, has a more elaborate explanation for it. He thinks aliens are a projection of our inner irrationalities, anxieties and fears. The spaceships arrived as a cultural device for making sense of things incomprehensible to ordinary folks. Now we have a new, all-encompassing tool. So, instead of projecting our fears of the inexplicable on to outer space, we project them into cyberspace.

This is a major shift in our cultural references for explaining the "inexplicable" in our lives. Belief in aliens emerged during the Cold War and the early days of space travel. Before that, at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries, the cultural references available to people were steeped in religious belief. It was quite natural for people then to explain their "inexplicable" experiences in religious terms. Visions of the Virgin Mary were common.

However, with the rise of science and the decline of Christianity, the advent of science fiction about travel to the moon and then the actuality of moon travel, it became more culturally relevant for people to couch their strange experiences in terms of science and UFOs. So, mass sightings of aliens replaced mass sightings of the apparition of the Virgin Mary.

Something similar is happening now, says Kevin. Instant global communications have changed our cultural reference points. Now, our hallucinations are located in cyberspace. People seek to explain the inexplicable through the internet - by developing virtual communities, in chat rooms, through exploring virtual worlds and playing games where they can actually take on the persona of visiting aliens. With the internet, we have become self-absorbed and inward-looking. UFOs have become irrelevant.

Last autumn, the French television channel ARTE produced Cosmic Connexion, a special programme designed to persuade the aliens back. It was broadcast to Errai, a star located in the Big Dipper, some 45 light years away. Presented by two naked hosts, the show tried to explain the mysteries of the human body and humanity to its target alien audience. ARTE also asked viewers to submit messages to be beamed into space. Replies are due around 2096.

I hope I'll still be around. I believe we are not alone and I pine for First Contact, like in Star Trek. Where are Vulcans when you need them? Mr Spock, in his logical way, was a great deal more humane, compassionate and opposed to the arrogance of human self-absorption than that model of pan-galactic paranoia and the American Way, Captain Kirk. Maybe there's more to learn than just about ourselves - out there among the stars.

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 20:13:36 -0700
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 09:00:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Kentaro Mori <<u>kentaro.mori</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 06:26:46 -0300
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>The much referenced work of the BLT team is sometimes touted as >objective evidence, but one must note many things, among others >that they always advance the plasma vortex hypothesis, even for >complex formations (which Terence Meaden himself argued against) >and make use of strange methodology.

The plasma vortex idea is _not_ always advanced, although it is still considered possible by some of the people involved (but it was primarily Levengood and I would just remind people that Levengood hasn't even been part of BLT for a number of years now). The criticisms of methodology have always been with Levengood; there are, as I've said before, a growing number of scientists involved in the studies now with a wide variety of testing done:

http://www.bltresearch.com/proffcons.html
http://www.bltresearch.com/xrd.html
http://www.bltresearch.com/published.html
http://www.bltresearch.com/labreports.html

The critics should realize that a lot has changed since the 90s and any criticisms of the new work being done should be based on the published results only, not just perpetuating the old Levengood debate...

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Re: Crop Circles Discussion

From: Paul Scott Anderson >paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 21:01:26 -0700
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 09:02:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Aug 2007 16:36:19 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles Discussion

>I'd like to know if the complex glyphs have their laid-down >wheat stalks interwoven, which is unlikely in a hoax. It would >seem that bent over and interwoven stalks would look entirely >different from those simply stomped down.

>Do you know if Crabwoods had interwoven radiused bent stalks, or >stompage?

Not that I know of (woven stalks). Also, according to a careful study done by a UK researcher, working for Nancy Talbott, there were underlying flattened 'construction lines' found throughout the Crabwoods formation, although this was rarely reported elsewhere. These 'construction lines' have been found in many of the more complex formations in the UK. Not all, but many.

>And as recently questioned by John Rimmer, how often has time >distortion between investigators inside glyphs and those outside >the glyphs happened? And, how reliable are those reports?

I've heard of this, but not sure off-hand how often it has been reported.

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Personal 'Flying Saucer' Cars

From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 08:16:42 +0100
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 09:05:38 -0400
Subject: Personal 'Flying Saucer' Cars

Video report on the BBC website today:

http://tinyurl.com/391xol

'Flying saucer' cars launched

A hover car which can fly up to 10ft in the air has been showcased by a company in the United States.

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.
--Sean Jones
http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/

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Re: New Revelations on the Origins of MJ-12

From: Brad Sparks <RE47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 05:27:34 EDT
Archived: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 09:10:47 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations on the Origins of MJ-12

>From: Barry Greenwood <<u>uhrhistory</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 09:26:40 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Revelations on the Origins of MJ-12

>List,

>The following paragraph, among others, was deleted without my
>permission by Brad Sparks from the draft manuscript for the 2007
>MUFON Symposium paper on Robert Pratt's records on the early
>years of MJ-12. The information was originally reported in my
>newsletter "Just Cause," September 1989, page 10, almost 20
>years ago:

Note that this is the first time that Barry has provided the date and pagination info on the CAUS newsletter in the 1-1/2 months that I have been asking him for it. That is basic documentation which Barry never bothered to provide until now, August 29, 2007. He never provided it before the MUFON Symposium article was due, even though I asked numerous times. He has yet to supply the date of the alleged conversation with Moore and admitted in July that he (Barry) in fact did _not_ speak to Moore at all, that it's just hearsay. This whole dispute is over a piece of irrelevant hearsay!

I also asked for a copy of the article so I could see the full details (if there are any) and context, especially since it turned out that Barry misrepresented the facts in his draft by indicating that two witnesses, both Barry and Larry Fawcett, had heard Moore say this, when in fact it was only Fawcett (assuming the story was relayed accurately and now I have my doubts because of the incredible difficulty in getting Barry to supply any documentation and his false and misleading characterization of the alleged remark, see his quote from his May 11 MUFON Symposium article draft, below).

>"After Moore released the first wave of MJ-12 documents >in 1987, CAUS, [<-- meaning Barry] and particularly Larry >Fawcett, spoke to Moore about cooperation in researching >the story in the form of filing FOIA requests, etc. as an >effort to flesh out information. Moore rejected the offer, >adding that he wanted to "put bread on my table."

You neatly omitted the potentially libelous sentence just _before_ this paragraph, which introduces it, where you say:

"There were other disturbing hints that the quest for money was a significant focus."

Then you gave your "bread on my table" example after that.

Thus your undocumented allegation of a "disturbing ... quest for money" was immediately followed by your example of the undocumented hearsay about Moore allegedly saying he just wanted to "put bread on my table." You would not provide any documentation without being asked and you would not when I repeatedly asked, so that makes it "undocumented." Now that you grudgingly drag out a citation, but without the whole article and without the full details and date of Moore's alleged comment, raises it only to "grossly inadequately documented."

I told you at the time why I removed the whole passage, which you withhold from readers here on UFO UpDates, that it was because:

(a) Moore was not an AFOSI agent, so his alleged greed motivation has _no relevance_ to your thesis of greedy out-of-control "rogue" AFOSI agents seeking monetary gain.

(b) You did not document your assertion with the "Just Cause" publication and page numbers, or a copy to show the context, or the date and circimstances of Moore's alleged comment. You provide the Sept 1989 date and page 10 only now, long after the MUFON Proceedings article was published. Still no copy of the article and still no date or details of when Moore allegedly made the "bread on my table" remark.

(c) On questioning from me you admitted that only Larry Fawcett supposedly heard Moore say this, not you, so it was undocumented hearsay (you don't even have a date for the conversation with Moore, was it in person? was it by phone? I still don't know and you don't say, as UFO UpDates readers can see from reading your posting). This was grossly substandard scholarship, actually non- scholarship.

(d) Your article draft had misleadingly indicated you and Fawcett had both heard this from Moore (see quote above), two witnesses, when in fact it was only one, and only known via you, through your hearsay, and you'd proven your unreliability by falsely insinuating there were two witnesses. This made me very doubtful about the whole thing, as it would any prudent person, and I didn't want my name on any part of it.

(e) I personally found the use of the alleged remark by Moore (we don't even know if he even really said it) to be personally offensive to me for the crass mentality it shows in making an issue of it, especially in Barry's context (going out from the one paragraph a few sentences before and after) of a publication that Barry intended to use as a platform to charge people with criminal financial fraud (selling forgeries or faking US Government documents for profit is a crime).

Again, it wasn't the paragraph I found potentailly libelous but the introductory sentence and the context, calling it an example of the "disturbing .. quest for money." I was offended by the paragraph, and I found the surrounding paragraphs potentially libelous.

Just because Barry didn't use the words "criminal" or "crime" when he made these baseless charges doesn't make it nonlibelous and it is all still without a shred of proof from Barry, months later after his MUFON article draft and almost 20 years later after his CAUS newsletter. Not too good a track record for substantiating reckless assertions for print.

(f) From even what little context was provided it clearly seemed to me that Moore was simply defending his not wanting to cooperate with a competitor org (assuming the quote is correct). Moore headed the Fair Witness Project (FWP). Barry then headed the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS). FWP and CAUS were competitors in uncovering government UFO secrets. Barry conveniently omits that salient fact here and in his draft, just one of many reasons I rejected this material.

I stand by my points (a) through (f) and I would do it again. I should not have had to waste precious time explaining all this to you Barry just before the final drop-dead publication deadline, which took precious time away from working on the MUFON article itself. You could have solved the problem by proving your claims. You didn't, obviously because you can't.

>Along with a slew of personal mischaracterizations and ad >hominems in his e-mails to me, Sparks claimed that this >paragraph was libelous

I never said this one paragraph was libelous, I said the surrounding context contained the libel, such stuff as claiming the "bread on my table" offhand remark was evidence of some kind of "disturbing ... quest for money" by Moore and associates (such as Friedman) and all the sly insinuations of criminal financial fraud, while you cleverly refrained from using the actual word "criminal."

Here is some of that surrounding context from your MUFON Symposium draft of May 11 (p. 17). I won't quote the whole dreadfully long and dull run-on paragraph that starts the page, just pertinent parts, with bracketed insertions by me to translate Barry's innuendo into plain English and point out the most outrageous undocumented assertions:

"... Bill Moore had admitted that Doty forged the Ellsworth UFO document [<-- sic!!! TOTALLY UNDOCUMENTED]. Doty's stories to different UFO researchers had changed numerous times. It is fair to say that Doty has a credibility problem... Moore admitted to an audience in 1989 that he helped to spread false information at the behest of Doty and knowingly asserted that the information was true to the faces of skeptical researchers, including myself. It would be fair to say that Moore has a credibility problem. ... are they trying to salvage a plan gone awry, a plan to capitalize [<-- = money-motivation] on their view of the answer to UFOs, bolstered by much false material? [<-- = fraud with money] ... A fiction novel seems to serve no other purpose than to garner a modest income [<-- = moneymotivation] Maybe a film production [<-- = big bucks motivation for fraud] could be in the future? There were other disturbing hints that the quest for money [<-- = monetary fraud] was a significant focus.

"After Moore released the first wave of MJ-12 documents in 1987, CAUS, [sic] and particularly Larry Fawcett, spoke to Moore about cooperation in researching the story in the form of filing FOIA requests; etc. in an effort to flesh out information. Moore rejected the offer, adding that he wanted to "put bread on my table." ...

"The original MJ-12 research team of Moore and Stanton Friedman included a third promoter [<-- = a greedy comman not a researcher] of the story, Jaime Shandera. Shandera's primary skill was as a film producer [<-- = big moneybags], not as a forensic document analyst or government operations specialist, both of which would have been far more useful to researching and screening the incoming information. If MJ-12 became much more accepted than it actually did due to the withering criticisms of other researchers, is there any doubt that Shandera was there to put the story into film production? [<-- = big Hollywood bucks] Or was he just along for the ride? And apparently Richard Doty approved of a film producer being involved because he sent [sic!!!] the photographic film of the MJ-12 documents to Shandera's address."

Barry does not explain why Doty made no effort to seek out Shandera from 1980 to 1984 if he was so greedy for money. I had pointed this out. Notice Barry has no footnotes and no citations or other documentation.

Barry Greenwood simply made up the assertion that Moore "admitted" Doty hoaxed the Ellsworth document, like it was some kind of confession by a fellow crook in a criminal conspiracy to defraud others of money. Barry also made up the implication that Doty in turn had admitted the hoax to his supposed coconspirator Moore, as if they were all partners in the financial fraud Barry was insinuating they were perpetrating. I asked Barry many times for any shred of documentation for this assertion but he never provided a thing and to date never has.

Unlike Barry, I investigated the matter and many others in the little time remaining to finish the MUFON paper. I found that Moore said in his Moore-Shandera MJ-12 Analytical Report (p. 5), and largely confirmed in his January 2, 1982, memo to Bob Pratt, that Doty told him he knew of the Ellsworth operation but that he was not directly involved and didn't hoax the Ellsworth document. I put that in the MUFON Symposium paper (pp. 112-113, 154 nn. 52-53) because I could _document_ it. Those are the facts available and if Barry has a shred of any evidence to the contrary he needed to put it in his May 11 MUFON draft in a timely fashion and provide it when I asked for it again and again (to no avail). Barry also made up the assertion that Doty "sent" the MJ-12 document film to Shandera. This is news to me! If we actually "knew" that as a fact we would have the whole MJ-12 hoax wrapped up. But Barry thinks he doesn't have to cite any facts or documents or interviews. He just makes it up! He makes up this "admitted" Ellsworth hoax by supplying the alleged (but apparently nonexistent) confession of the hoaxer(s).

Barry flatout asserts Doty "sent" the MJ-12 documents to Shandera, in December 1984 postmarked from Albuquerque, NM (the postmark is discussed on p. 19 of Barry's draft).

But Barry doesn't bother to deal with minor little annoying things called "facts," like the fact that Doty was no longer assigned to AFOSI in Albuquerque but was transferred to _West Germany_ from mid-1984 to mid-1986. Barry knew this because it was the subject of numerous emails between us and Mary, and we discussed the effect of Doty's posting to Lindsey AFB, Wiesbaden, on Doty's ability to carry on an MJ-12 hoax in New Mexico. Barry makes no mention of this Doty-located-in-Germany problem for his Doty-mailing- MJ-12-from-Albuquerque allegation, which he simply asserted as a fact when he knew there was a serious problem with the assertion and chose to withhold that fact from his draft. It is fair to say that Barry Greenwood has a "credibility problem."

>and tried to frighten MUFON into

>believing that they were liable for any damages that he >perceived would come of it. He forced MUFON into conceding to >his demand not to include this information in the paper or he >would not have delivered his speech.

I stand by my points (a) through (f) and I would do it again today. You tried to make me your unwilling partner in your libelous assertions of criminal fraud and I refused to have my name in any way involved. You had plenty of opportunity to dig up facts, not speculation, and not opinions dressed up as facts, for 5 months from January 2007 to May 11, 2007, in drafting the MUFON article, and over 3 months since that time. But you didn't.

You were given the opportunity to put all your supposedly "censored" non-libelous assertions into a MUFON Journal article, as James Carrion informed you on July 15, but you withhold that fact, that very generous MUFON offer, from UFO Updates readers as does Mary Castner. You act like you can't get a hearing. Well not over my name you won't! Put your own name on your smears and leave me out of it. Let me explain further:

You want to smear people with baseless fraud assertions, maybe hoping someone else would do your homework for you and document your smears with facts, and you want to play games with words to try to skirt the libel laws, well you do it under your own name, not my name, and don't try to force me or anyone else with tricks like foisting off a draft at the last minute so there would be no time to think or check out every issue among the hundreds raised by your appallingly error-filled draft. Like submitting your draft on May 11 with the deadline then 4 days away on May 15, as if I was going to just roll over and not check it carefully because of shortness of time. Nice try, but it didn't work.

>I asked a key proponent in the original MJ-12 team who was >involved in a libel issue, Stanton Friedman, who had filed and >won a libel case in Britain against Jenny Randles, if this >information was libelous. His response, in an e-mail dated >August 23, 2007 was "No, I don't consider it Libelous..."

You omitted to tell Stan what you had said _before_ and _after_ the one paragraph that you slyly selected to read to him on the phone and then emailed him about. The intro to that paragraph explained this was an example of the "disturbing ... quest for money" by Moore and company, which includes Friedman, whom you name a few sentences later.

Did you supply Stan with all of your defamatory insinuations about him, in your attacks on the Moore-Shadera-Friedman "original MJ-12 team" with your innuendo about greedy profiteering and hoaxing of MJ-12 documents? Words you wanted me to put my name on. Like this from p. 19 of your draft:

"The idea of MJ-12 ... didn't make the original promoters very much in the way of fame, though perhaps notoriety, or profit, save for Stanton Friedman publishing a book and several monographs, as they surely must have expected should happen."

So in your convoluted way you're saying Stan Friedman was someone who did make some, maybe "much," profit from MJ-12 whereas the others "didn't make ... very much." Why don't you just ask Stan how much money he actually made off of his MJ-12 books and papers since you're in such good contact with him on this. I doubt it is very much but hey, you need to start documenting _your_ claims with facts, and here is your opportunity. Ask him whether a little money in the 1990's gave motivation back in time to 1984 to forge MJ-12 documents. Psychic crooks are you suggesting? They just knew in 1984 that many years later they would make some pennies from MJ-12!

We had an email argument when I asked what evidence of profiteering you had against Doty-Moore-Friedman or whomever. All you could come up with was a few sales of the \$29.95 video interview of Doty -- sold in 1989! That was Doty's dollar-sign motivation in 1984 for hoaxing MJ-12 according to you! And you don't even know that Doty got a penny of it! Oh, that's right, you don't have to actually _investigate_ before you charge fraud.

You keep dragging in Stan Friedman into the Doty-Moore story like you are just begging Stan to issue a stern legal warning to you.

>One might also check the following link:

http://tinyurl.com/3dzfr2

>For here you will find that even if libel did exist, which it >doesn't by any stretch, the statute of limitations would not >allow any action. Otherwise, Abraham Lincoln's relatives could >be suing newspapers for perceived slurs 144 years ago!

Your dangerous misunderstanding of the law is another good reason to have been cautious about using your undocumented assertions. The libel statute of limitations begins to run from the date of _publication_, in this case 2007.

The libel was not in Moore's alleged comment, it isn't Moore who was libeling someone by saying he was "putting bread on my table," it was _you_ saying that that was some kind of "evidence" of a Moore-Friedman con game. _You_ in 2007. You can't even keep straight who the actors are in the libel. It's the one making the defamatory claims that damage someone else's reputation. Moore and his associates are the ones who are damaged in their reputation by your innuendoes of their criminal fraud. Your comments, when "published," in 2007. One-year statute of limitations (in California for example) runs from the 2007 publication.

It is you in 2007 who asserts a "disturbing ... quest for money" by Moore, and thus by the Moore-Shandera- Friedman MJ-12 "team" you referred to yourself in your draft article a few sentences later. It is _your_ 2007 insinuations of criminal fraud, which you wanted published by MUFON with my name on them, to join me in your baseless charges.

>Also, for more background:

http://tinyurl.com/33nsps

>Judge for yourselves if this is libel. If not, then where is the >justification for trying to censor and silence me in the >presentation?

Again you conceal from UFO UpDates readers the offer from MUFON to print your full article, assuming they will risk the libel laws on your behalf (I wouldn't recommend it based on your poor grasp of libel law, let alone your penchant for not documenting your claims, and your vendetta against anyone you deem to be making pennies off of MJ-12).

Besides your gross ignorance of the concept of the libel statute

of limitations, and when it starts running, as I just showed above, you might carefully consider this paragraph from the libel law webpage you yourself cited, before spouting off further legal nonsense and attracting legal liability for yourself and others you try to snare in your trap:

"Sometimes people erroneously believe that they are protected from a defamation suit if they have omitted the name, but if readers (even a few) can identify the person defamed from other information in the story, the plaintiff can sue even though his name was not used."

Brad Sparks

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Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

From: Steven Kaeser <<u>steve</u>.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 09:17:59 -0400
Archived: Fri, 31 Aug 2007 08:52:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 17:39:38 -0400
>Subject: Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

>>From: Brian Ally <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:58:18 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

><snip>

>>And if any researcher chooses to edit their own interview then >>they might as well produce their own video.

>Not a bad idea, not at all! And much easier to do today than in >the past.

>All kinds of local community TV channels willing to air such a >video. DVDs of such could be available at the Roswell museum, >and many other like places.

>Might even net a bookseller to sell the DVD - that's happening >in other controversial fields right now. Especially online >booksellers like Amazon.

>Maybe a small group of researchers getting together to show the >world "how it's done?"

>How about narration and continuity by Errol?

Eleanor,

Production and distribution are not as easy as it might seem, even with the modern technology we have available. Some small productions by researchers have been released over the years, but the audiance has been small and there's little interest outside the genre. The hope (so far in vain) has been that a major media outlet would latch onto the subject and produce meaningful and accurate documentaries that would be promoted and have wide distribution. The Sci-Fi Channel came very close to providing such a forum several years ago, but NBC bought their parent company and their focus changed. FYI, Larry Landsman, who is still with the Sci-Fi Channel, is a lurker on this list, and with the recent posting of Roswell interviews on the Sci-Fi web site, it shows he still has interest.

The problem, of course, is that the Sci-Fi Channel is an entertainment organziation, and their educational requirement is very limited. We're hoping for some sort of public minded media outlet that is more concerned with truth and justice than they are ratings and profit. That's going to be a tough goal..

I wouldn't sell the efforts of Paul Kimball and others short, however. They've done a very good job of packaging the information in an entertaining fashion, which is itself a challange given the scope of the subject. But then there's the issue of distribution, and if a show is aired in one Country, it Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

may not get aired in another, so everyone relies on DVD sales to distribute the information to a wider audiance.

All this being said, I think the concept of researchers having a part in the production of UFO documentaries is a good one, and should be pursued as best as is possible. Selling materials on Amazon is a good idea, but you need to get an ISBN number for publications, I believe, which has been an issue for a number of Fund publications. While the material is copyrighted, it isn't registered with the Library of Congress.

Steve

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Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 09:44:56 EDT
Archived: Fri, 31 Aug 2007 08:55:48 -0400
Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>From: Stan Friedman <<u>fsphys</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 11:34:31 -0300
>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>From: Brad Sparks <<u>RB47x</u>.nul>
>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 19:21:08 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

>>>From: Mary Castner <<u>m.castner</u>.nul>
>>>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 27 Aug 2007 09:46:01 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: New Revelations On Origins Of MJ-12

<snip>

>>The point still remains that the MJ-12 Eisenhower Briefing is
>>identified in the Pratt files as "the original Aquarius
>>document" - with its absurd Jesus-was-an-alien hogwash - in
>>1981-2, three years before the Eisenhower document ever showed
>>up in Shandera's mailbox in 1984, regardless of who hoaxed it or
>>why.

<snip>

>Brad

>I find it quite extraordinary that it can be claimed, apparently >with a straight face, that The EBD is "the original Aquarius >document" with its absurd Jesus-was-an-alien hogwash... When >there is no mention of JC in the EBD.

I find it extraordinary that you evaded the entire explanation clearly given in the Pratt files and described in my MUFON paper (pp. 86, 88) that the allegedly 1952 Eisenhower Briefing or "original Aqaurius document" was _updated_ through the years until it became the allegedly 1977 Carter Aquarius Briefing with Jesus Christ as an alien.

The EBD is merely the 1952 early or "original" version of the 1977 Jesus Christ-is-an-alien Carter Aquarius briefing. Presumably MJ-12 had not yet figured out the story about Jesus Christ in 1952, it had to wait for more 'research' until 1977 <tongue in cheek>. No one said the EBD and the Carter Aquarius documents were identical despite my poor choice of words in the UFO UpDates posting pounced on above. How could the Eisenhower Briefing be revised if the document remained the same??

Anyway you had my MUFON paper talking about the revision process of these alleged Eisenhower and Carter Briefings and knew what my point was.

>Equally extraordinary in Brad's MUFON paper is the claim that >the Cutler Twining memo is an emulation of a memo found earlier >at the Library Of Congress Manuscript Division by Moore and >myself, when the only similarity is the last sentence which is a >standard clause indicating that if all is OK, no response >necessary. The use of this strange bit (nothing else matches) is

>an indication of genuiness not fraud.

That isn't what you say in your various MJ-12 books and reports. You don't say the one sentence is the "only similarity". You say instead that the two Cutler Twining memos - the genuine 1953 memo and the supsect 1954 emulation - are very similar overall and that the closing sentence is merely the most striking example of the similarity, as I quoted you in my MUFON paper (p. 151 n. 15) which you dodge here on UFO UpDates:

I quote you saying "The CT memo has very similar language and format" to this earlier-found genuine CT memo admits Friedman, "even including ... the odd phrase 'Your concurrence in the above arrangements is assumed'" (Friedman MJ-12 Update, Oct. 31, 1987, p. 3).

You don't say the similarity is "only including" the last sentence, but "even including," which is a superlative of comparison meaning it's the best example of the great similarity, not the only example. You had said the similarity extends to the overall "language and format" of the entire document not one sentence.

I quote you saying the "similarity in wording" was so great that these "concluding words of the two memos are virtually the same" admits Friedman, _even_ to similarities in what the two memos "say" and "don't say" (Friedman, TS/MAJIC 1996/ 2005, p. 93). The pattern of what the memos say or "don't say" applies to the whole document not one sentence or phrase.

I also quote you: Friedman writes, when "Bill [Moore] read the memo to me over the phone, I was immediately reminded of" this genuine CTM (TS/MAJIC 1996/2005, p. 92). You don't write in your TS/MAJIC book that it was merely the last sentence that "immediately reminded" you of the genuine CTM found years earlier. You give the impression that Moore's reading of the whole document is what struck you as similar.

Brad

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Re: Save The 'Salimbeni Sputnik' Painting

From: James Horak <<u>ichorak7441.nul></u>
Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 07:09:51 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 31 Aug 2007 08:59:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Save The 'Salimbeni Sputnik' Painting

>From: Elaine Douglass <<u>edouglass</u>.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 18:15:24 -0600
>Subject: Save The 'Salimbeni Sputnik' Painting

>A Message From Italy To The Worldwide UFO Community

>Why does this magnificent Italian Renaissance masterpiece have >an object in it that looks like a space satellite?

>www.save-san-pietro-montalcino.com/sputnik.htm

<snip>

>A Renaissance painting with an inexplicable technological object >in it, a 400-year old Italian art treasure =96 which appears to be >evidence of a hidden history of man's contact with advanced >extraterrestrial races =96 and it is deteriorating in a collapsing >church in an Italian village.

>We need your help restore and preserve the painting. That is why >we are contacting you.

<snip>

>Pietro.

A highly worthwhile endeavor, to have a drive for donations to save what so easily, otherwise, becomes lost to the history of mankind. But mostly to the consciousness that comes to ascribe so easily to the failing, out of sight, out of mind.

How much have we already lost to so much of humanity's proclivity towards systemic ambivalence? Just because it could no longer be shown.

JCH

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MoD Has No Top Secret UFO Documents

From: Nick Pope <<u>nick.nul></u> Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 15:25:40 +0100 Archived: Fri, 31 Aug 2007 09:00:54 -0400 Subject: MoD Has No Top Secret UFO Documents

In response to a recent FOIA request, MoD has confirmed that the Department has no documents at Top Secret or above on the subject of UFO research:

http://tinyurl.com/ynjvx4

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

http://www.nickpope.net

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Re: Canadian UFO Reports Jan - Aug 2007

From: Chris Rutkowski <<u>rutkows</u>.nul> Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 09:50:12 -0500 (CDT) Archived: Fri, 31 Aug 2007 09:04:23 -0400 Subject: Re: Canadian UFO Reports Jan - Aug 2007

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 11:41:00 -0400
>Archived: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 11:41:00 -0400
>Subject: Canadian UFO Reports Jan - Aug 2007

>Source: American Chronicle - Beverly Hills, California, USA

>http://tinyurl.com/35wbl6

>August 28, 2007

>Canadian UFO Sighting Reports - January - August 2007
>Brian Vike

>HBCC UFO Research and UFOINFO together have received 293 written >UFO sighting reports from January 1, up until August 27, 2007

Just to clarify the status of Canadian UFO reports, the following news release was sent out by Ufology Research last month, essentially a mid-year status report that we do every year. The annual Canadian UFO Survey is done every year based on case reports obtained from all participating UFO researchers and investigators, official files and public sources.

We, too, advocate witness anonymity, but if a report is made to an investigator, I should note that a code of conduct for an investigator dictates that it should be investigated as much as possible, and that should include providing witness' contact information to another investigator in a position to assist the investigation and thereby assist the witness in understanding his or her sighting. We owe this courtesy to make this effort to help witnesses.

We encourage UFO witnesses to report their sightings to whomever they wish, as long as the reports end up being available and used in scientific analysis, and investigated in detail, which means in-person inevstigations when possible. Since there are researchers across Canada, provincial reps have a duty to participate in inevstigations in their own areas.

Sightings can be reported to a variety of sites, including the aforementioned HBCCUFO, Barb Campbell in Saskatchewan, AUFOSG in ALberta, UFO*BC, UFOROM in Manitoba, and UFO Updates (right here!) in Ontario, among others. We also receive significant participation from Peter Davenport at NUFORC and MUFON in the USA. (If I've missed anyone else, please see the last Canadian UFO Survey online for a complete list of participating ufologists.)

News release: 31 July 2007

UFO Numbers Up So Far This Year

Hot weather good for saucer-spotters?

The number of UFO reports in Canada is running slightly ahead of

Re: Canadian UFO Reports Jan - Aug 2007

last year, according to figures released today by Ufology Research, a Winnipeg-based independent research group.

Between January and June 2007, Ufology Research noted 372 UFO reports filed in Canada, up 4.5 per cent from the same period last year.

"Much of the increase in UFO sightings this year is attributed to a series of reports of bright fireballs over Ontario in March that were likely just cometary debris," says Chris Rutkowski, research coordinator for Ufology Research and co-author with Geoff Dittman of The Canadian UFO Report, published last year.

He adds: "However, the extreme hot weather this summer doesn=t seem to be deterring people from reporting UFOs. Cases continue to trickle in every day from across Canada, and we expect to receive as many as 100 reports in July alone. Yet, few UFO cases are left unexplained after investigation, although some remain puzzling even after some study."

Rutkowski cites recent reports of UFOs in Canada including:

- photographs of an odd, balloon-like object over St-Jean-Baptiste, Quebec on July 23:

http://www.ufoinfo.com/sightings/canada/070723.shtml

- a metallic, cigar-shaped object over Red Deer Alberta on July 26:

http://www.ufoinfo.com/sightings/canada/070726.shtml

Since 1989, Ufology Research has been compiling a database of Canadian UFO reports and publishing an annual Canadian UFO Survey. UFO cases are acquired from a variety of sources such as online websites of UFO fans, official government agencies and from UFO witnesses who email details of their sightings directly to Ufology Research.

The annual Canadian UFO Survey can be viewed at:

survey.canadianuforeport.com

For more information, or to report a UFO, contact Chris Rutkowski, Ufology Research, at: <u>canadianuforeport</u>.nul

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Re: The Man To Contact When Calling Home

From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor.nul></u>
Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 16:15:19 -0400
Archived: Fri, 31 Aug 2007 09:07:56 -0400
Subject: Re: The Man To Contact When Calling Home

>From: Ed Gehrman <<u>egehrman</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 09:15:06 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Man To Contact When Calling Home

<snip>

>This is a point I've been trying to make. And these "intelligent >species" will tend to look the same, in a very general way >because intelligence may require a certain biological tool kit.

I definitely buy that. I disagree with those who insist other planetary species may look totally different from Earth species. The way Nature looks to me is that the basic animal blueprint we observe everywhere is 'it' as long as you're talking planets made of the same 100+ elements Earth is.

Eleanor White

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Re: New Roswell Witnesses Videos On-Line

From: Jason Gammon <<u>BoyintheMachine</u>.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 19:53:38 EDT
Archived: Fri, 31 Aug 2007 09:09:29 -0400
Subject: Re: New Roswell Witnesses Videos On-Line

>From: Santiago Yturria Garza <<u>syturria</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 17:02:25 +0000
>Subject: New Roswell Witnesses Videos On-Line

>The U.S. SciFI Channel is featuring several interviews with new >Roswell witnesses in it's website. I did not know any of them >and I find specially interesting Lt. Jack Trowbridge's >testimonial.

>The interviews are titled Rosewll Confessions.

>http://www.scifi.com/roswell/index.php

I'm completely taken back by the description of the first video clip, the interview by one Lt. Jack Trowbridge.

The descriptive paragraph for the clip describes the crash debris as being, 'memory material'.

I recently did a blog concerning my personal belief that we are just now creating materials that can duplicate the properties as described by Roswell Witnesses.

Below is a link to my blog;

'Solid State Aircraft, Metallic-Plastics, Memory-Metals, & Their Possible 'Momma': The Roswell Crash Debris'

http://tinyurl.com/26ubef

-Jason Gammon

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Accredited Ufology?

From: Rick Nielsen <<u>nilthchi</u>.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 17:09:02 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 31 Aug 2007 09:11:25 -0400
Subject: Accredited Ufology?

Accredited Ufology?

Take a moment and just imagine the headlines!

OK, moment's gone. But why not accredit this study? Maybe it's time. Maybe not. You tell me.

But just in case someone else has had thoughts along these lines, I've been doing a little checking.

For example, the United States Department of Education (DOE) does not directly accredit schools. It only recognizes accreditation agencies.

"The regional and national accrediting agencies linked" on the DOE website at:

http://tinyurl.com/3696cz

"are recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as reliable authorities concerning the quality of education or training offered by the institutions of higher education or higher education programs they accredit." Redundantly worded as expected, but the message is clear: DOE recognizes them.

Among them are agencies that accredit educational programs in the following fields, (selected here _only_ as examples of the non-traditional):

Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Bible College Education Christian Education Funeral Service Education Montessori Education Naturopathic Medical Education Pastoral Education Rabbinical and Talmudic Education Theology

It would seem that a formal version of ufology could be allowed at least the same recognition by the DOE as those listed above.

And let's not limit this to the United States. There exist accreditation agencies in other countries as well.

I don't consider myself qualified to spearhead accreditation for ufology. However, I would like to volunteer help in that pursuit. If there are interested parties who are more familiar with this process, please make it known.

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Re: SDI #447 - Twenty Questions

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 23:07:46 EDT
Archived: Fri, 31 Aug 2007 09:13:22 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI #447 - Twenty Questions

>From: Alfred Lehmberg <<u>alienview</u>.nul>
>To: <<u>ufoupdates</u>.nul>
>Date: Wed, 29 Aug 2007 15:51:30 -0500
>Subject: SDI #447 - Twenty Questions

<snip>

Alfred:

>What's Lehmberg's reaction to Pal Kimball speaking at this year's >X Conference?

A note about my appearance at the X-Conference. Dave Furlotte and Errol intimated that I will be there, at least in part, to sell DVDs. In fact, although Steven Bassett kindly offered me a table to do so, I won't be selling any, because I'm there to screen my film, and then listen to what speakers have to say.

People will be able to buy the DVD at some point from our distributor, but I have no interest in selling it at the X-Conference, because I have better things to do while I'm down there (not that there's anything wrong with selling something you've made).

Best regards,

Paul Kimball www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com www.bestevidence.blogspot.com

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From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2007 23:15:35 EDT
Archived: Fri, 31 Aug 2007 09:14:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

>From: Eleanor White <<u>eleanor</u>.nul>
>To: <u>ufoupdates</u>.nul
>Date: Tue, 28 Aug 2007 18:32:52 -0400
>Subject: Another Condition For Documentary Participation

<snip>

>If the researcher can't access adequate video editing software, >then the researcher could do a substandard edit job, send the >DVD to the producer's video editor, and have the producer's >video editor duplicate the edits with the required quality. >Final approval of that final edit would always reside with the >researcher.

When the researcher raises the money necessary to get the film made, and manages to sell it to a network, then he/she can do whatever they want with it.

For those who want a realistic summary of how to deal with film and television producers, I would advise you to have a look at a post I made in 2005 in a different thread here at Updates:

http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/feb/m10-012.shtml

Best regards,

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <<u>ufoupdates.nul></u> Date: Fri, 31 Aug 2007 09:29:26 -0400 Archived: Fri, 31 Aug 2007 09:29:26 -0400 Subject: UFO Reunion But No Aliens Turn Up

Source: The Wiltshire Times, Chippenham, UK

http://tinyurl.com/2gqgg2

Thursday 30th August 2007

UFO Reunion But No Aliens Turn Up Exclusive By Victoria Ashford

Skywatchers returned to the hills around Warminster at the weekend, 30 years after a 100-strong vigil was held by those hoping to catch a glimpse of an infamous UFO.

Reporter Victoria Ashford joined enthusiasts on Cradle Hill on Saturday night, hoping to catch a glimpse of The Thing - a reported UFO first reported as being seen in the skies above Warminster in 1964.

The occasion also marked the 60th anniversary since the first sighting of a flying saucer, a phrase coined by pilot Kenneth Arnold following an incident in Washington, USA in 1947.

Author Kevin Goodman has returned to Cradle Hill regularly since his first visit in 1976 and recalled one of his most memorable experiences while studying UFOs at the Fountain Centre for UFO Studies in Warminster in late July/early August that year.

He said: "I looked out of the window and saw a silvery cigarshaped object moving across the sky to where the golf club is.

"There were people on the hillside looking at it and I took three shots of the object on my camera. I got the pictures back three weeks later and found that I had got a picture of the sky and some trees, but no object. I had the object dead in the centre each time but nothing came out."

Mr Goodman has written about his sky watching experiences in a book called UFO Warminster: Cradle of Contact that chronicles a series of UFO related events throughout the 1970s.

Despite having been brought up in a strict Catholic family Mr Goodman admits it is still difficult to explain what he has seen, except to say that he has seen something.

He said: "If you were to ask if I believe in UFOs, well, I don't know, that's the answer. I'm not trying to convince anyone but I was not the only person there on those occasions." Another sky watcher at Cradle Hill on Saturday was great-grandmother, Molly Carey, 88, from Corton, who said she used to bring her son and daughter up to the hills every week when they were in their early teens.

She said: "I was up here one night and I saw a strange light come down from the sky.

"I can't see how this can be the only inhabited planet. It is

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quite possible messages could be being sent down to us."

This year also mark the 60th anniversary since the Roswell UFO incident in New Mexico, USA, in which a press release was issued by the Roswell Army Air Force announcing that a flying disc had been recovered.

The statement was retracted later that day by the Commanding General of the Eighth Air Force who said it was, in fact, a top-secret research balloon.

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