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## Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 20:14:40 +0000  
Archived: Sat, 02 Feb 2008 20:42:37 -0500  
Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>From: Milton Frank <[mfrank.nul](mailto:mfrank.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 16:58:11 -0200 (BRST)  
>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 09:59:20 +0000  
>>Subject: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>From: Milton Frank <[mfrank.nul](mailto:mfrank.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 25 Jan 2008 17:37:42 -0200 (BRST)  
>>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2008 21:26:31 +0000  
>>>>Subject: Re: 'How To Fake UFO Photos' By Almiro Barauna

>>>>This is a case that a Brazilian President said out loud: This is  
>>>>>true!

>>Where? When? What did he say?

>This was published in Cruzeiro Magazine in 1954 and is an  
>approximate translation:

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>Barauna was interrogated by a group of officials regarding  
>photographic tricks, aerial pictures and many other things. He  
>was there from 08:00 to 16:00, because the military ones wanted  
>to have certainty of the authenticity of the pictures.

>They asked to borrow the negatives from Barauna, who gave them,  
>and they took them to the Cruzeiro do Sul Company laboratory.  
>Then, they sent them to Kodak, in Rochester, New York, for  
>larger analyses. Electronic equipment tested the negatives and  
>chemical processes, not finding any fraud in them.

>With the authorisation of Brazilian Ppresident Juscelino  
>Kubitschek, Barauna's pictures of released for distribution by  
>the Admiralty of the time, after one month, on on Ash Wednesday.

>Radio stations announced that the newspaper Correio da Manha  
>would publish a photograph that the whole world would see.

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>So it was in the Ash Wednesday in 1954 that the Brazilian President  
>Jucelino Kubitschek said that those pictures were real!

Kubitschek allowed the photographs to be released, which doesn't  
suggest that there were dozens of dozens of witness statements  
which have been covered up for fifty years by the Brazilian  
equivalent of the Men in Black.

All the statements I have seen consist of people telling us what

they think Kubitschek said. Is there anywhere a direct quotation from the President's office about this matter?

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John Rimmer  
<[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>

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## Re: UFO Fuss Seeing Is Believing

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 13:01:48 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 02 Feb 2008 20:44:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Fuss Seeing Is Believing

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 01:20:37 EST  
>Subject: Re: UFO Fuss Seeing Is Believing

>>Source: The Post Chronicle - Denville, New Jersey, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2z2by9>

>>Jan 29, 2008

>>UFO Fuss: Seeing Is Believing  
>>by Alan Burkhart

>>Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the  
>>Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth, said no F-  
>>16s or other aircraft from his base were in the area the night  
>>of January 8, when most people reported the sighting.

>>Lewis said the object may have been an illusion caused by two  
>>commercial airplanes. Lights from the aircraft would seem  
>>unusually bright and may appear orange from the setting sun.

>>"I'm 90 percent sure this was an airliner," Lewis said. "With  
>>the sun's angle, it can play tricks on you."

>This is cute. Airliners at 120,000 feet catching the sun. Because  
>that's how high they would have had to be at 6:15 PM CST in  
>central Texas on Jan 8, 2008, to be visible at Stephenville.

Somewhere at the 301st Fighter Wing at the Joint Reserve Base  
Naval Air Station in Fort Worth there were probably fighter  
jocks who read this and were shaking their heads as well. Lewis  
is a spokesman but has he ever flown anything? Doesn't sound  
like it.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

From: Theo Paijmans <[th.paijmans.nul](mailto:th.paijmans.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 18:06:18 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 02 Feb 2008 20:49:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 04:57:00 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>>From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 16:15:45 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 11:37:22 -0800 (PST)  
>>>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

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>I prefer the Lammers' book, MILABS: Military Mind Control &  
>Alien Abduction. In it, on page 134 (the 1999 edition) is this  
>extract:

<snip>

Lammers of course having been predated by the pioneering  
study of Martin Cannon, "The Controllers", for which  
he received so much undeserved vitriolic flak from the UFO  
communities at that time that he left the field in disgust.

It set this very interesting discussion back with a decade but  
thankfully now this interesting theory can be discussed.

Regards,

Theo

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## Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 13:46:30 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 02 Feb 2008 20:51:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>From: Bill Chalker <[bill\\_c.nul](mailto:bill_c.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 23:40:40 +1100  
>Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 15:18:50 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Australian UFO Photo 'Exclusive'

>>This being old news, has any of our Australian compatriots  
>>visited this site to lay to rest whatever it is?

>>Let's get this one over with.

>This photo near Cervantes Western Australia keeps coming up.

>I was asked about this early in 2007 and local parties looked  
>into it. I was advised by Denise Bazek in April 2007 that it was  
>verified as a mineral sandmining operation near a wind farm. She  
>advised that the buildings on the ground belonging to the site  
>are in a triangular arrangement.

>Has the phenomenon of scanning Google Earth photos added to our  
>knowledge base on UFOs or has it just muddied the water? I think  
>more of the latter.

>Probably time to look into more interesting topics.

If memory serves, Bill, it was posted by someone from Australia  
and shot by everyone else.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 12:25:34 -0600  
Archived: Sat, 02 Feb 2008 22:05:38 -0500  
Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>>From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 16:15:45 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 11:37:22 -0800 (PST)  
>>>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

<snip>

>>>This suggests to my mind, some kind of interplay between  
>>>abductors and those in authority within the US sharing in some  
>>>kind of common agenda. Or that the operation today has become  
>>>under the auspice of earth-based humans entirely with the alien  
>>>cover as a facade.

<snip>

>>For information concerning abductions in Europe please see "UFO  
>>Abductions in Germany, Austria and Switzerland" by Johannes  
>>Fiebag, Ph.D.  
>snip

>>Helmut Lammer's article titled "MILABS" Part I and II

[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part\\_IV/newmib.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_IV/newmib.html)

>I prefer the Lammers' book, MILABS: Military Mind Control &  
>Alien Abduction. In it, on page 134 (the 1999 edition) is this  
>extract:

>"The California Institute of Technology has developed an energy  
>efficient computer chip which emulates the analog thinking of  
>the human brain. It is specifically modeled on the construction  
>of the cerebral cortex. In the future, this chip could provide  
>the baseline for a human implant hooked to all sensory segments  
>of the brain, not just the eye.

>It is also interesting that the brain implants used for the  
>propagated cyber-situation will disintegrate if the implanted  
>soldier is captured or killed by the enemy. The chip  
>disintegrates and cannot be extracted by the enemy for reverse  
>engineering."... end of extract

>Two questions come to mind. 1) are the abductions the laboratory  
>for this kind of research? 2) does this explain why more  
>information is not obtained from implants removed from  
>abductees, they degrade upon surgical removal, being designed to  
>do so?

>Very good suggestions, Katharina.

>JCH

Yes, this is an excellent book. I certainly should have  
mentioned it, but tend not to so much since unfortunately,

Illuminet Press does not seem to be in business any longer and I'm not sure about the availability of "MILABS." I could be in error here, but every time I try to find their Web site, I get an error message.

I actually gave out the incorrect URL for my Introduction to Project Open Mind/MILABS. The correct URL is:

[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part\\_IV/jintro.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_IV/jintro.html)

>Two questions come to mind. 1) are the abductions the laboratory  
>for this kind of research?

I believe it's possible that some of the MILABS could in fact be 'the laboratory' as you call it. It's difficult to say - we need to look at each individual on a case by case basis. If you look at my introduction to Project Open Mind, there are several possibilities as to what MILABS may be experiencing and why.

>2) does this explain why more  
>information is not obtained from implants removed from  
>abductees, they degrade upon surgical removal, being designed to  
>do so?

I'm not sure if that is what explains why implants sometimes degrade upon removal, but it's a possibility and it seems to be a good reason why we are not learning very much from them.

The implants may also be designed specifically for that individual's physiology and perhaps there is a symbiotic relationship between the implant and the ET abductee and/or MILAB abductee.

Excellent (and disturbing) questions. In the end, I would prefer that ETs are doing this and not our fellow human beings, but my experiences and that of others leads me to believe that is not always the case.

Also - keep in mind that since the hybridization program has been occurring for several decades, we may be seeing hybrids who look very human and they could be dressing in military uniforms to confuse the abductee. This is one idea I talk about in POM.

K. Wilson  
[www.alienjigsaw.com](http://www.alienjigsaw.com)

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## Re: The Stephenville UFO?

From: **Steve Sawyer** <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 10:30:35 -0800  
Archived: Sat, 02 Feb 2008 22:07:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 12:53:04 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>>From: William Bolt <[ab5sy.nul](mailto:ab5sy.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 16:11:10 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: The Stephenville UFO?

>>The article below is about a scaled down model, but could NASA  
>>now have the real deal?

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>>Source & Photos:

>>[http://www.nasa.gov/vision/earth/improvingflight/skyray\\_48.html](http://www.nasa.gov/vision/earth/improvingflight/skyray_48.html)

>>09.11.07

>>Skyray 48 Takes Flight

>Do you really think this experimental toy or its non-existent 10  
>year in the future, yet to be built craft explains the sightings  
>in Texas?

Hi, Don & List,

I would agree with Don that whatever was seen in Stephenville,  
it was not the Skyray, nor likely any kind "deep black" aircraft  
- that's what places like Area 51 are for [or should I say,  
"Homey" airport? 8^) ].

On the other hand, could this have been something to do with a  
military or other government agency psyop or test of something  
like a holographic projection system? A simulation could serve  
several interesting purposes. What do others think of this  
speculation?

Steve

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## Norwegian UFO Photographs Paper Online

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 20:54:15 +0100 (CET)  
Archived: Sat, 02 Feb 2008 22:12:18 -0500  
Subject: Norwegian UFO Photographs Paper Online

Dear Colleagues:

We are happy to announce the release of the complete, expanded version of our joint paper Norway In UFO Photographs: The First Catalogue, a 206-page report that includes, in addition to an amazing number of pictures, a catalogue of case summaries, a statistical analysis of data, and a bibliography, as well as the full catalogue spreadsheet.

The report is written in English and it can be found at the following links:

As a .pdf file:

<http://www.box.net/shared/jz8mqdxuss>

15.5 MB

As a Word.doc file:

<http://www.box.net/shared/ff8ilhzms8>

54.8 MB

The FOTOCAT catalogue=92s spreadsheet for Norway, an Excel file, on which this research is based, is at the following link:

<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat/norway.xls>

We expect you'll find this research report of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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## Re: Cox 'Nodding Off At News Weak'

From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 15:04:19 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Sat, 02 Feb 2008 22:18:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Cox 'Nodding Off At News Weak'

>Source: Billy Cox's Blog | De Void - Sarasota, Floriday, USA  
><http://tinyurl.com/2rnnc>  
>Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008 at 2:15 p.m.

>Nodding Off At NewsWeak  
>By Billy Cox  
>[billy.cox.nul](mailto:billy.cox.nul)

<snip>

>On Jan. 18, Newsweek published a "Web Exclusive" about the  
>Stephenville, Texas, UFO titled Demons in the Dark. A "Web  
>Exclusive" means it's a little too ghetto for a spot on the  
>printed page.

>This particular "Web Exclusive" was a riff of psychobabble on  
>the dozens of eyewitnesses who reported seeing a massive craft  
>drifting overhead in the early evening of Jan. 8. Some of them  
>also reported jet fighters went thundering off in hot pursuit.

>Commentary of this sort is the growing de! fault mode for  
>corporate MSM outlets whose news budgets are imploding in the  
>face of declining ad revenues. Last year, the Project for  
>Excellence in Journalism's State Of The News Media profiled  
>the declining fortunes of America's leading weeklies, Time and  
>Newsweek. As of 2006, Newsweek's staff was nearly one-third of  
>what it was in 1983, and the study suggested Time's graphics-  
>driven reformatting was "an elegant way of dressing up cost  
>cutting".

<snip>

>Four days after Newsweek's expose cracked the case, the military  
>reversed its earlier contention that it had no planes in the air  
>that night, and 'fessed up to dispatching 10 F-16 fighters on a  
>coincidental "routine training mission".

>Back in the good old days, when magazines like Newsweek used  
>real reporters, they might've been more curious about the Air  
>Force's confusion. They ! would've picked up the phone and called  
>witnesses like Steve Al len, a pilot whose work number is still  
>listed in the original local newspaper report.

>And Allen would probably have repeated his original story, about  
>how weird it was to see the UFO making its initial approach from  
>the southeast, pass out of sight, then reverse course back  
>toward the southeast - while being chased by two jet fighters.  
>And then the reporter would look at the map and wonder if the  
>jets were scrambled because the UFO was on a direct line toward  
>restricted airspace around President Bush's Crawford ranch.

>Back in the good old days.

>For Newsweek's readers, there's no mystery at all, just another  
>lifestyle story: A good night's sleep goes a long way.

<snip>

Dear Billy Cox,

As much as I enjoy your blogs, there are some impurities in your red pill :)

From "Night Siege - The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings", second edition, 1998, (Allen H! ynek, Philip Imbrogno and Bob Pratt)...

Chapter One, pp 4-5, gives a hint of what happened in the region from 1982 to 1984. We are talking about several thousand sightings and more than five thousand witnesses over a ...

"1,400-square-mile area covering Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess Counties in New York, and neighboring Fairfield, Litchfield and New Haven Counties in Connecticut. There were so many reports that investigators had to ignore the many 'routine' sightings in order to concentrate on those that involved 'close encounters,' the description given to sightings in which the object came within 500 feet of the witness".

It started on New Years Eve of 1982. Between 1982 and 1995, we get 7,231 reports.

And what happened with the Mother of All Waves?

In the preface:

xiii: "But no scientists showed any curiosity about the strange events in the Hudson Valley." Hum... they probably missed this! scene in "The Day the Earth Stood Still":

Klaatu: You have faith, Professor Barnhardt.

Barnhardt: It isn't faith that makes good science, Mr. Klaatu, it's curiosity.

xii: "The United States has the most extensive, sophisticated, and freest mass communications system in the world. Trivial events are often slashed everywhere. Yet news of this astounding happening was carried on only one network."

Question: Where were the good old boys from the good old days?

To tell you the truth, they are more elusive than UFO.

This brings me to seriously question the following statement:

xii: "Something truly astonishing was happening, but those who are responsible for protecting us - the law enforcement agencies, state and federal governments, and the military - ignored it."

How untrue. There is only one entity responsible for protecting anybody: the media.

It starts and ends there.

The media are the ones asking the questions. They are the ones granting! the opportunities to speak and the ones editing the answers.

They don't report the opinion, they make it.

No conspiracy theory here: it is just the reality. There is a burden on the media: be very careful about how the job is done. This bears much responsibility.

There has been a shift in the nature of the coverage of UFO events since the November 2006 Chicago sighting. Sure, there are a few blue pill abusers out there, but the Stephenville case has long passed its freshness date and the medias are still covering it.

More: many have been critical of the way it has been handled by the Air Force and won't let go, putting the witnesses in the driver's seat, e.g. giving them the last word.

Something the good old boys from 1983 didn't do.

If we had the Hudson Valley wave today, God knows how far we would go.

Vincent Boudreau

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## Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

From: **Franck Boitte** <[franckboitte.nul](mailto:franckboitte.nul)>  
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Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 16:19:29 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>I have a different question: Did I read or hear somewhere that  
>abductions >only occur within the United States? If yes, why  
>would ET operate that way, I wonder.

It's an established fact that they don't.

For example, my second wife holds she was abducted in Angers  
(France) circa 1972.

The story she told me when we met in 1987 - never changed since  
then.

She recalled most of what took place to her without any use of  
hypnotism. It occurred in plain daylight, she wasn't asleep and  
used no drugs or mediation. She didn't even smoke.

I collected over the years many indirect confirmation of her  
claims.

Regards,

F. Boitte

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## Luminous UFO Lands At Cerro Pie De Minas Mexico

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MEXICO: Luminous UFO Lands at Cerro Pie de Minas.

A report by Ana Luisa Cid and Jesus Martinez Castro

The city of Chilpancingo (state of Guerrero's) La Cronica Vespertina newspaper reported the sighting of an unknown light that landed at Cerro Pie de Minas, emitting flashes for over 30 hours and causing alarm among the locals.

The event took place in the early morning hours of December 31, 2007 in the town of Mezcala, Guerrero. According to the news report from journalist Francisco Rangel, dated January 10, 2008, the phenomenon was observed by the entire town, cutting across all ages ranging from children to senior citizens and including mining engineers and laborers at the Los Filos gold mine.

Eyewitness accounts suggest that drivers halted their vehicles all the way to the Federal Highway in order to take a look at the intense light source that traveled across various parts of the locality at an estimated altitude of 300 meters. They describe a saucer-shaped craft that passed over the town square slowly and silently before landing on a hill known as Pie de Minas, where it emitted flashes for over 30 hours.

According to the newspaper story, witnesses to the phenomenon complained of eye irritation despite the fact that they saw it at a considerable distance. Not only that, but there is also talk of fluctuations in the level of electric power in spite of the fact that no voltage changes were detected at the electric substation belonging to the Comision Federal de Electricidad.

Many people took photos and videos with their cameras and cellphones, but their recordings were affected and distorted by an alleged magnetic force. They added that even the pictures taken with analog cameras were overexposed.

According to the newspaper article: "The object was seen by most of the population, ranging from small children to the elderly and entire families, seen at considerable distances by the luminosity that affected the eyes of many residents and the fact that the electric levels of all the homes dropped whenever the light's intensity increased, ranging from a soft shade of light blue to a white and phosphorescent blue, acquiring yellow, orange and soft red tones...."

Many video recordings exist in spite of this, taken by people who managed to record it from their homes at a distance of 4 or 6 kilometers away. The footage shows a round light, whether white or light blue, with strange figures at its core that were described-- by those who peered at the object through binoculars - as something resembling a cat or a being with horns, causing the greatest degree of fear among the locals, rendering them unable to sleep for the two following nights. The sighting was

not made known beyond the confines of the town until the first days of this week, although reports of alleged meteorite activity had been received from Amojileca and Xochipala on January 1st. Residents of Mezcala say that the inclement weather - strong, cold winds - could have been caused by the luminous UFO which appeared to have landed on the hill known as Pie de Mina in the wilderness known as "La V", from where it was filmed by many locals with their diminutive Handycams and who were clearly afraid that something awful would happen, or that the vehicle's crew would harm them.

Alfonso Ramirez Maya, 35, a farmer and board-layer, had a chance to film the UFO with his video camera and his daughter's cell phone. He showed us the images taken, and those in which the light can be seen moving, but with deformations of the images on the cellphone. The white light resembles a balloon that changes shape, despite their best efforts at remaining steady. The images were obtained from their house on Calle Francisco Villa n/n, Colonia Cabeza de Culebra, 5 km from the sighting one kilometer distant from the Mexico City - Acapulco Federal Highway that passes through Mezcala.

Another person who had the opportunity to record a video was Jesus Santana Hernandez, who filmed the UFO as it flew over the community, but sent the video to Houston so that a relative could make it known through a local TV station, since some thought they could profit from selling the images. However, the majority of the locals who have the evidence are hesitant to disclose it, as they do not wish to earn themselves a poor reputation or be dismissed as lunatics.

However, they are all willing to discuss the experience after being told that an effort is underway to document the sighting, and even willing to accompany a research group to the site, as it is a rugged terrain filled with rattlesnakes and scorpions. Many of the people interviewed, among whom were serious individuals of all ages, youths and even children, offered interpretations of the story that agreed with one another's regarding the sighting of the light on the hill and its transit over the community of Mezcala, further agreeing with the fear and consternation they experienced for the 30-hour span in which the "flying saucer" was present.

Many residents of this community stated that there were several occasions in which some people tried to reach the place where the UFO touched down. In the night and evening of January first, when up to 20 or 30 pickup trucks laden with people tried to reach the sight where the light could be seen, the light simply went dark. There exists, however, the report of a group that came within fifty meters of the vessel described as a flying saucer, whose color was similar to that of brilliant, galvanized sheet metal, with a whitish or light blue light. These people brought with them video and still cameras, but their vehicles were left without power, with no electricity and stalled engines. Furthermore, camera batteries were inexplicably drained despite having been charged, and returned to normal operating conditions later on.

Bold youths who dared approach the UFO clearly heard two dry, metallic sounds emerging from the interior of the alleged craft. This spooked them into hiding under their pickup trucks and even made them weep like children, as they believed the occupants would emerge to seize them. This fear prompted them to flee the site as best they could, and they refuse to talk about it.

Closer images were obtained from videos taken from the slopes of Pie de Mina - one kilometer distant - where the object can be seen as larger, resembling a large white circle of encapsulated light. Symbols can be made out, and even the shape of a face drawn on a card by another witness, having the shape of a feline or a horned being that appears to be at the center of the light.

To many businessmen in downtown Mezcala, and food vendors who witnessed the phenomenon from the early hours of December 31, also saw the gathering of people who had set out to see the UFO phenomenon and who offered their versions about what it could be. There were many who recorded videos or took photos, but after the novelty wore off, they became disaffected after making the trip in groups of pickup trucks - accompanied by two local sheriffs - without finding anything. To calm the populace down, they said [the sighting] had been caused by the clash of high

voltage wires that entwined in the strong wind.

The owner of a budget store says that sales declined because people became frightened, and that Mezcala looked "like a ghost town" as many of its residents fled out of fear, believing that harm would befall them because the vehicle remained on the hillside, emitting powerful flashes skyward even in broad daylight. There are even those who say that another light above appeared to blink, as if communicating the one below. This made them fear the worst, and contributed to restless sleep for two nights.

There is much more evidence of the extraordinary event, known as a Close Encounter of the 2nd Kind (CE-2), a variety of eyewitness accounts from an entire community stricken with terror by the tremendous light that lit all of the nearby hills, and even caused the city's own electric lights to dwindle, all of this amid strong winds and the cold nights of early 2008.

In order to reach the landing site of the luminous UFO, it is necessary to walk for several hours or reach the site on all-terrain vehicles, since there could be evidence of some sort to be found where the UFO remained for 30 hours, all the while flashing its lights.

It should be noted that the area has various mineral and metal deposits, such as uranium, cobalt, gold, silver and copper. [...] A more thorough investigation of what appears to be a genuine UFO case must be performed, verifying if there were any traces left behind at Pie de Minas hill, in the "La V" wilderness of the community of Mezcala, Municipality of Zumpango del Rio, state of Guerrero. Other reports involving strange phenomena have been received from other municipalities early this year.

Text submitted by reporter Javier Francisco Reyes

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## Are UFOs Foundational?

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Source: FQXi Blogs - Dept. of Physics, MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts

<http://fqxi.org/community/forum.php?action=topic&id=123>

Jan. 31, 2008

Are UFOs Foundational?  
Blogger William Orem

Readers of this blog have been pressing me (offline) this month with a sensible question: why am I not discussing the Stephenville UFO? After all, what could be more paradigm - shifting than solid evidence of sentient, technological, extraterrestrial life, and life that is visiting Earth, no less? Haven't we commented several times here on the possibility of alien civilization? Indeed, isn't one of the questions in which FQX as a whole claims to have an interest that of whether life is "ubiquitous in the universe"?

Yes indeed. But there's a catch; and, strange to say, the catch is what makes Foundational research so interesting.

I don't speak for FQX, but I imagine those who do would agree with me that if we actually had scientific evidence of advanced alien life, or any alien life, we would all be jumping out of our skins. Some FQX grantees are actively searching for it right now, in fact, and they are in good company with scientists around the world. To date, though, there isn't any such evidence.

How can I say that? the voices cry. Independent, credible witnesses, including a reporter, a constable, and a pilot, have all reported seeing the mile - wide UFO in Texas. Some even saw military jets chasing it. The Air Force initially denied having any jets in the area; then, after two weeks and a mounting public outcry, admitted there were in fact F - 16s scrambled over Stephenville that night. How much more could one want?

Well...

This isn't a debunking site, so I don't want to make UFO reports a regular feature. But the question of how people profoundly interested in the possibility of alien life can nevertheless be wholly uninterested in UFOs bears on the distinction between what FQX Community does and what many other internet sites do. This distinction is, I think, an important one, and worth comment.

I should first say, in the interest of full disclosure, that I \*love\* a good UFO story. Can't get enough of 'em. The best ones almost sparkle with that "what if?" quality that makes one's scalp tingle even at the faint possibility. "What if... just this once..!" But there are a number of problems with the myriad accounts of close encounters we all know about, the most basic

one being that there is no evidence any of them have happened.

Well, not technically none; there is a lot of anecdotal evidence in support of saucers (It's interesting to note that the whole idea of a 'flying saucer' is based on a verbal misapprehension. The first modern witness, pilot Kenneth Arnold, never said he saw saucers, he said he saw objects that skipped across the clouds like saucers thrown across water. The 'saucer' meme is all that made it into popular consciousness.) Hundreds, if not thousands, of eyewitnesses swear to their regular appearance in our skies, their habit of abducting the somnolent, and so forth. The stickler, as Neil deGrasse Tyson is good at pointing out, is that anecdotal evidence is the least interesting kind of evidence in science, very close to being without value.

Lots of independent, credible witnesses saw a mysterious object in the sky over Stephenville. But so what? Lots of people see ghosts - really, truly see them, all the time. That's not to say the witnesses in Stephenville are deluded, or mendacious, or that people who see ghosts are, either; but that five or ten or a hundred anecdotes still don't add up to anything solid. Humans are frankly terrible observers (especially when looking up), terrible recorders of information, and terrible at objectivity, all of which is why we use the scientific method. There's a wall of possible mistakes between anecdote and evidence that's dense enough to block a neutrino.

Here's why the work FQX does is singular, and so important. Almost everyone is interested in at least some of the deep questions: What is consciousness? Is it distinct to each brain or only one thing (as Shroedinger thought)? Does it determine some aspects of material reality - is the moon really there when no one is looking at it (as Einstein thought)? Is there a limit to what we can know, or does knowledge go on forever (as Asimov thought)? Are we alone in the galaxy, or might there be a community of sentient species awaiting our arrival on the cosmic scene (as Sagan thought)?

A dozen answers to each of these, and more, can be found with a quick search of the net. But few of those answers are credible; few of them are backed up by rigorous theory and controlled experiment; few of them carry the imprimatur of actual scientific exploration. A saucer is data, but a saucer report is just another story. Meanwhile a good deal of the science the public does see is specialized, seemingly out of reach, and often does not reflect our deeper yearnings to understand the cosmos.

Foundational work, either at FQX or elsewhere, can function as a bridge between these two worlds. If aliens are out there, if their existence can be confirmed by some kind of SETI, we will not only have information of a paradigm - shattering sort but truly have come to a turning point in all of human history. The impact of such information on society would be hard to overstate (I don't mean panic in the streets; that never seemed realistic to me). The value of this question, and its answer, is far too great to loosen our evidential standards just as we are approaching the gold.

That's my take on UFOs, though I welcome other points of view here. So much fascinating work is being done by FQX folks that, for me, it eclipses the allure of another set of hovering lights

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## The New Church of Ufology

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Source: UFO Research Queensland Inc Blog - Australia

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Posted by UFO Research Queensland Inc 2/01/2008

The New Church of Ufology

We are tired of being asked the question: 'Do you believe in UFOs?'

Do we believe in UFOs? No, we don't. Because UFOs aren't a faith, they're a reality. We don't require fervent belief and hope that UFOs exist -- they do. There are photographs, there is film footage, there are physical traces. Unlike the saints of old, UFOs don't need to manifest their likenesses in a piece of toast because they reveal their physical selves to people all the time, every single day.

UFOs are a reality, far more than God who, after all, has yet to appear at or hovering above a shopping mall and pose for a photograph. And if God did pose for a photograph, would the photographer have to run the gamut of disbelief, ridicule, shame and public humiliation that a person who snaps a photograph of a UFO must endure? Hardly, when the face of Jesus in an eggplant receives credible and global media coverage and draws pilgrims from far and wide.

So why must Ufology endure this constant criticism? What status quo does it threaten? Is Science in fact the religion that the New Church of Ufology threatens to topple?

Scientists react to UFOs with the same kind of witch-burning zeal as the Popes of old - and it isn't hard to imagine that the Whitecoats would love to round us up and burn us at the stake for our blaspheming and false idols. All hail the doctrine of evolution. All hail MAN, the greatest pinnacle of biology that any creature on any planet could hope to aspire to!

Or should it be all hail the NEW gods, the DNA-manipulating Greys, the stately perfection of Orthon.

How difficult then is our struggle, fighting against all the old gods of science. Darwin, the Zeus of Evolution, and Sagan, the Ares of our time, zealously guarding the sterile vacuum of space from our irrational imaginations. They rule from on-high, casting their thunderbolts of fear and doubt and confusion upon an unsuspecting world.

How can the tribe fight the gods? More importantly, how can Ufology fight these time-honoured tactics, and win?

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## UFO Believers Reveal Their Own Close Encounters

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Friday, February 1, 2008

[Video at site]

UFO Believers Reveal Their Own Close Encounters

They saw something strange in the North Texas sky over Stephenville in January, describing it as "an unidentified flying object", and "humongous", and said it was "dancing and flickering."

After weeks of speculation, the Air Force changed its original story and said what they saw were F-16 fighter jets that were in training.

Could dozens of witnesses be wrong?

From well-respected business owners to a county constable, several dozen people swear that what they saw was larger, quieter, faster and lower to the ground than an airplane. They also said the object's lights changed configuration, unlike those of a plane.

"I guarantee that what we saw was not a civilian aircraft", Steve Allen, a pilot and freight company owner, said Wednesday

Folks in Stephenville aren't the only ones who say they've encountered UFOs - many Houstonians claim they've also had close encounters with aliens.

Derrel Sims, a man from Spring, says he's been abducted by aliens on numerous occasions between the ages of 3 and 17.

He said the last time it happened, it ended with a surgical implant.

You can hear the rest of his strange story and hear from experts Friday on 11 News at 10 p.m.

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## Others Saw UFOs, But They Saw Money

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Thu, Jan. 31, 2008

Others Saw UFOs, But They Saw Money  
By Barry Shlachter, Maria M. Perotin and Jim Fuquay  
Star-Telegram Staff Writers

While Stephenville's collective image might not have been enhanced by its UFO sightings, a canny, family-run venture called Barefoot Athletics was quick to exploit the phenomenon.

It screened and sold nearly 7,000 UFO T-shirts at \$12.95 apiece over a nine-day period this month, ringing up sales topping \$90,000.

And much of that was profit because the shirts and printing cost Barefoot less than \$3 apiece at those quantities, says Matt Copeland, 36, a high school football coach turned entrepreneur.

Copeland actually didn't think that they'd move when his wife, Katy, the accounts-payable manager, informed him that "Oh, by the way, we went and printed up 50 UFO T-shirts."

"You won't sell any, but that's OK," he replied.

But the shirts did sell.

One played off Stephenville's "Cowboy capital of the world" motto, with "UFO" scrawled above a crossed-out "Cowboy" next to a space alien with a cowboy hat. Another, a nod to the numerous surrounding dairies, depicted a spaceship beaming up a Holstein, which asked, "What UFO?"

Barefoot shipped them to 18 states and 23 countries after mentions by MSNBC, CNN's Larry King Live, the Star-Telegram, the Houston Chronicle, WFAA/Channel 8, KXAN/Channel 36 in Austin and the CW network.

Some buyers made a quick buck themselves, reselling them for \$19.99 on eBay, Copeland said. "We got lucky on this deal. It wasn't skill. People are just crazy over these stupid T-shirts," Copeland said.

Barefoot Athletics began as a sporting-goods store in Whitney five years ago without a shoe line, hence the "barefoot" name.

Moving to far larger quarters, it still has a retail store but also prints and sells T-shirts and athletic uniforms to schools and various organizations. Sales have grown from \$200,000 in 2002 to \$1.98 million last year, Copeland said.

Although it's no longer shoeless - "We picked up Adidas,"

Copeland says - the name stayed.

Because of the T-shirts, some Stephenville people have come to believe that Barefoot Athletics is the agency that UFO sightings should be reported to, he said. "I tell them, 'We just sell the shirts.'"

Still, the whole episode gave him some ideas about gullibility.

"If I'd known we'd sell so many T-shirts in January, then a year ago I should have said I'd spotted Sasquatch going across the Tarleton University campus."

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## Let's Have A Trifecta!

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Source: Billy Cox's Blog | De Void - Sarasota, Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2dsj49>

Friday, Feb. 1, 2008 at 1:42 p.m.

Let's Have A Trifecta!

By Billy Cox  
[billy.cox.nul](mailto:billy.cox.nul)

In televisionland, as a general rule, you want to save the stuff you're excited about for sweeps-weeks. The first shot at impressing the Niensens is always February. So what's new?

In a reflection of the national sickness that starts sucking big \$\$\$ into the 2008 presidential race immediately after the '06 midterms and sprinkles Christmas inventories onto retail shelves immediately after Labor Day (yes! It's true! At Walgreens!), the History Channel and the Sci Fi Channel managed to break new ground this week.

But wait. Before we even discuss timing, let's talk about something even dumber. A group of linguists and bibliophiles called the Global Language Monitor say the English language is now just 4,883 entries shy of 1 million words. Some scholars argue English has more words than any other language on Earth.

Now. The Sci Fi and History channels get this bright idea to launch simultaneous 'reality' shows about gumshoes working to resolve cases about unidentified flying objects. They've got nearly a million words to work with in the dictionary. Sci Fi names its show: UFO Hunters. History names its show: UFO Hunters.

It gets worse. A few weeks ago, their noise machines start dispensing press kits promoting their respective programs for premieres in February. On the same night: Feb. 6. In the same time slot: 10 p.m. EST.

Remember how Florida was so desperate to butt in front of the elections process that it scheduled its primaries earlier than both parties permitted? And instead of attracting the candidates' attention as intended, just the opposite happened? The contenders couldn't make campaign speeches and Florida wound up depriving its voters of convention delegates?

History and Sci Fi decided to go Florida. They chucked their sweeps calendars and shoved their shows ahead to Wednesday night in a head-to-head showdown. "It's unclear which network made the first move," wrote Reality TV World, but the result was "a game of trademark chess aimed at ensuring neither show can claim to have aired before the other."

Principles, man.

Fortunately, De Void was able to review both shows. Who won?  
UFO Hunters - the one with the real footage.

Look, reality television is what it is. You've still gotta have a script, and there are only so many ways to make blocking look spontaneous. Both were a little stagey, but the History Channel came off as trying a bit harder to look unrehearsed.

The History Channel's UFO Hunters is at a disadvantage in the Immediacy Department because, well, it's history. Its niche is revisiting cold cases like Wednesday night's spot on the 1947 Maury Island Incident. Not surprisingly, with its reliance on archived footage, this show had more of a documentary feel to it, but those resources didn't help them solve what happened over Puget Sound.

On the other hand, UFO Magazine publisher and de facto show host Bill Birnes has a respectable Dr. Hunter S. Thompson thing going on with the baseball cap and the sunglasses. If only he had a T-shirt with the fist-and-blade logo that reads "GONZO!"

The editing of Sci Fi's UFO Hunters exudes more kinetic energy and trumpets the thrill of tearing off after contemporary UFOs on a moment's notice. Highlight: Chasing down a Carteret, N.J., sighting from 2001.

Sci Fi grabbed compelling eyewitness testimony, but the package got a little lame when team member Dennis Anderson put a cloak-and-dagger spin on how his sources had slipped him the local FAA radar reports profiling a fast-moving UFO. Those records were actually written up by the National Institute of Discovery Science in 2001. Sci Fi showed the cover of the report but never mentioned it was more than six-years-old.

Bottom line: Sci Fi wins the head-to-head because it actually showed footage of the New Jersey UFOs arrayed lights, captured by a police department employee's camcorder. No solution to this story, either, but a little more drama than History.

Moral of the story: Two UFO Hunters in the same time slot aren't nearly enough. We need five or six.

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## Name Game Blame

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Source: Broadcasting & Cable Magazine - Waltham, Massachusetts

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2/4/2008

Name Game Blame

Corporate cousins History and Sci Fi spar over rights to UFO Hunters

By Anne Becker  
Broadcasting & Cable

An otherworldly battle is afoot between The History Channel and Sci Fi Channel over UFO Hunters=97which ran on both networks on the same night at the same time (Jan. 30 at 10 p.m.). The issue: Different shows, different producers, same name.

The networks are sparring over just which one had the rights to the name first. AETN-owned History says it was first with the idea and the name, having filed for a trademark last October, while NBC Universal-owned Sci Fi filed six days later.

History's series, from Motion Picture Production Inc., is a reincarnation of an episode of the network's 2005 series UFO Files, which ran some 30 times to decent ratings, hence the greenlight to series. Sci Fi has had success with a series called Ghost Hunters, hence the spin off the UFO show from Pilgrim Films and Television. Sci Fi premiered it as a special and is developing a series.

After History sent Sci Fi a letter saying it was in violation of the former's trademark filing, History moved up its UFO Hunters premiere date to Jan. 30. Sci Fi moved up its own premiere to the same day. The network said in a statement that its show has been in development for a year and is "the perfect companion series to cable's No. 1 paranormal franchise."

The battle is as old as TV itself, and one that goes on in every development cycle=97networks scramble to clone whatever is the hit genre or series of the day to steal ratings and advertising bounty. Sometimes these efforts have led to legal action=97remember NBC trying to keep The Next Great Champ off Fox because of its similar The Contender? Or ABC's suing Fox over Trading Spouses, alleging it was a Wife Swap rip-off? The list goes on.

Shows have also borne the same names, although generally not at the same time; NBC's hit medical drama ER came a decade after a CBS sitcom by the same name; the hit 1980s sitcom Growing Pains aired 30 years after the comedy Growing Paynes on the short-lived DuMontNetwork.

Legal action isn't expected here. Sci Fi and History are corporate cousins; History parent AETN is a joint venture of The



Hearst Corp., ABC Inc. and Sci Fi-owner NBC Universal. Plus, such lawsuits are usually settled out of court or get tossed out as not significantly harmful to networks' bottom lines.

"It's a very hard claim to prove because there are about seven stories out there and anything's a variation on them," says TV historian Tim Brooks, author of The Complete Directory to Prime Time Network and Cable TV Shows.

Still, look for similar battles to heat up in the coming weeks, especially on cable, as the writers' strike continues to deprive broadcast networks of original dramas, which makes reality more attractive and high-profile viewing than it otherwise might have been.

Lifetime, Bravo and MTV, for example, are all set to premiere dance shows in the coming weeks. MTV's Randy Jackson Presents: America's Best Dance Crew premieres Feb. 7; Lifetime's mother-daughter competition, Your Mama Don't Dance, debuts Feb. 29; and Bravo is readying a premiere date for Step It Up & Dance. Fox's So You Think You Can Dance? is gearing up for a fourth season.

Explicitly created as knock-offs or not, such copycatting is a thorn in network executives' sides. But they say they expect it and try to make their shows stand out with network-specific twists and tonality.

"You always have to consider what's out there competitively and wait and see whether there's going to be enough space for all these shows," says Sandy Varo, Lifetime's VP of reality series. "That's part of the nature of this business. It's our hope that there is, or we wouldn't have bought the show we did."

As for battle UFO, Sci Fi came out on top in week one. The network's show edged out History's in adults 25-54: 754,000 to 692,000, according to early results from Nielsen.

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## Re: Shermer's Sceptic 'Logic'

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2008 12:25:48 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:09:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Shermer's Sceptic 'Logic'

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 10:58:58 -0500  
>Subject: Shermer's Sceptic 'Logic'

>I happened to catch the last half-hour of C2C in the small hours  
>of this morning - a replay from 1/23/06 featuring a debate  
>between Michael Shermer and Dean Radin.

>Noory asked Shermer for his thoughts on Edgar Casey's accuracy.

>Shermer replied:

>"Casey did 40,000 readings - some of them are bound to be right."

>Which prompted my response to the un-listening radio, "Ah so out  
>of many, many more thousands of UFO sighting reports a whole  
>bunch of them are bound to be right?"

>ebk

Hmmm! Better tell Shermer of your discovery.

Sock it to 'em!

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## Re: UFO Fuss Seeing Is Believing

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2008 12:25:53 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:11:54 -0500  
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>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 01:20:37 EST  
>Subject: Re: UFO Fuss Seeing Is Believing

>>Source: The Post Chronicle - Denville, New Jersey, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2z2by9>

>>Jan 29, 2008

>>UFO Fuss: Seeing Is Believing  
>>by Alan Burkhart

>>Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the  
>>Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth, said no F-  
>>16s or other aircraft from his base were in the area the night  
>>of January 8, when most people reported the sighting.

>>Lewis said the object may have been an illusion caused by two  
>>commercial airplanes. Lights from the aircraft would seem  
>>unusually bright and may appear orange from the setting sun.

>>"I'm 90 percent sure this was an airliner," Lewis said. "With  
>>the sun's angle, it can play tricks on you."

>>This is cute. Airliners at 120,000 feet catching the sun. Because  
>>that's how high they would have had to be at 6:15 PM CST in  
>>central Texas on Jan 8, 2008, to be visible at Stephenville.

Lewis was simply following Maccabee's First Rule for Debunkers:  
any explanation is better than none.

Don't expect debunkers to ever check the applicability of of  
their proposed explanations against the data.

Thanks for pointing this out.

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## New Hope For The Media's Dance With UFOs?

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Archived: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:19:06 -0500  
Subject: New Hope For The Media's Dance With UFOs?

The History Channel's UFO Hunters:  
New Hope For The Media's Dance with UFOs?  
By Christopher O'Brien

1-31-08

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I couldn't begin to count how many times media coverage of UFO events have made me cringe and look the other way. Or the number of times I have suffered through the predictable smarmy 'little green men' giggle jokes at the end of local news segments, or listened to reporters out-in-the-field nervously mouthing an approximation of the Twilight Zone theme before launching into deadpan coverage of the latest manifestation of this perplexing phenomenon. It would appear that woo-woo you-foe mystery won't fly away long enough and far enough away to be explained or denied by the media with any appreciable modicum of dignity. Sometimes I have to remind myself that all my consternations around the media's unease of UFOs is not a personal problem, and I think I can say that I speak for many of us who became fed up with this disingenuous approach a long time ago. Over the years there have been simply far too many biased, judgmental, uninformed small-minded examinations of this important scientific mystery and its obvious to me why this pivotal subject has drawn the scorn of mainstream science and high-status culture. One thing that has slowly changed is that sighting events are now routinely making the national news and the growing amount of coverage has garnered grudging respect from the media for the subject's ability to pull in viewership, if for no other reason.

The new History Channel series titled UFO Hunters, which aired its pilot episode last Tuesday, may be exactly the kind of treatment of the subject that our proto-scientific, red-haired stepchild field of Ufology would need to see to help re-establish trust in the media. I recently had the pleasure of working with the crew from Motion Picture Productions, Inc. on a segment for their new show and I have a confession to make. Initially, right after wrapping up shooting a segment on "Gateways" I felt a bit disillusioned and jaded as I wondered if this latest attempt by the media was just another warmed-over re-working of the disastrous, short-lived series Sci-Fi Investigates. But the more I began to recall my conversations with several of UFO Hunters principles, the more I realized that this program appears to be an honest, even-handed attempt by broadcast media to make sense out of the very difficult UFO subject. Having worked with and helped develop over two dozen UFO segments for broadcast television producers over the years, this show and their approach may truly be different. And is this is so. it could herald a new positive chapter in the media's dance with UFOs.

Since 1992 and the advent of the wildly popular X-Files TV program, and the emergence of Art Bell on the Coast to Coast AM radio show, there has been a gradual but discernable slant in the media's attitude toward the UFO subject that has quietly and unassumingly gone mainstream. Unfortunately, the media and the public continues to be mesmerized by their Roswell fixation, but

how do we define "main-stream"? Is this increased public awareness and acceptance of UFOs based on a quantity of media coverage or in the quality of coverage? With the stunted blossoming of the X-File generation in the early 1990s we have seen a gradual (but definite) upsurge in objective media coverage of the UFOs and major sighting events (such as the March 1997 "Phoenix Lights" events and the recent Stephenville, TX sightings) now prompt instant international news coverage without too much giggle factor being injected. But something else has replaced the old-fashioned media style of incredulity. Instead of the standard tactic of attacking the credibility of the witness to refute the validity of a particular event, we have the unspoken assumption that something other-worldly was observed up there and "if it wasn't ours, it must be aliens or extraterrestrials. Absent an effective debunking, off-planet ETs are now assumed to be responsible. As a professed proponent of exhausting all non-ET "closed system" explanations before jumping off-planet, for me this knee-jerk "alien" assumption is as disingenuous as all the mundane explanations proposed over the decades by the mainstream, which has helped deflect and confuse public perception of the UFO mystery. But this subject of the extraterrestrial hypothesis is for different article.

Thankfully, the team from the History Channel's UFO Hunters show appears to be taking a more objective and scientifically-based approach to examine the conundrum in question. Instead of making assumptions about a particular given aspect of the subject, they appear to be making a concerted effort to approach the mystery head-on with careful objectivity and analysis of the data. Instead of Sci-Fi Investigates skeptic, Rob Moreno, making beer-soaked snide asides every other scene, or the Sci-Fi Channel's competing version of UFO Hunters that comes across as cold and calculated with a production slickness that may work for Ghost Hunters but not the UFO subject, we have a MIT-trained scientist getting excited about aspects of UFO field research and analysis of 'hot spot' regions and Bill Birnes, one of Ufology's most encyclopedic minds training a smart, eager 'intern' who asks insightful, intelligent questions while he scribbles copious notes. I like that and I bet you will enjoy the History Channel's refreshing approach to investigating UFOs as well.

In an earlier piece I pointed out my dismay at having to go the extra mile helping the producers of UFO Hunters develop their 'Gateway' segment, but after a couple of weeks, I now realize that my increased involvement was actually a good thing. Instead of working with older, more jaded individuals (like many producers I've worked with in the past), I was able to work with a young, talented, non-judgmental person willing to learn and take suggestions with an enthusiastically open mind.

Those of you who may be aware of my work in the field of paranormal investigation know me as an objective, hardworking and contrarian- when I'm told to keep my eyes to the sky, I tend to keep my ear to the ground. I'm jaded but optimistic, disillusioned by the media, but hopeful for their redemption. Obviously, in the final analysis, the real testament to this show's potential will be made (or trashed) in the darkened edit suites of Hollywood entertainment moguls and, in all honesty, until I actually see more episodes of the show, I can't promise that this is the new prototype UFO Show I suspect it could be. But the more I think about my time helping develop the 'Gateway' segment and recall my long day spent with the cast and crew of the History Channel's UFO Hunters, the more excited I am at the prospect that there could finally be a quality show exclusively investigating UFOs that I will eagerly look forward to watching each week.

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## Sci-Fi Channel UFO Hunters Show Repeat

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2008 20:30:17 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:21:52 -0500  
Subject: Sci-Fi Channel UFO Hunters Show Repeat

Oliver Vonkemenczky has informed me that the Sci-Fi Channel in the USA will be repeating their UFO Hunters show on Wednesday, February 6, at 10PM Eastern, 9PM Central for those Americans who missed it in the silly head-to-head battle with THC show of the same name at the same time. Of course we in Canada missed both.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Cox 'Nodding Off At News Weak'

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 09:42:08 -0600  
Archived: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:39:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: Cox 'Nodding Off At News Weak'

>From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 15:04:19 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: Cox 'Nodding Off At News Weak'

>>Source: Billy Cox's Blog | De Void - Sarasota, Floriday, USA

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

>>Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008 at 2:15 p.m.

>>Nodding Off At NewsWeak

>>By Billy Cox

>>[billy.cox.nul](mailto:billy.cox.nul)

>If we had the Hudson Valley wave today, God knows how far we  
>would go.

My intuition is that one is immanent (sic). Sincerely.

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## Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 10:50:49 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:42:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>From: Franck Boitte <[franckboitte.nul](mailto:franckboitte.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>,  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 23:04:54 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 16:19:29 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>>I have a different question: Did I read or hear somewhere that  
>>abductions >only occur within the United States? If yes, why  
>>would ET operate that way, I wonder.

>It's an established fact that they don't.

>For example, my second wife holds she was abducted in Angers  
>(France) circa 1972.

>The story she told me when we met in 1987 - never changed since  
>then.

>She recalled most of what took place to her without any use of  
>hypnotism. It occurred in plain daylight, she wasn't asleep and  
>used no drugs or mediation. She didn't even smoke.

>I collected over the years many indirect confirmation of her  
>claims.

While I wouldn't want to get into a long discussion, I think it's important to note that the description of the 'aliens' is often very different from Country to Country, with the traditional Whitley Streiber image becoming the norm for most US reports. A couple of books have been written, including one by Kevin Randle, that describes the different alien races that are described.

Abductions seem to follow patterns, but are described differently by abductees in other Countries. I think there is an argument that what we perceive as the "abduction phenomenon" has been taking place for centuries and described in a different context by the people of that time period. I think that to some extent, Researchers in the US who have had very limited access to foreign cases, and no resources to mount any overseas investigation, are often looked on as arrogant by UFO researchers in other Nations. This is changing as we learn to use the Internet, and to protect ourselves from its danger, but as we continue to view everything from a single perspective, we don't view it uniformly (for the most part). Hence the discussion, debate and disagreements.

Steve

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## Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 08:15:11 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:44:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>From: Theo Paijmans <[th.paijmans.nul](mailto:th.paijmans.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 18:06:18 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 04:57:00 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Re: Informative Interview With Dr. Jacques Vallee

>I prefer the Lammers' book, MILABS: Military Mind Control &  
>Alien Abduction. In it, on page 134 (the 1999 edition) is this  
>extract:

<snip>

>Lammers of course having been predated by the pioneering  
>study of Martin Cannon, "The Controllers", for which  
>he received so much undeserved vitriolic flak from the UFO  
>communities at that time that he left the field in disgust.

>It set this very interesting discussion back with a decade but  
>thankfully now this interesting theory can be discussed.

Indeed, Mr. Paijmans, perhaps abductees themselves are beginning  
to examine these possibilities.

I only wish that the same case might apply to ufology taking a  
closer look at Dr. Bergrun's findings on the massive anomalous  
activity he has found in the Rings of Saturn.

For developments have furthered the relevance of this to solar  
mechanics just as have observations of such parallels in our own  
technology led to suspicions of military black ops involvement  
in the abduction phenomenon.

JCH

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## Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 10:01:24 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:46:02 -0500  
Subject: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

I'm probably just revealing more of my ignorance here. And I'm confident that will continue to be confirmed.

But if Martian and Lunar soils are hydrophobic, and if UFO landing soil samples are hydrophobic, does that indicate a possible similar cause in both?

Is it possible the current landscapes on both were caused by the overuse of that certain alien technology?

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## Re: The Stephenville UFO?

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Archived: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:48:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 10:30:35 -0800  
>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 12:53:04 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>>>From: William Bolt <[ab5sy.nul](mailto:ab5sy.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 16:11:10 -0800 (PST)  
>>>Subject: The Stephenville UFO?

>>>The article below is about a scaled down model, but could NASA  
>>>now have the real deal?

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>>>Source & Photos:

>>>[http://www.nasa.gov/vision/earth/improvingflight/skyray\\_48.html](http://www.nasa.gov/vision/earth/improvingflight/skyray_48.html)

>>>09.11.07

>>>Skyray 48 Takes Flight

>>Do you really think this experimental toy or its non-existent 10  
>>year in the future, yet to be built craft explains the sightings  
>>in Texas?

>Hi, Don & List,

>I would agree with Don that whatever was seen in Stephenville,  
>it was not the Skyray, nor likely any kind "deep black" aircraft  
>- that's what places like Area 51 are for [or should I say,  
>"Homey" airport? 8^) ].

>On the other hand, could this have been something to do with a  
>military or other government agency psyop or test of something  
>like a holographic projection system? A simulation could serve  
>several interesting purposes. What do others think of this  
>speculation?

Well, Maybe, but it would've had to have been widespread. Here  
is a list of Texas cities corresponding to reports to MUFON of  
events that occurred on January 8th, 2008

(In order of appearance)

Aubrey  
Lewisville  
Grapevine.  
Fort Worth  
Burleson,  
Granbury  
Stephenville  
Dublin

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De Leon  
Comanche  
Brownwood  
Putnum

This covers about 160 miles.

Granted the witnesses did not always describe the same thing but it is still interesting that these cities are on a virtual line extending SW of Aubrey to Brownwood.

Putnum, Texas was the only 'wayward' city.

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## Re: UFO Fuss Seeing Is Believing

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 16:12:08 EST  
Archived: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:50:27 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Fuss Seeing Is Believing

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 13:01:48 -0400  
>Subject: Re: UFO Fuss Seeing Is Believing

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 01:20:37 EST  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Fuss Seeing Is Believing

>>>Source: The Post Chronicle - Denville, New Jersey, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2z2by9>

>>>Jan 29, 2008

>>>UFO Fuss: Seeing Is Believing  
>>>by Alan Burkhart

>>>Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the  
>>>Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth, said no F-  
>>>16s or other aircraft from his base were in the area the night  
>>>of January 8, when most people reported the sighting.

>>>Lewis said the object may have been an illusion caused by two  
>>>commercial airplanes. Lights from the aircraft would seem  
>>>unusually bright and may appear orange from the setting sun.

>>>"I'm 90 percent sure this was an airliner," Lewis said. "With  
>>>the sun's angle, it can play tricks on you."

>>>This is cute. Airliners at 120,000 feet catching the sun. Because  
>>>that's how high they would have had to be at 6:15 PM CST in  
>>>central Texas on Jan 8, 2008, to be visible at Stephenville.

>Somewhere at the 301st Fighter Wing at the Joint Reserve Base  
>Naval Air Station in Fort Worth there were probably fighter  
>jocks who read this and were shaking their heads as well. Lewis  
>is a spokesman but has he ever flown anything? Doesn't sound  
>like it.

Hi Don,

I should have added words at the end for clarity so as to say  
"to be visible at Stephenville while catching the rays of the  
setting sun."

Let's round off the 120,000 feet to 100,000 feet.

It turns out that if airliners were catching red light of the  
setting sun 200 miles away to the NW -- when the lights  
disappeared over Stephenville (as seen by the witnesses near  
Selden, Texas) -- the airliners could be at 50,000 feet, which  
is still too high for airliners.

But airliners cannot be seen from 200 miles, they're too small  
and too far away. We've already done the calculations for  
Minimum Angle of Resolution for the human eye for visibility of

a 70-foot Skyhook balloon in the Mantell case. And we were far too generous there, by assuming the ice-cream-cone shaped, nearly transparent gas bag was like a sphere of aircraft material 70 feet in diameter, when in fact only the top part about 10 feet high and 70 feet wide might be partially illuminated by the sun.

Even with this very overgenerous assumption the Skyhook's maximum range of visibility to the human eye turned out to be about 45 miles. Same figure came up with brightness calculations of satellite visibility, again overly generously assuming a spherical 70-foot satellite.

A 200-foot airliner seen horizontally at great distance from the side is only about 50 feet high, it's not a 200-foot sphere. It's the equivalent area of about a 56-foot diameter sphere. It might well not be visible even as far as 45 miles, since it is smaller than even the 70-foot sphere calculations which gave the 45-mile maximum visibility range.

If we naively scaled up the 70-foot Skyhook calculations to the 200 foot length of the larger airliners (please no one nitpick about how this or that Boeing 747 or Airbus 380 is slightly wider than this, etc.) and thus scaled up the Skyhook figure by a factor of 3x, we would still get a maximum visibility range of only about 135 miles. Again this would be far too generous since it assumes a 200-foot sphere, not a 200-foot wide aircraft shape, which is much smaller in illuminated area.

Bottom line: There is no way that any airliners could have been seen catching reddish setting sunlight at 6:15 PM on Jan. 8 from near Stephenville, Texas, as they would have to be flying at an impossible altitude of about 100,000 to catch the sun and they would have had to be within say 45 miles of Stephenville even to be visible to the eye.

Brad

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## Re: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 16:20:52 EST  
Archived: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:51:36 -0500  
Subject: Re: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 15:04:19 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: Cox 'Nodding Off At News Weak'

<snip>

>... Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>"1,400-square-mile area covering Westchester, Putnam, and  
>Dutchess Counties in New York, and neighboring Fairfield,

<snip>

>It started on New Years Eve of 1982. Between 1982 and 1995, we  
>get 7,231 reports.

Where are these "7,231 reports" and how do we know such an exact  
number?

What were the exact figures for 1982, 1983, and 1984 by year if  
you have them?

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## Re: Almiro Barauna

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 12:18:03 +0000  
Archived: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 16:20:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 10:25:25 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:25:06 +0000  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>>So Barauna was a nice guy. All the UFO hoaxers I know are nice  
>>guys, kind to animals, buy their round in the pub, etc., etc.,  
>>etc. This is simply the opposite of an ad-hominem attack - ad-  
>>hominem praise - and proves nothing.

>Nor, John, do words like yours.

>As any sensible observer easily discerns, you are resorting to a  
>meaningless anecdote which no non-pelicanist need take  
>seriously. All you're doing is expressing an affirmation of  
>faith in a momentarily convenient and unfalsifiable hypothesis  
>about the personalities of hoaxers.

>To see how the unfalsifiability works here, let's propose the  
>following:

>"UFO hoaxers are miserable human beings, cruel to other living  
>creatures, and they refuse to pay for their drinks at the  
>bar..."

No Jerry, I just said "all the UFO hoaxers I know", I didn't  
make any comments about the rest. I was just pointing out, as  
indeed you are, that ad-hominem judgements, pro or con, are  
pretty much worthless.

--  
John Rimmer  
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## Re: Almiro Barauna

From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 12:41:25 +0000  
Archived: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 16:22:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>From: Milton Frank <[mfrank.nul](mailto:mfrank.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 21:15:01 -0200 (BRST)  
>Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:25:06 +0000  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>>>From: A. J. Gevaerd <[aj.nul](mailto:aj.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Mon, 28 Jan 2008 11:30:15 -0300  
>>>Subject: Almiro Barauna

>>>Barauna's photos... Oh boy. How come they are still attacked by  
>>>skeptics and debunkers? They have been many times fully, deeply  
>>>and detailedly analyzed by some of the most experienced image  
>>>experts in this planet, not only in Brazil, and also by several  
>>>international, governmental and nongovernmental, committees  
>>>assembled to deal with top UFO evidences. And they passed with  
>>>honors!

>>What "international, governmental and nongovernmental"  
>>committees? Name them. Where can we read their reports

>>>The Almirante Saldanha vessel was a very important Brazilian  
>>>Navy ship at that time, a ship that was in an official mission  
>>>in Trindade Island, packed with civilians, scientists, marines  
>>>and officers, lots of them were on the deck exactly when the UFO  
>>>was photographed. Most of them gave their testimonies about it,  
>>>although most of them are still kept secret by Brazilian Navy.

>>This is fantasy. What evidence do you have for this claim?

No evidence for a cover-up then? It couldn't just be that there  
were no other witnesses interviewed, could it? No, not in the  
world of ufology, where if evidence isn't there, it's because  
it's been covered up.

>>>Barauna was very well known in Brazil, especially in Rio, and I  
>>>know dozens of people who met the man or were his friends in the  
>>>last decades. I can tell you that no one has ever caught him in  
>>>any kind of dishonesty or even in a small lie. On the contrary,  
>>>he is still remembered by everyone as a serious, reputable and  
>>>decent person.

>>So Barauna was a nice guy. All the UFO hoaxers I know are nice  
>>guys, kind to animals, buy their round in the pub, etc., etc.,  
>>etc. This is simply the opposite of an ad-hominem attack - ad-  
>>hominem praise - and proves nothing.

>Everyone has the right to believe in what they want to.

>If the magazine published that those negatives were analyzed by  
>Kodak in USA and by the military, I have to trust it. I was not  
>born at that time to check into it.

>Mr. Jucelino, a Brazilian President, in one Ash Wednesday said,

>"Go ahead and publish those pictures, they are real!" - I never  
>hard a nation's President saying that about any other UFO  
>picture. Have you?

Oh, I'm sure Kim Jong Il or that funny fellow from Turkmenistan  
must have said something similar, and of course there's that  
chap from Grenada. I'd really need to know a lot more about  
Kubitshek's personality and Brazilian politics at the time to  
comment with any authority.

Actually, is there any direct evidence, a Presidential Decree or  
whatever that Kubitshek actually said those words, or are they  
words reported by others? Was this quotation published in  
Brazilian newspapers at the time?

>If those pictures remained true all these years and no one could  
>debunk them yet, what more do you want to prove?

Well, isn't that what this argument's all about? You actually  
mean no-one's debunked them to your satisfaction!

>Do you want to say they are not real? OK, go ahead, everybody  
>has the right to say what think.

Thank you, but that is what I've been saying.

>But, there are a lot of very important people in Brazil like  
>militaries, Professors, Pop singers, PhD people who believe in  
>those pictures. I do believe in them. Why? Because no one has  
>given me proof that those pictures aren't real.

Indeed there are. I'm particularly impressed by the pop stars.

>Don't forget that for anyone to debunk those pictures they  
>will need the negatives. So go find them and then show why  
>those pictures aren't real.

And for anybody to prove they're real they will also need the  
negatives, so you go find them, after all, you're probably a few  
thousand kilometers closer to them than I am. Maybe they're  
hiding out with all the 'negative witnesses' Jerry's always  
banging on about.

>Until now they are real and they will continuous to be real.

Of course they will.

>That's all.

From me too!

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## UFOs & The Satanic Question

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 18:46:26 EST  
Archived: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 16:32:45 -0500  
Subject: UFOs & The Satanic Question

Recently on the radio a very popular theologian who has a Christian based radio program answered a listener's call in question regarding UFOs.

Without missing a beat the theologian expounded that the UFO issue was nothing more than a Satanic attempt to divert worship to some new form of religion and invalidate Christianity.

I thought that was a bit too extreme as I'd thought the Catholic Church and several other denominations had looked at the issue as one of just another of God's mysteries and that even if there were intelligences from other worlds the importance of a Christian was always to proclaim the truth of Christ. As long as they did that things were cool.

So I got a chance to discuss this issue with some other Christian theologians and most didn't know the history of UFOs but none agreed 100% that from a Christian viewpoint the phenomenon was Satanic in origin, design.

So for you Christians out there and/or experts in the area what say you looking back at it over the decades?

Best,

Greg  
[ufomafia.com/blog](http://ufomafia.com/blog)

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## Elsie's UFO Encounter On The A45

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 16:38:11 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 16:38:11 -0500  
Subject: Elsie's UFO Encounter On The A45

Source: The Northampton Chronicle & Echo - UK

<http://tinyurl.com/23ea95>

04 February 2008

Elsie's UFO Encounter On The A45 In South Northants

One of the most famous UFO experiences in Northamptonshire is the 1978 tale of Elsie Oakensen who believed her car was stopped on her way home to Church Stowe by a flying machine.

"As usual I turned off the A45 on to the A5 towards Towcester," she said. "The journey had been uneventful, but then directly ahead of me I saw two very bright lights, one red and one green.

"There was a lot of traffic but it seemed as if everything had gone into slow-motion. I could see a dumb-bell shaped object, made of very smooth plastic material, and there were no openings or windows."

Elsie continued her journey but when she came off the main road she stopped her car to take a closer look.

"A green light started to flash. I decided to restart the engine but when I turned into the village something strange happened =96 the car, which had just been serviced that day, completely cut out.

"Eventually it restarted but I had only travelled about 100 yards when it stopped again. The natural light disappeared and everything was in absolute blackness.

"Then suddenly a brilliant white circle of light about a yard in diameter shone on the road. The very next moment, as if someone had flicked a switch, natural light returned and I was driving my car normally."

The whole journey took 15 minutes longer than normal although Elsie cannot account for the extra time.

Elsie was so mesmerised by her experience that she went on to write several books about her close encounter of the third kind.

Today Elsie still lives in Church Stowe and, despite a recent fall in Daventry affecting her memory, she is still convinced she had an extraterrestrial encounter.

She said: "I looked at my books and I can't remember what I had written, but it must be true."

Other cases of UFOs

On March 23, 1909, PC M Kettle of Peterborough (then part of Northamptonshire) reported a strange airship. There were many other reports of this object from around the country.

Around 1954/55 an eight-year-old boy was digging in his garden near Rushden when he saw a strange ovoid-shaped cloud and heard a voice giving him instructions. He has also had a number of subsequent UFO experiences.

In 1977 researchers carrying out a skywatch exercise saw two separate strange lights over Harrington, then in May 1978 at 11.30pm a witness saw strange manoeuvring lights in the sky over Finedon.

In 1980 a man in Northampton General Hospital saw a strange object over the town when he looked out of the window.

In 1997 a woman from Kingsthorpe in Northampton reported round red objects moving fast over the town. In October the next year, two witnesses from Kingsthorpe reported seeing two triangular objects moving from the south to the north.

In June 1984 a man saw what he described as being a Chinese lantern over Northampton. It was an octagonal object about 20 feet long and 35 feet in height. At each of its eight corners was an orange light. It made a sound like electricity shorting out and there were occasional blue sparks. The witness estimates that the object could not have been more than 100 feet from the ground.

In November 1995 two separate sightings of lights were made =96 one over Yardley Hastings and the other above Derngate in Northampton town centre.

In September 2003 the MoD recorded two small, star-size objects, dark orange or rust in colour, followed by two others doing manoeuvres over Northampton.

The full article contains 606 words and appears in n/a newspaper.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## Finding The Door To A Parallel Universe

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Archived: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 16:43:11 -0500  
Subject: Finding The Door To A Parallel Universe

Source: The New Scientist - London, UK

[http://www.eurekalert.org/pub\\_releases/2008-01/ns-ftd013008.php](http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2008-01/ns-ftd013008.php)

30-Jan-2008

Finding The Door To A Parallel Universe

If there were a portal linking us to a parallel universe or some other region of space, how would we spot it? One suggestion is that it will give itself away by the curious way it bends light.

The existence of wormholes linking different regions of space was suggested in 1916 by the Austrian physicist Ludwig Flamm as a possible solution to equations of general relativity, which Einstein had published that year. They have since become accepted as a natural consequence of general relativity, which predicts that matter entering one end of a wormhole would instantly emerge somewhere else, so long as the wormhole is somehow propped open.

Though no direct evidence for wormholes has been observed, this could be because they are disguised as black holes. Now Alexander Shatskiy of the Lebedev Physical Institute in Moscow, Russia, is suggesting a possible way to tell the two kinds of object apart. His idea assumes the existence of a bizarre substance called "phantom matter", which has been proposed to explain how wormholes might stay open. Phantom matter has negative energy and negative mass, so it creates a repulsive effect that prevents the wormhole closing.

According to Shatskiy's calculations, the way phantom matter deflects light would give the wormhole a signature that astronomers could look out for. The gravity of an object with a positive mass, such as an ordinary black hole, focuses light rays passing close to it as if it were a giant concave lens -96 an effect known as gravitational lensing. Phantom matter's negative mass would have the opposite gravitational lensing effect to normal matter, making any light passing through the wormhole from another universe or point in space-time diverge, and emerge from it as a bright ring. Meanwhile, any stars behind it would shine through the middle. Shatskiy suggests that his idea might offer a way for future space-based observatories such as Russia's planned Millimetron Project to look for wormholes at the centre of large galaxies.

Other researchers point out that the idea relies on several untested assumptions. "It is an interesting attempt to actually think of what a real signature for a wormhole would be, but it is more hypothetical than observational," says Lawrence Krauss at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. "Without any idea of what phantom matter is and its possible interactions with light, it is not clear one can provide a general argument." Critics also point out that even if phantom energy does exist, other objects might create a similar light signature. "The basic mechanism would not distinguish wormholes from negative energy

=91stars'," says Don Marolf at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

What's more, today's telescopes would struggle to see the signature in enough detail, says astronomer Daniel Holz at the University of Chicago, though he doesn't reject Shatskiy's idea out of hand. "It's an interesting thing to think about, maybe after a few beers."

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## What Have We Been Seeking For Past 50 Years?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 16:46:38 -0500  
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Friday, February 01, 2008

What Have We Been Seeking For Past 50 Years?

Doug Mendenhall  
Huntsville Times

Rocket City USA, where I work, is excited this week by the 50th anniversary of Americans blasting off into space.

As all the rocketeers and astronauts and ancillary personnel toast the accomplishments of the past half century, it is interesting to me that the major question preoccupying Huntsville has been "How can we get up there?"

You don't hear many discussions of the bigger question: "What will we find up there?"

That's not so surprising, I suppose, because this is a hardware town and that is a software question. I'm sure that there are other cities as single-mindedly concerned about what's up there as we are about the foot-pounds of thrust required to get there.

Or perhaps we already know more about that question than they let on over at Marshall Space Flight Center. Perhaps it is a Code Red secret. Perhaps there are recovered UFOs and ET corpses on ice and the key to the universe hidden in bunkers and sheds back there behind the pine trees and warning signs south of I-565.

Perhaps the secure phone lines keep up a constant buzz between Huntsville and Nevada's Area 51.

I mean, how would I know?

Not knowing, here's my take on the possibilities.

1. Maybe those pre-Renaissance astronomers were right, and the Earth really is the center of the universe. Maybe there's nothing much of interest out past our solar system, and all of the galaxies and intuited planets are just window dressing, props set there by God to give us something to admire of a dark, clear night.

2. Maybe those scattered orbs really do support life, carbon-based just like ours, so that it appears the same God's stamp is on all of them in a million tiny ways. Maybe there are plants, animals, fishes ?everything except an off-world equivalent of homo sapiens. That is, maybe man is still the center of the universe even if his planet is not. Maybe being made "in the image of God" is an honor that belongs only to us. Maybe we'll one day spread to distant worlds until man fills the universe

God has made just for him.

3. Maybe the Mayan hieroglyphics and the crop circles and the UFO sightings and David Bowie are truly hints that, yes, there are inter-galactic visitors who rival us for complexity of thought. And maybe they have souls. And maybe they, too, are made in God's image, although a completely different facet of it than we know anything about. Maybe we have brothers and sisters, away out there, and when we meet them it will be appropriate for us to evangelize among them, spreading our message of good news that the one Master who created all is a loving God. Maybe.

4. Or maybe they will evangelize among us, telling us a thing or two about God that we never suspected. Maybe they're even a step ahead of us on the life cycle that is taking us from Eden to Heaven. Maybe they'll be our hosts or tour guides or mentors or guardian angels as we step closer to God.

5. Maybe the rest of the universe is out of step with our Earth. Maybe it is under the control of evil, and we are the only outpost protected by the Almighty. Maybe we'll be sorry when we see what's really up there. Maybe, but I doubt it.

I don't know anything about what's out there, but I believe that when we stand at the launch pad or huddle around the TV screen and watch the latest rocket blaze into the heavens, we are, at our core, searching for more information about God himself, in the same way that we search our sacred texts and the depths of our minds.

As odd as it sounds, I guess I am claiming that this week's celebration is about 50 years of trying to answer two questions: "Who is God?" and "Where do we fit in his universe?"

So, to the next set of astronauts headed for the heavens, I wish you Godspeed.

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Doug Mendenhall serves up Soul Food each Friday. E-mail him at [doug.mendenhall.nul](mailto:doug.mendenhall.nul) if you'd like him to speak to your church or civic group.

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## Question About Witness To Roswell

From: **Kevin Randle** <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 10:15:16 EST  
Archived: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 16:49:41 -0500  
Subject: Question About Witness To Roswell

Hello List, All

I have learned (though it wasn't very hard) that the name of Elias Benjamin is a pseudonym invented by Carey or Schmitt to protect the witness identity (something that isn't necessarily a bad thing).

However, there is nothing in the text to suggest this was done and I know that some have attempted to verify the presence of Benjamin in Roswell at the critical time. This will, of course, fail, since it isn't the correct name.

Carey confirmed they changed it but that the guy, whoever it might be, is in the Yearbook. We have no way to check that.

So, the question is this: Does it bother anyone that the name was changed without them letting us know?

Thanks.

KRandle

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## Re: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

From: **Brian Ally** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 10:40:53 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 16:51:43 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

>From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 10:01:24 -0800 (PST)  
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>I'm probably just revealing more of my ignorance here. And I'm  
>confident that will continue to be confirmed.

>But if Martian and Lunar soils are hydrophobic, and if UFO  
>landing soil samples are hydrophobic, does that indicate a  
>possible similar cause in both?

What gives you the impression that Lunar and Martian soils are hydrophobic? The absence of large quantities of water does not mean that the soils are hydrophobic, just that there isn't a lot of water (at the surface, at any rate).

I have no idea about "UFO landing soil samples" being hydrophobic, though. Where did you come across this claim? What studies have shown this? And what was the sample size? Indeed, what was the justification that said soil sample(s) were taken from a "UFO landing" site?

>Is it possible the current landscapes on both were caused by the  
>overuse of that certain alien technology?

While both Mars and our own moon are not the largest bodies in the solar system, I find it very unlikely that whatever it is you're imagining here would be responsible for removing water from the soils of these bodies. They're really quite \*large\* bodies, you know.

Brian

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## Re: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 14:03:30 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 16:58:19 -0500  
Subject: Re: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 16:20:52 EST  
>Subject: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>>From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 15:04:19 -0500 (EST)  
>>Subject: Re: Cox 'Nodding Off At News Weak'

><snip>

>>... Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>>"1,400-square-mile area covering Westchester, Putnam, and  
>>Dutchess Counties in New York, and neighboring Fairfield,

><snip>

>>It started on New Years Eve of 1982. Between 1982 and 1995, we  
>>get 7,231 reports.

>Where are these "7,231 reports" and how do we know such an exact  
>number?

>What were the exact figures for 1982, 1983, and 1984 by year if  
>you have them?

I'll echo Brad's request, Vincent. I'd like access to or  
reference to these reports as well. Very interesting time and  
events.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Almiro Barauna

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 15:32:54 -0600  
Archived: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 16:59:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 12:18:03 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 10:25:25 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>>>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>>>Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:25:06 +0000  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

<snip>

>I was just pointing out, as  
>indeed you are, that ad-hominem judgements, pro or con, are  
>pretty much worthless.

Still, there is a certain satisfaction gained by calling a spade  
a spade, sometimes... and what if it's not name-calling so much  
as assessment? Perhaps too many assessments are taken for  
ad-hominem, and pretty conveniently, too, eh?

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## Re: Almiro Barauna

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 13:48:10 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 17:01:09 -0500  
Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2008 12:41:25 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>Actually, is there any direct evidence, a Presidential Decree or  
>whatever that Kubitschek actually said those words, or are they  
>words reported by others? Was this quotation published in  
>Brazilian newspapers at the time?

Since, along with your other presumptions, I'm certain you  
profess to research; and since, you obviously have no regard for  
Mr. Friedman telling you it's true, instead of laboring Mr.  
Frank, why don't you apply some search engines to this, Mr.  
Rimmer?

Or do you have a problem with that?

JCH

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## Re: Almiro Barauna

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 15:28:26 -0600  
Archived: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 17:02:20 -0500  
Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>From: John Rimmer <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>>>Subject: Re: Almiro Barauna

>>>So Barauna was a nice guy. All the UFO hoaxers I know are nice  
>>>guys, kind to animals, buy their round in the pub, etc., etc.,  
>>>etc. This is simply the opposite of an ad-hominem attack - ad-  
>>>hominem praise - and proves nothing.

>>Nor, John, do words like yours.

>>As any sensible observer easily discerns, you are resorting to a  
>>meaningless anecdote which no non-pelicanist need take  
>>seriously. All you're doing is expressing an affirmation of  
>>faith in a momentarily convenient and unfalsifiable hypothesis  
>>about the personalities of hoaxers.

<snip>

>No Jerry, I just said "all the UFO hoaxers I know", I didn't  
>make any comments about the rest. I was just pointing out, as  
>indeed you are, that ad-hominem judgements, pro or con, are  
>pretty much worthless.

I would have phrased it thus:

Good character is a count in a UFO witness' favor, but it  
doesn't settle the issue.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

From: Ray Boeche <[rayboeche.nul](mailto:rayboeche.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 16:31:52 -0600  
Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 06:26:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 18:46:26 EST  
>Subject: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>So for you Christians out there and/or experts in the area  
>what say you looking back at it over the decades?

That's an interesting question, Greg.

From my point of view (a master's degree in apologetics and systematic theology and 10 years experience as an Anglican pastor, along with forty years of research experience into many aspects of the paranormal), I have a fairly uncomplicated way in which I evaluate these things. Let me lay the groundwork first, so you may see a logical progression (hopefully).

First of all, as a Christian, I accept the authority of Scripture (the Old and New Testaments) as the final standard by which matters philosophical, theological, and spiritual are to be judged.

I have no problem with the concept of sentient, extraterrestrial biological life. I have no problem with the possibility that said life forms may very well have visited us in the past, and are presently visiting us.

That is a very viable possibility.

That said . . .

Classical, orthodox Christianity maintains that God (as we know him through his revelation of himself in Scripture) is by his very nature omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and absolutely sovereign over his creation. We also know that he is immutable, that is, never changing his mind, his decreative and preceptive will, or his nature.

He revealed himself to humanity by the incarnation: by becoming fully human in the form of Jesus Christ, while simultaneously remaining fully God.

Jesus' unequivocal statement of absolute, exclusionary Truth ("I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father but by me") leaves no place for those who say (regarding matters of faith and spirituality) "It doesn't matter what you believe, as long as you're sincere."

My suspicions of satanic/demonic involvement in the UFO phenomena are aroused when communication with "entities" drifts into condemnations of human faith practices, which are virtually always limited to classical Judeo/Christian teachings, the content of the Bible, etc.

I've yet to read an account of a contactee or abductee experience in which Buddha, Mohammed, Zoroaster, or any of the 13 million or so Hindu deities are denigrated. Only Christ and the Judeo/Christian scriptures.

So my evaluation "process" runs something like this:

1. I believe in the authority of the Bible, God's word revealed to humanity.
2. I believe that Jesus was God incarnate, who died a sinless, substitutionary death for the sins of the world, and who rose bodily from the dead.
3. He claimed to be the exclusive way to obtain forgiveness of sin, and restoration to a right relationship with God.
4. Since God is sovereign and immutable, any sentient life found anywhere in the universe would have been created and sustained by the same God who revealed himself to humanity in the Bible.
5. If a life form (whether biological or spiritual) denies the God of the Bible or his incarnate Son, (who claimed exclusivity as absolute Truth) this entity is, by that very denial, satanic (in the Hebrew sense of satan - the adversary).

Ray Boeche

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Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 18:35:49 EST  
Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 06:29:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 14:01:53 -0600  
>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 10:30:35 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 12:53:04 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

<snip>

>Well, Maybe, but it would've had to have been widespread. Here  
>is a list of Texas cities corresponding to reports to MUFON of  
>events that occurred on January 8th, 2008

>(In order of appearance)

>Aubrey  
>Lewisville  
>Grapevine.  
>Fort Worth  
>Burleson,  
>Granbury  
>Stephenville  
>Dublin  
>De Leon  
>Comanche  
>Brownwood  
>Putnum

>This covers about 160 miles.

>Granted the witnesses did not always describe the same thing but  
>it is still interesting that these cities are on a virtual line  
>extending SW of Aubrey to Brownwood.

>Putnum, Texas was the only 'wayward' city.

This 160-mile line from around Aubrey-Lewisville to Putnam (not "Putnum") and Brownwood, going ENE to WSW, makes a classic meteor fireball or satellite reentry pathway. Some witnesses report a short duration for the east-west initial sighting of something like 4 seconds (typical meteor fireball duration) and even a 120,000 mph velocity which is in the ballpark for meteors. If the longer durations should check out then it could be a space reentry. Has anyone checked with NORAD?

At what time did witnesses see the lights from these cities on Jan. 8?

What was the reported directions and how long did each sighting last? How reliable are the witnesses?



You realize a witness who is very precise and says "It happened at 6:18 PM and I know that because I looked at my watch" is much more likely to be an accurate and valuable witness than one who says "Oh I don't know what time it was, must've been around 6 or 7."

That means some witnesses are "no good as observers" and should not be relied upon in any scientific investigation. If some witness along that 160-mile line says they saw the lights at, say, 7 PM, that does not prove it was a different set of lights or objects, nor does that prove the sighting lasted 45 minutes, etc. It just means your info is warped with lousy data.

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>bodies, you know.

>Brian

Thanks for the response Brian!

As I said, I'm probably just revealing my ignorance here. And  
now my memory.

I seem to remember reports of no water available at any of the  
sites explored on either world. Although, those statements do  
not preclude water at other surface sites, or below the surface  
as you infer, it does make one wonder at a general hydrophobic  
status. Hence the use of a question mark in the title of this  
thread.

As for hydrophobic soil samples at UFO landing sites, I refer  
you to the following, as a start:

<http://tinyurl.com/36a9on>

Good hunting!

If you find any light to shed on this, I for one would appreciate

it.

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## Clinton Library Answers UFO Theorist Not USA Today

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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<http://tinyurl.com/33kptr>

February 04, 2008

Clinton Library Answers UFO Theorist, Not USA Today  
By Fred Lucas  
CNSNews.com Staff Writer

(CNSNews.com) - Even though it says it processes Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests on a first-come-first-serve basis, the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library has answered multiple requests related to Unidentified Flying Objects made in late February 2006 but not any of the requests made a month earlier by USA Today. The so-far unanswered FOIA requests focus on issues such as the 1993 health care task force headed by then-first lady Hillary Clinton, the Marc Rich pardon, and the Clinton administration's tracking of Osama bin Laden.

The Clinton library first began accepting FOIA requests on Jan. 20, 2006. Five days later, it received eight requests from USA Today reporter Susan Page. Page told Cybercast News Service Monday that so far the Clinton library has not provided her with any documents in response to any of her requests.

On Feb. 23, more than four weeks after it received the requests from USA Today, the Clinton library received more than 50 FOIA requests from Grant Cameron, who runs PresidentialUFO.com. Cameron's biography says he is "working on a detailed paper detailing the '64 Reasons the Government is Covering Up the ET Presence.'"

Cameron's Web site boasts that he has made about 100 requests to the Clinton library and that so far the library has provided him with responses to 12 of those requests.

The receipt dates for USA Today's and Cameron's FOIA requests are recorded in a chronological log of FOIA requests to the Clinton library provided to Cybercast News Service by the National Archives and Records Administration.

Under the Presidential Records Act, the records in the Clinton library are open to the public, subject to certain exemptions for national security and privacy concerns.

Politicians, public interest groups and the media have been complaining, however, about the Little Rock, Ark.-based Clinton library's lack of progress in making records available.

The library opened in 2004, and the records became subject to the Freedom of Information Act in January 2006. Currently, the National Archives has processed just 30 requests of the more than 300 made.

All FOIA requests are handled on a first-come-first serve basis,

National Archives spokeswoman Susan Cooper told Cybercast News Service last month. The Clinton library has just six people working on more than 10 million pages of documents.

"Who is to say what is the most important? We don't feel we can make that kind of judgment," Cooper said last year.

In an interview with Cybercast News Service Monday, however, Cooper qualified her prior assertion. "It is first come first serve," she said. "However ... we set up different queues for FOIA requests. The queues can consist of, but are not limited to, the classified queue, the complex queue, the simple queue, the multiple-request queue, among others, the audio visual queue.

"So just because something is the 300th request that is received, it doesn't mean it's going to be processed as number 300," Cooper said. "It might go into a queue, which is a shorter queue than some of the others so that an archivist might get to that request sooner than they would if we only had one queue."

Nicholas Cull, a professor of public diplomacy at the University of Southern California, filed the first group of FOIA requests on Jan. 20, 2006.

"At the (George H.W.) Bush library, I had records in three months," Cull told Cybercast News Service. "With the Clinton library, it's been well over a year since I submitted my request in 2006 - about a year and a half really."

Cull, researching for two book projects on U.S. diplomacy and the United States Information Agency, wanted to make it clear that he did not blame the librarians whom he said were very apologetic for the delays.

He blames the delays on stricter regulations imposed on the release of presidential documents by the Bush administration. So far, he says, he has gotten about half the material he requested.

Cull said that he does not anticipate that any of the information he is seeking would be negative to Sen. Clinton.

That may not be the case, however, with other record requests made to the library in January and February 2006. (So far, the library has not responded to any FOIA request received after February 2006.)

The chronological log provided to Cybercast News Service shows that in January and February 2006, several news organizations, including USA Today and the Associated Press, requested documents from the Clinton library.

Page is listed on the log for eight separate FOIA requests received by the library on Jan. 25, 2006.

Page's requests involved White House discussion of Mrs. Clinton's potential 2000 Senate bid, the Clinton administration's discussion of Osama bin Laden as a potential threat, the development of a new policy on gays in the military, White House communications about the 1993 health care task force, records related to President Clinton's appointment of first lady Hillary Clinton to lead that task force, records relating to President Clinton's pardon of fugitive Marc Rich, discussion of Vice President Al Gore's 2000 campaign, and the White House's involvement in the 2000 Florida recount.

"It is accurate that on behalf of USA Today I filed Freedom of Information requests with the Clinton library and that I haven't received any documents from those requests to date," Page told Cybercast News Service.

A page on the Clinton library Web site lists those FOIA requests to which the library has already responded. Page's requests are not listed there. Nor are the seven requests the library received on Feb. 4, 2006, from Andrew DeMillo, an Associated Press reporter based in Arkansas.

DeMillo filed requests seeking documents regarding Gen. Wesley Clark, the Oklahoma City bombing, the bombing at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, Monica Lewinsky, the Whitewater scandal,

current Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe, and former Arkansas Gov. and current Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee.

DeMillo told Cybercast News Service on Monday he was uncertain if he should answer any questions on potential stories he is working on.

However, the Clinton library has completed a request for photographs of President Clinton's 53rd birthday party that it received on Feb. 13, 2006 - nine days after it received DeMillo's requests.

The archivists at the library seemed most generous with Grant Cameron of PresidentialUFO.com.

On Feb. 23, 2006, he made 59 separate requests - many of them repetitive - regarding UFOs, aliens, the TV series "X-Files" and other matters.

The library released records to Cameron showing that Camp David received the Sci-Fi Channel; information in the Clinton White House about the controversy of Roswell, N.M., in 1947; a photo of President Clinton and former Central Intelligence Director James Woolsey; a response to his questions on flying saucers; and an audio recording of an interview Bill Clinton had with former NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw.

Cameron could not be reached for comment Friday or Monday for this story, but his Web site says, "At present Cameron is awaiting almost 100 FOIA requests from the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Arkansas, related to the UFO related actions and policies inside the two presidential terms of Bill Clinton. So far 12 UFO related requests have been released."

Neither Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign office, nor her Senate office would respond to questions on the matter Friday or Monday as to why documents apparently related to Clinton controversies of the 1990s were not released.

"I suspect it's just not very difficult to clear those documents," Cull said of the UFO-related documents requested by Cameron.

Nearly 2 million pages of documents about Sen. Clinton's time as first lady are in the custody of archivists who don't anticipate that they will release them until after the 2008 presidential race, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Newsweek has reported that former President Clinton instructed the National Archives to tightly control the disclosure of communications directly between him and his wife.

The Clinton White House records are also the subject of a lawsuit filed against the National Archives by the conservative public interest group Judicial Watch, which is seeking access to Mrs. Clinton's daily schedules and calendars from the White House years.

Judicial Watch announced Friday that the Department of Justice confirmed the National Archives is on schedule to process about 10,000 pages of the New York senator's daily schedules from her time as first lady. The archives have authority to release the documents within 30 days after notifying former President Clinton.

In an interview with C-SPAN late last year, the former president said, "The public has to know they're not my records. They belong to and are under the jurisdiction of the archives." No one has an interest in blocking the release of these documents unless the former president asks them to, said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

"Bill and Hillary Clinton do not need to review these schedules unless they seek to hide something embarrassing," Fitton said in a statement.

"Bill Clinton has publicly stated his desire to have all of Hillary's records released as soon as possible, and he blamed the National Archives for the delays. Now the ball is in his court. All Bill Clinton has to do is say the word and Hillary's schedules will be released to the American people immediately.

The clock is ticking," he added.

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## Re: The Stephenville UFO?

From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 19:27:24 EST  
Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 06:38:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 14:01:53 -0600  
>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

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>This covers about 160 miles.

I forgot to mention in my last posting that this ENE-WSW trajectory points back to a possible meteor radiant in the Gemini constellation, or possibly Taurus if more nearly E-W (the Burleson-Putnam line is almost due E-W).

Fireballs are often sporadics not associated with any annual meteor showers. Here, it is interesting that a Jan. 8 date is just a few weeks after the annual Geminid shower which ends around Dec. 19 or the northern Taurids which end around Dec. 2. But, again, it may simply be a sporadic fireball not connected with the Geminid or Taurid meteor showers but happens to come from their direction (radiant).

Remember that the original witnesses to the Stephenville sighting (actually located about 10 miles SE near Selden) said the object itself was "invisible" and only lights were seen.

I should also mention that the AF now runs the former Naval Space Surveillance Network radar "fence" which has a continuous wave transmitter at Kickapoo Lake, Texas, and the radar fan runs along approximately 32 N latitude. The radar fence often picks up meteors.

If the objects in the Stephenville case crossed over the radar fence at about 32 N, then the AF Space Surveillance Radar might have detected it (or them). It might be possible to call NORAD Public Affairs and ask them to check AFSSR. Otherwise another FOIA is in order.



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## Sky Triangles Viewed From Above The Clouds

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 22:00:35 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 06:42:13 -0500  
Subject: Sky Triangles Viewed From Above The Clouds

For those who are interested in my investigations of triangular and toroidal shapes in the sky, I have gathered some more evidence to support the view that these objects are more than just accidental, natural cloud configurations. The report summary is as follows:

"Evidence from ground-based photographs of the sky suggest that subtle triangular and toroidal objects leave their footprints in the clouds. Although practically invisible, the objects appear to interact sufficiently with matter so that their shapes are discernable.

Recently, a set of digital photographs were obtained that showed the upper surface of clouds. A number of these photos contain traces of the same triangles and tori, but in greater detail given the much shorter distance between the camera and the objects.

Besides the properties of the objects defined by the selection criteria, the photos show additional structure giving an impression that the triangles have thickness.

One image shows an object that can be interpreted as a three dimensional vertex of a triangle extending above the cloud layer.

Further, from the relationship between triangle and tori in another image, we can infer that the triangles have some form of motive power."

The complete report is at:

<http://www.treurniet.ca/trishadows/bmclouds/bmclouds.htm>

Best regards,

William

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## Re: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 23:12:48 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 06:44:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

>From: Brian Ally <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 10:40:53 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

>>From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 10:01:24 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

>>I'm probably just revealing more of my ignorance here. And I'm  
>>confident that will continue to be confirmed.

>>But if Martian and Lunar soils are hydrophobic, and if UFO  
>>landing soil samples are hydrophobic, does that indicate a  
>>possible similar cause in both?

>What gives you the impression that Lunar and Martian soils are  
>hydrophobic? The absence of large quantities of water does not  
>mean that the soils are hydrophobic, just that there isn't a lot  
>of water (at the surface, at any rate).

>I have no idea about "UFO landing soil samples" being  
>hydrophobic, though. Where did you come across this claim? What  
>studies have shown this? And what was the sample size? Indeed,  
>what was the justification that said soil sample(s) were taken  
>from a "UFO landing" site?

The only case I can think of off-hand is the Delphos, Kansas case  
in which the 'ring soil' below the area where the UFO hovered  
was hydrophobic, if I recall correctly.

Google on Delphos Kansas UFO

or see, as an example,

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

Several studies of the soil have been done.

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## Re: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 00:17:01 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 06:49:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 14:03:30 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 16:20:52 EST  
>>Subject: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>>>From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 15:04:19 -0500 (EST)  
>>>Subject: Re: Cox 'Nodding Off At News Weak'

>><snip>

>>>... Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>>>"1,400-square-mile area covering Westchester, Putnam, and  
>>>Dutchess Counties in New York, and neighboring Fairfield,

>><snip>

>>>It started on New Years Eve of 1982. Between 1982 and 1995, we  
>>>get 7,231 reports.

>>Where are these "7,231 reports" and how do we know such an exact  
>>number?

>>What were the exact figures for 1982, 1983, and 1984 by year if  
>>you have them?

>I'll echo Brad's request, Vincent. I'd like access to or  
>reference to these reports as well. Very interesting time and  
>events.

Don, Brad and List,

<Gulp> Don, I didn't know an echo could be so intimidating.

Sorry for the typo. My 7,231 should have read 7,046. (Super Bowl  
fever?)

A very good question.

The easy way out for me would be that I have only the second  
edition of the book and that the first edition, as mentioned on  
page 229, "... presented data of witnesses grouped by sighting  
date and wh! at they reported".

There is an analysis of this data from the first edition at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2c3h36>

There is an annoying lack of crude data: it gives percentages  
but no absolute numbers! The latter should have been included.

The second edition, on page 255, displays a chronology of

sightings for the 1982-1986 period - still without numbers. I have copied the places for the first 2 dates to give you an idea of the way it is showed. If you are interested in all this stuff, I'll be glad to send you the info. For the time being, I have mostly reproduced the dates of the sightings.

1982-12-31: Kent, Carmel, Lake Carmel, Putnam County.

1983-02-36: Brewster and Lake Carmel, Putnam County; Danburry, Fairfield County.

1983: March 17, 24, 26, 30, 31. April 3, 12, 15, 21. August 21. October 28.

1984: March 21, 25. April 25. May 31. June 11, 13, 14, 22, 24, 25. July 12, 19, 24. August 7, 13, 17, 20, 25, 26. October 30.

1985: March 21. November 21. 1986: January 6. June 21. July 10.

I know, I know: no numbers!

Chapter 17 provides an "Analysis of the Situation" for the 7,046 reports from 1982 to 1995. Still, there is no analysis of the phenomenon in relation to time.

And the question begs to be answered: if 5 objects are seen by 2,000 different people each time, we may end up with 10,000 reports for \_5\_ sightings...?

This distinction is not clear (to my knowledge).

One shouldn't be too harsh. The book is a very good reading. It is just that it is a little weak on the scientific side.

The name of Hynek was what sold the book to me. The importance of his contribution to the Hudson Valley is not clear.

First off, Hynek is credited for his preface to the book. But, upon his death in 1986, his co-author, Philip J. Imbrogno, sought the help of Bob Pratt to "finish" the work. at:

<http://www.skepticfiles.org/ufol/hvufothd.htm>

Philip J. Imbrogno states "Night Siege documents the sightings that took place from 1982-1986. There was quite a bit going on, but Allen Hynek wanted it as low key as possible."

So Hynek's role in both the study and the writing of the book was significant.

But the sightings started on December 31st 1982. There was a wave in March of 1983. At the time, Hynek was still head of CUFOS.

So, did Hynek operate on his own or did CUFOS get involved? I don't know the answer to this. I have not found the Hudson Valley wave featured prominently on CUFOS' website (<http://www.cufos.org/>).

Where is all the data. Who has it? CUFOS? Imbrogno?

If you still doubt the Hudson Valley case, there is a must read paper from Hynek himself: a paper which might be the last he ever wrote on the subject of UFOs, a few days before his first surgery for a brain tumor that left him with so little time.

His words are that much more poignant.

They tell it all: The Roots Of Complacency.

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc685.htm>

Vincent Boudreau

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From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 08:41:17 -0800  
Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 13:57:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 18:35:49 EST  
>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 14:01:53 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

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>>This covers about 160 miles.

>>Granted the witnesses did not always describe the same thing but  
>>it is still interesting that these cities are on a virtual line  
>>extending SW of Aubrey to Brownwood.

>>Putnum, Texas was the only 'wayward' city.

>This 160-mile line from around Aubrey-Lewisville to Putnam (not  
>"Putnum") and Brownwood, going ENE to WSW, makes a classic  
>meteor fireball or satellite reentry pathway. Some witnesses  
>report a short duration for the east-west initial sighting of  
>something like 4 seconds (typical meteor fireball duration) and  
>even a 120,000 mph velocity which is in the ballpark for  
>meteors. If the longer durations should check out then it could  
>be a space reentry. Has anyone checked with NORAD?

>At what time did witnesses see the lights from these cities on  
>Jan. 8?

>What was the reported directions and how long did each sighting  
>last? How reliable are the witnesses?

>You realize a witness who is very precise and says "It happened  
>at 6:18 PM and I know that because I looked at my watch" is much  
>more likely to be an accurate and valuable witness than one who  
>says "Oh I don't know what time it was, must've been around 6 or  
>7."

>That means some witnesses are "no good as observers" and should  
>not be relied upon in any scientific investigation. If some  
>witness along that 160-mile line says they saw the lights at,  
>say, 7 PM, that does not prove it was a different set of lights  
>or objects, nor does that prove the sighting lasted 45 minutes,  
>etc. It just means your info is warped with lousy data.

Skipping eyewitness Rick Sorrels for a moment who described a  
"metallic" craft and had more than one sighting; I interviewed  
eyewitness Steve Allen - over a week ago - who has lived in the  
area all his life; additionally he has been a pilot (flying over  
that area) for over 30 years, and has been described as having a  
photographic memory.

He witnessed the object with two of his close friends -  
initially, more on the return trip - all three were in utter  
shock, one so scared he left for home immediately. He described  
4 very bright large white lights, evenly spaced approaching at  
great speed from the southeast; he was in Selden at the time; as  
the object - he swears this was one object - neared it slowed; he  
said the two front lights were about 1/2 mile apart, and the  
rear two were about a mile back, all parallel to the ground and  
evenly spaced forming a rectangle; as the rear lights passed  
him, at a right angle to his original viewing position, he then  
was able to see 5 additional "rear lights" totaling 7.

At this point I stopped him, and asked did these lights just  
appear... did they come on as if a light switch was turned  
or what; after some deliberation, I used an analogy of an  
invisible car with front and rear lights, two lights in the  
front and 7 in the back, with the four corner lights being  
visible and the additional 5 being blocked by the invisible  
car until it got to a position where he could see them; he  
agreed with the principles of the analogy.

The configuration of the lights changed (he detailed this and it  
was most unusual - there were geometric patterns involved) as  
it approached Stephenville gradually slowing until it was over  
the town then stopped and hovered for a very short time; then it  
just seemed to vanish.

At that point Allen and his remaining friend went into the  
house, to discuss the event amongst themselves and the occupants  
in the house; after explaining what they had seen, one or more  
persons went outside; a few minutes later someone yelled from  
outside that the object was coming back!

When Allen went back outside, he said the object was heading  
back in the the direction it came--southeast; as it got closer  
he saw "two F-16's chasing it!" He said the "object was toying  
with them"... matching their speed and always keeping a  
constant distance between it and the pursuit craft; he and his  
group continued watching until it was out of sight; skies were  
clear and it was still light out.

The next day Allen said there were many different type military  
aircraft in the skies if you were to have flown a kite  
you would have hit one.

This is just a overview of a much more detailed account.

Cheers,

Frank

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## Re: The Stephenville UFO?

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 10:16:16 -0700  
Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 13:58:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: UFO [UpDates.nul](#)  
>Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 19:27:24 EST  
>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

<snip>

>Fireballs are often sporadics not associated with any annual  
>meteor showers. Here, it is interesting that a Jan. 8 date is  
>just a few weeks after the annual Geminid shower which ends  
>around Dec. 19 or the northern Taurids which end around Dec. 2.  
>But, again, it may simply be a sporadic fireball not connected  
>with the Geminid or Taurid meteor showers but happens to come  
>from their direction (radiant).

>Remember that the original witnesses to the Stephenville  
>sighting (actually located about 10 miles SE near Selden) said  
>the object itself was "invisible" and only lights were seen.

However, the early accounts (see, e.g., UFO UpDates 15 Jan 2008,  
"NUFORC Reports Stephenville Texas UFO") describe a single-pass  
flight duration of ~3 minutes, followed by another pass in a  
different direction, this time tailed by fighter jets.

I have yet to hear how the estimates for speed and altitude in  
these early accounts (2000-3000 mph, 3000-4000 ft agl) were  
arrived at, although as I have noted earlier they are broadly  
consistent with a horizon-to-horizon flight time of 3 minutes.

If anyone has further details regarding the origin of these  
speed/altitude figures, by all means chime in. I have not  
reviewed the most recent material for this case, if indeed  
anything substantive has become available.

Mike

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## Re: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 09:38:01 -0800  
Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 14:00:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

>From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 10:01:24 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

>I'm probably just revealing more of my ignorance here. And I'm  
>confident that will continue to be confirmed.

>But if Martian and Lunar soils are hydrophobic, and if UFO  
>landing soil samples are hydrophobic, does that indicate a  
>possible similar cause in both?

>Is it possible the current landscapes on both were caused by the  
>overuse of that certain alien technology?

While no surface water has been seen by either rover on Mars,  
and very unlikely except for possible brief seepage from below  
or brief occurrences of salty brines, the soil itself has been  
found to contain a high percentage of bound water, at least in  
some places. Not liquid, but technically still water. And in  
May, Phoenix will land near the north pole and for the first  
time sample soil which contains water ice.

Water ice, frost, fog and clouds have also been observed  
although of course that doesn't relate directly to the soil  
itself.

Also the strong evidence from both the rovers and orbiters for  
previous playa lakes, groundwater and hot springs/fumaroles, so  
conditions were significantly different in the past than they  
are now.

Paul

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The Meridiani Journal  
a chronicle of planetary exploration  
[web.mac.com/meridianijournal](http://web.mac.com/meridianijournal)

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 14:24:44 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 14:04:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 00:17:01 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 04 Feb 2008 14:03:30 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>>>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 16:20:52 EST  
>>>Subject: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

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Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 16:37:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

>From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
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>>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>>Date: Thu, 31 Jan 2008 15:04:19 -0500 (EST)  
>>>>Subject: Re: Cox 'Nodding Off At News Weak'

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>2,000 different people each time, we may end up with 10,000  
>reports for \_5\_ sightings...?

>This distinction is not clear (to my knowledge).

<snip>

>Where is all the data. Who has it? CUFOS? Imbrogno?

You may be right about how the stats were inflated. The 38  
separate dates you listed may be including IFO cases or  
uncertain cases that Hynek excluded from consideration. The  
Hynek essay on Complacency you cited states:

"the event happened not once but several times, and over the  
course of several years...."

"hundreds of cassette tapes in the thousands of statements made  
by witnesses....."

So there seems to have been only "several" UFO incidents over  
"several years" but "hundreds" or "thousands" of witness reports  
for these few incidents. Now the question is where are all these  
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Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 15:06:32 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 16:39:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Hudson Valley UFO Sightings

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Hello Don,

The echo thing was more of a joke. I have thick skin :)

It would be interesting if you could give feedback about the nature of the data in the first edition.

So far I have not been impressed by the way it was handled. It would be very interesting to get the raw data.

Any idea who could have it?

Regards,

Vincent Boudreau

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From: **Franklin D. Fields, Jr. Esq.** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 15:27:32 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 16:41:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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## Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 16:55:58 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 06 Feb 2008 06:05:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 18:46:26 EST  
>Subject: UFOs & The Satanic Question

<snip>

>So for you Christians out there and/or experts in the area  
>what say you looking back at it over the decades?

I've never seen any conflict between my Christian faith  
and the existence of ETs. No conflict at all. I can't  
imagine why the existence of ETs would have the slightest  
effect on Christianity as taught.

Eleanor White

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## UFO & Physical Effects In Brazil 01-20-08

From: **A. J. Gevaerd** <[aj.nul](mailto:aj.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 20:02:51 -0300  
Archived: Wed, 06 Feb 2008 06:29:12 -0500  
Subject: UFO & Physical Effects In Brazil 01-20-08

UFO Sighting With Physical Effects In Brazil, January 20th, 2008

Dear Colleagues:

Last week I was in the city of Riolandia investigating a recent and very interesting case. Riolandia (population 8,500) is located in the far Northwestern region of Sao Paulo State, 350 miles from Sao Paulo City.

The case involved the sighting of a huge UFO overnight from Saturday, January 19th, to Sunday, January 20th, which resulted in unusual crumpled vegetation in some areas of a vast sugar cane plantation.

This case was discussed all over Brazilian media:

<http://tinyurl.com/2gb6cs>

<http://tinyurl.com/29nbq4>

<http://tinyurl.com/2zz4je>

<http://tinyurl.com/ypmmbq>

The sighted UFO was cylindrical-shaped with oval ends and was seen by a small businessman, Mr. Mauricio Pereira da Silva, 39, owner of Piapara Inn, a modest and nice-looking place by the banks of the Rio Grande, just between the States of Sao Paulo and Minas Gerais. The place is really close to Sao Francisco de Sales, across the river, where Antonio Villas Boas was abducted in the 50s. It is also in the middle of a very hot spot for UFOs.

Mauricio awoke in the middle of the night hearing a loud noise like the crushing of sugar cane on the neighboring plantation. Through the kitchen window he saw the object lightly illuminating the surroundings and was still in the air. Simultaneously, the strange crushing noise stopped. It was between 3:00 and 3:00 a.m. on Sunday (January, 20th).

At the same time, a guest at the inn, Mr. Durval Ambrizzi Jr, a business representative, 58, who was camped with his wife in a trailer parked on the premises, was also awakened by the same loud sound and saw the lights, without, however, noticing any object. He and Mauricio had simultaneous but independent sightings.

Only on the day following the event, when they were up and chatting, around 6:00 a.m., did the Inn=92s owner and his guest, and their wives, talk about the subject. They found, then, on the sugar plantation that is adjacent to the Inn (and does not belong to Mauricio), the strangely flattened plants, in an uneven area of roughly 3.600 to 5.200 m2 (previously estimated in 1.500 to 2.000 m2), next to a little street that marks off the premises=92 perimeter. The women had not been awakened the night before nor had they heard the sounds or seen the lights. Only at the moment of their conversation did Mauricio and Durval find out they had witnessed the same phenomenon.

The sugar canes, 5 to 8,5 feet high, and ready for harvesting, were bent in a most unusual way, close to ground level, without the stems being broken, which is uncommon with that kind of plant. The sugar canes survived and continued to grow in that bent, horizontal position. Receiving both sunlight and lots of rain during the week, they began to show a significant recovery on Saturday (January, 26th), when I visited the field.

The stems have by now been bent back straight, which is a natural biological feature. It has been noted, however, that the plants have suffered premature aging, and their pulpous parts have become purpled. Nevertheless, the plants seemed fit for human consumption.

Throughout that week, dozens of people visited Mauricio's estate, including geographers, geologists, meteorologists, biologists and experts in sugar cane cultivation, all drawn by their scientific interest in the phenomenon. All of them, after several different kinds of analysis, testified that there was no natural explanation for the phenomenon that had occurred in that part of the plantation next to Piapara Inn.

Particularly the sugar cane experts from Uniao dos Produtores de Bionergia (UDOP) (Association of Bionergy Producers) in Aracatuba (SP), issued a note attesting that the incident could not have been caused by any known natural causes.

Devoted to increasing and enhancing sugar cane cultivation in this country, UDOP was greatly interested in the incident and conducted reports and research studies on the situation, including aerial filming of the phenomenon. This enabled them to discover that besides the larger mark caused by the crushed plants on the street just off the premises, other unevenly circular marks had appeared on the plantation, for which no natural explanation was found.

Air views: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DF1t6tPL7ALY>

During my stay at the Inn, I was accompanied by two ufologists, Gener Silva, attorney and consultant for UFO Magazine, and Jorge Nery, expert in telecommunications and electronics, both members of the Instituto de Astronomia e Pesquisas Espaciais (INAPE) (Institute for Astronomy and Space Research) whose significant assistance was crucial for surveying data and interviewing several witnesses, not only for the Riolandia incident, but from other cases in the surrounding area.

Nery was the first UFO researcher to visit the Inn, on the day immediately after the event, Monday, January 21th, having obtained first-hand, recent information on the facts and interacting with witnesses.

The mere crushing of sugar cane plants would not in itself be significant to Ufology maybe so to other fields of study if we did not have any witnesses of a unusual phenomenon that occurred just a few hours before the physical effect on the plants was discovered. Both Mauricio and Durval heard the sound of vegetation being crushed or broken, and Mauricio said that it was a very strong, frightening noise. "Sounded like a bulldozer rolling over the plants, but without engine sounds, only the sound of plants being crumpled or broken", he told UFO Magazine.

The sounds were the first thing that called the witnesses' attention, and because of the sound, they woke up, looked up and saw something in the sky. While Durval, who was about 140 feet away from the crushing site, where UFO must have been, saw only "dim lights spread around the place, as though they were linked to a very large object", Mauricio, about 90 feet away from the phenomenon, had the opportunity of seeing the craft, which he described as being "very large, cylindrical in shape and ovoid at the tips." He also saw a dim light shining from the object's bottom part, which did not emit any humming sound nor caused any other effect.

This editor, researchers Gener and Nery, and many others who visited the site including News staff members of Globo TV and Record TV who were consulted at the time are convinced of the witnesses' honesty of character and sincerity. Separately interviewed, their testimonies matched almost perfectly were it not for one detail: Durval, from where he was, on his trailer, a bit further away from the UFO, saw only whitish lights, whereas

Mauricio, closer to the object, saw lights coming from the UFO, but of a more yellowish tone.

Another corroborating factor to the legitimacy of the incident is that there are other testimonies by local city dwellers who claim to have seen unidentified flying objects on different occasions, both before and after Riolandia Incident, including the very afternoon before the episode and the day following it. One of those witnesses is a policeman. Several witnesses were interviewed by UFO Magazine, which has amassed a large amount of material for publication in its upcoming issue.

See pictures at: [www.ufo.com.br/public/riolandia/selecionadas/](http://www.ufo.com.br/public/riolandia/selecionadas/)

Best regards!

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## Re: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

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>From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
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>Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 09:38:01 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

>>From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 10:01:24 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

>>I'm probably just revealing more of my ignorance here. And I'm  
>>confident that will continue to be confirmed.

>>But if Martian and Lunar soils are hydrophobic, and if UFO  
>>landing soil samples are hydrophobic, does that indicate a  
>>possible similar cause in both?

>>Is it possible the current landscapes on both were caused by the  
>>overuse of that certain alien technology?

<snip>

>Water ice, frost, fog and clouds have also been observed  
>although of course that doesn't relate directly to the soil  
>itself.

<snip>

Thanks for the response Paul!

I wonder if, given the chance, the Martian soil would readily  
mix with liquid water. Do you have any reports of that?

Also, have you any reports of same with Lunar soil?

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## NY Times On Alien Hunters

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[image of Ted Acworth, Pat Uskert and Bill Birnes]

Otherworldly Phenomena: Explainable? You Decide

By Neil Genzlinger

The world is a better place because of '93UFO Hunters,' a new series on Wednesday nights on the History Channel.

Not because the program is particularly good; in fact, it's as silly and scientifically shaky as a creature feature from the Eisenhower era. But the mere presence of the series means that we collectively have not completely succumbed to the worship of science and Wall Street. If even one person is watching this show, it proves that humans can still give themselves over to the unexplainable, the mysterious, the fantastical. It means that we have not abandoned the notion that there might be something beyond ourselves.

Yes, that's piling a lot of baggage onto '93UFO Hunters,' but we might as well, since otherwise this series doesn't have much excuse for existing. Documentaries and pseudodocumentaries examining old claims of visitations from space have been around forever. Most strike the same ominously breathless tone, and all reach the same vague nonconclusions.

How tired is the genre? Not only did the Sci Fi Channel offer its own program last week using a similar premise, but '97 cue the italic typeface pioneered by the old '93Ripley's Believe It or Not' strip '97 it also had the exact same title as the History Channel series!!!

In the History Channel's offering, the investigators are led by Bill Birnes, publisher of UFO Magazine. The team's opening case, seen last week, was intriguing enough. It involved a 1947 incident in Washington State in which boaters on Puget Sound claimed to have seen hovering aircraft that looked, at least in the show's re-creation, like inner tubes. One inner tube, apparently having engine trouble, spewed molten slag down onto the boat, and a military plane that came to retrieve samples of the slag a few days later crashed on its way home. The History Channel's investigators visited the sites, hinted at a lot of possibilities and ultimately clarified none of them.

Mr. Birnes and his colleagues add to the campy feel of the series by not being very good actors, trying in vain to make the discoveries that they no doubt researched ahead of time appear spontaneous on camera. Their awkwardness is good. It gives the show license to indulge in all sorts of spurious revelations and disingenuous teasers, and it relieves the audience of the

responsibility of taking any of it seriously.

#### UFO HUNTERS

History Channel, Wednesday night at 10, Eastern and Pacific times; 9, Central time.

Dolores Gavin, executive producer for the History Channel; Jon Alon Walz, executive producer; Alan LaGarde and Jeff Tober, co-executive producers; Dave Pavoni and Tracy Chaplin, supervising producers; Autumn Humphreys, Chad Horning and Bill Birnes, producers. Produced by Motion Picture Production for the History Channel.

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## Unidentifiable Not Always Abnormal

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Unidentifiable, Not Always Abnormal  
UFOs Often Mislabeled  
Alison Harman

"I look off this way," a resident of Stephenville, TX said, pointing across a barren field, "and we have some lights approaching us at a high rate of speed."

The object, he said, came within about a mile of him, maintaining a 3,000-foot gap between itself and the earth.

"[It had] very unusual lights, not from around here," he said. The lights flew past him in the direction of Stephenville, where they "reconfigured and turned into flames and then disappeared."

When the lights reappeared, the witness said in an interview with Larry King that two military jets were pursuing it.

Other witnesses from around Stephenville reasoned that what they saw flying above their hometown on Jan. 8 was a UFO.

And according to John Hubisz, a visiting professor of physics, it's a conclusion at which many UFO witnesses arrive.

"A UFO is an unidentified flying object. It's just an object someone can't recognize. Just because a person can't identify something doesn't mean it's an oddity," Hubisz said. "People see it and think it's impossible unless it comes from outer space. ... Their imaginations, of course, are prone to thinking the object must have come from outer space."

People don't tend to make good observers."

A case of mistaken identity

It's not rare, Hubisz said, for witnesses of seemingly paranormal events to be fooled by "something quite ordinary."

"[There are] all kinds of phenoma that people have mistaken for UFOs," he said.

For years, people who looked toward the sky tended to mistake Venus for a UFO. Even former president Jimmy Carter, Hubisz said, believed the planet to be a visitor from another solar system.

"If it happens to be icy, Venus appears to jump around," he said, attributing the mirage to a reaction caused by mixing together the Venus's light and Earth's weather conditions. "It

appears to move very fast."

However, those who swear their eyes aren't playing tricks on them could be right. According to Hubisz, government testing reveals aircrafts that have yet been seen by the ordinary citizen.

"Whenever something new is being tested," he said, "it almost always ends up being reported as a UFO."

A 'logical explanation'

When UFO reports are neither accidental nor mistaken, Hubisz said they are faked.

"People go out and fake them just to get some attention," he said. "They'll make up nice-looking photographs that could be made out of very simple equipment."

"There are lots of photos, but every one of them has a logical explanation," Hubisz said.

When he showed his class a selection of UFO photographs, Hubisz said most believed them to be real. It wasn't until he relayed to them an intensive analysis, such as a blown up version of the UFO, that they saw the sightings were fake.

Possible, but very unlikely

The question of UFO authenticity isn't answered by determining whether the sightings are real. After all, something has to be either driving the spacecraft or directing its destination.

Christopher Brown, director of Space Programs, said it is highly probably there is life outside Earth.

"Given the immensity of the galaxy and the Universe, the chance that there is life elsewhere is high," Brown said. "As to its ability to build and operate a UFO -- I don't know."

But even if sentient beings did build and operate a spacecraft, it would take many years for it to reach Earth. The nearest solar system from which UFOs would be departing, Hubisz said, is four and a half light-years away -- that is, light leaving that solar system would take four and a half years to reach ours. And spacecraft travel at far lesser speeds than that of light.

"For a space vehicle coming from another solar system, I expect it's going to take many, many, many, many years for the vehicle to get here," Hubisz said. "Advanced technology could build a vehicle to take that journey, and it could go into orbit around the Earth. ... We've sent out space ships, but it will take them 12,000 years to get to the nearer solar systems -- and they're traveling at tens of thousands of miles a minute."

And once the spacecraft has arrived, it has to pass through the Earth's atmosphere undetected -- a feat Hubisz deemed almost impossible due to systems that track everything orbiting and entering the Earth.

"We detect astronauts' gloves that have been in orbit for years," he said. "There are 100,000 objects in space, orbiting around the Earth, that they continuously track. ... We have meteorite detectors that constantly watch the sky, tracking meteorites that enter the atmosphere."

This debris orbiting Earth, he said, is a combination of man-made items and fragments of comets that have entered the atmosphere.

"The Russians used to put up several satellites a month," Hubisz said. "There are parked satellites up there, going round and round and round."

So with these two systems working to detect every piece of debris in Earth's vicinity, Hubisz it would be extremely difficult for anything to fly under the radar.

"If something entered the Earth's atmosphere, someone probably would have seen it," he said.



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## UFO Witness Claims Harassment

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Sunday, February 3, 2008

Ufo witness claims harassment  
By Angelia Joiner  
Staff Writer

Ricky Sorrells is frustrated and a little angry.

Since his interview with the Associated Press, Sorrells has stayed quiet regarding the daytime UFO sightings on his property near Dublin.

And, there is more than one reason for his silence.

Sorrells believes military officials have been harassing him by flying military aircraft over his property at low altitudes, at all hours of the day and night. Sorrells runs livestock on his place and said the cattle don't react well to the disturbances. It's also been hard to get any sleep.

Sorrells made international news along with other witnesses on Jan. 14 after the Associated Press contacted him for his story and took video of the exact spot the UFO was seen along with Sorrells' description of the object.

Not just once, but four times, he claims to have seen the massive flying object he estimates to be the length of "three or four football fields." He said he's not sure about the size because the first time he saw it was the best view. At that time, the craft hovered directly over him in the woods about 300 feet above his head and his view was blocked by tree branches.

"I don't know why it keeps coming back here," Sorrells said.

He's convinced that someone representing himself as a Lt. Colonel knows what it is =97 and Sorrells wants an explanation.

He said the man contacted him by telephone on Jan. 15, one day after his interview with the Associated Press.

"I didn't worry about writing his name down or taking notes," Sorrells said. "I didn't know what was about to happen. But, I think he said he was with the Air Force."

Sorrells said the conversation started out nice enough.

"He was sort of nice to me right off," Sorrells said. "He asked to come and talk to me."

Sorrells said he told the man that he needed time to think about it and then, "He (the man) became really arrogant."

The caller told Sorrells he wasn't taking "no" for an answer and

would be out to talk to him. Sorrells again tried to politely tell the man he did not wish to have company.

After that, Sorrells said the conversation became heated and he told the man not to cross his cattle guard.

Sorrells said the man responded with, "Son, we have the same caliber weapons as you do but a lot more of them."

Looking back, Sorrells said he believes the man was in his area but not able to pinpoint exactly where he lived because he recently built a new home.

"I actually got up and looked out my window to see if I could see someone at the cattle guard. So I said if he was who he said he was, why didn't he stop flying over my air space with all those helicopters," Sorrells said. "And he informed me that it was not my air space =97 it was his. He told me if I'd quit talking about what I saw he would stop the helicopters."

Sorrells said since that conversation, the helicopters have quit flying over his property but the F-16s haven't slowed.

Before the conversation took place with the suspected military officer Sorrells related a late night experience with a large transport helicopter and three smaller helicopters.

"I get up at 2:30 a.m. to go to work and these helicopters kept flying over and I couldn't sleep," Sorrells said. "Because it was about time to get up and go to work, I just got up and went outside to see what I could."

Sorrells said he has a spotlight on his pickup that he uses to look for coyotes.

"I went to my truck and turned on the spotlight and shined it up at them," Sorrells said. "It was so close, I could see the pilot's reaction. He threw up his arm to block the light. He was in one of the smaller helicopters.

"Then he turned toward me and I still have the light on. I started to feel uncomfortable so I turned off the light and waved and went back inside. I was thinking I had pushed the envelope."

To top that off, Sorrells said an acquaintance, whom he would not name, and formerly a member of the military, told him, "You need to shut your mouth about what you saw."

Sorrells said he tried to pull the man aside and asked him to explain his statement.

"He just kept saying the same thing and wouldn't explain," Sorrells said. " Now he won't speak to me."

Sorrells said because the helicopters disappeared, he now feels the gentlemen was actually a member of the military, and was high enough in rank that he was able to stop that type of air traffic.

"If it is a military craft the American people need to know," Sorrells said. "A lot of people have seen things around here. I know what I saw and so do they."

(For more of Sorrell's story see Monday's edition of the E-T.)

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Feb 5, 2008

Jet Story Doesn't Fly With Texas UFO Eyewitnesses  
By AP

Fort Worth, Texas (AP) -- U.S. military officials say fighter jets were training in a rural area the night of Jan. 8 when dozens of people reported seeing a UFO.

Although officials at the Naval Air Station Reserve Base in Fort Worth initially said none of their planes were in the area of the UFO reports, they changed their story Jan 23, saying that 10 F-16 fighter jets built by Lockheed Martin Corp. were training near Stephenville, about 70 miles southwest of Fort Worth, about the time of the sightings.

But, some residents say the military's revelation actually bolsters their claims because several reported seeing at least two fighter jets chasing an object.

"This supports our story that there was UFO activity in that area," said Kenneth Cherry, the Texas director of the Mutual UFO Network, which took more than 50 reports from locals at a weekend meeting. "I find it curious that it took them two weeks to confess up. I think they're feeling the heat from the publicity."

Several dozen people swear that what they saw was larger, quieter, faster and lower to the ground than an airplane. They also said the object's lights changed configuration, unlike those of a plane.

"I guarantee that what we saw was not a civilian aircraft," Steve Allen, a pilot and freight company owner, said.

Mr. Allen said the fighter jets' training area in the Brownwood Military Operating Area, which includes Stephenville's Erath County, is not in the airspace where he saw the object. Also, Jan. 8 was not the only day sightings were reported.

Anne Frazor, who owns a fabric store in Stephenville said many in town have seen military aircraft zoom overhead from time to time as part of training operations. But she said that is different than what she saw Jan. 8.

"I couldn't begin to say what it was, but to me it wasn't planes," Ms. Frazor said.

Since the reported sightings, the 17,000-resident town has had some fun with the international publicity. Some high-schoolers made T-shirts that read "Stephenville: the new Roswell" on the front and "They're here for the milk!" on the back. A picture

features flying saucer beaming up a cow.

The U.S. Air Force says it has not investigated UFO sightings since 1969 when it ended Project Blue Book, which examined more than 12,600 reported UFO sightings=97including 700 that were never explained. That program started a few months after a 1947 crash near Roswell, N.M., which the government said involved a top-secret weather balloon but others involved later said was an alien spacecraft.

"What we want is the government to admit there are UFOs and what they know about them," Mr. Cherry said.

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## Alternative Worlds May Have Existed At Big Bang

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February 05, 2008

Countless Alternative Worlds May Actually Have Existed At The Big Bang

How did the Universe begin is one of the most profound questions of all. But to Stephen Hawking, who has perhaps come closer than anyone to answering it, the question doesn't in fact even exist.

Hawking, who holds Newton's Lucasian Chair at the University of Cambridge, UK, and his colleague Thomas Hertog of the European Laboratory for Particle Physics at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland, are about to publish a paper claiming that the Universe had no unique beginning. Instead, they argue, it emerged out of a profusion of beginnings, the vast majority withered away without leaving any real imprint on the Universe we know today. Only a tiny fraction of them blended to make the current cosmos, Hawking and Hertog claim. According to their article in Nature:

He and Hawking call their theory 'top-down' cosmology, because instead of looking for some fundamental set of initial physical laws under which our Universe unfolded, it starts 'at the top', with what we see today, and works backwards to see what the initial set of possibilities might have been. In effect, says Hertog, the present 'selects' the past.

Within just a few seconds after the Big Bang, a single history had already come to dominate the Universe, he explains. So from the 'classical' viewpoint of big objects such as stars and galaxies, things happened only one way after that point. Other 'histories', say, one in which the Earth formed only 4,000 years ago, have made no significant contribution to this cosmic evolution.

But in the first instants of the Big Bang, there existed a superposition of ever more different versions of the Universe, instead of a unique history. And most crucially, Hertog says that "our current Universe has features frozen in from this early quantum mixture".

In other words, some of these alternative histories have left their imprint behind. This is why Hertog and Hawking insist that their 'top-down' cosmology is testable. Hertog says that the theory predicts the pattern of the variations in intensity of microwave background radiation, the afterglow of the Big Bang now imprinted on the sky, which reveal fluctuations in the fireball of the nascent Universe. These variations are minute, but space-based detectors have measured them ever more accurately over the past several years.

What's fascinating about this theory is that, by extension, it may be transferable to you as an individual observers. By applying a stronger variant of the anthropic principle, one could argue that the cosmos has structured itself around your very own existence.

That, they insist, is the only possible conclusion if we are to take quantum physics seriously. "Quantum mechanics forbids a single history," says Hertog. "Quantum mechanics forbids a single history."

The researchers' theory comes in response to a problem raised by 'string theory', one of the best hopes for a theory of everything. String theory permits innumerable different kinds of universe, most of them very different from the one we inhabit. Some physicists suspect that an unknown factor will turn up that rules out most of these universes.

But Hawking and Hertog say that the countless 'alternative worlds' of string theory may actually have existed. We should picture the Universe in the first instants of the Big Bang as a river of all these possibilities; like a projection of billions of movies played on top of one another.

Most crucially, Hertog says that "our current Universe has features frozen in from this early quantum mixture".

As the two researchers work out top-down cosmology in more detail, they hope to be able to calculate the spectrum of these microwave fluctuations and compare it with observations.

The theory also suggests an answer to the puzzle of why some of the 'constants of nature' seem finely tuned to a value that allows life to evolve. If we start from where we are now, it is obvious that the current Universe must 'select' those histories that lead to these conditions. Otherwise we simply wouldn't be here.

Now, how cool is that!

Posted by Casey Kazan.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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[Many links in article]

Satellite Spotters Glimpse Secrets, And Tell Them  
By John Schwartz

When the government announced last month that a top-secret spy satellite would, in the next few months, come falling out of the sky, American officials said there was little risk to people because satellites fall out of orbit fairly frequently and much of the planet is covered by oceans.

But they said precious little about the satellite itself.

Such information came instead from Ted Molczan, a hobbyist who tracks satellites from his apartment balcony in Toronto, and fellow satellite spotters around the world. They have grudgingly become accustomed to being seen as "propeller-headed geeks" who "poke their finger in the eye" of the government's satellite spymasters, Mr. Molczan said, taking no offense. "I have a sense of humor," he said.

Mr. Molczan, a private energy conservation consultant, is the best known of the satellite spotters who, needing little more than a pair of binoculars, a stop watch and star charts, uncover some of the deepest of the government's expensive secrets and share them on the Internet.

Thousands of people form the spotter community. Many look for historical relics of the early space age, working from publicly available orbital information. Others watch for phenomena like the distinctive flare of sunlight glinting off bright solar panels of some telephone satellites. Still others are drawn to the secretive world of spy satellites, with about a dozen hobbyists who do most of the observing, Mr. Molczan said.

In the case of the mysterious satellite that is about to plunge back to earth, Mr. Molczan had an early sense of which one it was, identifying it as USA-193, which gave out shortly after reaching space in December 2006. It is said to have been built by the Lockheed Martin Corporation and operated by the secretive National Reconnaissance Office.

Another hobbyist, John Locker of Britain, posted photos of the satellite on a Web site, [galaxypix.com](http://galaxypix.com).

John E. Pike, director of [GlobalSecurity.org](http://GlobalSecurity.org), a private group in Alexandria, Va., that tracks military and space activities, said the hobbyists exemplified fundamental principles of openness and of the power of technology to change the game.

"It has been an important demystification of these things," Mr. Pike said, "because I think there is a tendency on the part of these agencies just to try to pretend that they don't exist, and that nothing can be known about them."

But the spotters are also pursuing a thoroughly unusual pastime, one that calls for long hours outside, freezing in the winter and sweating in the summer, straining to see a moving light in the sky and hoping that a slip of the finger on the stopwatch does not delete an entire night's work. And for the adept, there is math. Lots of math.

"It's somewhat time consuming and tedious," Mr. Molczan said, acknowledging that the precise and methodical activities might seem, to the uninitiated, "a close approximation to work."

When a new spy satellite is launched, the hobbyists will collaborate on sightings around the world to determine its orbit, and even guess at its function, sharing their information through the e-mail network SeeSat-L, which can be found via the Web site satobs.org.

From his 23rd-floor balcony, or the roof of his 32-floor building, Mr. Molczan will peer through his binoculars at a point in the sky he expects the satellite to cross, which he locates with star charts. When the moving dot appears, he determines its direction and the distance it travels across the patch of sky over time, which he can use to calculate its speed.

Mr. Molczan declined a request to visit him in Toronto and to be photographed for this article, saying: "No offense intended, but this is beginning to sound like more of a human interest story than one about the substance of the hobby. My preference is for the latter. Also, I prefer not to have photos of myself published."

Mr. Locker, who favors a telescope for his camerawork, said that people like him and Mr. Molczan were not, as he put it, "nerdy buffs who lie on our backs and look into the sky and try to undermine governments." Spotting, he said, is simply a hobby.

"There are people who look at train timetables and go watch trains," he said. People are drawn to what interests them, he said, and "it's what draws people to any hobby."

While recent news coverage has focused on the current satellite's threat to people when it falls from above, that threat is, statistically, very small. Even when the space shuttle Columbia broke up over Texas five years ago and rained debris over two states, no one on the ground was injured.

Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for the National Security Council, noted that 328 satellites had come down in the past five years without injury to anyone. While Mr. Johndroe declined to divulge much about the current satellite aside from the fact that it carries no nuclear material, he said that the government would take responsibility in the remote chance of damage or injury.

The government's relationship with the hobbyists is not a comfortable one. Spokesmen for the National Reconnaissance Office have stated that they would prefer the hobbyists not publish their information, and suggest that foreign countries try to hide their activities when they know an eye in the sky will be passing overhead.

The satellite spotters acknowledge that this may be so, though they doubt that such tactics are effective. Mr. Molczan said he believed that the hobbyists hurt no one but that "you can't say with absolute certainty what effect you're having."

Mr. Pike said the officials who complained about the hobbyists "don't like it, but they've got to lump it." Despite the many clever ways that the spy agencies try to minimize the likelihood that their satellites will be spotted, he said, they will be. And that, he said, is a valuable warning: a world with so many eyes on the skies renders deep secrets shallow.

"If Ted can track all these satellites," Mr. Pike said, "so can the Chinese."

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## MoD UFO Reports 2007

From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Feb 2008 10:58:35 -0000  
Archived: Wed, 06 Feb 2008 16:15:21 -0500  
Subject: MoD UFO Reports 2007

A summary of UFO sightings reported to the MoD in 2007 has been placed on the MoD website and is available (as a .pdf file) at the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/2ay6j5>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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## Re: UFO & Physical Effects In Brazil 01-20-08

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Feb 2008 04:02:58 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Wed, 06 Feb 2008 16:16:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO & Physical Effects In Brazil 01-20-08

>From: A. J. Gevaerd <[aj.nul](mailto:aj.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 20:02:51 -0300  
>Subject: UFO & Physical Effects In Brazil 01-20-08

>UFO Sighting With Physical Effects In Brazil, January 20th, 2008

Mr. Gevaerd, thank you for a very thorough and well probed UFO incident report, one that comes from a part of the world where people still retain some regard for the objectivity of eye-witnesses and do them the justice of both close reading and close attention.

Over the years I've visited many witnesses already approached by ufologists who disappointed them in their seeming lack of probing interest. But that is here, a place in time and location that seems pathologically devoted to maintaining, at every level, a debunker-in-residence.

Can we still find free thought in the Free World? Not after the debunking media gets it furry paws on it.

JCH

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## Re: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Feb 2008 04:44:13 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Wed, 06 Feb 2008 16:18:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

>From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 5 Feb 2008 18:18:30 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: Mars And Moon Hydrophobia?

>I wonder if, given the chance, the Martian soil would readily  
>mix with liquid water. Do you have any reports of that?

>Also, have you any reports of same with Lunar soil?

A number of years ago I visited a certain Rober Hightower who was working for the Trilateral Commission at a research facility on the King Ranch in Texas. I knew of his concern at the time, to find a more viable mineral replacement for areas in South American where agricultural run-off was depleting soils from intense rainfall and the turbidity due to sloping terrain.

I told him about a substance that lay in vast heaps at different places in Nevada. With no stratigraphy indicated and no exact match to known deposits elsewhere, its presence was anomalous and only speculated as to origin.

But that it could save the world from any threat of famine and disease.

Taking samples I gave him he tested them and found my claims supported by examination. However, when he went to his superiors they threatened him. It seems they felt the world was better "managed" by hunger than by want of it.

Disenchanted, he quit the Trilateralists and, following my directions, he began to quick claim all the heaps of this substance he could find.

Having his financing cut off, he resorted at first to selling it for kitty litter. A few years later he had a small mill and powdered it, beginning to sell it at horse racing tracks to the owners whose horses, in turn, began winning races they were not expected to win.

Finally he approached vinyards in California who tried it on their grapevines. Today California produces the finest wines in the world.

What did I tell Bob that excited him so much about it? I told him adding water would produce a detectable electric current. I told him it was as digestable to man as any food and could be eaten from off the ground. I told him deep sea life from around undersea volcano vents could be cultured in it and ingest plutonium waste and render it harmless. I told him an oil spill could be reduced to fish food within hours by simply spreading the mineral over it. That whole fields of toxic waste could be turned into food producing land by adding it and letting it react with sunlight after introducing water.

This is the substance you are discussing.

JCH

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## Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 06 Feb 2008 09:07:24 -0600  
Archived: Wed, 06 Feb 2008 16:20:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>From: Ray Boeche <[rayboeche.nul](mailto:rayboeche.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 16:31:52 -0600  
>Subject: Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 18:46:26 EST  
>>Subject: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>>So for you Christians out there and/or experts in the area  
>>what say you looking back at it over the decades?

>That's an interesting question, Greg.

>From my point of view (a master's degree in apologetics and  
>systematic theology and 10 years experience as an Anglican  
>pastor, along with forty years of research experience into many  
>aspects of the paranormal), I have a fairly uncomplicated way in  
>which I evaluate these things. Let me lay the groundwork first,  
>so you may see a logical progression (hopefully).

<snip>

>I've yet to read an account of a contactee or abductee  
>experience in which Buddha, Mohammed, Zoroaster, of any of the  
>13 million or so Hindu deities are denigrated. Only Christ and  
>the Judeo/Christian scriptures.

Your statement above is highly inaccurate if you are implying  
that abductees denigrate Christ and the Judeo/Christian  
scriptures.

Are you not familiar with the Betty Andreasson Luca books or  
Leah Haley's books or perhaps even my own? I rarely meet an  
abductee who doesn't credit their faith in God for getting them  
through these sometimes horrific experiences.

You should also be aware that there is a difference between  
abduction experiences and the contactee movement of the 1950s.  
To lump abductees and contactees into the same category is like  
comparing apples and oranges.

With my sincere respects to you, you have much reading and  
learning to do as far as the denigration of Christ and the  
Judeo/Christian scriptures are related to true alien abductees.  
Blanket statements such as the one I quoted above serve nothing  
useful toward spreading the 'Truth' about this phenomenon and  
how it is affecting mankind, especially those of us who are  
directly involved in it.

FYI: Here are a few links to Christians that I have on my Web  
site:

Leah Haley Leah's Corner

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



Resisting ET Through Christ

<http://www.alienresistance.org/christianufo.htm>

Alien Resistance and Author

<http://www.guymalone.com>

C E 4 Research Group

<http://www.welcome.to/ce4>

K. Wilson

[www.alienjigsaw.com](http://www.alienjigsaw.com)

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## PRG Update - X-Conference/George Noory - 2/6/08

From: **Stephen Bassett** <[PRG.nul](mailto:PRG.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 06 Feb 2008 10:23:38 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 08:52:27 -0500  
Subject: PRG Update - X-Conference/George Noory - 2/6/08

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PRG Update - X-Conference/George Noory - 2/6/08

X-Conference 2008 - April 18-20 - Hilton Gaithersburg (DC Metro)  
[www.x-conference.com](http://www.x-conference.com)

Breaking News: Colin Andrews, the renowned crop circle researcher, will make his first appearance at the X-Conference. More speaker additions are expected as PRG works hard to bring together as many of the legendary Aviary as possible to lecture or appear in panel.

PRG is also pleased to announce a special two hour event with Coast to Coast AM's George Noory, host of the number one late night talk show in America, making a rare appearance on the East Coast. George, who has always been a great supporter of the disclosure effort, will talk with and take questions from his fans. This separately ticketed event will be a designated fund raiser to benefit Paradigm Research Group and exopolitics. Much thanks, George.

George will also give a short Keynote at the Saturday evening Banquet. It is anticipated he will broadcast the Friday, April 18 Coast to Coast AM program from the local WMAL AM 630 affiliate likely featuring guests speakers from X-Conference 2008.

As of today X-Conference 2008 will include: seven PhDs, one MD, two Astronauts (Mitchell & O'Leary), one of 12 humans who have set foot off the planet earth (Mitchell), a former Defence Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Canada (Hellyer), the host of the number one late night talk show in America (Noory), the world's leading crop circle researcher (Andrews), one of the most inside people from within government regarding UFOs, remote viewing and psychic phenomena (Alexander), one of the key figures in the Rockefeller Initiative (Jones), the leading expert on alternative and alleged ET derived technology (Valone), the most important living Roswell witness (Marcel), three members of the legendary Aviary (Maccabee, Jones and Alexander), the leading researcher on the presidential connection to the UFO/ET issue (Cameron), two leading media researchers (Simone and Hansen), the resident field historian and recent television star (Dolan), the heart and soul of exopolitics in Canada (Bird and Viggiani), a former CNN News anchor (Jones), and more TBA.

This is simply one of the strongest and most focused group of speakers ever assembled to address the most important issue of our time.

Register now at: [www.x-conference.com](http://www.x-conference.com) [Registration]

Book rooms now (the hotel will sell out) at the Hilton Gaithersburg at: 301-977-8900 [Special rate booking code: X-Conference 2008]

PRG Media Archive

[www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2008.html](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2008.html)

The amount of mainstream news coverage of the UFO/ET issue is now clearly at unprecedented levels. The PRG Media Archive is logging in articles at pace to exceed 1200 for 2008. This is a 250% increase over 2007 and a 650% increase over 2006.

PRG is also seeing a significant change in attitude on the part of media outlets, talk shows, reporters and editors (with some notable exceptions). The power of the modern, multi-tiered media structure is on the verge of being unleashed on the UFO/ET issue. Anyone who paid attention to Watergate, Irangate or Lewinskygate knows what that means.

Can a 60-year truth embargo on acknowledging a reality a major portion of the world's people have already suspected is true, survive such an onslaught

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## More Twists In The Sorrells' Saga

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 09:05:58 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 09:05:58 -0500  
Subject: More Twists In The Sorrells' Saga

Source: The Stephenville Empire Tribune - Texas, USA

<http://www.empiretribune.com/articles/2008/02/04/news/news01.txt>

Monday, February 4, 2008

More Twists In The Sorrells' Saga  
By Angelia Joiner  
Staff Writer

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Answers.

Ricky Sorrells just wants answers. And, in light of what he's been through, it doesn't seem to be a lot to ask.

Witnessing an unidentified flying object four times since the beginning of the new year, then having military aircraft whizzing over his land and disrupting his sleep and livestock, followed by a string of mysterious phone calls and in person encounters from individuals demanding he "shut up" about what he saw, and landing unexpectedly in the international spotlight, has taken a toll on the 37-year-old man accustomed to the simple life.

"If you told me a while back that I would be sitting here talking to you about UFOs I would have said, 'No way, not in a million years,'" Sorrells said. "Now, I know for the rest of my life I'll keep looking to find out what it was."

Sorrells said he is receiving a lot of support from family and friends helping him to keep an eye on things. He said that support has been a great help to him.

"I'm not going to freak out or anything," Sorrells said. "I just think the government should come forward and help us to figure out this thing. I think people should write to their congressman or something."

Sorrells said soon after his Associated Press interview went around the world in mid-January - not only was he allegedly contacted by a Lt. Colonel telling him to keep quiet about what he saw, he was also contacted by a woman named Linda Moulton Howe.

Howe's Web site touts: "Earthfiles is a crossroads where experts, eyewitnesses and viewers meet to share the latest updates in earth and astronomical mysteries, in-depth reports that go beyond the 6 o'clock news. Earthfiles reporter and editor, Linda Moulton Howe, is an Emmy Award-winning TV producer, investigative reporter and author who goes directly to the men and women at the forefront of science and environmental challenges and to firsthand eyewitnesses of high strangeness. Earthfiles.com received the 2006 W3 Silver Award for excellence in news category. Earthfiles.com also received the 2003 WebAward

for Standard of Excellence and the 2000 Encyclopedia Britannica Award honoring Internet excellence."

Sorrells said he vaguely remembered listening to her on a radio program years ago while on a road trip and her name clicked with him. It was the only familiar name he knew and she promised to do an investigation so he agreed not to talk to anyone else until she could make the trip from New Mexico. Howe arrived in Dublin last week and stayed with Sorrells and his family to conduct the investigation and left late last week.

"I told her everything I knew and showed her my property," Sorrells said. "After she left, I felt I had honored my commitment with her. Things have settled down a little and I feel free to talk about the experiences I have had. I just didn't want to do anything that would interfere with her investigation because I want the truth."

He said the last time he saw the object he was able to get a video on his camera phone and said he has seen some other "pretty good footage" taken by others.

One night Sorrells said he had four helicopters flying at such low altitude that when a spotlight was shined up at them from Sorrells' pickup he could see the pilot throw his arm up in front of his eyes to block the light. But there has been another strange occurrence recently on his property that leads him to believe the military is involved. It was an unexpected visitor about 1 a.m. who may have left something behind.

"I was in bed asleep," Sorrells said. "I keep my bird dogs on the east side of my house and three others on the west side. The black lab doesn't bark until someone comes across the cattle guard and the Catahoula doesn't bark until she actually sees someone. They were all barking so I got up to see what was going on."

Sorrells said he walked to his bedroom window and looked out to the top of his driveway - he saw someone.

"I went around the bed and grabbed my rifle," Sorrells said.

His family was still sleeping, so with one hand on his gun and one hand on his backdoor knob, he peered through the window of the door to see if he could spot the intruder again.

"He had positioned himself in between the car and the pickup 40 to 50 feet from my back door," Sorrells said. "He stood staring at me rocking back and forth. I didn't think his feet were moving but the next morning when looking at his tracks I could tell they were."

Sorrells said it was cold and misting rain and it was obvious the guy was "dressed for the elements with a heavy parka-like coat."

He said he strained to see if the man carried a gun but could not see one but could clearly see the face of someone he thought to be in his late 20s or early 30s judging from the way he "walked and acted."

"I'm trying to decide whether or not to open the door," Sorrells said. "We're just standing there face to face looking at each other. I'm thinking he's dressed for the elements and the dogs are raising such a ruckus he must know he's in danger of being caught. That's when I realized he wanted me to see him."

Sorrells said the trespasser had positioned himself in such a way he decided he could be vulnerable if opened his door. He thought of his family and then the man slowly turned and walked into the woods.

"He walked through an area where I'd cleared the brush so apparently he'd been there before because he knew where to go," Sorrells said.

Sorrells said shortly after the unwelcome caller disappeared the dogs calmed down and he stayed up the rest of the night to keep watch.

Later, when walking through the woods on his property with Howe, he decided to return to a bare spot where his property line ends

at a fence.

"It is washed out there and I like to go there to look for deer and turkey tracks." Sorrells said. He said he's an avid hunter and keeps abreast of the wildlife on his place. He said he had not been to this particular spot in about a month.

"The first thing I saw was a man's footprint," Sorrells said. "Ms. Howe videotaped me putting my foot beside it. The sun was going down and I saw something shiny."

Sorrells said he walked over and picked up a bullet - a shiny new 25-06 Remington - with some dotted tarnished smudges.

"I think the man that I saw that night dropped this bullet and the tarnished spots are from the misting rain that night," Sorrells said. " I just think it was the military showing me they could get to me if they wanted to."

Sorrells said he just doesn't think a hunter poaching on his property would've dropped the bullet. He said he doesn't have trouble with poachers. While he knows there is no way to prove it could have been from the same man it's something he keeps mulling over. Sorrells returned home with the bullet in hand and took it apart to look at the powder to see if he could glean any information at all. A local gun and ammunition authority said there was no way to identify if such a bullet was from a military source.

"Talking about military powder is like talking about military gasoline," he said. "There is no difference."

Meanwhile, Sorrells said he and other witnesses are considering setting up a Web site to encourage people to do what they can to influence government participation in finding out about the curious, sometimes frightening, sightings.

"I've heard that other countries are releasing information on what they know," Sorrells said. "We're thinking of calling it (the site) 'Stephenville Lights.' Too many people have seen something not to try and continue finding out about it. We want to know what it was."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## UFOs over Antioquia Colombia

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Feb 2008 13:15:18 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 09:09:10 -0500  
Subject: UFOs over Antioquia Colombia

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
February 6, 2007

Source: Caracol and Noticias UFO  
Date: 02.03.2008

Colombia: UFOs Over Antioqu=EDa

Residents of western Medellin and regions to the east of Antioqu=EDa claimed having seen an unidentified flying object on Sunday morning for several minutes.

In telephone calls to the newsroom of Caracol Radio in Medellin, several citizens confirmed having seen a luminous "flying saucer" with green, blue and red lights that remained static and later disappeared.

The sighting was reported by residents of the San Javier, 20 de Julio, Belen and Altavista districts and subsequently by summer tourists from Rionegro in eastern Antioqu=EDa, who also claimed seeing an oval, silvery flying object.

Officials at the radar stations in the Olaya Herrera Airport of Medellin and Jose Maria Cordova Airport in Rionegro denied that the devices recorded any abnormal activity whatsoever attributing the phenomenon to the sighting of weather balloons.

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## A Firestarting Argentine Bolide?

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Feb 2008 13:45:49 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 09:12:25 -0500  
Subject: A Firestarting Argentine Bolide?

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
February 6, 2008

Source: El Eco Digital  
Date: 02.06.2008

Argentina: A Firestarting Bolide?

Witnesses claim that a strange object started the formidable  
fire in the mountains

Presence of a strange object in the sky - theory gains  
increasing strength

Another fire was recorded last night near Rancho de Popy, which  
was controlled by local firefighters, who explained that it was  
normal for fires to restart. For this reason they continued  
monitoring the area. However, witnesses claim having seen a  
strange object in the area ravaged by flames.

At the same time that the firefighters struggled to quench the  
flames, the rumor spread along the Tandil sierras that "a UFO  
was to blame." Others said: "It was a fireball," and still  
others insisted: "No, no, it was a ball of many colors that fell  
right in the middle of the hill."

Thus, hours have gone by and eyewitness accounts have added up  
right after another, increasing in sensationalism and being  
added to other possibilities amenable to the popular belief  
system, considering what could have been responsible for  
starting such an early morning bonfire.

El Eco de Tandil had the chance to chat with a local who  
preferred to remain anonymous: "Otherwise I won't be able to go  
outside due to the joshing I'll be subjected to," he apologized,  
while recounting his amazing story which led us to Route 30 on  
the way to Buenos Aires.

"I was with my companion on a business trip to Buenos Aires. The  
sky was starry on a calm early morning, almost on the verge of  
sunrise. We felt privileged to be able to see the phenomenon  
that was taking place -- all lined up we could see the Moon,  
Venus and Jupiter. It was remarkable to see and we felt  
privileged." But all of this suddenly changed when a red light  
-- that did not fall into anyone's plan and had not been  
described by the local newspapers, who had announced the  
alignment phenomenon --- crossed the sky at high speed.

"It all lasted between five and ten seconds. The red light  
travelled at great speed toward Tandil and descended toward the  
ground, until it vanished from our sight. It all happened so  
quickly that we didn't have a chance to react. As soon as we saw  
the light we hit the brakes and pulled over in an effort to take  
photos or film it with the cellphone, but I didn't even have  
enough time to draw the cellphone from my pocket."

At this point, the traveler suggested that "it could have been a



piece of space junk, because it wasn't a star or an airplane. And I don't believe in UFOs," he said in closing. But one must add the same thing that is said of witches -- they don't exist, but they're there.

Meanwhile, the national media has also picked up the story about the events that could have started the fire that blazed a thousand hectares of the Tandil landscape. On the internet, one of the most popular news mediums, we find the digital page of renowned journalist and broadcaster Chiche Gelblung, who put up an article on his website entitled: "Is it True That A UFO Caused the Fires in Tandil?"

The article goes on to say that "only two weeks ago, a researcher interviewed by Minutouno.com had forecasted it: A UFO flap was in the works. And this is what appears to have kicked off in Tandil. Various eyewitnesses alerted the media to the fact that they had seen an enormous fireball shortly before the fire that devastated hundreds of hectares in recent hours."

Witnesses claimed over the air that an unidentified flying object crashed on Cerro de las Animas around 4 a.m. on Monday. This was the hill that caught fire this morning. To these callers, the skyfall was the cause of the fire that caused severe damage and the evacuation of homes and a hotel."

"It was like an enormous fireball and it fell behind the hill," another local told this program. Immediately, others emerged to corroborate the report, among them a worker for a local metallurgical firm, who said that the UFO gave off an intense glow and its size was similar to the that of the full Moon.

With the coincidence of the start of the the most intense fire, many felt the temptation to tie up these loose ends. However, firefighters believe that the fire began before this odd phenomenon was reported. Meanwhile, the event has become the sole topic of conversation in the town," says the otherworldly report.

For More Information: El Eco Digital

<http://www.eleco.com.ar>

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## CNSNews Doesn't Get It Either - Cox

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 09:17:25 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 09:17:25 -0500  
Subject: CNSNews Doesn't Get It Either - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog | De Void - Sarasota, Florida, USA

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

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008

CNSNews Doesn't Get It, Either

By Billy Cox

[billy.cox.nul](mailto:billy.cox.nul)

Let's run through it again, s-l-o-o-o-w-l-y, for this annoying Internet pest called CNSNews.com:

Once upon a time, there was this guy named Laurance Rockefeller. Rocky was a billionaire. Rocky wanted the feds to declassify their UFO files. So in the 1990s, Rocky started this thing called the UFO Disclosure Initiative. He sent briefing papers to Bill and Hillary Clinton. He met with them at his Wyoming ranch in 1995. There are photos.

Additional details continue to dribble out of the Clinton Presidential Library via the National Archives. That's largely because of the Freedom of Information Act requests filed by Canadian researcher Grant Cameron.

CNSNews.com threw another hissy fit on Monday, complaining about how the archivists are responding to the UFO stuff more quickly than FOIAs about "the 1993 health care task force headed by then-first lady Hillary Clinton, the Marc Rich pardon and the Clinton administration's tracking of Osama bin Laden." Yes, CNS is holding its breath and turning blue.

CNSNews.com is an outgrowth of the right-wing Media Research Center, founded in 1987 by Brent Bozell III. The prospect of a second Clinton administration is giving him the willies, so he understandably wants as much official-document ammo as possible to sling at Hillary.

But if execs at CNSNews.com had the agility to move off their stale talking points, they would understand that UFOs are already Cameron's gift to that effort. No one in the MSM has asked Senator Clinton about what happened at those meetings. Documents indicate she received Rocky's briefing papers.

UFOs are the kiss of death to a presidential campaign. Most of this year's contenders have the luxury of laughing this stuff off. But not the senator. She's got a paper trail. Why? What exactly did she discuss with Rockefeller? Her husband's curiosity about UFOs:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7X8HK-3iWM>

is a matter of public record. Does she share her spouse's position on disclosure?

Imagine the sound bite bonanza for adversaries in both parties if someone confronted Senator Clinton with sharp and focused questions on UFOs in a public venue. Sadly for the outfit that bills itself as a paragon of investigative journalism, when it comes to this stuff, CNSNews.com is as worthless as the liberal-media titans it regularly demonizes.

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## Re: The Stephenville UFO?

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Feb 2008 14:54:51 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 09:23:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 08:41:17 -0800  
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Sergey

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## Re: NY Times On Alien Hunters

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 06 Feb 2008 16:26:35 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 09:24:29 -0500  
Subject: Re: NY Times On Alien Hunters

>Source: The New York Times - USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2dzej9>

>February 6, 2008

>Otherworldly Phenomena: Explainable? You Decide

>By Neil Genzlinger

<snip>

>Documentaries and pseudodocumentaries examining old claims of  
>visitations from space have been around forever. Most strike the  
>same ominously breathless tone, and all reach the same vague  
>nonconclusions.

Eliminating the mandatory "limbo lighting" and weird music would  
go a long way to fixing that! Nice daytime settings, which  
present researchers and witnesses in a credible light, would  
too.

So would letting ufologists decide which cases to feature, i.e.  
the physical trace cases, multiple radar cases, daytime multiple  
witness cases, etc.

Surely there must be a few producers for whom 'entertainment' is  
not the goal!

Eleanor White

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## Re: NY Times On Alien Hunters

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 6 Feb 2008 16:40:40 -0600  
Archived: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 09:27:06 -0500  
Subject: Re: NY Times On Alien Hunters

>Source: The New York Times - USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2dzej9>

>February 6, 2008

>[image of Ted Acworth, Pat Uskert and Bill Birnes]

>Otherworldly Phenomena: Explainable? You Decide

>By Neil Genzlinger

>The world is a better place because of "UFO Hunters," a new  
>series on Wednesday nights on the History Channel.

You know - I'm always a little astonished regarding how polished and knowledgeable ignorance can sound when its handlers shove an imperative stick up its well prolapsed pore and tell it to spout the party-line. How so seemingly with-it it sounds while contriving to be so deliberately uninformed. Is the world better that this comment was written? I suspect not. That's the way with same-o same-o. Lob a little smeary crap on another's sheets, it doesn't matter the sheets are 160 count. They're reaching for 600. My Genzlinger adds nothing. It remains the sheets were serviceable.

>Not because the program is particularly good; in fact, it's as  
>silly and scientifically shaky as a creature feature from the  
>Eisenhower era. But the mere presence of the series means that  
>we collectively have not completely succumbed to the worship of  
>science and Wall Street. If even one person is watching this  
>show, it proves that humans can still give themselves over to  
>the unexplainable, the mysterious, the fantastical. It means  
>that we have not abandoned the notion that there might be  
>something beyond ourselves.

"...give themselves over to the unexplainable, the mysterious,  
the fantastical"?

200 years of eroding Cartesianism explaining virtually nothing in the real world, Scientists and scientific philosophers wringing their hands like old women and becoming vastly unsettled with their asymptotic measurements, and Mr. Genzlinger would presume he has his feces consolidated. Shrimp in shallow waters making jokes of dragons in deeper ones.

>Yes, that's piling a lot of baggage onto "UFO Hunters," but we  
>might as well, since otherwise this series doesn't have much  
>excuse for existing. Documentaries and pseudodocumentaries  
>examining old claims of visitations from space have been around  
>forever. Most strike the same ominously breathless tone, and all  
>reach the same vague nonconclusions.

Don't blame Bill Birnes, 'mainstreamer'. That's the fault of cowardly societies, cultures breeding ignorance, government's infidelity, mainstream cretinism, religious hypocrisy, agency chicanery. That's Mr. Genzlinger's lot.

>How tired is the genre? Not only did the Sci Fi Channel offer  
>its own program last week using a similar premise, but - cue the  
>italic typeface pioneered by the old "Ripley's Believe It or  
>Not" strip - it also had the exact same title as the History  
>Channel series!!!

Yet some would pontificate ufology is dead or dying. Last week  
likely Mr. Genzlinger!

>In the History Channel's offering, the investigators are led by  
>Bill Birnes, publisher of UFO Magazine. The team's opening case,  
>seen last week, was intriguing enough. It involved a 1947  
>incident in Washington State in which boaters on Puget Sound  
>claimed to have seen hovering aircraft that looked, at least in  
>the show's re-creation, like inner tubes. One inner tube,  
>apparently having engine trouble, spewed molten slag down onto  
>the boat, and a military plane that came to retrieve samples of  
>the slag a few days later crashed on its way home. The History  
>Channel's investigators visited the sites, hinted at a lot of  
>possibilities and ultimately clarified none of them.

Perhaps Mr. Genzlinger should take a crack at producing  
something Mr. Genzlinger's handlers insures he's around to mock  
and ridicule. I suspect he lacks Bill Birnes' stone, or is  
otherwise bereft of sack.

>Mr. Birnes and his colleagues add to the campy feel of the  
>series by not being very good actors, trying in vain to make the  
>discoveries that they no doubt researched ahead of time appear  
>spontaneous on camera. Their awkwardness is good. It gives the  
>show license to indulge in all sorts of spurious revelations and  
>disingenuous teasers, and it relieves the audience of the  
>responsibility of taking any of it seriously.

Good men, bravely trying to do something good, eh! I'm not  
surprised Mr. Genzlinger doesn't get it. That's not what he's  
paid to think.

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## Re: The Stephenville UFO?

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 18:32:37 +0000  
Archived: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 06:51:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 6 Feb 2008 14:54:51 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

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Brothers and Sisters:

As we have been reminded over the centuries - since acquiring  
the bicameral brain, it is all Maya. All of it. Not just a  
percentage.

As investigators wading into the data could we all just stay  
aware of the human being's capacity to see what they want to  
see, and hear what they want to hear?

KK

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## Re: Question About Witness To Roswell

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 19:33:04 +0000  
Archived: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 06:54:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Question About Witness To Roswell

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 10:15:16 EST  
>Subject: Question About Witness To Roswell

>I have learned (though it wasn't very hard) that the name of  
>Elias Benjamin is a pseudonym invented by Carey or Schmitt to  
>protect the witness identity (something that isn't necessarily a  
>bad thing).

>However, there is nothing in the text to suggest this was done  
>and I know that some have attempted to verify the presence of  
>Benjamin in Roswell at the critical time. This will, of course,  
>fail, since it isn't the correct name.

>Carey confirmed they changed it but that the guy, whoever it  
>might be, is in the Yearbook. We have no way to check that.

>So, the question is this: Does it bother anyone that the  
>name was changed without them letting us know?

Kevin:

You and I have known Don Schmitt a long time. I am sure,  
just as I have, you have wondered if he knows what the hell  
he is doing.

I have decided Schmitt understands the concept of Maya better  
than any Westerner I have known. In other words, truth is what  
the speaker says it is.

Myth creation seems to be Schmitt's focus. There is no way to  
move him off his 'mission' of 'guiding' the myth of Roswell.

Truth of the matter will be what Schmidt says it is, and the  
rest of world be damned.

BTW: I know for a fact that Schmidt will know about this e-mail  
exchange. His 'spies' are everywhere.

The message to Schmitt from me? Love ya', babe!

KK

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## Interview With Jacques Vallee On Video

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 7 Feb 2008 21:12:04 -0000  
Archived: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 06:55:58 -0500  
Subject: Interview With Jacques Vallee On Video

Here you go List,

Hopefully this might dispel some of the misunderstandings (even animosity) that a few 'believers' seem to hold about Dr Vallee.

Jacques Vallee 1 - 12 - Host George Noory

Shorts, maybe 8 - 10 mins

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIydfxEzdiQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjgGttMKIYk>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hs6hgL2-VwE>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iR81uE\\_WTEA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iR81uE_WTEA)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MzS4SDztL8>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pbXSNVtuPw>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9UMG25tY2k>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kr-hcP2BVxE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-IUYE5Naeo>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrPBGuOpOy4>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvvsKSfzXu8>

Cheers

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## Re: Satellite Spotters Glimpse Secrets & Tell Them

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 16:23:45 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 06:58:11 -0500  
Subject: Re: Satellite Spotters Glimpse Secrets & Tell Them

>Source: The New York Times - USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2d8zdl>

>February 5, 2008

>Satellite Spotters Glimpse Secrets, And Tell Them  
>By John Schwartz

<snip>

One wonders, given that satellites like this one are the size of a small bus, whether future satellites shouldn't be largely made from magnesium structure, with igniters designed to cause the thing to burn up as it passes through the atmosphere. Maybe that could reduce the weight of what finally impacts the Earth?

If that's too hazardous, how about designing large satellites like circus clown cars, designed to fall into pieces just before entering the atmosphere.

A third idea that might be costly in terms of fuel would be to shoot the thing into a trajectory taking it into the sun when its life is over. I'm talking about the large satellites here.

Eleanor White

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## Stephenville Empire-Tribune Reporter Fired?

From: **Franklin Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 7 Feb 2008 19:59:28 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 07:03:56 -0500  
Subject: Stephenville Empire-Tribune Reporter Fired?

I have received information, unconfirmed at this time, that the Stephenville Empire-Tribune reporter, Angelia Joiner - who broke the UFO sightings story in the media - has been fired from the paper.

Does anyone have information on the firing?

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## George Knapp's C2C Stephenville Interviews

From: **Franklin Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 7 Feb 2008 23:17:04 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 07:08:48 -0500  
Subject: George Knapp's C2C Stephenville Interviews

If you have not already heard it, a very good YouTube file of interviews by George Knapp about Stephenville.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6GMDUuLHb0&feature=related>

Guests:

Alejandro Rojas & Ken Cherry both of MUFON, and researcher Dick Criswell spoke about the Texas UFO incident.

Cherry & Rojas found the military's explanation that people were seeing a squadron of F-16s to be implausible - witnesses described the craft as silent, whereas F-16s are very noisy.

Criswell speculated that the military jets were dispatched after a UFO breached airspace near Bush's Crawford compound.

Best,

Frank

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## MUFON To Present Stephenville Investigation

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February 7, 2008

Mutual UFO Network State Assistant Director To Present  
Stephenville Investigation Results

By Jennifer Litz  
Editor

Steve Hudgeons, Mutual UFO Network assistant state director for Texas, released a media brief yesterday that promised a formal news conference in March at the Dublin Rotary Club Building. The Dallas Fort Worth MUFON chapter and Hudgeons will present information Hudgeons gathered during a late January trip to Stephenville, Texas, after UFO sightings had been reported there earlier in the month.

"The media will be invited to hear the results of our investigations," Hudgeons wrote.

Hudgeons also reported that the DFW chapter has reserved the Dublin Rotary Building on Feb. 23 for additional witnesses to the Jan. 8 UFO sighting. "We... hope to see those that didn't attend [the Stephenville follow-up investigation] or were unable to attend the Jan. 19th meeting," Hudgeons wrote.

"We further ask that the Media not attend this meeting. We appreciate the new-found sincerity of the Media of late, however, 50 or so years of media ridicule hasn't been forgotten and has caused many witnesses to shy away from our investigations."

The Air Force Reserve released a statement on Jan. 23 claiming the bright lights and UFOs spotted in Stephenville had really been ten of their F-16 fighter jets on a night-time training mission. This information contradicts their earlier denying of activity in the area.

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## UK UFO Sightings On The Rise

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Source: The Independent - London, UK

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Friday, 8 February 2008

UFO Sightings On The Rise  
By James Macintyre

The apparent abduction by spaceship of a man's tent, car and dog was one of 135 reports of UFO sightings in Britain last year, according to details released by the Ministry of Defense (MoD).

Three pilots were among more than 100 =96 mainly anonymous =96 people who reported the sightings, which included a flying saucer in Staffordshire and a fast-moving triangular object in Wakefield, West Yorkshire. Two of the pilots were flying over Alderney in the Channel Islands when they saw bright orange objects, they said, while the other saw a "balloon-like object" over the South-west.

The number of sightings rose from 2006, when 97 unidentified aircraft were reported. A number of callers insist they saw a "definite UFO".

One man in Cardiff said that spaceships flew near his house and took his car, tent and pet dog.

The MoD is trying to be more open with its archives and files on UFOs. The ministry admitted that unless the reportings indicate a threat to national security, they are not investigated further.

Nick Pope, a former MoD official who was responsible, between 1991 and 1994, for investigating UFO sightings, said: "I welcome the MoD's new openness on this subject.

"Whatever people believe about UFOs, the Government is releasing some of the most fascinating material in its files. Sceptics and believers alike should welcome this."

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## Pilot Steve Allen Interview

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Subject: Pilot Steve Allen Interview

Steve Allen, businessman and pilot whose office is in Glen Rose, Texas - testifies to what he saw on Jan. 8, 2008 with a lifetime friend in the Selden, Texas area which is locate between Glen Rose and Stephenville, Texas.

He observed a gigantic craft moving from the Glen Rose area to the west and later he saw it being chased by F-16s from the west to the east.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfpimH\\_5824](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfpimH_5824)

Frank

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## Possible UFO Sighting Might Be Solved

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[Video, links & images @ site]

Possible UFO Sighting Might Be Solved  
Danielle Capper  
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Lufkin--A mystery over-head that, according to your response on kltv.com, has many of you scratching your heads. Whatever your guess is, we were able to find one man who says he knows the answer for sure.

In part 2 of our KLTV 7 UFO investigation, he reveals this answer, which he says explains this sighting and hundreds more worldwide.

From Roswell to Stephenville to East Texas shutterbugs all over the world look to the skies for that one in a million shot that proves UFO's are out there.

Whittney Sullivan told KLTV 7 she captured that image on her cell phone, without even realizing it.

That split second pie-shaped image sent us on a search, we took the video to an editing expert here at KLTV to ask him if this one frame, this image, could have been doctored.

"It was sent to us in a 3gp file which is what a cell phone video is. It could have been edited and sent to us but it is very doubtful the common person could have inserted the object in the frame and converted it back to 3gp file," said Derik Gray, KLTV Video Producer.

There's no doubt the image is there, but what it is, still a mystery. Leading us to Tom Hooten of Tyler's Hudnall Planetarium.

Unfortunately, his analysis brings this interstellar vision back down to earth, boiling down to something as simple as a flick of the wrist.

"When she pans it is a pan up and over. So it crosses where the sun is. Where the sun is leaves that black mark. Another thing about it, it's a black mark. It's not an illuminated object so if the sun is to the right it should be illuminating half of that object at least a little differently than the other half of that object

So he says it's a camera trick, but talk is easy. Knowing both we and you wouldn't be satisfied with just words, Hooten volunteered to give us a demonstration, using the exact same

type of phone as Whitney Sullivan's.

"I can almost duplicate it," said Hooten, "All that I am doing is swinging my phone around like this and it happens that the lens catches the sun. Because the way that these cell phones are made whenever it points at a very bright object like the sun rather than it blossoming and it causing a light out it turns completely black."

A very similar image, shaped slightly different, Wooten says, because of the camera's movement.

An explanation he says explains thousands of reported cell phone u-f-o sightings, however, we know one believer who's not convinced.

"It's crazy," said Whitney, "It doesn't change my mind. I don't believe it was a pigment of the camera or a black dot or whatever the camera did. I just don't believe it."

She's holding on to her theory that this came from another world, and not the digital one.

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## Texas UFO Witnesses Threatened For Talking To

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February 07, 2008

Texas UFO Witnesses Threatened For Talking To Media?

By Steve Hammons  
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Are Stephenville, Texas, UFO witnesses being harassed and threatened?

Reports are surfacing that indicate someone may be trying to intimidate witnesses who spoke to the news media.

According to recent articles in the Stephenville, Texas, local newspaper, at least one witness to the recent UFO sighting who made public statements to the Associated Press(AP) and other news outlets is concerned about threats that are apparently connected to his statements to the media.

One of the witnesses who stated he saw a huge solid object and has described it in detail is Ricky Sorrells.

In addition to speaking with the AP and other news media such as CNN, Sorrells had been interviewed by Linda Moulton Howe, an Emmy Award-winning investigative journalist who coordinates the Web site [Earthfiles.com](http://Earthfiles.com).

Howe is also a regular contributor for the online radio show "Dreamland," hosted by well-known author Whitley Strieber on his Web site [UnknownCountry.com](http://UnknownCountry.com). Howe has covered the Texas sightings on the Dreamland program.

In articles published Sunday, Feb. 3, and Monday, Feb. 4, in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune, reporter Angelia Joiner quotes Sorrells as saying that one day after he spoke with the AP, he received an unusual phone call.

### Phone Calls And Helicopters

Sorrells says a man identifying himself as an Air Force lieutenant colonel called him about the sighting and wanted to come out to Sorrells' property to speak with him.

When Sorrells told the caller he would think about it, the man insisted and said he would be coming out to Sorrells' property to speak with him.

The conversation grew "heated," according to the Empire-Tribune report, and Sorrells says the caller stated, "Son, we have the same caliber weapons as you do but a lot more of them."

The Empire-Tribune story quoted Sorrells as stating, "So I said

if he was who he said he was, why didn't he stop flying over my air space with all those helicopters. And he informed me that it was not my air space =97 it was his. He told me if I'd quit talking about what I saw he would stop the helicopters."

According to Empire-Tribune reporter Joiner, Sorrells stated that before the mysterious man called him, several helicopters were flying frequently and at an unusually low altitude over his property at various hours.

"I get up at 2:30 a.m. to go to work and these helicopters kept flying over and I couldn't sleep. Because it was about time to get up and go to work, I just got up and went outside to see what I could," Joiner quoted Sorrells as saying.

"I went to my truck and turned on the spotlight and shined it up at them. It was so close, I could see the pilot's reaction. He threw up his arm to block the light. He was in one of the smaller helicopters. Then he turned toward me and I still have the light on."

"I started to feel uncomfortable so I turned off the light and waved and went back inside. I was thinking I had pushed the envelope," Sorrells stated in the Empire-Tribune article.

#### Strange Intruder

Sorrells also reports he saw an intruder on his property at about 1 a.m.

He told reporter Joiner, "I was in bed asleep. I keep my bird dogs on the east side of my house and three others on the west side. The black lab doesn't bark until someone comes across the cattle guard and the Catahoula doesn't bark until she actually sees someone. They were all barking so I got up to see what was going on."

Looking out his bedroom window at the top of his driveway, Sorrells spotted a man.

"I went around the bed and grabbed my rifle," Sorrells is quoted as saying.

With Sorrells' family sleeping inside, he carefully looked out and saw the intruder again.

"He had positioned himself in between the car and the pickup 40 to 50 feet from my back door. He stood staring at me rocking back and forth. I didn't think his feet were moving but the next morning when looking at his tracks I could tell they were."

Sorrells told the Empire-Tribune that he could clearly see the face of the man who appeared to be in his late 20s or early 30s. The man was wearing a "heavy parka-like coat," Sorrells stated.

Sorrells could not determine if the man had a gun.

"I'm trying to decide whether or not to open the door," Sorrells is quoted as saying. "We're just standing there face to face looking at each other. I'm thinking he's dressed for the elements and the dogs are raising such a ruckus he must know he's in danger of being caught. That's when I realized he wanted me to see him."

The man was in a position that could have been a threat to Sorrells if he had gone outside, he believed.

So, considering the safety of his sleeping family, he stayed inside as the man turned and walked way into the nearby woods.

Later, Sorrells checked out the area where the man went into the woods and found a bullet ... "a shiny new 25-06 Remington."

Sorrells wondered if the bullet was a purposeful message to him.

#### Men In Black

Sorrells' account of phone calls and intimidating visitors is not unusual in the lore of UFO sightings.

Whether his mysterious phone call was actually from an Air Force

officer might be difficult or impossible to determine. Whether the caller was a U.S. Government officer, agent or operative is also unclear.

Over the decades of UFO sightings, witnesses have reported being interviewed by officials of various kinds or even sternly spoken with about what they saw.

In his 2006 book ON THE TRAIL OF THE SAUCER SPIES, researcher and author Nick Redfern looked into the history of government interest in people involved with UFO encounters.

Redfern used declassified government documents and other sources to report on government inquiries about individuals involved with UFOs back to the late 1940s. In the book, he takes a look at how civilian agencies and the Air Force responded to alleged UFO incidents, as well as groups and individuals of interest.

He also examined similar efforts in United Kingdom where the Ministry of Defense (MoD), the Royal Air Force and Scotland Yard also investigated UFO-related cases.

Redfern shows special interest about the mysterious "Men In Black," which some people claim could be a special unit of the U.S. Air Force.

According to Redfern, government investigators were especially interested when witnesses were credible observers such as pilots, military personnel and peace officers.

For more information in Redfern's book, see my article "History of government surveillance of UFO witnesses and investigators examined in new book" (AmericanChronicle.com, April 19, 2006).

#### Operational Security

Though we do not know who was involved with the phone calls to Sorrells and intrusions on his property, it is possible that they could be connected to some kind of sensitive official activities.

In many defense, intelligence and national security situations, it is crucial that certain information remain secret. There are often very valid and important reasons for this.

At the same time, especially in a democracy such as our own, Americans may feel as though they have a "need to know" about topics such as unusual objects in the skies.

Are they highly-advanced U.S. aircraft or spacecraft? Are they possibly visiting beings from other planets and/or dimensions? These questions seem normal and natural, especially for those who have seen something very unusual and surprising.

This is where operational security (OPSEC) comes into play.

If we accept that there could be governmental and/or government-related special activity groups responsible for management of sensitive, complex situations, then we must understand their desire for OPSEC.

That said, American citizens have rights ... although these seem to have been significantly disrespected in recent years.

On a more practical basis, establishing rapport and cooperation with people can often be more successful than trying to threaten and intimidate them.

Some Americans just don't respond well to attempts at intimidation.

Maybe Texans are like this.

Note To Readers: By clicking the link in the author background box at right, readers can see Hammons' many articles on unconventional and conventional areas. He is also the author of two novels about a San Diego-based joint-service team of ten women and men who investigate emerging special topics =96 MISSION INTO LIGHT and the sequel LIGHT'S HAND. Readers can browse the novels online at the publisher's Web site where the books appear online exactly as they do in print. Once at table of contents of

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UFO Sightings In Britain Rocket  
By John Coles  
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The number of UFO sightings soared by 40 per cent last year.

The MoD logged 135 reports =96 including one of two objects a MILE wide.

Two airline pilots spotted them over Guernsey, giving the sighting credibility.

One, Ray Bowyer, 50, said: "I'm not saying it was from another world, but I've never seen anything like it in all my years of flying."

Nick Pope, who headed the Ministry of Defence's UFO investigation team from 1991-1994, said: "This sighting is dynamite. The UFO was over a mile long and it was tracked on radar.

"It was the most interesting UFO report the MoD has received in several years." The ministry revealed other sightings included cigar-shaped objects, lights in the sky and classic 'saucer' craft.

Abducted

They were lodged from all over England, Scotland and Wales at all times of the year.

One witness in Rotherham, South Yorks, said they saw "a bright triangular object in the sky. It was stationary at first and then moved".

And a UFO-spotter in Duxford, Cambs, said: "Fifty objects, each with a single orange light. They gathered before ascending directly upwards."

Meanwhile, a camper claimed a spaceship fleet abducted his dog and swiped his tent near Cardiff.

And five weeks ago, The Sun told how Kelvin Barbery took an amazing picture near Falmouth, Cornwall, of a 'flying saucer'.

The original reports and any internal papers detailing the MoD's probes in response to sightings are kept secret.

The publication of the 2007 figures came as the MoD prepares to

release its archive of 10,000 sightings since the 1950s.

The reports, held in 160 files, are likely to include a blue object snapped in West Kilbride, and a saucer over Stirling.

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## When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide

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When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide  
Alex Schaefer

In mid-January, news crews flocked to the Bible Belt town of Stephenville, Texas as reports of local UFO sightings filtered through the airwaves. ABC News reported that more than 30 residents reported seeing a flying object "described as a mile-wide, silent object with bright lights, flying low and fast." City Councilman Mark Murphy said "A lot of folks aren't used to this kind of thing." I guess this is a good thing, because then Stephenville might have been known as the first case of an entire town being admitted for mental evaluation.

Reporting a UFO sighting just seems like an exercise in lunacy, which is why a solitary sighting never makes the papers - those instances are usually filed away as irrational cases. The newsworthy cases are when there is a cluster of sightings. Most likely, one person initially reports their vision and then others corroborate the story. It's akin to being at a social gathering where someone says they think they just heard a train and then another person concurs with them - and then another. Soon everyone starts nodding their head in agreement and saying they too heard some sort of noise and that it must have been a train. Then everyone realizes that there isn't a train station within 20 miles. They laugh a lot and then go back to playing guitar hero. That's what it's like to be a part of a UFO sighting. Except stoned friends don't start calling news crews and reporting lost trains.

The other great aspect of a spaceship encounter is that the so called "UFO Experts" come rushing onto the scene. It's amazing that there are people who maintain they are experts in a field that has no actual evidence verifying its existence. It's like claiming to be an authority on ghosts or in using "the force." Now, some of these individuals only study the general possibility of extra-terrestrial life. This is at least a reasonable field of study. The crazies I'm talking about are the ones who stand firm in their belief that there is life in outer space that is continually trying to make contact with us. They are rabid conspiracy theorists. Many of them have spent years studying to be historians or scientists only to suddenly and fervently begin to preach the existence of aliens. It is essentially a conversion to insanity - equivalent to being a science fiction writer for many years and then suddenly deciding to base an actual and allegedly legitimized religion around your fantastical writings.

While I stand behind my ardent cynicism I do concede the

possibility that I am wrong. Maybe these truly are extraterrestrial visitors stopping by for a brief glimpse of our planet. Maybe they just don't think it's an appropriate time for a stop and chat, or maybe they saw Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" and the threat of global warming makes landing too risky of an enterprise.

I can only imagine how the parents of these alien historians reacted when told of their new scholarly pursuits. It must have been like going to a well respected educational institution to study accounting for four years and at the end telling mom and dad that you've decided to become a stand-up comedian. While parents are supposed to show undying support, this would surely test their limits.

This is why it seems pretty ironic that many of these occurrences happen within the Bible Belt - the ardently religious epicenter of the south. I say this because the way I react to the thought of UFOs must have been just how Sarah reacted when Abraham returned with stories of his long discussions with his so-called "God."

"I just talked to God"

"Really, what did he look like?"

"Well, I didn't see him"

"Huh?"

"Yea he just talked to me. From the clouds"

"Listen Abe, maybe you should lay down for a while."

"No, I'm serious. And he told me that he wanted me to sacrifice our son Isaac to him."

I do not doubt the Bible. I was raised a good little Jewish boy. But I bet Abraham wasn't greeted with backslaps and high-fives. I could just see this scene going down in my house. My mom would have my dad in a straight jacket before he could say the word "exodus."

If one of my friends confessed this to me, my first thought would be to ask if it was a good or bad acid trip. My friend might as well put on a cape, walk around with a wand and ask me to call him a magic wizard. But as UFO sightings are nothing new, they will not stop anytime soon. Christopher Columbus reported seeing strange lights that intermittently appeared and disappeared in the sky during his various voyages. But remember, he also thought the world was flat.

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>As investigators wading into the data could we all just stay  
>aware of the human being's capacity to see what they want to  
>see, and hear what they want to hear?

That's just the problem, instead of your wrong lesson, it's  
waiting to be told what one sees by dubious authority (yours?)

Once investigative tools any child can acquire are learned the  
capacity to impart what is seen becomes as simple as that of  
dissembling and confusing. That seems to be the tools of  
authority more than anything else.

And yours.

JCH

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## Re: George Knapp's C2C Stephenville Interviews

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 8 Feb 2008 06:37:19 -0600  
Archived: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 08:07:46 -0500  
Subject: Re: George Knapp's C2C Stephenville Interviews

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 7 Feb 2008 23:17:04 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: George Knapp's C2C Stephenville Interviews

>If you have not already heard it, a very good YouTube file  
>of interviews by George Knapp about Stephenville.

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6GMDUHLHb0&feature=related>

>Guests:

>Alejandro Rojas & Ken Cherry both of MUFON, and researcher Dick  
>Criswell spoke about the Texas UFO incident.

>Cherry & Rojas found the military's explanation that people were  
>seeing a squadron of F-16s to be implausible - witnesses  
>described the craft as silent, whereas F-16s are very noisy.

>Criswell speculated that the military jets were dispatched after  
>a UFO breached airspace near Bush's Crawford compound.

I just wanted to note that Criswell has no connection whatsoever  
with MUFON's investigation of the Stephenville-Dublin Sightings.  
He was a last minute addition to the show.

Terry

"Where was the man when he jumped off the cliff?"

"On the edge of the cliff?"

"Nope. That was before he jumped"

"Well, he was in the air then..."

"Nope. That was after he jumped. Where was the man when he  
jumped off the cliff?"

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## Flood Of Calls Over UK UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 08:10:43 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 08:10:43 -0500  
Subject: Flood Of Calls Over UK UFO

Source: Fenland Today - Wisbech, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3y2soh>

08 February 2008

Flood Of Calls Over UFO

Strange lights and saucer-shapes spotted in the skies over Fenland have prompted dozens of calls to the Citizen's newsdesk this week.

Last week we reported how Alison Hunt, of Cherry Road, Wisbech, had noticed an orange glow above her while she was in her garden at 9.20pm on Wednesday, January 30.

Mrs Hunt was left mystified by the glowing light, which she described as being about the size of a full moon.

After her story appeared many readers contacted the Citizen to say they have also seen strange lights.

One reader said she saw something at 8.15am that day falling from the sky.

The reader, who lives in Leverington, said the object was in the Sutton Road direction but was too far away to see clearly.

"I had the door open in my house and I looked up in the sky and it was like something falling from the sky. It was very quick - too quick for an aeroplane," said the reader.

Among the first to ring in was Colin Coulson, who believes the answer to the mystery lies not in a far-flung galaxy but much closer to home.

He thinks what everyone saw was a hot air balloon. He spotted the strange light as he was travelling home from Peterborough along the A47.

Mr Coulson said he followed the light and realised it was probably a hot air balloon. He explained the strange glow would be created by the burner used to heat up the air.

"The burner would be turned on and light up to heat the air and then it would be turned off - that would explain how the light suddenly disappeared," said Mr Coulson.

Martin Brown, from Walpole St Andrew, spotted the lights and said they were 'definitely an awesome sight - definitely unusual'.

But he believed the lights could have been from a jet fighter as they appeared to be over the Wash area.

He described seeing bright flashes of light and wondered if they

had been caused by a pilot ejecting from his aircraft.

Wisbech taxi driver Glenn Rowett said he was travelling back from Wisbech St Mary when he saw the strange lights that left 'as quickly as they came.'

He later spoke to a colleague who said he had pulled over by the side of the road to try to hear anything. But he couldn't hear anything, so the pair ruled out a plane or a helicopter.

Another woman, from March, who didn't want to be named, spotted the lights slightly earlier in the evening at around 7.30pm as she travelled home from Whittlesey via the Turves Road.

At first she thought they might be lights from the March GER football ground, but she realised they were too high for that.

She said there was initially just one light, then a second appeared and she thought it could be a plane turning. Then a third white light appeared and she realised it was something else, but she didn't know what.

Wisbech St Mary man Richard Young was also bemused about what he saw and his daughter thought he was seeing things, too.

"I thought it was a helicopter, but then I thought no it's not that because the lights split into three. Then it shot off like a shooting star", he said.

Amy Parish and her partner Andrew Hill thought they were seeing things when they spotted an orangey light as they drove home from Peterborough at around 9.15pm.

"I was looking out of the car window and spotted three lights very close together. They were too close together to be an aeroplane.

"Then there was an orangey light and then it just disappeared - I looked at my partner and said did you see that," said Miss Parish.

"We both knew it wasn't a plane, and we hadn't seen anything like it and we came to the conclusion it had to be a UFO - it was out of this world."

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## Re: CNSNews Doesn't Get It Either - Cox

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 8 Feb 2008 10:13:49 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 08:27:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: CNSNews Doesn't Get It Either - Cox

>Source: Billy Cox's Blog | De Void - Sarasota, Florida, USA

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

>Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008

>CNSNews Doesn't Get It, Either

>By Billy Cox

>[billy.cox.nul](mailto:billy.cox.nul)

>Let's run through it again, s-l-o-o-o-w-l-y, for this annoying  
>Internet pest called CNSNews.com:

>Once upon a time, there was this guy named Laurance Rockefeller.  
>Rocky was a billionaire. Rocky wanted the feds to declassify  
>their UFO files. So in the 1990s, Rocky started this thing  
>called the UFO Disclosure Initiative. He sent briefing papers to  
>Bill and Hillary Clinton. He met with them at his Wyoming ranch  
>in 1995. There are photos.

<snip>

>UFOs are the kiss of death to a presidential campaign. Most of  
>this year's contenders have the luxury of laughing this stuff  
>off. But not the senator. She's got a paper trail. Why? What  
>exactly did she discuss with Rockefeller? Her husband's  
>curiosity about UFOs:

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7X8HK-3iWM>

>is a matter of public record. Does she share her spouse's  
>position on disclosure?

>Imagine the sound bite bonanza for adversaries in both parties  
>if someone confronted Senator Clinton with sharp and focused  
>questions on UFOs in a public venue. Sadly for the outfit that  
>bills itself as a paragon of investigative journalism, when it  
>comes to this stuff, CNSNews.com is as worthless as the liberal-  
>.media titans it regularly demonizes.

In the present day situation with the recent Texas sightings and  
O'Hare last year, etc., it might be that criticizing Clinton for  
"UFO leanings" might backfire on the critics.

In other words, the Obama camp, or later in the year, the  
Republicans, may try to jump on the UFO horse and argue that  
there is 'missing gravitas' from any candidate who treats UFO  
phenomena seriously.

With the present 'popularity' of UFOs the general public may  
reverse the criticism and accuse the accuser (Obama, Republican)  
of missing some gravitas for not treating the UFO problem  
seriously.

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## Re: The Stephenville UFO?

From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 10:04:14 -0800  
Archived: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 08:30:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 6 Feb 2008 14:54:51 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>>From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 05 Feb 2008 08:41:17 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

><snip>

>>I interviewed eyewitness Steve Allen - over a week ago

><snip>

>>He described 4 very bright large white lights, evenly spaced

><snip>

>>he  
>>said the two front lights were about 1/2 mile apart, and the  
>>rear two were about a mile back, all parallel to the ground and  
>>evenly spaced forming a rectangle; as the rear lights passed  
>>him, at a right angle to his original viewing position, he then  
>>was able to see 5 additional 'rear lights totaling 7.

Mornin' Sergey,

>Hello Frank,

>Here is screenshot of ABC News video, where Steve Allen is  
>making sketch of what he saw:

><http://tinyurl.com/337lpg> (at ImageShack)

>As I understood from the video, first he saw lights in form of  
>arc, and after that they reconfigured in vertical lights. What  
>is not very clear from this image is a frame around vertical  
>lights. Is it that Allen trying to show body of object (or  
>objects)?

><snip>

I haven't watched the video; however, if that is what it said,  
that is incorrect. The lights later reconfigured to form an  
arch. (After it passed his position heading towards  
Stephenville).

The frame described came after the arch, when the lights  
reconfigured again. The lights changed to a vertical position  
and then changed again, which Allen described as "looking like  
flames similar to that of a welder's torch" (not focused in a  
blue flame); his impression was that what appeared to be flame-  
like was contained in unseen rectangular boxes.

On the return trip, with F-16's in pursuit, the (rear) lights  
changed again; they were red with white lights in the center.  
Allen, felt that this might be related to the craft's propulsion



system.

There are many more intricate details; the gist of the matter is that this is a major UFO event! For me, it gives new meaning to orbs and or multiple lights. Allen swears he was looking at an object. That is to say these weren't independent lights!

He felt that for what ever reason, the body of the object wasn't visible to him. I interjected the notion of some sort of stealth technology; he agreed that was a possibility.

This is very reminiscent of erroneously labeled Phoenix Lights e.g., although there were sightings of a very large craft, lesser known were other sightings of orbs and lights and I'm not referring to the 10:00 flare sightings.

Finally, when Allen first caught of a glimpse of the craft it was coming from a southeasterly direction; the Presential Ranch is in that direction, albeit, more southward; that said, NORAD and the newly formed U.S. Northern Command monitors everything that moves in our airspace, certainly alarms go off when unidentified near restricted airspace!

Any UFO pervious to RADAR, would be monitored at the very least, and one would think that a response would be at the ready from any and all logical geographic locations.

Cheers,

Frank

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## Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 08 Feb 2008 13:28:50 -0600  
Archived: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 08:32:21 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>From: Ray Boeche <[rayboeche.nul](mailto:rayboeche.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2008 16:31:52 -0600  
>Subject: Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 18:46:26 EST  
>>Subject: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>>So for you Christians out there and/or experts in the area  
>>what say you looking back at it over the decades?

>That's an interesting question, Greg.

>From my point of view (a master's degree in apologetics and  
>systematic theology and 10 years experience as an Anglican  
>pastor, along with forty years of research experience into many  
>aspects of the paranormal), I have a fairly uncomplicated way in  
>which I evaluate these things. Let me lay the groundwork first,  
>so you may see a logical progression (hopefully).

<snip>

>I've yet to read an account of a contactee or abductee  
>experience in which Buddha, Mohammed, Zoroaster, of any of the  
>13 million or so Hindu deities are denigrated. Only Christ and  
>the Judeo/Christian scriptures.

Could you please elaborate on the paragraph above?

Are you not familiar with the Betty Andreasson Luca books or  
Leah Haley's books or perhaps even my own? I rarely meet an  
abductee who doesn't credit their faith in God for getting them  
through these sometimes horrific experiences.

FYI: Here are a few links to Christians that I have on my Web  
site:

Leah Haley Leah's Corner

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

Resisting ET Through Christ

<http://www.alienresistance.org/christianufo.htm>

Alien Resistance and Author

<http://www.guymalone.com>

C E 4 Research Group

<http://www.welcome.to/ce4>

Thanks ~

K. Wilson  
[www.alienjigsaw.com](http://www.alienjigsaw.com)

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## 'Fired' Empire Tribune Reporter Comments

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 08:47:32 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 08:47:32 -0500  
Subject: 'Fired' Empire Tribune Reporter Comments

Source: The Open Minds Forum -

<http://tinyurl.com/yp85qa>

Feb 7, 2008

Re: UFO sighting in Erath County, Texas  
Reply #298 on Feb 7, 2008, 8:03pm

Angelia has given me permission to let you know what's been going on with her/the newspaper etc,.

This latest development is just awful - and stinks of what is usually used to 'cover-up' UFO phenomena in the MS media - that stench goes right back to Roswell >:( -

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I think my readers would find a lot more of this sort of story interesting but my newspaper doesn't want any more stories. My boss feels it's time to move on. A city councilman here talked to the Star-Telegram and said the whole thing was an embarrassment to the town (or something to that effect.)

It has been a tough decision but I gave my two weeks notice last Thursday and my last day will be Feb. 14.

At that time, I will be unemployed so I probably will substitute teach for a while.

<snip>

I joined your group because I was so impressed with how nice the men were to offer to help Ricky Sorrells. I don't know how that went yesterday but I could see they were sincerely concerned about him and his situation. That was impressive and I like people that care about others.

<snip>

I don't want to say anything bad about the newspaper. They are just not interested any more. But it was a record sales month in the history of the E-T for JAN. so I feel good about that.

It's funny how one day I was sitting on top of a huge global story and practically the next I'm looking for a job.

Life... it's full of surprises. And, I think that's a good thing. Here's hoping there is something better around the corner.

Thanks for writing and congratulations on a very well maintained forum.

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2nd update:

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I gave two weeks notice but this morning they had confiscated my computer and I was told to pack up and get out. I'm devastated and still in shock.

I was trying to direct people away from talking to me about UFOs and other information during work hours and I had forwarded emails to my home computer so I would not be dealing with that on newspaper time. But, apparently that wasn't the right thing to do either.

I've just been between a rock and a hard spot if you know what I mean.

The publisher said she didn't want me to leave with ill feelings toward the newspaper and I'm trying not to.

I'm grateful for the opportunity the newspaper gave me in employing me as a writer. I have only been writing for them 18 months and I've learned a lot but I still have a lot more to learn.

- Angelia Joiner - email to Admin/Bren Burton

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BTW, you can send a note of support for Sorrells and Angelia to the Empire Tribune. They posted my note. Let's launch a campaign!

<http://www.empiretribune.com/guestbook/>

[Thanks to Victor Martinez for the lead]

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## Portuguese Scientists Support New Encounter Series

From: **Joaquim Fernandes** <[j.fernand.nul](mailto:j.fernand.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Feb 2008 12:13:02 -0000  
Archived: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 09:20:35 -0500  
Subject: Portuguese Scientists Support New Encounter Series

A serious approach by a new television UFO documentary series, Close Encounters is now being produced in Portugal under the direct support of the University Fernando Pessoa and co-ordinated by historian Dr. Joaquim Fernandes.

With 13 episodes this video series is to air on the second public channel of the Portuguese Television, RTP 2, showing a selection of the best cases that occurred in Portugal in the 20th Century.

Over three dozen leading academics and researchers from several scientific disciplines at the main national universities were invited by Joaquim Fernandes to comment in a didactic way all the patterns of distinct and strange space phenomena. All the episodes try to look for subjective impact and consequences in the witnesses behaviour aside from the presentation of technical data.

Among the 13 episodes are documented several "encontros" by Portuguese Air Force pilots that were previously studied by civilian groups and then by the Center of Transdisciplinary of Consciousness Studies team at the University Fernando Pessoa, in Porto.

We think this can represent a major step in the way mainstream Science and academics deal with 'extraordinary phenomena' associated with UFO-related events.

When we compare this high-quality standard of research with so many poor and un-qualified UFO TV shows we must congratulate the pioneer and historic initiative supported by the Portuguese scientific community.

We hope that this historic documentary series will be distributed worldwide.

Joaquim Fernandes, Ph.D  
CTEC  
Universidade Fernando Pessoa  
Porto  
Portugal

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## UFOs On UK Radio Monday Night

From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Feb 2008 13:23:01 -0000  
Archived: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 09:22:10 -0500  
Subject: UFOs On UK Radio Monday Night

I'll be a guest on James Whale's show on the Talk Sport radio station this Monday night, between around 10pm and 1am.

I'll be discussing the latest news in ufology, taking questions from callers and giving listeners the chance to relate details of any UFO sightings they may have had.

The show will include a tribute to Georgina Bruni, details of the forthcoming release of MoD UFO files, discussion of UFO sightings received by the MoD in 2007, a preview of the Laughlin conference, discussion of Stuart Miller's new magazine, Alien Worlds, and mention of the two UFO Hunters TV shows. There will also be discussion of the Large Hadron Collider, which has provoked a lot of previous interest among listeners.

Talk Sport broadcasts at 1089/1053am and you can listen online:

<http://www.talksport.net/listen>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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## Re: Texas UFO Witnesses Threatened For Talking To

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Feb 2008 08:04:23 -0600  
Archived: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 09:24:10 -0500  
Subject: Re: Texas UFO Witnesses Threatened For Talking To

>Source: American Chronicle - Beverly Hills, California, USA

><http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/51650>

>February 07, 2008

>Texas UFO Witnesses Threatened For Talking To Media?  
>By Steve Hammons  
>[hammons55.nul](mailto:hammons55.nul)

>Are Stephenville, Texas, UFO witnesses being harassed and  
>threatened?

>Reports are surfacing that indicate someone may be trying to  
>intimidate witnesses who spoke to the news media.

>According to recent articles in the Stephenville, Texas, local  
>newspaper, at least one witness to the recent UFO sighting who  
>made public statements to the Associated Press(AP) and other  
>news outlets is concerned about threats that are apparently  
>connected to his statements to the media.

<snip>

List

Of the almost 200 witnesses we've interviewed, or who have reported sightings to us, none have been threatened by anyone for talking to the media.

As far as I know, there is one guy claiming he's being threatened. He's not one of ours.

Terry

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From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 09:24:07 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 09:28:23 -0500  
Subject: Re: CNSNews Doesn't Get It Either - Cox

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>>Once upon a time, there was this guy named Laurance Rockefeller.  
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>>their UFO files. So in the 1990s, Rocky started this thing  
>>called the UFO Disclosure Initiative. He sent briefing papers to  
>>Bill and Hillary Clinton. He met with them at his Wyoming ranch  
>>in 1995. There are photos.

><snip>

>>UFOs are the kiss of death to a presidential campaign. Most of  
>>this year's contenders have the luxury of laughing this stuff  
>>off. But not the senator. She's got a paper trail. Why? What  
>>exactly did she discuss with Rockefeller? Her husband's  
>>curiosity about UFOs:

>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7X8HK-3iWM>

>>is a matter of public record. Does she share her spouse's  
>>position on disclosure?

>>Imagine the sound bite bonanza for adversaries in both parties  
>>if someone confronted Senator Clinton with sharp and focused  
>>questions on UFOs in a public venue. Sadly for the outfit that  
>>bills itself as a paragon of investigative journalism, when it  
>>comes to this stuff, CNSNews.com is as worthless as the liberal-  
>>.media titans it regularly demonizes.

>In the present day situation with the recent Texas sightings and  
>O'Hare last year, etc., it might be that criticizing Clinton for  
>"UFO leanings" might backfire on the critics.

>In other words, the Obama camp, or later in the year, the  
>Republicans, may try to jump on the UFO horse and argue that  
>there is 'missing gravitas' from any candidate who treats UFO  
>phenomena seriously.

>With the present 'popularity' of UFOs the general public may  
>reverse the criticism and accuse the accuser (Obama, Republican)  
>of missing some gravitas for not treating the UFO problem  
>seriously.

I doubt that the subject will reach that level in the debate,  
unless there's an Event to trigger such discussion. Given the  
dynamics of the political game, I somehow doubt the level to  
which ignoring the subject becomes more of a political liability  
than entering into a debate that leaves one open to ridicule. I  
honestly don't think there's a political 'UFO Horse' to ride  
anywhere.

A number of the White House documents from the Clinton  
administration published on presidentialufo.com were obtained

through FOIA by myself and provided to Grant Cameron to be added to his mix.

I filed two requests, two years apart, and learned that 95% of the communication involving the White House Science Advisor on this subject came from those of us researching the subject in the form of questions or statements.

Among the papers were copies of full publications sent to the White House as 'evidence', including The UFO Evidence, which was never sold to the public and had been sent to politicians and the media by the UFO Research Coalition in 1995 (a paperback version was later released as part of a series).

These are most likely among the papers that have been discussed in the press, as having been requested, yet, again.

What I find amusing is that the Clinton Library probably gets four-times as many requests for UFO materials than they get for Whitewater or the Clinton Health Care issues that are still on the media's mind.

A transition of public opinion may help to open this subject up for discussion at a political level, but IMO not in the heat of a political battle while facing some of the crisis issues we have today.

Steve

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I'll tell you something, something I tried to tell Mr. Friedman  
about this area years ago on the telephone. All the way down  
from Fort Worth, from the former Carswell AFB, runs underground  
installations for an ultra-secret delivery system developed at  
the very early period of the cold war.

Unlike what you were told, the B-58 was not phased out. You  
should have figured that out when its structural components  
remained secret, as well as the specialized use of its pod.

Had MUFON come from the north, just before they reached  
Stephenville on Hwy 377, they might have seen a gate with a  
cattle guard and a guard house leading off to true north. A road  
proceeds and enters woods. Sometimes a delta wing craft can be  
seen lifting off just above the trees.

Now, don't jump to conclusions, this is by no means the craft  
seen by witnesses. It's the perfected version of the B-58.

Since the cold war ended to what use this asset has been put is  
unknown. But you can bet they still want to keep it secret. And  
avoid as much attention as possible.

Mr. Sorrels could prove too awakening if what I suspect is true.  
But you're not ready for that.

For Dublin is where I grew up and I take a rather vulgar  
satisfaction (I hope you'll pardon that) in seeing at least ET  
concerned about our technology-gone-berserk.

JCH

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From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Feb 2008 11:01:58 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 11:34:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Possible UFO Sighting Might Be Solved

>Source: KLTV-7 - Tyler, Texas, USA

><http://www.kltv.com/Global/story.asp?S=7840307&nav=1TjD>

>2/7/08

>[Video, links & images @ site]

>Possible UFO Sighting Might Be Solved  
>Danielle Capper  
>[dcapper.nul](mailto:dcapper.nul)

>Lufkin--A mystery over-head that, according to your response on  
>kltv.com, has many of you scratching your heads. Whatever your  
>guess is, we were able to find one man who says he knows the  
>answer for sure.

<snip>

>"When she pans it is a pan up and over. So it crosses where the  
>sun is. Where the sun is leaves that black mark. Another thing  
>about it, it's a black mark. It's not an illuminated object so if  
>the sun is to the right it should be illuminating half of that  
>object at least a little differently than the other half of that  
>object

>So he says it's a camera trick, but talk is easy. Knowing both  
>we and you wouldn't be satisfied with just words, Hooten  
>volunteered to give us a demonstration, using the exact same  
>type of phone as Whittney Sullivan's.

>"I can almost duplicate it," said Hooten, "All that I am doing  
>is swinging my phone around like this and it happens that the  
>lens catches the sun. Because the way that these cell phones are  
>made whenever it points at a very bright object like the sun  
>rather than it blossoming and it causing a light out it turns  
>completely black."

>A very simlair image, shaped slightly different, Wooten says,  
>because of the camera's movement.

>An explanation he says explains thousands of reported cell phone  
>u-f-o sightings, however, we know one believer who's not  
>convinced.

I doubt that this phenomenon explains "thousands of reported  
cell pone UFO sightings because, so far as I am aware, most cell  
phone sightings have been daylight objects - at least the ones I  
have seen.

Nevertheless, this may be the first general news article to  
publish a technically valuable piece of information of which I  
was not aware: that a cell phone "goes dark" when viewing an  
extremely bright light like the sun (or perhaps a streetlight at  
night).

Anyone out there with a camera-phone ought to try to duplicate  
this and report back on the conditions.

If you photograph a bright light at night, does the center of the bright light image look darker or black?

If you photograph the sun directly - I don't recommend this - does the glare around the sun due to atmospheric scattering of light at a small angle away from the edge of the sun's disc, record as a bright area around a dark center - the sun's disc being?

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 11:13:39 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 11:36:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Texas UFO Witnesses Threatened For Talking To

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>serious study!

>That's why so many witnesses limit what they tell you!

Since the MUFON investigation is the only 'serious' study that I'm aware of, I'd provide them with good evidence and not slap the only real investigators in the field. We may not all like their approach or agree with their conclusions, but prove your point and please don't simply take pot shots at them.

If a witness fails to come forward because they are afraid, they are not a witness worth worrying about, IMO. It's like the citizen who complains about politics but doesn't vote because they don't think it matters. IMO, they are not worth the time of day.

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## Re: When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 9 Feb 2008 11:42:12 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 10 Feb 2008 06:22:58 -0500  
Subject: Re: When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide

>Source: Unniversity of Connecticut Daily Campus - Storrs,  
Connecticut, USA

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

>2/8/08

>When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide  
>Alex Schaefer

>In mid-January, news crews flocked to the Bible Belt town of  
>Stephenville, Texas as reports of local UFO sightings filtered  
>through the airwaves. ABC News reported that more than 30  
>residents reported seeing a flying object "described as a mile-  
>wide, silent object with bright lights, flying low and fast."  
>City Councilman Mark Murphy said "A lot of folks aren't used to  
>his kind of thing." I guess this is a good thing, because then  
>Stephenville might have been known as the first case of an  
>entire town being admitted for mental evaluation.

>Reporting a UFO sighting just seems like an exercise in lunacy,  
>which is why a solitary sighting never makes the papers - those  
>instances are usually filed away as irrational cases.

<snip>

>If one of my friends confessed this to me, my first thought  
>would be to ask if it was a good or bad acid trip. My friend  
>might as well put on a cape, walk around with a wand and ask me  
>to call him a magic wizard. But as UFO sightings are nothing  
>new, they will not stop anytime soon. Christopher Columbus  
>reported seeing strange lights that intermittently appeared and  
>disappeared in the sky during his various voyages. But remember,  
>he also thought the world was flat.

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>Staff Columnist Alex Schaefer is an 8th-semester accounting  
>major. He can be reached at [Alexander.Schaefer.nul](mailto:Alexander.Schaefer.nul)

Once again they save the punch line until the end. The writer is  
not a scientist of some form (as I expected). He is a student  
(sophomore or junior in college?) in accounting, so it is not  
surprising that, although he writes well, he clearly doesn't  
know much about the subject.

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Archived: Sun, 10 Feb 2008 06:24:31 -0500  
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And this is relevant to anything stated in the thread... how?

JCH

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## Re: George Knapp's C2C Stephenville Interviews

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 13:00:02 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 10 Feb 2008 06:26:05 -0500  
Subject: Re: George Knapp's C2C Stephenville Interviews

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 8 Feb 2008 06:37:19 -0600  
>Subject: Re: George Knapp's C2C Stephenville Interviews

>>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 7 Feb 2008 23:17:04 -0500 (EST)  
>>Subject: George Knapp's C2C Stephenville Interviews

>>If you have not already heard it, a very good YouTube file  
>>of interviews by George Knapp about Stephenville.

>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6GMDUhLHb0&feature=related>

>>Guests:

>>Alejandro Rojas & Ken Cherry both of MUFON, and researcher Dick  
>>Criswell spoke about the Texas UFO incident.

>>Cherry & Rojas found the military's explanation that people were  
>>seeing a squadron of F-16s to be implausible - witnesses  
>>described the craft as silent, whereas F-16s are very noisy.

>>Criswell speculated that the military jets were dispatched after  
>>a UFO breached airspace near Bush's Crawford compound.

>I just wanted to note that Criswell has no connection whatsoever  
>with MUFON's investigation of the Stephenville-Dublin Sightings.  
>He was a last minute addition to the show.

Hi Terry,

I don't have any connection with MUFON, Texas either but that  
didn't stop me from speculating about the presense of F-16s  
involved with anomalies that were seen entering and leaving  
airspace P-49.

I began writing about this over two weeks ago here on Updates  
and frank Warren posted it as well, and perhaps Criswell picked  
up on it... or connected the dots himself.

It's a valid point of view. Caught in the act puts the AF in a  
tough spot. They have to guard the airspace, respond to possible  
radar contact yet once identified then explain why they were  
chasing "UFOs" when they have repeatedly stated that they pose  
no threat to national security.

I presume that that means the two concentric rings of  
prohibition [TFR Class D 60 nautical mile diameter and P-49 6nm  
never fly ring] around President Bush's ranch.

This means that it's safe to allow an unknown craft of  
undetermined origin - over which you have no influence - to fly  
with impunity within these zones and the other nearly 4 dozen  
around the United States however a Cessna 150 will be blown out  
of the sky if needs be.

Don Ledger

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Date: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 13:14:03 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 10 Feb 2008 06:28:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Texas UFO Witnesses Threatened For Talking To

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 9 Feb 2008 08:04:23 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Texas UFO Witnesses Threatened For Talking To Media?

>>Source: American Chronicle - Beverly Hills, California, USA

>><http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/51650>

>>February 07, 2008

>>Texas UFO Witnesses Threatened For Talking To Media?

>>By Steve Hammons

>>[hammons55.nul](mailto:hammons55.nul)

>>Are Stephenville, Texas, UFO witnesses being harassed and  
>>threatened?

>>Reports are surfacing that indicate someone may be trying to  
>>intimidate witnesses who spoke to the news media.

>>According to recent articles in the Stephenville, Texas, local  
>>newspaper, at least one witness to the recent UFO sighting who  
>>made public statements to the Associated Press(AP) and other  
>>news outlets is concerned about threats that are apparently  
>>connected to his statements to the media.

><snip>

>List

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If someone is threatening Sorrells it could be a wannabe looking to inject himself into the hype, trying to be important. As for the helicopters or whatever else is flying over his place, get a lawn chair and a beer and enjoy the show. If they are too low then report them to the FAA - the tower in Dallas-Fort Worth.

Minimum altitude above a built-up-area is 1,000 feet Above Ground Level (AGL) for fixed wing and 500 AGL feet for rotary wing. Steve Allen has noted some odd calls. I presume you have interviewed him. I have.

Don Ledger

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>Anyone out there with a camera-phone ought to try to duplicate  
>this and report back on the conditions.

After I read that article yesterday, I tried to reproduce this  
effect with no luck. My cell phone operates like my other  
digital cameras.

I have a Samsung SGH-ZX20 cell phone with a 1.2 mega pixel  
camera. After I take a photo I can then down load it immediately  
to my laptop in Jpeg format.

I have had the phone for over a year and taken hundreds of  
photos with out having this problem?

Frank

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 07 Feb 2008 18:32:37 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: The Stephenville UFO?

>>As investigators wading into the data could we all just stay  
>>aware of the human being's capacity to see what they want to  
>>see, and hear what they want to hear?

>That's just the problem, instead of your wrong lesson, it's  
>waiting to be told what one sees by dubious authority (yours?)

>Once investigative tools any child can acquire are learned the  
>capacity to impart what is seen becomes as simple as that of  
>dissembling and confusing. That seems to be the tools of  
>authority more than anything else.

Jim:

Of course, I was referring to an investigator having at least a  
Masters in Psychology, and maybe a Doctorate in Philosophy. Or,  
just using common sense in understanding how human beings  
perceive the agreed upon reality.

A rule of the road to remember: it is just Maya; just plain old  
Maya.

KK

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## Re: When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide-Kasten

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> Connecticut, USA

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>2/8/08

>When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide  
>Alex Schaefer

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>The other great aspect of a spaceship encounter is that the so  
>called "UFO Experts" come rushing onto the scene. It's amazing  
>that there are people who maintain they are experts in a field  
>that has no actual evidence verifying its existence. It's like  
>claiming to be an authority on ghosts or in using "the force."

>Now, some of these individuals only study the general  
>possibility of extra-terrestrial life. This is at least a  
>reasonable field of study. The crazies I'm talking about are the  
>ones who stand firm in their belief that there is life in outer  
>space that is continually trying to make contact with us. They  
>are rabid conspiracy theorists. Many of them have spent years  
>studying to be historians or scientists only to suddenly and  
>fervently begin to preach the existence of aliens. It is  
>essentially a conversion to insanity - equivalent to being a  
>science fiction writer for many years and then suddenly deciding  
>to base an actual and allegedly legitimized religion around your  
>fantastical writings.

<snip>

Jimmy H:

You listening? There are no UFO experts because there is no  
structured study program available anywhere. Investigators who  
might have gone to a university studied something but it wasn't  
the 'field of ufology'. Anybody can play the game.

KK

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Mike

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A Month Later, Stephenville Starts To Settle Down  
By Matt Frazier  
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STEPHENVILLE -- It has been one month since people reported seeing strange unidentified flying objects over Stephenville, causing a worldwide stir among curious journalists and UFO enthusiasts.

Since then, investigators have interviewed more than 100 witnesses and dug their way through grainy pictures and shaky video of supposed UFOs. Now they say they may finally have found one video of a flying craft that they can't explain -- but the photo's ownership is in question.

The military initially denied, then confirmed that it had fighter jets in the area during the sightings, leading to conspiracy theories and speculation -- including that the jets were chasing UFOs from a restricted-flight zone.

A speaker captivated an audience of hundreds at Stephenville's Tarleton State University with UFO tales that seemed strikingly similar to the accounts given by witnesses of the recent sightings. One of the university's astronomy professors is considering beginning his own investigation.

And the town of Stephenville, a farming community about 70 miles southwest of Fort Worth, was shocked by the descending media hordes before deciding that it was all great fun. Now many think it may be profitable as well.

"It seems like the feeding frenzy is over," said Kathie Whiteman, manager of a bookstore at the edge of Tarleton State University. "Now the fad has begun."

Investigators

About 50 people say they saw impossibly bright lights in the skies above the Stephenville area Jan. 8. Not long after, they gathered in nearby Dublin to talk about what they saw with interviewers from the Mutual UFO Network.

Despite about 400 pushing and shoving onlookers, seven MUFON investigators gathered information from respectable sources, said Kenneth Cherry of Keller, director of the organization's Texas chapter.

Cherry said investigators are still talking to witnesses who did not want to be a part of that public event, often visiting them at home. He expects that more than 200 people will eventually be interviewed. So far, the network has interviewed about 75 percent of them, he said.

But it hasn't been easy, Cherry said.

"Some reporters are absolutely demanding information or are following us around when we interview witnesses," Cherry said. "And these are people who want to avoid publicity."

Besides collating data, the organization has filed a number of Freedom of Information requests with the military, checked with the Federal Aviation Administration and looked at meteorological patterns.

The network hopes to eventually determine exactly where and when the objects were spotted, along with their flight paths.

"There is a compelling piece of video," he said. "But there is a dispute over ownership. Everything else has been eliminated."

The organization hopes to announce its findings in its magazine's April edition.

#### Military conspiracies

Dozens of people in the area reported seeing UFOs -- and fighter jets -- around dusk on that date.

Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at Naval Air Station Fort Worth, initially said that no F-16s or other aircraft from the base were in the area the night of Jan. 8.

Lewis said the object may have been an illusion caused by two commercial airplanes. Lights from the aircraft would seem unusually bright and appear orange because of the setting sun, he said.

But later, the military changed its tune, saying that 10 F-16s from the 457th Fighter Squadron were training between 6 and 8 p.m. Jan. 8 in the Brownwood military operating area, which includes Stephenville and Erath County.

The Mutual UFO Network says the admission adds credibility to their witnesses, who reported seeing military jets chasing the flying objects. That's leading conspiracy Web sites to the conclusion that UFOs invaded restricted military airspace.

#### Tarleton State

Overheard in a TSU parking lot before guest speaker Robert Hastings' UFO lecture:

"Did you find your keys?"

"No."

"I bet the aliens took them."

"Are you going to the alien speaker thing?"

"Oh yeah, it's going to be awesome!"

Since 1981, Hastings has spoken at more than 500 colleges and universities nationwide, including Stanford University and the University of Texas at Austin. Last month, he spoke to an audience of hundreds in the student center on the topic "UFOs: The Secret Story." After presenting documents and a slide show, he said the Stephenville UFO fit into a pattern of sightings, including:

Bright lights flying in ways no modern airplane could duplicate.

Military jets trying and failing to keep up with the objects.

A nearby nuclear weapons or energy production facility.

"A number of the documents refer to UFOs repeatedly violating highly sensitive airspace over nuclear weapons sites, including

the Los Alamos National Laboratory, where nuclear weapons are designed," he told the crowd.

Tarleton's Michael Hibbs, an associate professor of math and physics, and Ron DiIulio, director of astronomy lab programs at the University of North Texas in Denton, said a few weeks ago that they would gather data and interview witnesses in connection with the sightings.

They have not started yet, Hibbs said, and they aren't 100 percent sure they ever will.

"We wanted to try to explain this with science and logic, but we haven't gone out there and done the work," Hibbs said. "We were really concerned with all the hype. We want to wait until that dies down."

## Stephenville

Reporters swarmed the town of Stephenville soon after the UFO sightings were made public. At first residents seemed shocked; then they started having fun.

The town square in Stephenville is still dominated by a large white and red courthouse and a cow statue showing that area dairy farmers sell \$223 million annually.

But alien heads, spaceships and UFO parking signs have crept into the area.

In one corner of the town square, a travel shop displays a poster featuring a UFO and offers trips that are "out of this world." Next to it is a tattoo shop featuring extraterrestrial tattoos. In another corner, a bookstore offers UFO parking on the roof.

"Of course the people who have actually seen it are not satisfied and want more answers," said Treva Thompson of the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce. "But it has died down. Some businesses are still using it as a marketing opportunity, but I feel like this is something that's going to pass over eventually."

According to Stephenville High School teacher Kimberlea Adams, the science club pre-sold 1,200 UFO shirts at \$10 each. The club expects to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving senior for at least the next four years.

"We turned over the sales to Coyote [Designs] and they are going to donate the proceeds back to us," Adams said. "So far they have sold about 250 more shirts. We haven't quite decided what to do with the extra money."

The College Store near Tarleton recently ordered glow-in-the-dark UFO shirts, manager Whiteman said.

"I wish I had jumped onto this earlier," she said. "I'm hoping the fad will last at least through May."

This report includes material from the Stephenville Empire-Tribune, The Associated Press and the Star-Telegram archives.

{Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead}

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Yeah well, you weren't there Mike.

I interviewed Steve Allen and brought the obvious lack of a  
substantive object up between the lights. He made no bones about  
the fact that he couldn't see a structure that would support the  
lights yet he's convinced there was one there. The lights just  
tracked too perfectly, he said. There was enough light - at  
6:12PM the Sun's disc was halfway below the horizon - to see  
meteor trails if there were any. No snapping or popping or  
whatever associated with meteors or space junk. He did note  
though that everything went dead quiet.

They weren't airplanes.

I'll agree that these could have been separate UAP, but from what  
Allen told me he is unconvinced of that scenario. That's his  
impression and he is entitled to it. After all he was there. You

weren't and I wasn't. None of what he saw fit in with his thirty years as a pilot-single engine, twin engine aircraft.

I've been around this UFO business long enough to know that what makes sense to us doesn't really mean a hell of a lot where this phenomenon is concerned.

Reports of 12 inch diameter objects tracking along with airplanes back in the 50s and 60s used to annoy me, but now we have these ourselves - maybe not as fast but getting there. Why would UAP hang around powerlines sometimes touching a rod to the wires. Now a small UAV has been demonstrated doing so to recharge itself. Why didn't they show up on radar? Now we have airplanes that don't. How could they speed along then just hover then speed off - the British Harrier has now been doing that for 25 years - though not so spectacularly as UAP have been reported to do. No sound? Just a few weeks ago some lab demonstrated being able to cloak sound.

But don't take my word for it, call the guy yourself. Eyes in place are better than unsupported conjecture.

Don Ledger

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I sent an article to Phyllis Galde at FATE Magazine offering my musings about the anomalous sightings in Stephenville, Texas on January 8, 2008. Humoring an old man, she accepted it.

In the article I address the now admitted presence of USAF F-16 aircraft - 10 of them - in the area that night and their relationship to the possible penetration of the restricted airspace around the Presidential Ranch in Crawford Texas. It seems to be have missed by the mainstream media that the Bush ranch is only 65 miles from the center of Stephenville.

The edge of the Temporary Flight Restriction circle (TFR) and the inner Prohibited Area P-49 surround President Bush's ranch. Pilot Steve Allen reports an anomalous object[s] coming out of the east-southeast from the direction of that airspace and then more of these or the same object[s] heading back to that airspace with F-16s seemingly in hot pursuit. From his sighting position the outer ring of the TFR is only about 16 miles to the east-southeast.

The article will appear in the March Issue of FATE. Those of you receiving subscriptions should see it in your mailboxes by February 21.

Phyllis advises that if you would like a gratis copy of a \_recent\_ Fate magazine - probably not the March issue! E-mail:

[customerservice.nul](mailto:customerservice.nul)

One will be sent to you.

BTW - If any of you are planning on attending the Atlantic Coast UFOs MUFON Conference in Atlantic City - Trump Plaza - Feb.15-17, drop by and say hi. Oddly enough I will be speaking about Shag Harbour.

See: <http://www.atlanticcoastufos.com/> for the line-up.

Best,

Don Ledger  
<http://www.donledger.com>

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>>If one of my friends confessed this to me, my first thought  
>>would be to ask if it was a good or bad acid trip. My friend  
>>might as well put on a cape, walk around with a wand and ask  
>>me to call him a magic wizard. But as UFO sightings are nothing  
>>new, they will not stop anytime soon. Christopher Columbus  
>>reported seeing strange lights that intermittently appeared  
>>and disappeared in the sky during his various voyages. But  
>>remember, he also thought the world was flat.

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>>Staff Columnist Alex Schaefer is an 8th-semester accounting  
>>major. He can be reached at [Alexander.Schaefer.nul](mailto:Alexander.Schaefer.nul)

>Once again they save the punch line until the end. The writer is  
>not a scientist of some form (as I expected). He is a student  
>(sophomore or junior in college?) in accounting, so it is not  
>surprising that, although he writes well, he clearly doesn't  
>know much about the subject.

He also doesn't know much about human history if he believes  
Columbus thought the world was flat. I wouldn't want this guy  
doing my taxes after he graduates.

David Rudiak

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Archived: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 04:11:13 -0500  
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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2008 18:46:26 EST  
>Subject: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>Recently on the radio a very popular theologian who has a  
>Christian based radio program answered a listener's call in  
>question regarding UFOs.

>Without missing a beat the theologian expounded that the UFO  
>issue was nothing more than a Satanic attempt to divert worship  
>to some new form of religion and invalidate Christianity.

<snip>

>So I got a chance to discuss this issue with some other  
>Christian theologians and most didn't know the history of UFOs  
>but none agreed 100% that from a Christian viewpoint the  
>phenomenon was Satanic in origin, design.

>So for you Christians out there and/or experts in the area  
>what say you looking back at it over the decades?

G'day Greg.

Please forgive the delay in my reply to this post - I have been  
away conducting investigations in the Grampians and thus was  
unable to respond until now.

As an Honours student majoring in Philosophy and Theology,  
specialising (within Theology) in Demonology, and a UFO report  
investigator, I am very much interested in this specific topic.

Indeed, I initially became interested in UFOs and related  
phenomena when in the course of my Demonological studies I  
happened upon John A. Keel's 'The Mothman Prophecies', and I  
have since continued to research and examine the numerous  
connections between Christian Biblical and 'folk' demonology,  
Muslim doctrines concerning Jinn, and the demonological beliefs  
of numerous other religions on the one hand, and modern accounts  
of Ufological phenomena on the other.

In the context of Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Sikh, Taoist,  
Confucian, and numerous other belief systems, this task is  
simultaneously complicated and simplified by the tendency of  
even modern witnesses within such traditions to ascribe  
religious, often demonic, agencies to events we would regard as  
Ufological.

There are a large number of distinct connections between  
traditional and 'scriptural' demonology (from both Christian and  
other sources, particularly Muslim) and modern ufological lore.  
These occur most prominently in 'contactee' and MIB type  
scenarios, (especially of the sort described by Mr. Keel and,  
perhaps to a lesser extent, Dr. Vallee, among others) but are  
also clearly evident in numerous standard abduction accounts  
involving 'greys', and indeed there are also aspects of simple  
UFO sightings that may be regarded as having demonological

significance.

I am not aware of many recent cases, but in times gone by there were many reports of contacts with UFO occupants which included overtly religious content. I have read of one in which a man was permitted to meet God while aboard a UFO. Many other accounts contained less obvious but nonetheless clear theological messages and/or implications, often with a 'New Age' flavour, and thus opposed to Christian doctrines.

It is also of note, having taken care to examine carefully this aspect of UFO reports, that many self-proclaimed Christians who witness what they believe to be a UFO subsequently find their belief in UFOs to be somehow inimical to their religious faith. Sometimes a specific reason is provided - for example, they may feel that the existence of extraterrestrials contradicts biblical claims etc. However, many times the witnesses appear unable to rationally explain the perceived antagonism between the two beliefs.

It is interesting too that so many Christians feel entirely comfortable in accepting evolution alongside their Christian beliefs, despite the major epistemic and theological problems this creates, and yet the same are commonly unable to comfortably accommodate a belief in the evolution of intelligent beings elsewhere, although the theological implications of this are relatively inconsequential.

Finally, there is the existence of numerous 'UFO cults', and many other religious groups who in some way utilise UFOs in their belief systems, the vast majority of which fall under the rather nebulous 'New Age' system of beliefs.

I could quite easily rattle on about this topic in detail, filling many pages and boring everyone to madness, so I will come to my point.

From the perspective of a conservative, Bible-believing Christian, who is willing to believe in the existence and actual activity of demons on the earth today (the latter belief is held only by a small minority among even 'fundamentalists'), there is an abundance of evidence to suite their contention that UFOs and 'Aliens' are in reality demonic manifestations.

On the other hand, one can take the view, as a number of researchers (i.e. Keel) have, that the intelligence behind modern the ufological phenomena was in the past responsible for demonological type events - or experiences interpreted as demonic.

A third possibility, which I am not aware of any researcher discussing, is that our modern visitors have deliberately employed symbols and analogies taken from our demonic lore in order to express some particular meaning, or for some other purpose. This may sound rather fanciful, but there are numerous instances of accounts in which 'greys' have seemed to make deliberately transparent references to demonological lore and accounts from antiquity - including acting out apparently staged scenarios, the utilisation of 'demonic' symbols, and even occasionally spoken (or telepathic) phrases of specific demonic significance. The same occurs considerably more frequently in accounts involving other types of entities - and surely I need say nothing about reptilians and their ilk!

Of course, what this means is far from obvious, and it may merely represent the fact that these entities have been with us far longer than initially thought, and their activities are therefore recorded within our folklore and theological doctrines - or perhaps they are indeed deliberately using references to the latter in order to communicate some message. Or again, the connections may be merely a conspiracy of countless coincidences (unlikely in the extreme). I don't know, but I am working on it.

Sincerely,

James T. Molesworth

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>>Anyone out there with a camera-phone ought to try to duplicate  
>>this and report back on the conditions.

>After I read that article yesterday, I tried to reproduce this  
>effect with no luck. My cell phone operates like my other  
>digital cameras.

>I have a Samsung SGH-ZX20 cell phone with a 1.2 mega pixel  
>camera. After I take a photo I can then down load it immediately  
>to my laptop in Jpeg format.

>I have had the phone for over a year and taken hundreds of  
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## UFOs And The Texas Two-Step

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Colorado, USA

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Saturday, January 26, 2008

UFOs And The Texas Two-Step  
by AJ Lavender

Something strange transpired in the night sky over Stephenville, Texas recently. In the weeks following, something truly out-of-this-world occurred on the ground.

In the early evening of January 8, the residents of this small farming community witnessed the most sensational UFO sighting since the Phoenix lights of 1997.

Dozens of residents, among them a certified pilot and a law enforcement officer, reported a UFO hovering overhead. Some saw the craft return minutes later, pursued (in vain) by two military jets.

By morning, newspapers and local radio were buzzing with alien activity. Unlike most UFO claims, it was clear the Stephenville incident could not readily be dismissed as a hoax, atmospheric conditions, or experimental weather balloon. And, equally bizarre, the media took a serious approach to the subject. As a result, this little community in the heart of the Bible-belt, received national, and then international, scrutiny.

Making accurate observations of aerial phenomenon is notoriously difficult. People tend to miscalculate size, distance, and speed. Which is why pilot Steve Allen became a key witness. A man used to flying these same skies, his judgment of events offered more validity than most.

"I guarantee that what we saw," he said, "was not a civilian aircraft." He described the object as enormous, perhaps a half-mile wide and a mile long. It was "bigger than a Wal-Mart."

Allen claims the UFO sped across the skyline at speeds above 3,000 mph, while two fighter jets attempted to follow.

ENTER THE MILITARY

Where believers see UFOs, skeptics see mundane aircraft. With Allen and others claiming the presence of jets, the media turned to the military. The likeliest suspect was the Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station, in Fort Worth.

If the base were running exercises over Stephenville that fateful night, all the UFO furor would surely die down.

But, said officials, no military planes were flying in the area that evening.



With a military denial, and so many residents reporting something extraordinary in the sky, the possibility of a close encounter loomed larger.

More residents came forward, admitting they, too, saw something unexplainable. At the weekend, members of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) set up business in nearby Dublin and began compiling reports. They received more than 50, an exceptional number from a church-going, sober (the county is dry), down-to-earth, farming region.

"I'd say a very small percentage of people who see these (UFOs) actually report," said Kenneth Cherry, the Texas director of MUFON. If true, potentially thousands of bystanders witnessed something strange and seemingly unexplainable that night.

But then things got really weird.

The military reversed its position. Suddenly they did have aircraft in the vicinity the night in question. Not just one or two, either. No, they had ten F-16s on maneuvers.

Ten F-16s?! Okay, then=85

Why the change in story? Major Karl Lewis, a base spokesman, said they were mistaken and wanted to set the record straight "in the interest of public awareness."

After the announcement, the public was very aware, aware that something didn't smell right in Fort Worth.

It's likely that the incident would have passed quickly from the public conscience had the Air Force not fueled conspiracy fires with it's dramatic new claim. Without hard evidence, even the strongest saucer sightings fail to entice lasting interest. Yet the reversal, if designed to abate talk of alien antics, only served to guarantee Stephenville a permanent place in UFO lore.

Why had the military first denied a presence in the area? Did they have something to hide? And what possible reason might there be for ten F-16s to be operating that night?

"This supports our story that there was UFO activity in that area," said MUFON's Cherry. "I find it curious that it took them two weeks to confess up. I think they are feeling the heat from the publicity."

And the publicity would increase. In the week ending January 16, "UFO photos" was the number three fastest-moving search term used on all web sites. Among news and media sites, "UFO sightings" ranked fourth among all U.S.-based searches.

Chat forums were alive with discussion. Everyone had an opinion about what took place over Stephenville, and few believed the military's version of events.

#### THE TEXAS TWO-STEP

The culture of UFOlogy is simple to appreciate. Those making the claims of flying saucers are branded as nutcases. Those debunking the claims are branded (by the nutcases) as government agents working to subvert the Truth. The media tends to ignore the subject except to occasionally offer a minute or two of tongue-in-cheek attention. The military sends out press releases explaining what really happened, reassuring us that the nutcases really are nutcases.

But the culture breaks down over Stephenville. You can't brand an entire town crazy: Respected businessmen, a policeman, friends and neighbors all saw something peculiar. The media took a sober approach to the story, and the only nutcases in town appeared to be the experts, the military.

Just how gullible do they think we are?

First they claimed no presence in the region. Then they suggested that residents were letting their imaginations run wild. It was an optical illusion, they claimed, brought on by sunlight reflecting off two airliners.

Sunlight? Between 6pm and 8pm? In January?

Then the reversal. Then the F-16s.

Excuse me for believing your average Texan can tell the difference between an F-16 and a mile-long flying saucer. Even Mr. Magoo can ogle the disparity. And let's not forget, several witnesses reported seeing the UFO and jet fighters. Explain that one, Major.

The 457th Fighter Squadron uses the Brownwood Military Operating area for training exercises, which includes airspace above Erath County. Fighter jets over Stephenville, then, should not be uncommon. Residents would be familiar with their night lights, their sounds, their shapes in the sky. The encounter January 8 should be a regular occurrence in this part of the country. Only it's not.

Something else happened. Some residents are whispering "cover-up." And who could blame them?

The military's appalling reversal and subsequent refusal to offer more information rates as an astronomical public relations blunder. When the official explanation sounds more bizarre than the suggestion of extraterrestrial visitors, you can't help but wonder if there really is something to all this conspiracy talk after all.

At least the 17,000 residents are having some fun with the publicity. High-schoolers are selling tee shirts that read: "Stephenville: The New Roswell" on the front. The back reads: "They're here for the milk!" and shows a flying saucer beaming up a cow. Maybe the military has a theory about cattle mutilation, too. Maybe it's just the night sun reflecting off truck beds. Or maybe, finally, this is one Texas two-step for which the military can't find a dance partner.

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## Historian Says UFO Sightings In Texas Nothing New

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Source: CBS-TV 11 Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, USA

<http://cbs11tv.com/local/ufo.ufo.sightings.2.649573.html>

Feb 8, 2008

Historian Says UFO Sightings In Texas Nothing New

Joel Thomas  
CBS 11 News

When mysterious lights appeared over Stephenville in January 2008, it became part of Texas history, was viewed and recorded in the digital files of cell phones, hard drives and on the Internet. But, Texas' biggest mystery was recorded differently - and was forgotten in time.

"It's been called the purist UFO sighting ever," said Wallace Chariton, as he poured over the machine projecting the old newspaper texts from a strip of film. He spends a lot of time in libraries and halls of records. Chariton is a well-published Texas historian. He's scoured the records of a century ago and has written a book on one of the strangest chapters in the state's past called, "The Great Texas Airship Mystery".

"I think the airship mystery, as I call it, is very real," he says.

During 1897, in dozens of cities and in hundreds of published accounts, people reported seeing a strange flying machine. Something - or someone - was looking down on 1890's Texas.

"This was before the Wright brothers. This was before any type of known flying machine," said Chariton.

In fact, during the frenzy of sightings papers publish an account from Germany of the Stentzel flying bird. It was a crude, bird-shaped craft with a small motor powered by compressed carbolic acid gas. It was hailed as the machine that would first fly. There are no accounts that it ever flew. The same is true for similar designs at the time which seem vaguely similar to the descriptions of the object soaring above Texas.

And the sightings all have very similar characteristics of shape, lights on the vehicle, etc.

"A Mexican War veteran says he saw the mysterious air ship last night at 9:30," one newspaper excerpt reads. "He says it was going straight up."

"All persons who have had a good view of it gave about the same description, and all testify as to its carrying a large light, and a few say at times it has many," wrote the Austin American-Statesman in April of 1897.

Here are some other accounts drawn from the newspapers of the

day:

"We could only gain a faint idea of its accurate size, but think it must have been 200 feet long, the sails or wings constituting nine-tenths of the whole."

"There seemed to be a huge searchlight attached to the aerial machine and the light was thrown in several different directions."

"I was astonished by a brilliant flash from an electric search light which passed directly over my buggy. I want to tell you also I was frightened to death by it."

"The ship was in the shape of a cigar and had two sets of wings on each side."

"In 1897 a lot of the cigars were not the cylindrical round shape. They came to a point," said Chariton. "Interestingly, if you look at a saucer on its side it has the same shape. They had no concept of a flying saucer."

Several people report seeing the craft on the ground with crewmembers performing repairs.

Many of the stories published are obvious embellishments such as the judge who told him the crew came for North Pole Land and needed an airship to get over the ice for a visit. But many more descriptions are from lawyers, shop owners, railroad workers, farmers and homemakers and seem to describe a similar experience.

The reports continue for more than a month in a long list of cities: Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Weatherford, Beaumont, Cleburne, Bonham, Garland, Farmersville, Oak Cliff, Sherman, Waxahachie, Stephenville and more.

The sightings span the state of Texas, parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Illinois, and even California=85 and then they stop abruptly.

"Unfortunately that's where the story ends," said Chariton.

"What you're left with is hundreds and hundreds of plain ordinary people saying, 'I saw a flying machine!' But I will never discount the fact that so many people saw something that was foreign to them and they all basically described it the same way. So, something happened. This is Texas history. We can't ignore it."

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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## Three Stephenville Video-Clips

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Source: Kiii-TV 3 - Corpus Christi, Texas, USA

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

[Video clips]

UFO Series Part 1

Feb 5, 2008 at 11:45 AM CST

In early January, people began spotting UFO's in the skies above North Central Texas. the sightings made national and international headlines. Amazingly, witnesses say the objects are still appearing at night. More:

<http://www.kiiitv.com/news/15295861.html>

UFO Series Part 2

Feb 5, 2008 at 10:46 PM CST

The Mutual UFO Network is investigating the sightings of objects in the sky over the Stephenville/Dublin area. Michael Gibson with 3 News headed to Fort Worth to speak with one of the groups investigators about the case. More:

<http://www.kiiitv.com/home/15312041.html>

UFO Series Part 3

Feb 6, 2008 at 10:43 PM CST

All kinds of ufo related items are now for sale all over the Stephenville/Dublin area. After ufo's were spotted there, the business of selling the mystery to the public began with great results. Especially for non-profit groups. 3 News Reporter Michael Gibson explains in the final installment of his 3 part series on the phenom. More:

<http://www.kiiitv.com/news/15371001.html>

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## Re: Possible UFO Sighting Might Be Solved

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
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Archived: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 08:48:55 -0500  
Subject: Re: Possible UFO Sighting Might Be Solved

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
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>Date: Sun, 10 Feb 2008 22:34:57 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Possible UFO Sighting Might Be Solved

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Wouldn't an engineering design expert on CCD imaging be useful  
here?

I believe there is a light level threshold that essentially  
overloads the CCD and causes it to go black (and beyond a  
certain level, damage to the CCD), but I've only seen that in  
the earlier digital cameras.

There is also a process (circuitry and programming) that handles  
variations in the light level and adjusts the contrast, which  
can imagine would have limits in dealing with super bright  
objects and simply wash everything else out.

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## Argentine News Brief

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
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Archived: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 08:48:55 -0500  
Subject: Argentine News Brief

Inexplicata has just received the following news brief from Gustavo Fernandez, director of the Al Filo de la Realidad webzine and podcast:

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"According to journalist Alberto Ferreyra, host of the El Vortice program on Capital FM, numerous residents of the San Agustin district observed a luminous object moving from southwest to northeast on 02.02.08 at 22:10 hours.

The object's speed was slightly greater than that of a high-flying airliner.

Halfway through its trajectory, it pulsed with a brilliant light five or six times, and its colors shifted between sky blue and gold."

Gustavo Fernandez  
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Gustavo is also the author of the digital publication "Chamanes de las Estrellas" at:

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## More On The Argentine Alleged 'Firestarting' UFO

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Archived: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 08:48:55 -0500  
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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
February 10, 2008

Source: Radio Tandil and Planeta UFO  
Date: 02.10.08

Argentina: Photo Of The Alleged Firestarting UFO

According to a metallurgist eyewitness, last week's fire in the hills of Tandilia, Province of Buenos Aires, were caused by a UFO.

Newspaper reports from Tandil suggest that a worker in the Ronicevi metallurgical plant was reporting to his shift at 4 a.m., and he claims having seen a UFO that gave off a considerable brightness and had a size similar to the full Moon.

"It was like a giant fireball and it fell behind the hill," said the local, whose testimony was corroborated spontaneously by other people. According to the story, this object fell around four o'clock in the morning on the summit of Cerro Las Animas.

The wildfire devoured a broad region, causing serious damage and the evacuation of homes and one hotel. It is said that the fire did not start on Monday, but rather on Sunday, when a new outbreak occurred.

Two weeks ago, a ufologist claimed that a UFO flap was underway. The fact of the matter is that the authorities have been able to confirm the source of the fire, and did not find the remains of the object seen by locals.

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Special thanks to Guillermo Gimenez, Planeta UFO

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## Background On Argentina's Firestarting UFO

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

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Some Background On Argentina's Firestarting UFO

A fragment of the article Fires Of Unknown Origin by  
Scott Corrales (FATE Magazine, 2006)

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When is a fire not a fire?

As night settles over the Pampa =96 the vast expanse of Argentinean flatland that transcends the confines of the province named after it =96 strange sights are seen by those who make it their business to be up after dark: hunters lying in wait for large boars to appear out of the darkness, lonely truckers making their way along unlit roads to make much-needed deliveries in small towns, and farmers looking for stray animals. The farms known as estancias pepper the emptiness much like stars filling the night sky, separated by many miles between and invisible to each other.

Sometimes, the impenetrable cloak of darkness is broken by an unearthly sight: the sudden appearance of a large dome of light that emerges from the short, scrub trees, casting a blood-red glow over the emptiness, suggesting the sudden start of a prairie fire that will devour the scrub vegetation in a matter of minutes, trapping the hapless observer in a wall of flames.

This is exactly what was reported by a group of hunters in the Pampa in August 1996: after witnessing the unearthly glow and the bloody flames, they thought their fate had been sealed by a rogue prairie fire, but as they sought a means of escape, they realized that they could not hear the trademark sign of a fire despite the approaching glow. This caused them to pause and look at the luminous dome at the center of the conflagration, which despite its reddish glow and yellow-orange core, did not produce any smoke: "the fire that is not a fire", as it is known.

Julio Orozco, a deputy sergeant with the La Pampa police, witnessed many of these "unfires" throughout his life, mainly near his hometown of 25 de Mayo. In 1995, according to a report provided by Gaceta Ovni magazine ([www.gacetaovni.com](http://www.gacetaovni.com)) Orozco and an assistant were patrolling some government offices in this empty region when both men noticed what appeared to be a large, raging fire in the distance. "=85I saw a light that glared brighter than hell. Ordering my assistant to load shovels into the truck to fight the blaze, I phoned the fire fighters in 25 de Mayo come to the scene. As I changed out of my uniform, my assistant came over to say the conflagration had put itself out. I thought it was a joke or that we had all gone crazy; a fire of that magnitude simply doesn't snuff itself out."

Yet Orozco struggled in vain to find the least ember of the massive dome of fire that had prompted him to call for help. After phoning the fire brigade once more to report a false

alarm, he headed toward where the dome of light had been seen for a closer look.

"We went to Medanitos, to the oil fields, but saw nothing. We headed for the petrochemical plant to see if one of the burners had gone off, but nothing. No sooner did we get out of our pickup truck, a group of workers ran over to us asking if we'd seen the fire. According to them, it had been some six kilometers distant. They attested to the fact that none of the refinery's burners were in operation at the time."

Villagers have reported that huge trees known as ombus (*phytolacca dioica*) have been seen burning from their lofty crowns, consumed from above by a fire that does not involve combustion; one such tree in the province of Entre Rios was burned to the ground in such a manner, with no traces of a fire anywhere in evidence.

But strange objects have also been seen causing vast conflagrations: the fields on the city of Londres, Rioja Province, in the Andean foothills, were torched by the maneuvers of a "firestarting UFO" that disgorged a fireball on the fateful night of August 13, 1982 while two police officers looked on in utter disbelief from their patrol car. It was suggested that the unidentified object had deliberately waited for gale-force winds to blow down from the mountains before releasing the gout of flame, causing fire to devour the vineyards and groves of this largely agricultural region. The Buenos Aires' Clarin and La Cronica newspapers covered the shocking story. Curiously enough, the ancient cultures of the Andean valleys had worshipped the fire god Pachacamac. Could the deity have come to collect his long overdue share of the harvest?

Startling though it may seem to us, the phenomenon of sudden fiery masses descending from above has been going on for centuries: La Vision de los Vencidos, the compilation of Aztec chronicles that recounts the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors and the strange omens that heralded the end of Aztec civilization include a strange account involving a "tongue of flame" (not a lightning bolt) descending from a clear night sky onto the straw-roofed temple of Huitzilopotchli, leveling the shrine and spreading panic among the citizens of Tenochtitlan. The Bible also offers us episodes in which sudden torrents of fire would descend from the heavens-- either consume a sacrifice or destroy an enemy.

In Chile, during a UFO flap that lasted from the April 25 to May 25 1977, the residents of the village of Vilcun looked on in terror as an immense "flying saucer" approached their homes at low altitude. The vehicle spun furiously on its axis and launched tongues of flame at the ground, making an "unbearable din" as it did so. The case's authenticity was verified by the GIFE (Grupo Investigativo de Fenomenos Extraterrestres). The investigators detected a sharp rise in radiation throughout the area.

In April 2006, the Institute of Hispanic Ufology reported a case involving a UFO =96 allegedly witnessed and photographed by police officers =96 that hovered over a scorched region of the Mexican state of San Luis Potosi that burned to ashes as a consequence of an overwhelming conflagration.

Cattle ranchers in the vicinity of Tamuin were bewildered by the saucer-shaped craft, which hovered in plain sight for an unspecified number of minutes. Whether the unknown object was inspecting its handiwork or just happened to be attracted by the devastation is unknown; the fact remains that the blaze on March 10, 2006 torched a thousand hectares of pastures and the small peasant settlements with their respective small farms and ranches. The losses in livestock and farm equipment were equally high.

Strange fires were also unleashed that day in Valles, San Vicente, Tamasopo, El Naranjo, Ciudad del Maiz and other municipalities, causing temperatures to rise to nearly 45 degrees Centigrade.

There was no loss of human life in any of the cases mentioned above. This, however, has not been the case in every single event of this nature=85

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Jim

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
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Archived: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 16:15:54 -0500  
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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 9 Feb 2008 11:42:12 -0500  
>Subject: Re: When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide  
>>Source: Unniversity of Connecticut Daily Campus - Storrs,  
> Connecticut, USA

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

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>(sophomore or junior in college?) in accounting, so it is not  
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Bruce:

There is no degree in ufology; anybody can play this ufology  
game. There are no experts in ufology because there is no  
approved/credible study program at any university in ufology. As  
you yourself know; you learned how to analyze photos during your  
military service. Not specifically ufo photos, but photos in  
general. You can say you are an expert in analyzing photos  
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KK

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
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Archived: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 22:54:45 -0500  
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>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 13:38:12 +1100  
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>Indeed, I initially became interested in UFOs and related  
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>happened upon John A. Keel's 'The Mothman Prophecies', and I  
>have since continued to research and examine the numerous  
>connections between Christian Biblical and 'folk' demonology,  
>Muslim doctrines concerning Jinn, and the demonological beliefs  
>of numerous other religions on the one hand, and modern accounts  
>of Ufological phenomena on the other.

So good to have you visit again, Mr. Molesworth. In that I, as well most likely Mr. Keel, would little afford actual demons inhabit phenomena attendant to UFOs, the mothmen are decidedly a frequent visitation with respect to more wide-spread flaps.

I've long suspected broadcast microwave and areas of unnatural geophysical anomaly to play a part in their appearance. Perhaps energies given off by UFOs have something to do with it as well.

Be that as it may, I must interject that because Mr. Keel includes them in his study of the New England flap, even titles his book after them, they play a minor role in its contents. What is suggested is the inference that the environment he investigated there was compelling EVEN to the extent that included them.

But in it is so much more, for Mr. Keel was remarkable in gleaning the full stories from his witnesses. We aren't just told about MIBs but one of the most fascinating of all stories involving them, one that hints more strongly than all others about what their true disposition might be.

Then there is the ball lightning episode wherein, a plasma-like field behaves with both sentience and focus, reminding one of Tesla's claims of his communication with ball lightning he created.

Then the man who was the first westerner to discover the secret of the Indian Rope Trick, as told in his book, Jadoo... well, I would expect no less.

Don't you suspect perceptions of mothman manifestation inspired the gargoyle motif adorning so many European Cathedrals?

How deep might you reckon the euphemism lies lodged in our primordial consciousness?

John Keel, always an inspiration to investigative research and an adventurer to boot. I wish I had known him.

JCH

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Inexplicata videos now available at [www.blip.tv](http://www.blip.tv)

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This is the promo clip that should have appeared in the blog,  
but the technology gods had other ideas...

Enjoy!

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what looked like attached lights but it appeared that there was  
nothing solid in between, that he was looking something that was  
invisible except for the lights. It's part of the reason why he  
couldn't come to grips with what he saw and was uneasy to the  
point of thinking he should be home with his family.

But are you suggesting that the man was so stupid that he  
couldn't come up with that theory all on his own? Do you really  
think all witnesses are that stupid?

I suspect Mike that this phenomenon is of interest to you but it  
has never happened to you; perhaps it has. When it does it is  
humbling.

Don Ledger

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>KK

This is true but it is also true that Ufologists, that I am  
aware of, do have Science degrees in Physics, Chemistry,  
Aerodynamics, Atmospheric, Astronomy etc.

I think this far surpasses some kid that almost has a degree in  
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Terry

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>>>>the contrary is obtained from the other witnesses.

>>Yeah well, you weren't there Mike.

>>I interviewed Steve Allen and brought the obvious lack of a  
>>substantive object up between the lights. He made no bones about  
>>the fact that he couldn't see a structure that would support the  
>>lights yet he's convinced there was one there. The lights just  
>>tracked too perfectly, he said. There was enough light - at  
>>6:12PM the Sun's disc was halfway below the horizon - to see

>>meteor trails if there were any. No snapping or popping or  
>>whatever associated with meteors or space junk. He did note  
>>though that everything went dead quiet.

>>They weren't airplanes.

>Besides all that and no noise, Steve Allen's reporting that  
>"everything went dead" is the Oz effect we've all read about but  
>I'll wager none of the witnesses have. That's additional  
>evidence it wasn't a man-made object. First I've heard of it in  
>the Texas sightings.

Hi Jim,

I asked him about physical effects during the episode without  
leading him. I'm aware of the sound anomalies that occur during  
some of these encounters. He mentioned that it got dead quiet.

Then I asked if they talked among themselves about what was  
happening. Most of the conversation was contained to "What the..."  
expletives as you can imagine. This then meant that they could  
hear one another.

I've had cases where the witnesses could not hear one another.  
None of Allen's group experienced or later experienced  
physiological effects. In Jones's case he felt fear. Allen was  
very uneasy.

As for other witnesses, I can't say.

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## Breakthrough In Kumburgaz Sighting In Turkey

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Subject: Breakthrough In Kumburgaz Sighting In Turkey

Breakthrough development about the Kumburgaz sighting in Turkey!

Historical Statement From

TUBITAK (National Science and Technology Research Board of Turkey)

=93THE OBJECTS CAPTURED ON FILM IN THE KUMBURGAZ SIGHTINGS ARE UFO=92S=94

The UFOs, sighted at Kumburgaz, caused great shock waves around the world and were part of the written and visual media from China to Russia and Brazil to Switzerland and will go down in the World UFO literature as one of the most significant UFO sightings. Nearly a dozen of residents at the Yeni Kent compound witnessed these sightings filmed by the night watchman named Yalc=FDn Yalman.

First of all, the Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Center studied the footage in great detail for ten days, and as a result of the study the Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Center concluded that the UFO sightings were genuine and not a hoax. On January 17, 2008 the Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research held a press conference at the Dedeman Hotel flocked by the high number of attendees. The incident was announced to the public at this press conference and the aforementioned sightings were part of the news covered in both local and foreign media, TV, and newspapers as well as Internet portals.

Following these developments some parties who appeared on various TV shows, starting with Prof. Adnan =D6ktem from the Istanbul University Department of Astronomy Sciences, Prof. Mehmet Emin Ozel from the 18 March University Department of Physics and Prof. Kerem Doksat from the Istanbul University Department of Psychiatry claimed with great prejudice that the footages taken in Kumburgaz were a hoax made up by a mockup or computer animation without having conducted an analysis or any kind of study.

Upon these developments the Sirius UFO Space Sciences Center CEO Haktan Akdogan took part in a National TV show and stated live in front of the cameras, that he would give the film to Prof. Adnan Oktem who wanted to have the original film of the sightings in order to have it studied at a Scientific Institution owned by the state that is highly reliable and influential, called =93TUBITAK=94 The Science and Technology Research Board of Turkey. Prof. Oktem stated that he wanted the film to be analyzed at TUBITAK=92s National Observatory Center in Antalya this way the truth would be revealed. Afterwards both parties decided to go to TUBITAK=92s National Observatory Center in Antalya, accompanied by the host of the aforementioned TV show and the TV cameramen. When they got there, Haktan Akdogan handed over the original film to Prof. Oktem, who submitted the film for analysis to the scientists on duty at TUBITAK.

TUBITAK, as a result of the thorough analysis it conducted it prepared an official report that stated: "The objects sighted in the aforementioned footage that have a structure that is made of specific material are definitely not made up by any kind of computer animation nor are they any form of special effects used for simulation in a studio or for a video effect therefore in

conclusion it was decided that the sightings were neither a mockup or hoax. "

Furthermore in the last part of the report, it was concluded that these objects in the sightings that have physical and material structures do not belong in any category ( such as; planes, helicopters, meteors, Venus, Mars, satellites, fire balls, Chinese lantern=85 etc.) and but rather fall into the category of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects )...

For TUBITAK National Observatory Report and details of the incident go to:

[www.siriusufo.org/tr/?fx=3Dsayfa\\_ac&url=3Dhtml/english/tubitak\\_kumburgaz.asp](http://www.siriusufo.org/tr/?fx=3Dsayfa_ac&url=3Dhtml/english/tubitak_kumburgaz.asp)

One of the most significant UFO videos of all time that also cover two extraterrestrials were caught on tape in Istanbul

This extraordinary incident took place in a compound in Kumburgaz/Istanbul was witnessed by nearly a dozen of residents and filmed by a night guard in several different times. The images captured are expected to have a tremendous impact throughout the world and be listed as the most important UFO/extraterrestrial images ever filmed.

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3D2BEM-ObMXJY>

Some explanations about the video:

part 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DwYr4ERffPEg>

part 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3D4jyiPB5Ih3M>

As is well known, UFOs and proof of extraterrestrial life have been frequently witnessed by both government officials and civilians in our country as well as throughout the world. In several cases, these observations were captured on tape by amateur cameras.

In July-August 2007, a number of nation-wide UFO sightings were reported while some of them were filmed and aired. Within the same period, the objects witnessed by the residents of Kumburgaz/Yeni Kent Compound, caught on video by a night guard named Yalcin Yalman and the footage were considered as the closest and the most significant images ever filmed in Turkey and around the world.

In these amazing video footage which would likely have major repercussions around the world and be listed as =93the most significant UFO video ever=94, physical forms of UFOs and their metallic structures reflecting moonlight are clearly noticeable. What=92s more important is that in the close-up pictures of the objects, silhouettes of two entities can be distinctly made out.

The incident went on for two months intermittently before the very eyes of the residents of =93Yeni Kent Compound=94, filmed by a night guard named Yalcin Yalman for 22 minutes. The detailed analysis of a certain portion of these extraordinary videos showed that three different objects were captured at the same time. It is our belief that these outstanding first-ever video images of extraterrestrials will launch a new era in which further images of extraterrestrial beings can be captured on tape

We, as Sirius UFO Space Science Research Center firstly, spoke with all the witnesses separately and got their sworn testimonies both in written and taped...then did the detailed analysis of the full footage of 22 mn. video with the participation of our members of science board...We have enlarged the video images of the footage, did all the detailed analysis and checked pixels and went through the all footage frame by frame...also certain portion of this extraordinary video showed that three different objects were captured at the same time in several frames which were not visible to the witnesses during the time of recording...

Also when you review the all footage of 22 mn... you can clearly see the surroundings and where it was taken.

After doing all the necessary analysis which went on for several days, we came to a definite conclusion with no doubts that this

is a 100% genuine footage....

Full footages of the 22 mn. video, details of the analysis and testimonies of the witnesses will be shown at upcoming International UFO Conference in Laughlin Nevada

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

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We came to a point that leading scientific research centers around the world have been setting up research centers on Ufology, furthermore, high-ranking retired military and government officials, astronauts, congressmen, scientists, senior military commanders, colonels, generals, jet fighter and civilian pilots, radar operators, top intelligence officers of CIA and FBI, department of defense officials have been releasing documents they possess regarding UFOs and openly revealing facts to the public.

Now it's time for world governments to disclose the UFO Reality. Such a disclosure is critically important for all humanity and it would certainly be a turning point for the history of our planet. The disclosure of extraterrestrial life would also launch an unprecedented era, unify humanity by the awareness of being earthlings ensuring peace, harmony and unity consciousness and lead our dear planet to a new age of intercommunication and wisdom.

The recent harsh cycle our planet has been going through marks the period in which ecological, social, energy, health problems worsen day by day. We believe that deteriorating circumstances make it vital for our government officials take a step to reveal the truth about UFOs.

Respectfully,

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## New Web Site for Stephenville Case

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Subject: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

There is a new website being put together on the Stephenville incident.

The site is under construction so keep checking back. Angelia Joiner, the reporter that departed from the Stephenville Empire-Tribune, is taking part in the effort to get the truth out.

The URL is:

<http://stephenvillelights.com/>

Best,

Frank

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## An Observation

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For what it's worth. Along with my normal teaching load of astronomy and physics I also teach an Honors course at my college. The Honors course deals with UFOs.

In an impromptu 'experiment in observation' I demonstrated a lifter (asymmetrical capacitor) to my Honors class. I set up the demo without saying a word then I activated the device and it hovered, moving from side to side. I turned it off and removed the equipment without saying a word, then asked them to describe what they saw. Only two students had seen a lifter demonstrated before on Mythbusters. The others had never seen one. (If you are interested, at the end of the short video clip from my website you can see a lifter.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsXMo034pPo>)

They all noticed that it hovered - they noticed the power supply and the lifter's shape. Only one person noticed that it made a "buzzing" sound. When I asked each student if they heard the sound they said yes. When I asked why they didn't describe the sound they said they would now that I asked them if they heard a sound. It seems that the sound wasn't important but the shape and the fact that it hovered was.

While this is not a rigorous experiment by no means, is it possible that the 'silent' craft are not really so silent but that the hovering of an odd shape flying device catches one's attention more powerfully and could bias the description of what was seen?

David Iadevaia

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<http://www.ofstrangerthings.com>

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## UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

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Source: Metro - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/yoflm8>

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

[Two images at site]

UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

It may look like just another car park on a foggy night, but an amateur photographer claims it also shows a UFO.

A disc-shaped object appears to be hovering in the night sky near the top right of the picture, according to Hab Rahman, who captured the image.

The 28-year-old took the photograph near his home in Portsmouth while driving home from work in thick fog.

But he only spotted the mysterious apparition after transferring the image on to his computer.

Mr Rahman said: 'I've never really believed in UFOs but this is a bit weird and freaky =96 I just cannot think what else it could be.'

UFO expert Hilary Porter, of the British Earth and Aerial Mysteries Society, last night confirmed it could be genuine.

She said: 'It would be very difficult to fake that photo and the UFO is at a tilt, which is the way they normally fly.'

The Ministry of Defence said it could not check if there were any aircraft in the vicinity at the time.

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## Interview With Witness To Trindade Island UFO

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Subject: Interview With Witness To Trindade Island UFO

Dear Colleagues:

As promised, I am posting the translation of an interview by Alexandre e Carvalho Borges, consultant of the Brazilian UFO Magazine, with Amilar Vieira Filho, a witness of the Trindade Island UFO, case happened in 1958. The translation was kindly done by Eduardo Rado, from the Brazilian UFO Magazine team of volunteers. I thank both Alexandre and Eduardo for their efforts to make it public.

I think that you will find the interview very interesting. It was done in 2003, when Amilar was 77. He is now 82. He seemed very lucid and described what he saw and what he knew in an unbiased way. He is not a UFO enthusiast and have no reason to lie, as some skeptic in this list have suggested about Almiro Barauna. I expect that these same skeptics respect Amilar, as they should have done about Barauna.

The observation "Note: It is known today that Barauna's widow is in possession of the negatives of pictures obtained by him" may not be correct, as the widow has said recently that she doesn't have the negs.

A. J.

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Interview with Amilar Vieira Filho

After 50 years a witness to a UFO at Trindade Island talks about criticism over the case

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Amilar Viera Filho, now 82, was a witness to the famous UFO case occurred in 1958 which became worldly known as Trindade Island Case. Amilar lives with his wife in Icarai Beach, Niteroi (RJ), and was the president of Icarai Underwater Fishing Club at the time. He was a lawyer and worked for Banco do Brasil. The Trindade Island Case is a classic in Ufology mentioned by ufologists as one of the greatest evidence of the UFO phenomenon on Earth. This case should be only one among many others in the archives of ufology if there were not four impressive pictures of the UFO taken by a professional photographer called Almiro Barauna. Those pictures were shown worldwide and are contained in several specialized books being continuously debated and discussed even 50 years after the case. From the time of the occurrence opinions were divided with some publications attacking the photographer by accusing him of fraud and

manipulation of the pictures. Others defend their authenticity because they know Barauna's reputation and also because the sighting is supported by testimonials from many other people that were aboard the ship Almirante Saldanha, stage to the sighting. Witnesses observed the UFO hovering over the sea and the island while only Barauna was ready to use his camera to register the object in the sky.

The sighting was very quick. According to calculations from the Brazilian Navy it took no more than 14 seconds. Despite the short duration, some reports and articles on the case tell that many people were at the deck of the ship and could witness the UFO. At the time reporters could interview some of them while others gave their testimonials in anonymity. However, only a few from those eyewitnesses had their names disclosed for posterity. This turns difficult the attempt to list all those eyewitnesses in order to rewrite that fact with a new look. We know that most of them are dead now and some others could not be reached. Amilar would be the only witness alive that had the name disclosed by newspapers and articles were written over these years.

Some witnesses who were in the ship at the moment of the encounter are known by name to date: the photographer, Almiro Barauna; Amilar Vieira Filho, president of Icarai Underwater Fishing Club; Jose Teobaldo Viegas, Brazilian Air Force Reserve Captain; Homero Ribeiro, 1st Lieutenant; Paulo Moreira da Silva, Commander; Mauro Andrade, employee at Bank of London; Aloisio Araujo, no reference to his occupation; Jose Saldanha da Gama, Captain; Carlos Ferreira Bacellar, Lieutenant-Commander; Farias de Azevedo, photographer; Fernando, geologist. Despite being on board, not all of them were eyewitnesses to the UFO. Moreover, the presence of the geologist Fernando is not verified, since reports say he must have left the ship before in the island. Names of other witnesses were not disclosed, however, newspapers and Barauna say that some military were interviewed at that time but preferred anonymity. There is also reference to sailors and sergeants who would have seen everything, but unfortunately their names are not known nowadays.

The following interview was taken by phone and focused on questions prepared based on current criticism and old ones being revived nowadays. After so many years, Amilar restates that he really saw the UFO and the occurrence was real. Years after his sighting at Trindade Island he had another visual contact together with his wife. This time it was a USO over Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro. What we could learn from this is that the episode gets reinforced despite some inconsistencies here and there when we join together all documents related to the case. Such inconsistencies may arise from witnesses particular points of view subject to the observation of an unknown phenomenon without any previous parameters. One can not rule out that many inconsistencies may arise from totally wrong sources. Finally, if there was any photographic fraud performed by Barauna this was never confirmed despite all analyses conducted. As the interviewee say, if there was any fraud in the pictures it was made from the real UFO observation at Trindade Island.

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Alexandre de Carvalho Borges: Do you have the names of the 48 people that witnessed the UFO?

Amilar Vieira Filho: No... I don't... not even the names of the crew. Who mentioned the number of 48? I haven't heard that, not about 48 people seeing the object. I have no information on that.

Alexandre: So there were not so many people seeing the object?

Amilar: Everybody was at the deck, everybody looked at it, but I don't know if there were 48 people looking at the object.

Alexandre: Was there any confusion on board at the moment of the sighting?

Amilar: Yes, there was a lot of noise and confusion.

Alexandre: Don't you have the name of any military officer?

Amilar: No, I don't. I met Bacellar in that ship [Lieutenant-

commander Carlos Alberto Bacellar] and Captain Saldanha da Gama [Jose Santos de Saldanha da Gama].

Alexandre: Did Bacellar saw the UFO?

Amilar: No, he didn't; nor Captain Saldanha da Gama. It was a very quick sighting, didn't take long.

Alexandre: Before that event did you have any information on other sightings at the island before the arrival of your group from Icarai?

Amilar: We heard about objects appearing over the island only after that occurrence and the pictures taken by Barauna. Bacellar had no authorization to disclose information on UFO sightings occurred in that island.

Alexandre: But didn't you hear anything, Weren't there any comments from the crew about objects being seen in that island?

Amilar: No, I had never heard that kind of story. Also, we stayed there only for two days. The ship was there to deliver supplies and we went on diving for two days only.

Alexandre: Testimonials say that you were the first one to spot the UFO and then called Jose Viegas [Jose Teobaldo Viegas, then Brazilian Air Force Reserve Captain] who, in turn, called Almiro Barauna. Is that true?

Amilar: Viegas must have seen it first and then called Barauna, because I saw it afterwards, when the object was already beside Desejado Peak.

Alexandre: So Jose Viegas was the first one to see the UFO?

Amilar: Yes, Viegas was the first. He said he saw a door, a window, etc. I haven't seen any of these. He gave an interview about it, which I avoided because I thought it would be kind of ridiculous. I don't like to talk about it, never wanted to get involved. That time I gave only one interview to O Globo newspaper with my little daughter in my arms and asked the reporter to write exactly what I had said, not to increase anything.

Alexandre: Was that an event that influenced your life or was that irrelevant?

Amilar: No big influence, I just skipped a few days of work at the bank. The Brazilian Navy also asked us not to disclose anything. We spent one month without talking about the event. Barauna had an agreement with Diarios Associados newspaper in order to publish the story as soon as the Navy granted the authorization. However, a director from Correio da Manha newspaper saw the pictures held by president Kubitschek and was to publish that on Monday. Then, Diarios Associados decided to publish too in that same morning.

Alexandre: Where are the other members of Icarai Underwater Fishing Club?

Amilar: We were five. Almiro Barauna passed away, Mauro Andrade [employee at the Bank of London], Aloisio Araujo, and Jose Viegas passed away too. I'm the only one remaining.

Alexandre: How about Farias de Azevedo?

Amilar: Yes... the photographer. He worked for Jornal do Brasil. He passed away too.

Alexandre: And where are the negatives today?

Amilar: I don't know! Barauna is dead and I don't know what happened with them. [Note: It is known today that Barauna's widow is in possession of the negatives of pictures obtained by him.]

Alexandre: Did you see them on board?

Amilar: Yes, I have the pictures here with me, the positives.

Alexandre: Skeptics ask how could you see the shape of the UFO

in the negatives after the development on board, once it was very tiny in that negative.

Amilar: I'll tell you one thing, I didn't see it. The negative was held by the Brazilian Navy.

Alexandre: Reports from that time say that Barauna showed the negatives to all military as soon as he left the development chamber on board.

Amilar: But I wasn't there at the moment of the development of the pictures. I was at the quarter deck. That was in 1958, I was the president of Icarai Underwater Fishing Club, now I'm 82. I don't have further details to give. What I saw was only a bright object which showed a grayish light when stopped.

Alexandre: So it changed colors?

Amilar: Yes, it did. It was bright when I saw it beside Desejado Peak. After that he was hovering over the island and got brighter then went away to disappear on the horizon.

Alexandre: Which color was it when it came from the sea?

Amilar: When I saw the object it was already beside Desejado Peak. When I was called, it was already there. When hovering it increased speed and brightness and went away until it disappear at the sea. This is my observation. I saw a bright object without any details in surface, no more than this.

Alexandre: Did it show any rotation movement?

Amilar: No, I saw just a gray object which turned bright then went away slowly then increased speed until it disappear on the horizon of the sea.

Alexandre: When it turned bright, what color it had?

Amilar: It was something like a fluorescent light. The object was gray, but I didn't see any details on the surface. As it became brighter, it started to move slowly. After that, the light got brighter and it went over the island until disappear. That was my observation. I didn't see when it arrived at the Peak.

Alexandre: Did the ship radar spot any UFO before the sighting?

Amilar: I don't know about this. I have no idea.

Alexandre: Were you called by the Navy to testify?

Amilar: No, I was called only once by a reporter from O Globo newspaper.

Alexandre: So you have never told this story in other places?

Amilar: No, I try to avoid it. I went to the bank to work and people use to laugh at me, they used to toss a coin saying it was a flying saucer. I avoided the subject because of this.

Alexandre: What do you think about the criticism over Barauna when even friends say he did some photographic tricks to mock a UFO?

Amilar: This is because Barauna was always a very capable photographer. He pictured everything! An article says that he pictured the Rio de Janeiro Fleet. [Note: Published in Mundo Ilustrado magazine, in 1954, before the sighting at the island]. But what made me believe even more is the fact that the negatives were taken from the camera on board. He didn't touch anything. The negatives were impounded by the Navy.

Alexandre: Some current criticism say that Barauna was together with Jose Viegas at the moment of the development of the pictures and they might have arranged some fraud at the occasion.

Amilar: I believe that the pictures were developed in the presence of authorities of the ship together with them. It was not the case of Barauna and Viegas developing the pictures without anyone else awareness.



Alexandre: But reports from that time say that the military stayed outside the chamber waiting for the development of the pictures. Captain Bacellar was outside waiting for the development.

Amilar: Well, I don't know about that because at that moment I was at the quarter deck. I can not guarantee anything.

Alexandre: Another remark says that one of the pictures show the object in an inverted position compared to others. The second picture showing the object over Crista do Galo Mount would be similar to the first picture when the UFO was still arriving at the island, however, this second picture shows the UFO in an inverted position compared to the first one.

Amilar: I am not an expert, I have nothing to say.

Alexandre: Such remark says that Barauna would have created a fraud. In summary, Barauna would have inverted and manipulated the object in that picture...

Amilar: It could be, but that object was really in the sky. I can assure that because I saw it and I'm saying that I'm sure!

Alexandre: What do you mean with "it could be"? Do you mean he could have played any tricks?

Amilar: No, I don't know! I don't know if he played some kind of trick as you say, what I'm saying is that the object was really in the sky. If he did anything it was from what was seen in the sky. But as everyone else are dead, I'm the only one to tell the story and I'm telling what I saw. I have no doubt that what I saw was not any illusion.

Alexandre: OK! I'm asking you about this because the possibility of a fraud was very much commented even among photographers that were his friends at that time.

Amilar: I have never taken part in UFO subjects, but it was not that I am a skeptic. My wife, for example, believes in UFOs. I saw a very strange object with her in Niteroi, but I'm not going to say that it was a flying saucer, I can only say that was an unidentified flying object. I don't like to talk about it, but since you called me I'm being kind to tell you what I saw. I've already told what I saw, an object did appear in the sky. Barauna was a photographer and had a collection of cameras. Maybe he even got some prize taking pictures of the object, who knows? You might have testimonials of people saying he mocked the pictures, etc, but even authorities sent the negatives for analysis at the Cruzeiro do Sul Air Photogrametrics Service and the conclusion was that they "could not say that was a hoax". So, it could have been a fraud, but it could be such a well done... But the object was really in the sky, nobody can deny it. I saw that, then went to my cabin because it is very annoying having people asking about that, I never liked it. I have no interest in discussing if there was a fraud or not. I'm just saying that this was my observation, I saw the object and I will never deny it!

[At this point the interview with Amilar is over and he passes the phone on to his wife who didn't want to tell her name, so that she could tell us the sighting of a USO in the municipality of Niteroi (Amilar was there too). Below is the wife's brief testimonial.]

Alexandre: This other sighting happened after of before the sighting at Trindade Island?

Amilar's Wife (AW): It was much after that, I believe it was in 1963. I had never thought about that before, never had any interest.

Alexandre: Did you take any pictures?

AW: No.

Alexandre: And how did it happen?

AW: I was in a village, in Niteroi, and as in that time there weren't many buildings, we could observe a lot. It was around

5:30-6:00 PM in a place with many people and, strangely enough, I didn't see anyone commenting after that. The object that I was had lights around it like a car lantern, but it has many colors with no colors in the middle of it. I saw it together with Amilar, with my daughter and an aunt of mine. Everyone saw it at the same time.

Alexandre: Did it look like the UFO pictured at Trindade Island?

AW: No.

Alexandre: How long did that observation took?

AW: It took very long. We sat on a bench at the beach and observed its whole travel. It took more than half an hour. When I first saw it was very low, then went higher but still relatively low. Then he stood still showing those colorful lights, after that it went higher and the colors disappeared leaving only a bright light like a full moon. Then it went left, then right and stood between the Pao de Acucar and Galeao in a swinging up and down movement. At that moment we could see a light that disappear afterwards. Then, when it was a little closer to Rio de Janeiro than Niteroi, it descended and dived in the sea making no bubbles or reflection.

Alexandre: Getting back to the sighting from 1958 in Trindade Island, what did you think when Amilar arrived home telling the story?

AW: He arrived telling he saw a very strange object with no defined shape and odd movements. When he saw this other object he realized that the movement was the same and was also silent.

Alexandre: Did you meet Almiro Barauna?

AW: Yes, I thought he was a very serious man. A very closed person and not any exhibitionist.

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## Ufology Vs 9/11 Truth Movement

From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
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Subject: Ufology Vs 9/11 Truth Movement

I'd be interested in hearing from members of this List whether they consider there are similarities and (more particularly) differences between the methodology and personalities of UFO researchers/believers on the one hand and 9/11 conspiracy researchers/believers on the other?

Here are some possible differences for consideration. (I'd be interested in hearing whether my perceptions are shared or not by others on this Forum.)

- (1) There is some polling data to suggest that there is a positive correlation between affirmative answers to the questions "do you believe UFOs are real?" and intelligence/education, while my research so far into similar polling data on 9/11 (which I'm still looking into) suggests that people with only a high school education are especially likely to suspect federal involvement in 9/11.
- (2) I think ufologists are remarkably poor advocates for their subject (e.g. referring to their opposition as "skeptics" and "debunkers" - when many outside ufology consider "skepticism" to be a good thing), whereas "Truthers" are generally better at presenting themselves (e.g. the frequently repeated comment that the mainstream view is actually a conspiracy theory itself, involving a conspiracy between Islamic fundamentalists).
- (3) The material considered - Ufologists have a mass of official documentation to locate and consider. "Truthers" have, relatively speaking, far less such material. Ufology generally involves issues relating to the accuracy of the perceptions of eye-witnesses. 9/11 conspiracy research generally involves issues relating to the accuracy of media reports and the statements of "experts".
- (4) Several UFO researchers have written about several ufologists that hold right-wing views etc, but the prevalence of such views amongst 9/11 "Truthers" seems to be more widespread. I've seen several websites by leading figures in the 9/11 "Truth Movement" which discuss Jews and/or Zionism in terms I find extremely disturbing.
- (5) I have come across evidence of serious concern among intelligence/law enforcement agencies in the USA and UK that those that promote, or subscribe to, 9/11 conspiracy theories may be ripe for recruitment by terrorists. Also, some of the relevant conspiracy theories actually originated with terrorist groups or their backers. I'm not aware of anything similar occurring in relation to ufology...
- (6) Duration of discussion: Theories about UFOs have been discussed in the media since (at least) 1947, i.e. for over 60 years, with new material for discussion emerging on a daily basis - including new eye-witness reports and new government documents. 9/11 happened relatively recently, with conspiracy theories emerging shortly after that event. I find it doubtful that 9/11 conspiracy theories will be discussed with as much vigor in 50 or 60 years time (although it must be said that many thought in the 1940s-1960s that ufology was a fad that would

soon die out or be resolved by government disclosure or the emergence of conclusive evidence...).

(7) Significance of video documentaries : Perhaps it is simply a matter of the time-frame during which both debates have occurred, but video documentaries have had little impact on ufology relative to their significance in the 9/11 debate. From my reading of material relating to 9/11 conspiracy theories in the media and online, it appears to me that certain video documentaries (particularly Loose Change) have greatly increased interest in the relevant theories. There have been numerous books and numerous video documentaries about both ufology and 9/11 conspiracy theories, but the video documentaries seem to be far more significant in the history of the debate regarding 9/11 conspiracy theories. The 9/11 debate has seen video documentaries produced in direct response to other documentaries (most significantly, Screw Loose Change in response to Loose Change and Farenhype 9/11 in response to Farenheit 9/11) - I'm not aware of anything similar within ufology.

During the last couple of days, I've posted the above list of potential differences on two "Truther" forums. The comments I received on those forums contend, in summary, that:

(a) My questions indicate I am a "government person doing a study" and/or "doing active work for one of those 'think tanks'";

(b) The 9/11 community has little, if anything, in common with the ufological community. (If that assertion is true, why do so many books and websites (including this one) cover BOTH topics?)

(c) The 9/11 Truth movement, unlike ufology, "hasn't got a Rockefeller pumping money into it from its outset, deciding its direction".

I'm still actively searching for additional polling data relating to, amongst other things, the intelligence/education levels of supporters of 9/11 conspiracy theories (to compare with a mass of data I've collated during recent years relating to polls which asked questions about UFOs).

Any comments or suggestions would be most welcome.

Kind Regards,

Isaac Koi

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## UFOs & The News Beat Down

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 11:20:55 EST  
Archived: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 19:30:00 -0500  
Subject: UFOs & The News Beat Down

Calling All Journalists... UFOs & The News Beat Down

I don't know how many members of this List have been bona fide members of the journalism industry but it's time for a meeting.

The recent Stephenville, Texas UFO incident really stirred me up when it became news that a senior journalist there who covered the story stepped away. Steve Hammons is his name and here's the article.

<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/51832>

I've spent 20 years in mainstream and not so mainstream journalism starting with almost 8 years with the Gannett News Service when I was just out of my teens. I didn't work with any half-baked journalists but award winning and respected reporters and editors and publishers.

It was rough. It was dangerous. It was often thankless but the reward was in knowing you could help your communities and keep the bad guys on the run.

However I learned early the most dangerous subject in journalism was the UFO issue. I won't go into long winded stories here but dangerous is an understatement. I've mentioned this a number of times on this list an no need to reiterate.

Remember the Chicago O'Hare incident? Now Stephenville? Reporters trying to do their jobs get all sorts of attacks. Who is so worried that they'd go after the reporters? Must be something there.

Remember Jaime Maussan? No one questioned his character until after he started going after the UFO issue. Yet for 20 years or more prior he was one of the most respected journalists around. I knew who he was before he became notable in the UFO arena because he was kicking bad guy butt like there was no tomorrow.

So I say it's time for us who risked it all to get together and share notes. I know I can't depend on many, many reporters and editors and publishers and photographers because they're terrified. Literally terrified. However for we who are already doomed it's best to hook up just in case.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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## Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 11:15:04 -0600  
Archived: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 19:30:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 19:17:08 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>>From: James Molesworth <[jtmoll.nul](mailto:jtmoll.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 13:38:12 +1100  
>>Subject: Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>>Indeed, I initially became interested in UFOs and related  
>>phenomena when in the course of my Demonological studies I  
>>happened upon John A. Keel's 'The Mothman Prophecies', and I  
>>have since continued to research and examine the numerous  
>>connections between Christian Biblical and 'folk' demonology,  
>>Muslim doctrines concerning Jinn, and the demonological beliefs  
>>of numerous other religions on the one hand, and modern accounts  
>>of Ufological phenomena on the other.

>John Keel, always an inspiration to investigative research and  
>an adventurer to boot. I wish I had known him.

I have known Keel since the mid-1960s, and if he is an  
"inspiration to investigative research," we're in even deeper  
trouble than I would have thought. For specifics, see, for  
example, my "Keel vs. Ufology," published in an early 2002 issue  
of Fortean Times.

In any event, I am puzzled by the past tense references. Though  
inactive for some years and in uncertain health, Keel is still  
alive.

Jerry Clark

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## Re: When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide

From: Greg Boone <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 10:09:46 -0800  
Archived: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 19:30:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 16:17:01 -0600  
>Subject: Re: When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide

>>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 19:15:33 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sat, 9 Feb 2008 11:42:12 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide  
>>>>Source: Unniversity of Connecticut Daily Campus - Storrs,  
>>> Connecticut, USA

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

>>>>2/8/08

>>>>When UFOs And The Bible Belt Collide  
>>>>Alex Schaefer

>><snip>

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>>>>Staff Columnist Alex Schaefer is an 8th-semester accounting  
>>>>major. He can be reached at [Alexander.Schaefer.nul](mailto:Alexander.Schaefer.nul)

>>>>Once again they save the punch line until the end. The writer is  
>>>>not a scientist of some form (as I expected). He is a student  
>>>>(sophomore or junior in college?) in accounting, so it is not  
>>>>surprising that, although he writes well, he clearly doesn't  
>>>>know much about the subject.

>>Bruce:

>>There is no degree in ufology; anybody can play this ufology  
>>game. There are no experts in ufology because there is no  
>>approved/credible study program at any university in ufology. As  
>>you yourself know; you learned how to analyze photos during your  
>>military service. Not specifically ufo photos, but photos in  
>>general. You can say you are an expert in analyzing photos  
>>because you were trained by the military.

>>This is true but it is also true that Ufologists, that I am  
>>aware of, do have Science degrees in Physics, Chemistry,  
>>Aerodynamics, Atmosphericics, Astronomy etc.

>>I think this far surpasses some kid that almost has a degree in  
>>accounting.

Thanks Terry, you've hit on the one point I totally enjoy about  
ufology and that is the sheer volume of diverse talents and  
disciplines therein.

When you're lucky enough to be able to take part in discussions



with the professional ufological community you'll find people of such varied expertise it's like a wellspring of opportunity and resources.

You've got cops, medical doctors, musicians, journalists, scientists, artists, heads-of-state, lawyers, judges, and on and on! Each person has their one or two specialties and that is more than any other field of research. Also, it's real Star Trek in the fact you'll find people of all races, religions, cultures working together. Maybe that's why there's no official disclosure because we'd all be working together and that would really upset some apple carts.

Best,

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## Re: Breakthrough In Kumburgaz Sighting In Turkey

From: **Mario A P de Barros** <[marioweb.nul](mailto:marioweb.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 21:06:37 -0200  
Archived: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 20:30:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Breakthrough In Kumburgaz Sighting In Turkey

>From: Haktan Akdogan <[info.nul](mailto:info.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 19:30:03 +0200  
>Subject: Breakthrough In Kumburgaz Sighting In Turkey

>Breakthrough development about the Kumburgaz sighting in Turkey!

>Historical Statement From

>TUBITAK (National Science and Technology Research Board of Turkey)

>=93The Objects Captured On Film In The Kumburgaz Sightings Are UFOs=94

<snip>

This is one of those things that makes me wonder: "What else more need to happen to governments, militaries, science and the media disclose the \_truth\_about UFOs and alien life once and for all?" Do they think people from all over the world are stupid kids? Are they playing dumb with us? What are they waiting for? A landing in the White House Gardens? They are hiding the truth for more than 60 years! It=B4s about time to end this freaking nightmare.

Regards,

Mario

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## Re: Pilot Steve Allen Interview

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 13:41:26 -0700  
Archived: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 20:30:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Pilot Steve Allen Interview

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 18:06:21 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Pilot Steve Allen Interview

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 09:57:39 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: Pilot Steve Allen Interview

>>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 10 Feb 2008 14:14:14 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Pilot Steve Allen Interview

>>>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 12:21:37 -0700  
>>>>Subject: Re: Pilot Steve Allen Interview

>>>>I submit again that the default presumption should be that this  
>>>>phenomenon consisted of separate light sources moving in  
>>>>formation(s), unless a definitive and unequivocal consensus to  
>>>>the contrary is obtained from the other witnesses.

>>>Yeah well, you weren't there Mike.

>>Now there's a powerful argument. I would use that on skeptical  
>>schoolteachers when they doubted that ETs had stolen my  
>>homework.

>You are damn right it is a powerful argument. You really can't  
>posit a considered opinion if you weren't there. Never mind ET  
>and homework. Louis Pasteur sees microbes in water droplets  
>using a microscope. He reports that and without bothering to  
>look themselves his critics hypothesize that he's full of it.  
>How often do we see this in our own little world of ufology?  
>Armchair hypothesis is worth exactly nothing in the long run,  
>other than getting some rest.

Well, if that's where you're putting the bar, then I'd like to  
know who should give a flip what you think about the Shag  
Harbour incident. Were you there? In how many of the cases you  
have commented on, for lo, these many years, can you say "I was  
there"? Put down the shovel, Don.

<snip>

>>And yet you, and apparently Steve Allen, are incapable of  
>>entertaining the possibility that these were separate light  
>>sources, because they "just tracked too perfectly"? I presume  
>>you can grasp the contradiction here, or is this what happens  
>>after you've "been around this UFO business long enough"?

>Me? I never said that. I don't think Steve Allen is incapable of  
>entertaining it. Why are you putting words in my mouth? I asked  
>him the same question and he had considered the separate light  
>sources - a common enough experience - and rejected it while it  
>was happening. He knew it didn't make sense that he could see

>what looked like attached lights but it appeared that there was  
>nothing solid in between, that he was looking something that was  
>invisible except for the lights. It's part of the reason why he  
>couldn't come to grips with what he saw and was uneasy to the  
>point of thinking he should be home with his family.

As best I can parse this wheezing, Steve Allen claims the lights were attached to "nothing solid in between", and that what he saw was "invisible except for the lights".

Then, when I have the temerity to suggest that, in lieu of additional corroboration, we should perhaps presume that the lights were not actually physically connected, I receive a profoundly condescending but otherwise vacuous lecture about "not being there", with a bizarre sub-theme about how things don't have to make sense when it comes to UFOs. Perhaps you may understand some exasperation on my part.

>But are you suggesting that the man was so stupid that he  
>couldn't come up with that theory all on his own? Do you really  
>think all witnesses are that stupid?

What "theory" are you talking about? You seem to be saying that he's smart enough to figure out that what he's saying doesn't make sense. Are you sure he wants you on his side?

I have made no claim whatever about the intellect of this or any other witness. I'm hoping to maintain similar restraint with regard to commentators.

>I suspect Mike that this phenomenon is of interest to you but it  
>has never happened to you; perhaps it has. When it does it is  
>humbling.

Alas, I am not among the Chosen Ones, to my never-ending shame and bitterness. However, if I need some humbling, I can always come here and put forth a common sense suggestion.

Mike

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## Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

From: Peter Davenport <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 16:56:05 -0800  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 07:38:33 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 20:23:29 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>There is a new website being put together on the Stephenville  
>incident.

>The site is under construction so keep checking back. Angelia  
>Joiner, the reporter that departed from the Stephenville Empire-  
>Tribune, is taking part in the effort to get the truth out.

>The URL is:

><http://stephenvillelights.com/>

Angelia Joiner joined Jeff Rense and me on his program last  
night, February 12, to talk about her work on the Stephenville  
case.

Angelia (pronounced "Angela") is very eloquent, and seems quite  
level-headed to me. Her mission appears to be to get as much  
information about the case as possible, and to interview as many  
of the eyewitnesses as are willing to come forward.

I suspect that the information that appears on her website will  
be quite reliable.

Peter  
NUFORC

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## Re: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <[bert.nul](mailto:bert.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 02:04:17 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 07:45:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2008 11:54 PM  
Subject: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

>Source: Metro - London, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/yoflm8>

>Tuesday, February 12, 2008

>[Two images at site]

>UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

>It may look like just another car park on a foggy night, but an  
>amateur photographer claims it also shows a UFO.

>A disc-shaped object appears to be hovering in the night sky  
>near the top right of the picture, according to Hab Rahman, who  
>captured the image.

<snip>

I enhanced that photo and is here:

<http://tinyurl.com/287ozx>

It looks like as if there is a face/head with a nose and two  
eyes!

<http://tinyurl.com/277x74>

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## Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 17:24:34 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 07:49:42 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 11:15:04 -0600  
>Subject: Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 11 Feb 2008 19:17:08 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Re: UFOs & The Satanic Question

>>John Keel, always an inspiration to investigative research and  
>>an adventurer to boot. I wish I had known him.

>I have known Keel since the mid-1960s, and if he is an  
>"inspiration to investigative research," we're in even deeper  
>trouble than I would have thought.

Aye, 'tis an ill wind that means no one well... and yet still  
blows hard.

Do you ever concern yourself with anything consequential?

JCH

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## Re: Ufology Vs 9/11 Truth Movement

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 20:19:09 -0600  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 08:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ufology Vs 9/11 Truth Movement

>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 15:14:13 -0000  
>Subject: Ufology Vs 9/11 Truth Movement

> (2) I think ufologists are remarkably poor advocates for their  
>subject (e.g. referring to their opposition as "skeptics" and  
>"debunkers" - when many outside ufology consider "skepticism" to  
>be a good thing...

\_Very\_ strange. "Skeptics" and "debunkers," by whom I presume  
you mean hard-core disbelievers who organize, publish, and  
otherwise advance their beliefs (to which, of course, they are  
perfectly entitled), call themselves by those names. Are you  
telling us ufologists that - at least for purposes of discussion  
and debate - we are not allowed to follow suit? I surely hope  
not, but I confess to lack of optimism on that score. I would  
like to think you are trying to raise some larger, subtler,  
nuanced point, but alas, I see no evidence of that.

It is absurdly false to charge that serious ufologists consider  
"skepticism" a bad thing, inasmuch as they insist that it's an  
essential part of who they are; moreover, they demonstrate it  
routinely. For a quick demonstration, see the many skeptical  
sentiments expressed, both by the author and by those he cites  
from ufology's ranks, in The UFO Encyclopedia.

What ufologists do object to - rightly, in common with serious  
skeptics (as opposed to reflexive anti-anomalists, who are  
skeptical only of the things they prefer, for good reasons and  
bad, not to believe) - is the politicization of "skepticism," in  
other words the reduction of that noble word to propaganda-  
laden rhetorical flourish which, when translated, amounts to no  
more than advocacy of the centuries-old disbelief tradition.

But that should be obvious to any thoughtful reader of this  
List. That we should actually have to discuss such elemental  
matters here seems odd. Dispiriting, actually.

Jerry Clark

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## Dr. Hynek & 'Theodore'?

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 19:08:36 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 08:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Dr. Hynek & 'Theodore'?

A few years ago I was emailed by a person who claimed, while in the company of Dr Hynek, to have visited a great uncle of mine. I recall his first name was Theodore. We exchanged email a number of times and then I didn't hear from him again.

Might anyone know of a "Theodore" that accompanied Dr. Hynek... from any of their research?

JCH

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## Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 01:01:45 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 09:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 20:23:29 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

The photo on that site shows a meandering "line" image with numerous color changes. I don't know what the shutter time was, but I assume it was several seconds. During that time the image of the light was smeared or elongated into a line/ This is a 'time to space conversion' that allows us to see temporal changes in the light, changes that would have been 'averaged together' if the image had stayed in one spot. I don't know how many color changes there were, but more than 50 from my attempt at counting.

The sort of image is preceded over many years before by a photo taken by Brenda Pollak of Gulf Breeze. This color changing line photo shows about 100 colors in 4 seconds for a color changing rate of 25/sec.

Go to:

<http://www.brumac.8k.com/GulfBreeze/Jan81990.html>

and you can read the story of how it happened and see the photo which is Photo 5 in the article. The similarity in pictures is striking.

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## UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 03:06:45 EST  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 09:50:00 -0500  
Subject: UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

FOX-TV Video Report

<http://tinyurl.com/yuabfo>

"UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

So what really happened over the skies of Stephenville and Erath county when dozens of people reported seeing a UFO last month? We may be getting a little closer to some real answers. FOX 4's Richard Ray is delving deeper inside the investigation and has this report."

The irony of the Stephenville UFO incident is like something out of a movie.

Here we have a massive UFO sighted near the civilian residence of the President of the United States and they're still making with the lame excuses.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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## Re: Breakthrough In Kumburgaz Sighting In Turkey

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 10:31:52 -0000  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 09:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Breakthrough In Kumburgaz Sighting In Turkey

>From: Mario A P de Barros <[marioweb.nul](mailto:marioweb.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 21:06:37 -0200  
>Subject: Re: Breakthrough In Kumburgaz Sighting In Turkey

>This is one of those things that makes me wonder: "What else  
>more need to happen to governments, militaries, science and the  
>media disclose the truth about UFOs and alien life once and for  
>all?" Do they think people from all over the world are stupid  
>kids?

Hi Mario,

The answer is deeper than political - it's about how society is structured. Despite high motives claimed by candidates, once in authority they have only one aim: keeping in 'power'. Any diminution of that 'authority' has to be attacked or denied.

ET/ UFOs are maybe the ultimate challenge to any human 'authority' - which is why gov't & military & their media tend to class ufologists along with 'revolutionaries'.

Cheers

Ray D

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## UFOs in Riolandia Sao Paulo Brazil

From: A. J. Gevaerd <[aj.nul](mailto:aj.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 09:34:17 -0300  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 10:58:50 -0500  
Subject: UFOs in Riolandia Sao Paulo Brazil

UFOs In Riolandia, Sao Paulo, Brazil:  
Second Partial Report On The Situation

[Note: Riolandia = Riverland]

On Friday, February 08th, I took a second trip to Riolandia, in the far Northwestern region of Sao Paulo State, by the banks of the Rio Grande, just between the States of Sao Paulo and Minas Gerais, where a wave of UFO events has been occurring since January 20th, as I explained on my first partial report, resulted from my first trip, on January 26th.

For further information, articles and pictures, go to:

[www.ufo.com.br](http://www.ufo.com.br)

and

[www.ufo.com.br/public/riolandia/](http://www.ufo.com.br/public/riolandia/).

It all started with the sighting of a huge UFO at the premises of Piapara Inn, at 3 am, January 20th, followed by a mysterious crushing of plants on a nearby sugar cane plantation. A UFO is believed to have been involved in this phenomenon. Facts involving UFOs are still being reported in the town of Riolandia, increasingly so day after day. This time I spent two days in that town and heard the testimony of witnesses who saw the luminous phenomena, which suddenly began to happen in broad daylight, as well. I took many snapshots of people who were involved in the incident and could sense the state of real commotion in the city.

Even though I believe I am a rather experienced UFO researcher, with over 30 years of activity in Ufology, I feel increasingly amazed by what is happening in Riolandia, and I must admit that very seldom have I seen such an intense, long-lasting and legitimate UFO commotion. The phenomena that have been occurring there affect people from all walks of life, some of whom are highly respected in the city.

Here follows a brief updating on the Riolandia Situation so that you can be generally aware of it:

1. In the evening immediately after the January 20th sighting, on several occasions, witnesses from all walks of life, alerted by the situation at Piapara Inn, have been spending hours scanning the skies in Riolandia and the area around it. Many of them have seen near- and far-off luminous phenomena, almost always spherical and predominantly of an intense blue to red color. The Inn dwellers are the ones who have witnessed the greater number of mysterious lights, and the proprietor's family, fearful of what is happening, is actually considering abandoning their business and moving away.

2. A very amazing incident occurred on the night of February 06-07th, when a light, at first in the distance, and then suddenly closer performed sinuous moves above a sugar cane plantation nearby the city. The phenomenon was captured on film and

witnessed by over a dozen people in different places both in the urban area and in the countryside. One of those witnesses was a high school teacher, Ms Ruth Probio and her family, among whom her son Pedro Henrique, 10, who has filmed the phenomenon. The light was visible from late dawn till 8 am, February 07th.

3. Less than 24 hours later, on the night of February 07-08th, another astonishing apparition was seen at Piapara Inn, where it all began. This is the most spectacular incident reported there, and it involved once again the owner of the Inn, Mauricio Pereira da Silva, and his brother Antonio Pereira da Silva. They were both night-watching on the southern side of the premises, as they'd been doing since the January 20th encounter, when they saw a real light show. Three huge disk-shaped objects were seen approaching them, flying in formation. Then three more objects joined them, though they were sphere-shaped and smaller. This phenomenon lasted over an hour, during which time five of the objects (the 3 disk-shaped ones and 2 of the spherical lights) came down close to the nearby sugar cane plantation (not the same one that had been affected on January 20th) and appeared to be "scanning the whole area, in search of something", according to Mauricio. The two brothers' family went into a panic, and the phenomenon caused great distress in the city.

4. All day long, on Friday, February 08th, several ufologists, experts, journalists and curiosity-seekers kept coming in with their equipment to the Inn, to investigate the incident and do some night-watching. These include attorney Gener Silva, engineer Jorge Nery, both consultants for Brazilian UFO Magazine, and other members of the Instituto de Astronomia e Pesquisas Espaciais (Inape) (Institute for Astronomy and Space Research), from Aracatuba (SP). Also present on the same occasion were the electronic technician Cristian Dionizio de Oliveira, job security technician Sivaldo Daniel Pereira, both UFO researchers from Valentim Gentil (SP). This editor came in just in time, after a some 500 miles trip, along with information technology and support expert for Brazilian UFO Magazine Ismael Vieira and two students, Michel and Thiago Vieira. On that very same day, we stood on night-watch from 9 pm till 4:30 am, when a professional cameraman was able to record and film a luminous phenomenon that moved about for several minutes over the area. Its origins could not have been ascribed to natural causes. They all testified to the incident to Brazilian UFO Magazine. Next morning, ufologists Paulo Poian and Robert Beck, both consultants for Brazilian UFO Magazine, and Herbert Bruggemann (he and Beck being members of the Entidade Brasileira de Estudos Extraterrestres (EBE-ET) (Brazilian Center for Extraterrestrial Studies), from Brasilia, arrived for some more night-watching (see below).

5. Simultaneously to the phenomenon seen at the Inn, on the night of February 8th, more than 7 miles away from that place, on a dirt road closer to town, dozens of people were gathered together and saw another astoundingly bright light flying over a sugar cane plantation. This phenomenon was also captured on film by Paulo Henrique, Ms Ruth Probio's son, who was handling the family camera. The city folks began to exchange information the night before and would summon each other so they could all get together on the site and see the light, as the night view of the sky at the specific spot is magnificent. This collective sighting was astounding and it occurred almost at the very same time as the previous phenomenon, recorded during night-watching at the inn (above). If the city were still torn between mixed feelings as to the nature of the UFO phenomena that had been occurring there, that sighting, witnessed by people from different segments in the municipality, put an end to all doubts. Nothing is more discussed nowadays in Riolandia than this, and the number of witnesses keeps growing each day.

6. On the night of February 09-10th, a new group of people gathered for night-watching at Piapara Inn, made up of city folks, curiosity-seekers and some of the participants from the previous night-watch. Only two people, however, stayed to watch the skies beyond 4 am, Brazilian UFO Magazine consultant Paulo Poian and student Thiago Vieira. At 5:05 am, they saw another luminous phenomenon over the very same sugar cane plantation, south of the Inn, where the six objects had appeared, previously. Only this time the encounter was somewhat closer, less than 200 m from the witnesses. A spherical and intensely bright object came down to the vegetation and remained there awhile, in spite of the falling rain. This editor left the Inn



to drive back to Campo Grande (MS) at 6 am and, as I drove by Riolandia, about 9 miles away, I collected reports from several town dwellers who claimed that, in spite of the rain, new sightings occurred that night in the city's urban area.

7. All day long, on Sunday, February 10th, UFO incidents were reported as having occurred the previous night in the town of Valentim Gentil, about 45 miles from Riolandia. The aforementioned UFO researchers Cristian Dionizio de Oliveira and Sivaldo Daniel Pereira (the latter a witness of several encounters himself) are currently collecting information that will eventually be sent to Brazilian UFO Magazine and claim that there is a great number of witnesses also in that area. The same thing has occurred in the towns of Fernandopolis and Votuporanga, neighboring cities to Valentim Gentil, alongside Route SP-320 and about 15 miles apart from each other. Fernandopolis and Votuporanga are about 45 to 60 miles away from Riolandia, and have also had their share of luminous phenomena recorded, whose characteristics are yet to be studied.

8. Still on the same Sunday (10th), in the afternoon, an attendant working for the only service station in the small city saw in the sky a metallic object with lights, right in front of his house. Fernando Alves de Souza was accompanied by his wife, kids and in-laws when they all saw, in broad daylight, at 4 pm, two smaller luminous spheres being expelled from the larger object. The larger and the smaller objects began to fly in unison, following an unknown route. The incident is being investigated by ufologist Roberto Beck, special consultant for Brazilian UFO Magazine, who is staying in the city, waiting for the next developments. The service station attendant called several citizens of Riolandia so they too would see the phenomenon, which considerably increased the number of witnesses.

9. Still on the night of February 10th, Sunday, Mr. Ibrantino Jose Ribeiro, his grandson Augusto Ribeiro da Silva, only 13, and a woman were driving back to town, from Piapara Inn, when they saw two phenomena. As soon as they had driven out of the Inn, heading for Riolandia, and took the short unpaved road, Augusto called everyone's attention to a luminous white object that was flying above the sugar cane plantation. The boy was nearly begging his grandfather to not stop the car, because he was frightened, and they drove on. When they were closer to town, about 6 miles ahead, they saw the phenomenon again, but this time it was an intense red light, cutting across the road. UFO researcher Beck is interviewing new witnesses in the town, including a group of people who claim that there is a place in Riolandia where you can see those objects in broad daylight, everyday, between 3 and 5 pm

10. As can be seen, the Riolandia UFO incidents increase in number and intensity every day. Amidst this commotion, Brazilian UFO Magazine has been compiling expressive numbers. We have been informed of at least 6 individual filmings of luminous phenomena, carried out by different people, two of which are within our archives already. We have nearly 30 witnesses that have been contacted and interviewed, besides an estimated number from 300 to 400 witnesses in every city that has been affected, and many more are still being contacted. We have assembled a great amount of reports and a lot of material for publication. We are going to have a lot of work to do, getting all pieces together, but the above-mentioned ufologists and a few others are helping up with their data, turning this into a major operation in UFO research, of a phenomenon that is still going on.

As a final note, we would like to report that the authorities in some of those cities in northwestern Sao Paulo State are really concerned with the situation, especially the mayor of Riolandia, to the point of requesting the presence of UFO researches in the area. This has never been seen to happen before. Brazilian UFO Magazine, through its members, is playing its role, talking to people, interviewing witnesses, going and checking places, examining evidence and consulting with experts from different fields of study, so as to be able to rule out the possibility that the recorded phenomena are natural.

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## Keel vs. Ufology

From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 08:27:48 -0600  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 10:57:29 -0500  
Subject: Keel vs. Ufology

Keel Vs. Ufology

By Jerome Clark

[published in Fortean Times 156 (2002), pp. 39-42]

On March 17, 1969, John A. Keel, occult journalist, composed a three-page letter to James E. McDonald, atmospheric physicist. Except for their mutual fascination with the UFO phenomenon and their outsized personalities, it would be difficult to imagine two men less alike. Between them they personified the extremes of 1960s ufology.

One addressing himself almost exclusively to radical ufologists and Fortean itching for an exciting alternative to the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH) harked back to the 1940s, to Richard S. Shaver and N. Meade Layne, and, even earlier, to classical demonology and supernatural folk belief. The other allying himself with the most conservative ufologists and speaking to his fellow scientists and to elite institutions possessing the wherewithal to fund UFO research and to overcome entrenched resistance to the phenomenon sought to drag ufology out of its marginality and to transform it into a branch of normal science. Barely more than two years later, McDonald would be dead by his own hand, and Keel would live on to write *The Mothman Prophecies* and other books and to remain an active presence into the 1980s and an enduring influence even now.

It can be fairly said that if McDonald wanted to domesticate UFOs and place them in the mainstream, Keel preferred them so wild and woolly that the ETH would pale into banality by comparison. The whole structure of post-Enlightenment civilization itself would collapse before Keel's shape-changing ultraterrestrials demons with a fancy new moniker became a generally recognized species. In Keel's view, McDonald, an accomplished and (at least until he took up UFO advocacy) well-regarded member of the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, needed educating and not just about the supernatural reality underlying UFOs and allegedly related manifestations: poltergeists, fairies, Sasquatch, Republicans, in short just about anything else not immediately explainable. Keel, using a rhetorical technique that over the years would become wearily familiar, remarked that McDonald suffered from a regrettable [sic] emotionalism & apparent in many of your public statements.

Moreover, Keel observed, You often tend to substitute speculation for facts. McDonald was associating with the wrong people, for example the ufologists associated with NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a relatively cautious, pro-ETH private group headed by UFO author and retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe). These sorts were buffs who adopted a conclusion before they had any evidence. Keel, on the other hand, drew on extensive field studies and personal experiences, not to mention the valid, independent studies he had conducted outside the buffery sphere of reference. Among other things, he had established

conclusively that known poltergeist cases and known UFO waves & correlate precisely with each other, thus substantiating Keel's theory that the poltergeist phenomenon is a UFO effect.

Keel declared that his comprehensive study of all religious traditions proved divine miracles and UFO contacts also to be identical at their root. No specifics accompanied these assertions, though he did urge McDonald to look up recent Keel articles in such august journals as the pulp cheesecake-and-adventure magazine *Male* and Ray Palmer's pulp hollow-earth-championing *Flying Saucers*. On the last of his three pages, he did mention West Virginia contactee Woodrow Derenberger. Highly qualified psychiatrists had given Derenberger a completely clean bill of health. Even more revealingly, one of the doctors involved experienced direct contact himself!

McDonald's restrained response, written on March 24, observes mildly that you're not in a particularly strong position to criticize someone like myself for speculating on the UFO problem. I might tick off, but won't take time to, a pretty long list of your own speculations that are not well supported in your writings. As a matter of fact, it is not your own speculations that I find disquieting, but your practiced style of writing as if you had some deep insights into baffling mysteries that no one else has plumbed.

Writing back with a long letter dated April 2, Keel portrayed himself as the one man who had broken through all the buffery myths and nonsense, conducted not just the field work but the statistical and scientific studies others (such as McDonald, who had only emotional involvement, or NICAP's obsessive-compulsive paranoid schizophrenics) had not even thought to try, and found a definite conclusion based upon hard facts. The UFOs are transmogrifications. The UFO entities are variations on the age-old elemental types.

In a much shorter reply McDonald, refusing to rise to the bait, remarked that Keel simply was not making himself clear. When he talked about transmogrifications and age-old elemental phenomena, he wrote, "I simply do not understand you. You just spin one mystery inside another and never get anything across in any concrete terms." In a note to himself McDonald was a compulsive note-taker; he said that he was disinclined to engage in further correspondence.

It was a wise decision. Keel had already declared that the celebrated scientific method has proven to be totally unworkable where UFO investigation and interpretation are concerned.<sup>[i]</sup> Those who have had access to McDonald's massive UFO files (housed at the University of Arizona in Tucson) have seen abundant evidence of his commitment to the scientific method.<sup>[ii]</sup> McDonald, alas, merely a passive observer; could only interview witnesses, weigh testimony, study radar records, consider alternative explanations for sightings, and all the rest. Keel, on the other hand, could actually control UFO events. Once, he claimed, he had conjured up the notion of gillmen, and not long afterwards according to Keel anyway someone actually encountered a gillman. Who, where, or when Keel never let on.

If you believe John Keel, you also believe this:

Supernatural gods (ultraterrestrials, hereafter UTs) once ruled directly over the earth but then returned to their abode, the superspectrum (the upper reaches of the electro-magnetic spectrum), after human beings began to populate the planet. Displeased with the intrusion, the UTs engaged in protracted conflict with Homo sapiens in an effort to resolve this territorial dispute. (Keel does not explain why such presumably superior entities would have to wage the dispute over thousands of years.) The UTs also battled each other, and one group assumed human form so that it could more easily communicate with the Neanderthals, whom it sought to enlist in its physical army. The unintended result was sexual intercourse and the creation of the human race as we know it.<sup>[iii]</sup> This produced strange responses in [the offsprings] materialized nervous system, Keel wrote. Emotions were born. Frequencies were changed. The direct control of the superintelligence was driven from their bodies. They were trapped on Earth, unable to ascend the electromagnetic scale and reenter their etheric world. With the loss of control, they became animals, albeit highly intelligent animals. <sup>[iv]</sup>

According to Keel, humanity's long interaction with the supernatural, as well as the timely intervention of enigmatic, unearthly strangers in the lives of historical personages such as Thomas Jefferson and Malcolm X, testifies to the continuing presence of the gods of old, including God, who dwell in the superspectrum. Its manifestations include UFOs and their occupants, monsters, angels, poltergeists, ghosts, and voices in the head.

The Devil's emissaries of yesterday have been replaced by the mysterious men in black, he stated. The quasi-angels of Biblical times have become magnificent spacemen. The demons, devils, and false angels were recognized as liars and plunderers by early man. The same impostors now appear as long-haired Venusians. [v]

Thus you swallow all but the benign slant of testimony from such notorious characters as George Adamski, Howard Menger, Aladino Felix (aka Dino Kraspedon), and Ernest Arthur Bryant (of the notorious Scoriton episode, in which a reincarnated Adamski returned via spacecraft to rural Devonshire), all contactees of the 1950s and 1960s, all of them with at least to other observers - very serious, some might say fatal, credibility problems.[vi] And then there's the already-mentioned Woodrow Derenberger and, on the other side of him, Thomas F. Monteleone.

From November 1966 until he dropped out of sight a few years later, Derenberger, a late-middle-aged sewing-machine salesman, challenged the credulity of even the most slack-jawed with ever more expansive fables of interactions with space people and of jaunts to their home planet, Lanulos (near the Ganymede star cluster [vii]). Given conservative ufology's antipathy to contactees, NICAP's Pittsburgh Subcommittee led a remarkably vigorous, open-minded field investigation into Derenberger's early claims as they were occurring - or, more accurately, evolving - until it arrived at the only conclusion possible: that Derenberger's yarns owed everything to human invention, nothing to extraterrestrial intervention. A local psychologist drawn into the probe the one who, Keel told McDonald, experienced direct contact himself! suffered something of a breakdown, seeing saucers invisible to other family members, meanwhile channeling failed prophecies.

Derenberger's tall tales figure largely in Mothman Prophecies (1975). Keel, who spent time with Derenberger, rejects any notion that the man was just making it up as he went along. He also cites as supporting evidence the adventures of a University of Maryland student, Tom Monteleone, who claimed also to have met denizens of Lanulos and to have traveled to the home planet, whose inhabitants cavort about it in the nude. Monteleone surfaced after he called a Washington, D.C., radio station on which Derenberger was appearing. As Keel writes in Mothman, Even Woody was surprised by such direct confirmation of his own experiences. After meeting Monteleone personally, Keel determined that Monteleone was privy to subtle details about such things that only true UT encounterers would know about; thus, I finally had to conclude Tom was on the level.

Except he wasn't. Monteleone was, one, a psychology major - that alone ought to have raised a red flag or at least a Keelian eyebrow - and, two, an aspiring (and later successful) science-fiction writer. He had conjured up the story on a lark, as a hoax on a hoaxer. Writing in the May 1979 issue of Omni, he crowed, I contradicted Mr. Derenberger's story on purpose, claiming to have seen totally different things on my visit to Lanulos. But on each occasion, he would give ground, make up a hasty explanation, and in the end corroborate my own falsifications. He even claimed to know personally the UFO-naut who contacted me! [viii]

When these revelations saw print,[ix] Keel did not, no surprise, graciously concede that all those conservative ufologists' buffs and cultists in Keelian had been right all along. Keel insisted not only that he had known Monteleone was lying from the start, but that anybody who read what he had written on the subject could see that.[x] Well, not so. To the contrary, Keel had been so wowed by Monteleone's Lanulosian friend Vadig's customary farewell I'll see you in time that he cited it as evidence that UFOs come from outside our time frame and [Keel's italics] \_from outside the environment of the known universe\_. [xi]

It should be stressed, too, that Keel does not always use the word hoax as the rest of us do, to denote humans fooling, or attempting to fool, other humans. In Keelian, hoaxing more often represents what UTs do to us. Since UTs are virtually all powerful, they can represent themselves as just about anything. Consequently, even the most manifestly preposterous encounter claims are real paranormal events, even if not what they seem to witnesses. Thus, Adamski and Derenberger are telling the truth as they saw it; thus, too, the airship inventors of 1896/97 were disguised UTs (even though practically every sober investigator of the airship period has deduced that such figures did not exist outside the fictions of journalist-pranksters). Thus, anything, and I mean anything, goes.

I have a personal history with Keel, whom I have known since if memory serves early 1967, when Charles Bowen, then editor of Flying Saucer Review, brought us together. We entered into correspondence. I was young, impressionable, modestly read, uncritically minded, and in the fashion of the period susceptible to paranoia. In Forbidden Science: Journals 1957-1969 (1992) Jacques Vallee records the following from his entry of April 3, 1969: Don [Hanlon] believes that Jerome Clark, a young ufologist from Chicago [sic],[xii] has become so convinced that an extraterrestrial [sic] invasion was imminent that he has been driven close to a breakdown.

Well, not quite - in April 1969 I was more upset about a break-up with a girl friend than about invading UTs - but it is certainly true that I suffered both an unhealthy degree of fright and an overblown imagination. I was hardly alone. Earlier, in December 1967, I had visited Keel at his Manhattan apartment, where he and a young couple caught up in the excitement were trying on gas masks, anticipating an imminent UT strike on New York City. Reading the correspondence I had with Keel and others back then, I can only cringe at the youthful folly painfully in evidence. At least, I suppose I could say in my defense, I had the excuse of being rather younger than Keel.

In any event, I grew up, and away from Keel, though once he had confided his hope that one day I would be the next generation's John A. Keel. Though I had thought the parting was amicable, I was wrong. As late as the 1990s, long after our personal interaction consisted in its entirety of no more than the rare pleasant note and the even rarer crossing of paths, he was madly spreading slanders whose subject was lapsed Keelist Jerome Clark. When at last I confronted Keel on the matter, he replied that he was only pointing out the obvious, which is that I... "live in a world of paranoid conspiracies and illiterate misconceptions. To curb this you may need extensive psychotherapy, coupled with drug treatment. You are ill and have been haunted by this illness all your life." And so on. In short, the usual charming way of dispatching critics: they say those things because they're crazy, in the most clinical sense of the adjective. For good measure, he added the to-me-amusing observation that I have fallen for hoax after hoax. [xiii]

None of this matters matter much, and my annoyance over this strange little episode passed quickly. Still, besides demonstrating Keel's often-shown preference for vituperation over reasoned discourse, it underscores his crankiness, in both senses of the word. It's not that Keel will not lightly abide fools; it's colleagues he objects to. And come to think of it, why given his medieval-demonologist outlook, his relentless credulity, his charm-challenged anti-intellectualism, and, well, his bad manners - would anybody want to be a colleague of Keel's?

Contrary to general impression, which is wont to credit him with a more creative imagination than he in fact has, he is not a particularly original thinker. His mentor Meade Layne, founder of the occultish (the uncharitable would say crackpotish) Borderland Sciences Research Associates, got many of his ideas from medium Mark Probert, who channeled teachings from, among others, a 500,000-year-old Tibetan.[xiv] If this is your idea of a reliable source of information, God bless you, but I suspect most of you would elect to look elsewhere. Layne, I might mention, thought the etherians UTs were a generally benign lot. It was Trevor James Constable, a student of Layne's, who first discerned the dark reality beneath the sunny exterior: The spacemen finally begin to emerge as coteries of unethical invisibles, exerting a psychic despotism over innocent and well-

meaning people. [xv]

But Keel has been more widely read, and it is largely through him that ufologists and Fortean, or at least some of them, have plunged into the thickets of occultism and obscurantism, into a realm where words like elemental and superspectrum and ultraterrestrial and transmogrification are actually supposed to mean something.[xvii] Into, in other words, a domain of incoherent theory and dubious data and, finally, numbing irrelevance. If Keel were a humorist like Charles Fort rather than a windmill-tilter like Tiffany Thayer,[xviii] one could smile and shrug it off as an ongoing, offbeat joke. No Fortean, to my knowledge, has ever championed Fort's sky islands or Ambrose-collectors, knowing that Fort wasn't championing them, either. But Keel is deadly, gloomily, blusteringly, spittle-spewingly in earnest. Though usually politer and calmer about it, so are the legions of acolytes who since then have dropped a ton of Keelist doctrine on all our heads.

Let me close, however, on a mostly positive note. To the best of my recollection, I have been in Keel's company three times, possibly four. Even with that limited exposure, I think I can safely testify that there are few more entertaining dinner companions. Though it's hardly something one would infer from his writing public or private, in restaurants he has a dazzling and wicked sense of humor. I also think Mothman Prophecies is a hugely fun book, even if there are whole chunks of it no sensible human would take seriously for a nanosecond. I hope that the movie based on it is a huge success and that Keel makes a ton of money from it. He deserves to retire in peace. And, if the truth be told, the rest of us deserve to be left in the peace of Keel's retirement.

i. A New Approach to UFO Witnesses, Flying Saucer Review, May/June 1968.

ii. As well as McDonald's correspondence with a dizzying range of UFO personalities, from the sane to the certifiable.

iii It is surely pointless to mention here that no living physical anthropologist believes that Neanderthals were the ancestors of Homo sapiens.

iv. Our Haunted Planet (Greenwich, CT: Fawcett Publications, 1971).

v. UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1970).

vi. Keel's explanation for conservative ufologists rejection of claims like these is characteristically ad hominem. In The Flying Saucer Subculture, Journal of Popular Culture 8 (1975), he writes, Interestingly, the hard-core believer [sic] & tends to be over-skeptical & has an extremely suspicious nature, perhaps because he/she has created an imaginary self-image and constructed the necessary lies to maintain it. Thus they tend to believe that everyone else shares these personality flaws. They often project or transfer their own problems to the UFO witnesses they interview, and many sincere percipients and contactees have been branded liars by UFO enthusiasts who thought they detected their own behavioral problems in them.

vii. Ganymede, of course, is usually thought to be a moon of Jupiter.

viii. Monteleone has his own credibility problems. The Omni confession, devoted chiefly to the ridicule of those foolish enough to believe him, gives the impression that his role as hoaxer was brief and limited. In fact, as late as January 1970, he was making public appearances. In an August 11, 1970, letter to Keel, he stated that the experiences I had with Vadig [his contact from Lanulos] were completely true. This was, of course, long after he had made whatever point he originally intended to make.

ix. Not only in Omni but in a better (and more restrained) piece by Karl T. Pflock; see Anatomy of a UFO Hoax, Fate, November 1980.

x. For example, see Mark Opsasnick's amusing account in Strange

Magazine (Spring 1995). Confronting Keel on his curious assertion that he'd always known Monteleone was a fraud, Opsasnick asked, reasonably enough, why, knowing as much, he had still chosen to present it in Mothman Prophecies. Keel snapped, The chapter is about hoaxes! Read the whole chapter! Don't read one sentence! The whole book says it's all a crock of shit! Opsasnick notes, I decided to leave it at that. I reread the chapter. It is not about hoaxes. I could only hope that Keel's statement the published word doesn't mean anything applies only to this chapter.

xi. The Time Cycle Factor, Flying Saucer Review, May/June 1969.

xii If it matters, I was living in Moorhead, Minnesota, at the time.

xiii. Letter dated March 27, 1996.

xiv. See, for example, Layne's Mark Probert, Baffling San Diego Medium, Fate, May 1949.

xv. Scientists, Contactees and Equilibrium, Flying Saucer Review, January/February 1960.

xvi. As veteran ufologist Richard Hall once wittily observed (MUFON UFO Journal, August 1977), for all the meaning terms such as these and extra-dimensional, psychical, Magonia, and the like bear, one might as well say that UFOs emanate from the chronosynclastic infundibulum.

xvii. The late James Blish once wrote of Thayer, founder of the Fortean Society, that he advocated almost every imaginable crazy belief. At bottom, he added, every one of these beliefs & turned out to rest on some form of personal devil theory. Cited in Damon Knight's Charles Fort: Prophet of the Unexplained (Garden City, NY: Doubleday and Company, 1970).

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 19:08:36 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Dr. Hynek & 'Theodore'?

>A few years ago I was emailed by a person who claimed, while in  
>the company of Dr Hynek, to have visited a great uncle of mine.  
>I recall his first name was Theodore. We exchanged email a  
>number of times and then I didn't hear from him again.

>Might anyone know of a "Theodore" that accompanied Dr.  
>Hynek... from any of their research?

Ted Phillips is Theodore.

Brian Adams  
Missouri Investigators Group (UFOMIG)

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>Subject: Keel vs. Ufology

>Keel Vs. Ufology

>By Jerome Clark

>[published in Fortean Times 156 (2002), pp. 39-42]

Listfolk:

In the transition from my Word to Updates' format, some quotation marks, apostrophes, and other punctuation failed to register. Therefore, there may be some confusion about what are my words and sentiments and what are the words and sentiments of those whom I'm citing, sometimes critically.

If you are unclear about something along that line, please raise the issue and ask the questions, and I'll be happy to answer them.

Meantime, grateful thanks to Errol for his willingness to run my essay.

Jerry Clark

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>Subject: Re: Dr. Hynek & 'Theodore'?

>Ted Phillips is Theodore.

Thank you very much, Brian. I received an email from another telling me the same. I appreciate both your responses and assure you they have value to me.

JCH

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## Connections Between The Supernatural And UFOs

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
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Human-kind's very language is based upon associated images extending into the extra-real.

Greek playwrights of their Golden Age, performed their plays with actors wearing four and five-foot masks and increased the size of what props adorned their stage, to accommodate the impression of extra- reality.

The very practice of sublimation represents both a traditional mechanism in communication as well as a psychological coping one.

The primitive relates what he cannot otherwise explain to these extensions. Just as we have magnified divided consciousness into value through such sublimations.

When in reality, division breeds aught but ambivalence, the plague of all mankind. That is what we face when we go beyond comfort zones, beyond the strict boundaries so many prefer as orthodox science and religion.

What must we do then, when we investigate anomaly that challenges this psychological fall-back? And where over time does it leave us?

For some there is no going back, eventually there can become some psychic tear, a tear between what we wish to believe (comfort) and the darkest extrapolations our subconscious will plague our dreams.

If we persist long in trailing wonders without resolving them to our lives and the condition of the mundane existence surrounding those with whom we share experience (for, above all, we are gregarious) we will suffer. It may be in one or two of many various ways but we will suffer something tearing in becoming part of that extra-reality ourselves.

A firm frame of reference is required, no better than to be a moral core... to maintain both a perspective bearing and moral one at the same time.

You simply need a good justification for exploring into these realms, a value you can offer to others, almost all others.

That alone will save you from the disconnect between the values you will otherwise abandon but that you need to remain functioning and able to reach others.

Else this is no place to be. And what you have become cannot find place among what becomes increasingly primitive to you in comparison.

I think Keel was touched by this due to having contact, not abduction, contact.

A thing no actual contactee will ever admit. Not wisely.

JCH

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## UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

From: Jay Bluemke <[jbl3thgen.nul](mailto:jbl3thgen.nul)>  
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Subject: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

[Non-Subscriber post]

Hello, my name is Jay Bluemke. I'm the former Supervising Producer/Director of the show Ghost Hunters and the current Supervising Producer/Director on the new Sci-Fi Channel show UFO Hunters. We aired the pilot episode on Sci-Fi on Jan 30th and had a special encore presentation on Feb 6th.

The show didn't do as well as the network thought it should and now is in danger of not getting picked up for a series. The problem is that the History Channel has a show of the same title, on the same night, in the same time slot and a lot of viewers were confused. The audience was split and both shows pulled lower than expected numbers. To complicate things, the Sci-Fi Channel does not believe that there's an audience for our show (for that matter, any UFO show). It's as if they have no idea you are out there!

I believe that there is great value within the UFO community to having our show on the air. As we all know, it takes time and a lot of money to conduct a thorough UFO investigation. How great would it be to have a television network foot the bill on these investigations? We have an objectively skeptical team in NY-SPI (an offshoot of the Budd Hopkins IF group) who are eager to get out there and apply their years of experience toward researching and investigating this field. Unlike the magazine publisher on the other show, Oliver Kemenczky and Ted Davis have the history, the educational background and experience to look at a case and determine whether it has substance or not. They want to know the truth. I want to know the truth and I know you want to know the truth.

Please help support our effort by making people in your group or organization aware of our show. The network is currently deciding if it will get picked up or just cancelled after only a single pilot episode. Although we believe there is room for both shows, we feel strongly that ours is the better one and that it serves the needs of the UFO community better. If people could write to [feedback.nul](mailto:feedback.nul), they could have their voices heard on this issue. Let Sci-Fi know you're out there, and you want this series. Let them know them hear your voice and know you exist.

People can see the entire episode on YouTube. If you go to [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) and search for UFO Hunters, the clip that comes at the top of the list should be "UFO Hunters Season Premier Part 1". They can watch that to see the first episode.

Thanks so much for your time and your help.

Jay Bluemke  
Supervising Producer of UFO Hunters on Sci-Fi Channel

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## Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

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>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 01:01:45 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 20:23:29 -0500 (EST)  
>>Subject: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>The photo on that site shows a meandering "line" image with  
>numerous color changes. I don't know what the shutter time was,  
>but I assume it was several seconds. During that time the image  
>of the light was smeared or elongated into a line/ This is a  
>'time to space conversion' that allows us to see temporal  
>changes in the light, changes that would have been 'averaged  
>together' if the image had stayed in one spot. I don't know how  
>many color changes there were, but more than 50 from my attempt  
>at counting.

>The sort of image is preceded over many years before by a photo  
>taken by Brenda Pollak of Gulf Breeze. This color changing line  
>photo shows about 100 colors in 4 seconds for a color changing  
>rate of 25/sec.

>Go to:

><http://www.brumac.8k.com/GulfBreeze/Jan81990.html>

>and you can read the story of how it happened and see the photo  
>which is Photo 5 in the article. The similarity in pictures is  
>striking.

If I had the money - and it would take tons - I would start an  
institute for the study of the phenomena. It would have as its  
teaching staff people who had been trained in other fields, but  
had spend most of their careers studying paranormal/UFO  
phenomena.

Just a pipe dream. Just a pipe dream.

KK

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## Re: UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 18:19:46 +0000  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 17:15:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 03:06:45 EST  
>Subject: UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

>FOX-TV Video Report  
><http://tinyurl.com/yuabfo>

>"UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

<snips>

>Here we have a massive UFO sighted near the civilian residence  
>of the President of the United States and they're still making  
>with the lame excuses.

Lame excuses? You know this for sure?

Do you know something you need to tell the rest of us?

KK

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## Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 18:34:15 +0000  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 17:15:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 20:23:29 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>There is a new website being put together on the Stephenville incident.

>The site is under construction so keep checking back. Angelia Joiner, the  
>reporter that departed from the Stephenville Empire-Tribune, is taking  
>part in the effort to get the truth out.

>The URL is:

><http://stephenvillelights.com/>

And, what truth would that be? Have you all figure out what caused the phenomena? Yes? No? What, just another cite with another case report? Oh. Got it.

KK

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## Re: UFOs & The News Beat Down

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 19:31:57 +0000  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 18:15:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs & The News Beat Down

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 11:20:55 EST  
>Subject: UFOs & The News Beat Down

>Calling All Journalists... UFOs & The News Beat Down

>I don't know how many members of this List have been bona fide  
>members of the journalism industry but it's time for a meeting.

>The recent Stephenville, Texas UFO incident really stirred me up  
>when it became news that a senior journalist there who covered the  
>story stepped away. Steve Hammons is his name and here's the  
>article.

><http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/51832>

Greg,

You've got your wires crossed. It was Angelia Joiner who stepped  
away, or rather was fired.

And I'd get your filters cleaned and realigned. There is a very,  
very big question mark hanging over the head of Steve Hammons.

Stuart Miller  
Alien Worlds magazine  
<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

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## Re: An Observation

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 16:06:59 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 18:15:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Observation

>From: David Iadevaia <[api.nul](mailto:api.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul), UFO-UpDates.nul  
>Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 03:39:46 -0700  
>Subject: An Observation

<snip>

>In an impromptu 'experiment in observation' I demonstrated a  
>lifter (asymmetrical capacitor) to my Honors class.

Did this device operate by electrostatically creating a minute  
air current from one plate to the other caused by ionizing some  
of the air in contact with it (basically a mechanical thruster)  
or would your device work as well in a vacuum in a bell jar?

I saw an article some years back claiming that there are also  
capacitor thrusters where the capacitor is totally embedded  
in dielectric which don't use the induced motion of charged  
air to create the thrust. I think those are credited to Townsend  
Brown and are much heavier than the air current models.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Ufology Vs 9/11 Truth Movement

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 16:18:34 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 18:15:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ufology Vs 9/11 Truth Movement

>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 15:14:13 -0000  
>Subject: Ufology Vs 9/11 Truth Movement

<snip>

>(3) The material considered - Ufologists have a mass of official  
>documentation to locate and consider. "Truthers" have,  
>relatively speaking, far less such material. Ufology generally  
>involves issues relating to the accuracy of the perceptions of  
>eye-witnesses. 9/11 conspiracy research generally involves  
>issues relating to the accuracy of media reports and the  
>statements of "experts".

And a few other "minor" issues like building 7, not hit by an aircraft, which fell neatly into its footprint, the owner saying on TV he participated in the decision to "pull" it, the standard demolition term, the fact that steel frame buildings don't collapse by fire, the fact that smouldering kerosene doesn't burn hotly enough to soften 47 huge square tubing columns a couple of feet square and 4 inches wall thickness in the lower sections, those huge explosions in the WTC basement before the aircraft hit, the thermate residue found on the neatly cut sections of the columns, the fact that the military was conducting an exercise about the same scenario at the same time which was why NORAD didn't act normally, etc. Little things like that.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Breakthrough In Kumburgaz Sighting In Turkey

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 16:24:32 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 19:15:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Breakthrough In Kumburgaz Sighting In Turkey

>From: Mario A P de Barros <[marioweb.nul](mailto:marioweb.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 21:06:37 -0200  
>Subject: Re: Breakthrough In Kumburgaz Sighting In Turkey

<snip>

>This is one of those things that makes me wonder: "What else  
>more need to happen to governments, militaries, science and the  
>media disclose the truth about UFOs and alien life once and for  
>all?" Do they think people from all over the world are stupid  
>kids? Are they playing dumb with us? What are they waiting for?

In my personal opinion, the powers that be now have a  
substantial chunk of UFO technology, and they aren't "waiting",  
they want to keep that secret.

People are regularly getting tossed around, levitated, and  
harassed by technology well beyond that taught in school. I'm  
one of them. That does it for me.

Eleanor White

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## Re: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 16:45:30 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 06:39:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

>Source: Metro - London, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/yoflm8>

>Tuesday, February 12, 2008

>[Two images at site]

>UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

>It may look like just another car park on a foggy night, but an  
>amateur photographer claims it also shows a UFO.

>A disc-shaped object appears to be hovering in the night sky  
>near the top right of the picture, according to Hab Rahman, who  
>captured the image.

>The 28-year-old took the photograph near his home in Portsmouth  
>while driving home from work in thick fog.

>But he only spotted the mysterious apparition after transferring  
>the image on to his computer.

<snip>

This is another example of a UFO that was not seen at the time  
the picture was taken. Without other reported UFOs sighted on  
the same day and location, such pictures, although curiosities,  
serve to waste the limited time and valuable resources of  
researchers and often puts them against each other in futile  
debates that cannot be resolved.

According to a comment left by Philip Mantle, UFO Data Magazine,  
this UFO "is nothing more than a lens flare". It did not look  
like a lens flare to me so yesterday I left my own very brief  
comments (see below).

"If [assuming] the photo with the UFO was not cropped, since the  
axis of the UFO does not align itself with the optical axis of  
the camera lens, the lens flare explanation is not justified."

"Note that the UFO is sharper than the lamp poles and trees in  
the middle ground but not the painted white lines in the  
foreground (both of which are outlined with halos but not the  
other less distinct features). Since this picture was taken in  
the fog, this sharply defined UFO would have to be very small  
and close to the photographer."

"If the witness was indeed driving his car when this picture was  
taken, I'll grant that this UFO could be a reflection of  
something inside the car. The many ghost-like UFOs or orbs in  
the sky could then be explained as reflections off the car's  
front windshield too."

"The smaller roundish landed UFO immediately in front of the  
witness may also be a reflection or just some debris in the car  
park."

"An isolated bright UFO in the sky is hard to miss but



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reflections are easily overlooked."

Nick Balaskas - Physics & Astronomy  
York U., Toronto, Ontario,  
Canada

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## Australian UFO Sightings E-Mail List

From: Diane Frola <[auform06.nul](mailto:auform06.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 07:47:23 +1000  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 06:40:48 -0500  
Subject: Australian UFO Sightings E-Mail List

Hi

If you would like to know more of what is happening on the UFO scene here in Australia I invite you to join our Australian UFO Sightings email network.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AustralianUFOSightings/>

Warmest Regards

Diane Harrison/Frola

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## Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 16:44:33 -0600  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 06:46:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

>From: Jay Bluemke <[jbl3thgen.nul](mailto:jbl3thgen.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 08:58:44 -0800  
>Subject: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

>[Non-Subscriber post]

>Hello, my name is Jay Bluemke. I'm the former Supervising  
>Producer/Director of the show Ghost Hunters and the current  
>Supervising Producer/Director on the new Sci-Fi Channel show  
>UFO Hunters. We aired the pilot episode on Sci-Fi on  
>Jan 30th and had a special encore presentation on Feb 6th.

>The show didn't do as well as the network thought it should and  
>now is in danger of not getting picked up for a series. The  
>problem is that the History Channel has a show of the same  
>title, on the same night, in the same time slot and a lot of  
>viewers were confused.

Mr. Bluemke,

You provide a service in getting the ufological idea talked  
about in polite society and there is always room for a quality  
program. Though, it's not UFO Gladiators, after all. If it is  
someone is missing the point. There's is a lot of stuff to talk  
\_about\_ eh? Enough for all, I know.

I would see your programs complement one another, actually. Had  
coming on at different times occurred to anybody? That said,  
stuff was said perhaps needant be said and should have been  
perhaps left unsaid, so here's what Nancy Birnes co-creator of  
the HC program, and the ramrod over at UFO Magazine said, in  
turn:

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Hi Jay,

Since a portion of your e-mail alluded to "the magazine  
publisher on the other show," I think it's only fair for me, as  
the wife of that magazine publisher, to mention a few things.

The e-mail is full of innuendoes and just plain mistakes.

I don't speak for History Channel, but I can assure you that  
they are not unhappy with the number of viewers. The name  
controversy has only helped draw people to both shows. Though,  
our show has been in production for a very long time and we did  
not put a pilot on the air to mislead people into thinking it  
was a series. That would be a very bad way to start a  
relationship with an audience, I would think.

However, I do speak for the magazine mentioned - it's called UFO  
Magazine, by the way - and thanks to the efforts of thousands  
and thousands of writers over the last 22 years, it was a  
shining light when Vicki Ecker founded it in 1986 and remains a  
beacon of sanity to this day, I believe. It's not just any old  
magazine when it comes to a discussion of UFOs and their place  
in our media.

Just as it not just any magazine that the producer is talking about, Bill Birnes is also not just a publisher. He has been researching this field since 1996 and is known as the co-author of The Day After Roswell. And he's only one of four on the show. How can that producer possibly compare credentials and hope to come out ahead? Is that an example of his acumen?

We have also received information at the magazine that the entire Carteret case shown in the second-half of the show and on which the abduction sequence was based was a sad mistake of balloons on the loose. We're looking into that now, but I haven't yet posted the e-mail I received because I didn't want to inflame the situation.

However, the amount of trollish abuse that has been heaped upon our History Channel show from very suspect people has forced me to speak up. Let's start comparing facts and using our real names.

Nancy Birnes  
[www.UFOmag.com](http://www.UFOmag.com)

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You know, maybe folks don't want to get their UFO info from Science Fiction, eh? A reality to people and a decided part of the history, after all, maybe they prefer their UFO info from the History Channel because they feel so strongly it's not science fiction...

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## Sky Hunt For ETs Is Speeding Up

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 07:31:23 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 07:31:23 -0500  
Subject: Sky Hunt For ETs Is Speeding Up

Source: The Detroit News - Michigan, USA

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

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Sky Hunt For ETs Is Speeding Up

Astronomer expects contact 'within a generation'; institute will get a boost from new radiotelescope.

Carrie Peyton Dahlberg  
The Sacramento Bee

The search for extraterrestrial intelligence is gaining speed so quickly that we could soon detect radio signals from other sentient species, said an astronomer who plays a key role in the hunt.

"This isn't going to take centuries. It's going to happen within a generation" if intelligent life is as abundant as many scientists speculate, said Seth Shostak, a senior astronomer with the SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif.

An almost unimaginable number of stars are visible to our telescopes - think of a 1 with 22 zeros after it. Many of those stars, perhaps most, are orbited by planets, and "planets are kind of like kittens. You don't just have one or two," Shostak said.

In that panoply of planets, he said, it seems likely that some harbor intelligent life, although guesses about how many range from 10,000 to 1 million or more.

Founded in 1984, scraping by on donations and using time on other people's telescopes, the SETI Institute sorts through the natural radio noise of the universe, seeking narrow-band signals produced only by transmitters.

It is getting a huge boost this year, as the first phase of radio dishes for the Allen Telescope Array undergoes testing at the Hat Creek Radio Observatory near Lassen Volcanic National Park in California.

Along with the vast improvement in listening capability, SETI also is benefiting from faster computer processing power, allowing the speed of its search to double roughly every 18 months.

At that rate, astronomers ought to be able to analyze enough of the sky to pick up a signal between 2015 and 2025 if intelligent life forms are plentiful, Shostak said.

Elsewhere, in response to criticism that SETI should consider other search techniques less focused on how humans communicate, he has suggested that if nothing is found by 2028, it could be

time to try new strategies.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 19:35:04 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 07:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 01:01:45 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 20:23:29 -0500 (EST)  
>>Subject: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>The photo on that site shows a meandering "line" image with  
>numerous color changes. I don't know what the shutter time was,  
>but I assume it was several seconds. During that time the image  
>of the light was smeared or elongated into a line/ This is a  
>'time to space conversion' that allows us to see temporal  
>changes in the light, changes that would have been 'averaged  
>together' if the image had stayed in one spot. I don't know how  
>many color changes there were, but more than 50 from my attempt  
>at counting.

>The sort of image is preceded over many years before by a photo  
>taken by Brenda Pollak of Gulf Breeze. This color changing line  
>photo shows about 100 colors in 4 seconds for a color changing  
>rate of 25/sec.

>Go to:

><http://www.brumac.8k.com/GulfBreeze/Jan81990.html>

Hi Bruce, All,

You wrote:

>and you can read the story of how it happened and see the photo  
>which is Photo 5 in the article. The similarity in pictures is  
>striking.

And so are the photos and videos that Dorothy Izatt has been  
recording for years. See:

<http://www.ufobc.ca/Supernatural/StrangePhotos/dorothy2.htm>

Take the time to click through Dorothy's photo gallery at UFOBC.  
If you compare her pix with the ones from Stephenville, Tx. and  
Bruce's Gulf Breeze, Fla. pic, then truly, "The similarity in  
pictures is striking."

More grist for the mill... Enjoy,

John Velez

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From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 19:38:12 EST  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 07:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

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## Re: UFOs & The News Beat Down

From: Greg Boone <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 17:00:18 -0800  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 07:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFOs & The News Beat Down

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 19:31:57 +0000  
>Subject: Re: UFOs & The News Beat Down

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 11:20:55 EST  
>>Subject: UFOs & The News Beat Down

>>Calling All Journalists... UFOs & The News Beat Down

>>I don't know how many members of this List have been bona fide  
>>members of the journalism industry but it's time for a meeting.

>>The recent Stephenville, Texas UFO incident really stirred me up  
>>when it became news that a senior journalist there who covered the  
>>story stepped away. Steve Hammons is his name and here's the  
>>article.

>><http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/51832>

>You've got your wires crossed. It was Angelia Joiner who stepped  
>away, or rather was fired.

>And I'd get your filters cleaned and realigned. There is a very,  
>very big question mark hanging over the head of Steve Hammons.

Thanks for the reply on and off-List Stuart.

As I mentioned to you when I first read the story they had  
Hammons name as the reporter not Joiner. That struck me odd  
because I vividly recalled that the reporter from the paper was  
named Joiner. I read the piece several times and even checked  
the wire service bank and it had Hammons name in Joiner's place.  
Either that or I'm getting too old.

As for Hammons, I mentioned to you off-List that it'll take more  
than a hunch to put him in that classification. You've got to  
have something solid to go on when you categorize someone  
without doing the research first, unless you've done some and  
aren't publicly stating so first.

Yes, my filters are cleaned and realigned. You don't get as old  
as me in the neighborhoods I grew up in any other way.

Best,

Greg  
[ufomafia.com/blog](http://ufomafia.com/blog)

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## Re: UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 07:06:58 -0600  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 08:25:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

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Perhaps... but it remains why Kathy Kasten has to be so  
provocatively snarky. I've my own cultivated snarkiness, I know,  
but I believe I've well expressed reasons for being such... Ms.  
Kasten is not clear about her's. What's going on there really  
may not even be known to Ms. Kasten, but it remains she can be a  
burr in the cognitive codpiece, eh? So, maybe, it's that.

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## Re: An Observation

From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 19:31:13 -0800  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 08:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Observation

>From: David Iadevaia <[api.nul](mailto:api.nul)><[api.nul](mailto:api.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 03:39:46 -0700  
>Subject: An Observation

>In an impromptu 'experiment in observation' I demonstrated a  
>lifter (asymmetrical capacitor) to my Honors class.

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsXMoQ34pPo>)

>They all noticed that it hovered - they noticed the power supply  
>and the lifter's shape. Only one person noticed that it made  
>a "buzzing" sound. When I asked each student if they heard the  
>sound they said yes. When I asked why they didn't describe the  
>sound they said they would now that I asked them if they heard  
>a sound. It seems that the sound wasn't important but the shape  
>and the fact that it hovered was.

>While this is not a rigorous experiment by no means, is it  
>possible that the 'silent' craft are not really so silent but  
>that the hovering of an odd shape flying device catches one's  
>attention more powerfully and could bias the description of  
>what was seen?

When UFOs are seen at very close range (within a few hundred feet), a common report is of a buzz, hum, or whine. E.g., Paul R. Hill cites several examples and comments on this in his book Unconventional Flying Objects. (Section 9). More distant objects seem silent.

Hill, and some others who have looked at the physics (e.g., Dr. Robert Wood & James McCampbell), cite this as evidence that the propulsion field (whatever it is) is cyclic or oscillating in nature.

David Rudiak

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## Free Resources To Help Those New To Ufology

From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 11:15:15 -0000  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 08:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Free Resources To Help Those New To Ufology

As some of you know, I've repeatedly complained about the amount of reinvention of the wheel within ufology.

During the last year or so, in another of my various attempts to combat this problem, I've been relatively absent from discussion on UFO Updates and have instead been concentrating on posting various introductory articles on the AboveTopSecret discussion forums. Those discussion forums appear to be particularly popular with those relatively new to ufology and therefore appeared to me to be an appropriate place to post such material. (Posting introductory material on UFO Updates would probably be akin to teaching grandma to suck eggs...).

One of the more basic, but best received, pieces I have made available was a fairly simple Free UFO Researcher Starter Pack, which aims to provide links to some of the material available for free on the Internet that I thought would be found particularly useful amongst the mass of UFO websites.

Given the popularity of that article, I thought it worth mentioning on UpDates in case:

- (1) Anyone finds it useful to give a link to this material when approached by someone new to ufology;
- (2) Anyone has any suggestions for additions to, or corrections of, this introductory piece.

I'll include the table of contents below and the text of the Introduction. Given the formatting of hyperlinks used on [abovetopsecret](http://abovetopsecret.com), I can't work out how the remainder of the material can readily be reposted here - so I'll simply give a link to the Free UFO Researcher Starter Pack on that forum:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread305942/pg1>

As usual, I'm perfectly happy for any or all of this material to be reposted in whole or in part elsewhere if anyone so desires.

Kind Regards,

Isaac

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Section 6.1 : UFO discussion forums  
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Section 1 : Introduction

Various UFO books contain recommendations of the equipment which a UFO investigator should own (see the relevant Tinwiki page I created here). Jacques Vallee has written (in his book "Confrontations") that: "Along with the instrumentation in the back of his truck, anyone going into the field in an attempt to document a UFO report should be equipped with a good sense of humour, a fair dose of skepticism, and a solid background in humility".

I'd suggest that some knowledge of previous attempts to investigate UFOs would also be extremely valuable.

During the last few years, I've often voiced concern about the amount of time and effort which is completely wasted within ufology. So many people seem to be content to start from scratch, ignoring the vast amount which has already been written about ufo reports. The rate of progress within ufology is slow (or possibly even non-existent). This will never change unless the amount of reinvention of the wheel within ufology is reduced.

So, what can be done?

Rather than simply moan about it, a few years ago I decided that it would be useful to draw together some references to books and other material. I've previously circulated a 1,800 page Chronology which attempted to draw together references relating to some of the more frequently discussed matters in the history of Ufology and SETI (see Section 2.3 below). However, that Chronology was aimed at researchers that wanted to find references to discussion of a particular incident or document, rather than providing recommendations for reading for those new to ufology. There are, of course, already a number of lists of recommending reading online, but few of these lists take into account the cost of the books recommended. However, for a relatively small amount of money, it is possible to buy a fairly informative set of UFO books that would take your level of understanding beyond that evident in most on-line discussions of this topic. I'll post recommendations for a cheap "starter pack" (based on a budget of, say, \$30 or \$50) in another post. However, I'll start with this post on material which can be obtained for free.

Given my view that there is a massive gap between the material about UFOs available off-line (in a mass of books and magazines) and the relatively limited material available on-line, some of you may not be surprised to hear that I think a library card is probably the single most valuable item that a UFO researcher can obtain for free. Other than that, it really is a matter of trying to find the more useful on-line resources.

Finding useful and interesting material about UFOs on the

internet involves a considerable amount of sorting the wheat from the chaff. I've set out below some of the results of my own attempt to do this sorting during the last few years.

Sections 2 to 6 are at the link below:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread305942/pg1>

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## Why Don't Americans Believe UFOs Are Real?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 08:50:00 -0500  
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Source: OpEdNews.Com - Newtown, Pennsylvania, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/23p9tn>

February 14, 2008

Why Don't Americans Believe UFOs Are Real?  
by Franklin Fields [photograph]

Public opinion polls about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) have been conducted by a large number of organizations over the years. While the numbers have varied, the general results show that the public is very aware of UFO sightings and is interested in what may be causing them. Many also show concern that the government is either hiding the truth, or not doing enough to resolve the mystery.

Given that this is a concern, it is incredible that most people don't look into the evidence. Moreover, when clearly defining UFOs to mean those vehicles that are of non-earth origin, the majority of Americans either doubts their existence or don't believe in their reality at all. Many even refuse to accept that UFOs and the extraterrestrials (ETs) that occupy them are real even when presented with clear proof.

Some of the confusion is directly related to a misinformation campaign that is being waged against the public. It is obvious that our government knows about the reality of UFOs. Furthermore, it is clear that the government is engaged in a conspiracy to hide the truth. However, if Americans will look the truth is obtainable. These are extraordinary statements but there is plenty of evidence to substantiate them.

In a courtroom, witnesses would be used extensively to establish facts. They are usually the primary means of proving facts in a trial. Of course other evidence is admitted but witnesses are usually the heart of the argument. The case for UFOs and ETs is no different. Witness testimony is available and other forms of evidence are available as well.

Americans should start by looking at the solid testimony from over 450 corporate and military witnesses that has been accumulated by two disclosure initiatives. These disclosure witnesses have openly stated they are willing to testify, under oath and before Congress about their direct encounters with UFO crash site investigations, secret UFO documents, UFO photographic evidence, UFO radar reports and recovered crashed ET vehicles. See: [www.disclosureproject.com](http://www.disclosureproject.com) and <http://www.freedomofinfo.org/>

Jurisprudential evidence of this quality does not get any better, especially when witnesses possess the ranks of Brigadier Generals, Commander of ICBM Launch facilities, Senior FAA Crash Site Investigators, astronauts, pilots and officers with above top secret clearance. This testimony is the tip of the iceberg and is only a good starting point.

Many Governments have started releasing previously classified data on ETs and UFOs. France was the first, in March 2007 the French National Space Agency placed 1600 previously classified UFO sighting reports into the public domain for examination; beginning the process of full disclosure of non-Earth origin craft. Similarly, the United Kingdom in May 2007 began a disclosure initiative. Other countries have started to follow suit. It is time for Americans to examine their evidence and the United States to disclose as well.

The United Nations General Assembly has voted to invite U.N. Member States "to take appropriate steps to coordinate on a national level scientific research and investigation into extraterrestrial life, including unidentified flying objects, and to inform the Secretary-General." Why doesn't the United States respond to the U.N.?

Canada has moved toward a response. The Honorable Paul Hellyer, a former Canadian Defense Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, stated publicly in September 2005 at the University of Toronto's Convocation Hall before the press and over 500 people, "UFOs, are as real as the airplanes that fly over your head."

Clearly the evidence proving this case is abundant. The fact is men have been executed in America with less evidence presented at their trial. Then why don't Americans believe UFOs are real? The answer is, because they will not examine the evidence.

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Franklin D. Fields, Jr. was an Army Officer and has traveled extensively around the world. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal for leadership while serving as a unit commander in Iraq. His civilian education includes a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Florida. Frank currently works as an attorney and owns a real estate investment company.

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## History Replete With ET Life Allusions

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Subject: History Replete With ET Life Allusions

Source: The Miami Student - Miami Unniversity, Oxford, Ohio, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2b4xni>

Issue date: 2/15/08

History Replete With Allusions To Extraterrestrial Life  
by Creel O'Neil

So this article is going to be very different than most of the others that you'll find here in The Miami Student. Being in the Op-Ed section, I'm going to espouse my opinion on something that most people don't think about very often and can sometimes be very taboo. How often do you look into the sky? How often do you wonder about the universe around you? More importantly, how often do you think about your own existence in that universe?

Our galaxy alone is home to billions of stars. With that many stars floating around we're looking at the potential for billions of planetary bodies. In fact the last estimate I read from NASA suggested there could be between 50 and 60 million Earth-like bodies in our galaxy alone. It has always bothered me that people think we're alone in this galaxy, let alone the entire expanse of the universe. We're an extremely young species, in a very young solar system, in a medium sized galaxy. The possibility that species which have existed for thousands or millions, if not billions, of years longer than we have is definitely there. If you look at a picture taken from the Hubble telescope of the galaxies outside our own, you will notice that the sky is filled with less noticeable farther away galaxies. In fact, every smudge, dot, mark and spot in the picture is an entire galaxy. Each one of those contains billions of stars, if not more, and the possibility for an unbelievable number of planetary bodies.

Even those pictures, the most beautiful of which can ever be witnessed by human eyes in today's world, didn't really get me thinking about the possibility of life outside of our solar system. It was a friend who brought an interesting point and a few life changing pictures and documents to my attention. He brought me pictures of cave drawings made by humans, well before the dawn of civilization, showing all sorts of depictions. The strangest of all of these happened to be, and I kid you not, drawings of people with bubbles around their heads standing near, or coming out of disk shaped objects. Some of these beings had big, strange eyes and appeared to be wearing some kind of suit, just as we picture the travelers from beyond to be today. The next thing he showed me were translated texts from Alexander the Great's journal wherein he described two encounters with what he called two flying and flaming silver shields. The first instance, the objects followed his army for days, harassing them as they marched on the warpath. In the second encounter, the objects hung in the air as Alexander's army attempted to siege a city. He continued on to say that the objects released a beam of light onto the wall, making it crumble and allowing Alexander's forces to enter the city. The strange thing to note about this

event, even though no archeological evidence can be found at the ruins of the city today, is that the people within the city recorded the same events.

Not knowing what to do with that information, and the plethora of other information being handed to me I started to feel as if I had lost my mind. Then patterns began to emerge. It is an interesting parallel that all of the beings, from across the worlds many ancient and modern religions, seem to come from the sky. Stories written and told by people who didn't know anything about the space beyond our atmosphere, just that it was the land of "heavens." Now, with physics opening up to the possibility of around twelve dimensions and the idea that there may be multiple universes as well as higher states of energetic existence, space travel for advanced beings, or inter-dimensional ones for that matter, does not seem that far off. In fact, some of our leading physicists are already theorizing such things.

So the next time we look at the sky, we have to remember that we don't really know what's out there. Or, for that matter, what could come from all of those dimensions and planes of energy. What boggles my mind the most, however, is the thought that human history may not be just human.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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Source: The Southern Daily Echo - Southampton, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/yqjulg>

Feb 15, 2008

A Close Encounter Of The M27 Kind?  
By Maheesha Kottegoda

This is the bizarre UFO sighting which stunned a Southampton family when it loomed above the motorway.

The Daily Echo has recreated above what they say appeared before them on the M27 near the city. The family of four was travelling west on the motorway near junction 3 when the strange shape came into view. They then followed it on the A31 before it disappeared.

The family wishes to remain anonymous for fear of being ridiculed, but the mother said: "This large dark object was becoming more visible. It appeared to have a triangular shape to it but with our movement and the object's movement it was hard to say a shape for sure."

Her partner, and two children aged eight and 12, all saw the object on Saturday at 6.20pm and described it as triangular from one direction and oval from another with no distinct outline. The 30-year-old said: "It could have been the size of a jumbo jet but it was not moving fast, more hovering. As we went past Rownhams we could see it to our left. I did not feel scared.

"You try to put it down to rational things. It could have been a cloud but when we saw a helicopter beaming its lights down we knew it was something strange. She said: "It was unmissable and with the amount of traffic on the road I refuse to believe thousands of people on the road did not see it. I don't want people to think I am a raving lunatic.

"We saw what we are certain to be a helicopter dwarfed by this large object. The helicopter was quite a bit higher up than the UFO and it was aiming its lights down towards the object.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## New Solar System Boosts Possibility Of Alien Life

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 09:50:00 -0500  
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Source: The Daily Telegraph - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3ay5lj>

14/02/2008

New Solar System Boosts Possibility Of Alien Life

By Nic Fleming  
Science Correspondent

A planetary system with remarkable similarities to our own has been discovered, potentially increasing the chances of finding extra-terrestrial life.

[Links]:

- # Beatles space broadcast 'risks alien attack'
- # Alien worlds suggest Earth-like planets
- # Time travellers from the future 'could be here in weeks'

Astronomers have identified two new planets orbiting a star about half the size of our sun some 5,000 light-years away.

The system, called OGLE-2006-BLG-109L, resembles a slightly scaled down version of our Solar system because the two gas giant planets are similar sizes relative to their star as Jupiter and Saturn are to our sun.

The smaller planet is roughly twice as far from its star as the larger one, just as Saturn is about twice as far from the sun as Jupiter.

Planetary scientists who discovered them believe there could be rocky planets, like Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars, closer to the star.

Of around 250 planets so far discovered only 25 are known to be in systems with multiple planets.

The discovery of OGLE-2006-BLG-109L, highlighted in the journal Science, has excited astronomers because it suggests there could be large numbers of other planetary systems which take a similar form to our own.

Researchers searching for extraterrestrial life generally assume the most likely locations will be rocky planets in the so-called "habitable zone" - the region of a planetary system in which temperatures would allow water to remain in liquid form.

Keith Horne, Professor of Astronomy at St Andrews University, said: "Here we have a system where the two largest planets are similar to the two largest in our own system.

"This is something of a surprise. It may indicate that planetary systems like our own are relatively common.

"Once we know that planets similar to Earth are common, it is straightforward to go ahead on finding them and investigating whether these harbour any forms of life."

The newly discovered system was identified by a world-wide network of 11 telescopes, including the UK's Liverpool Telescope on the Canary Islands.

It was found through the use of gravitational microlensing - a method that takes advantage of the tendency of light rays to bend as they pass close to large objects such as stars.

The gravity of the intervening object warps surrounding space and magnifies light from objects in the background.

The technique was first proposed by Albert Einstein. For it to work, a star must pass almost directly between the observer and the planet or star being observed.

Scott Gaudi, assistant professor of astronomy at Ohio State University, said: "Theorists have wondered whether gas giants in other solar systems would form in the same way as ours did. This system seems to answer in the affirmative."

Dr Martin Dominik, also of the University of St Andrews, said: "While most planetary systems around other stars substantially differ from the Solar system, a series of recent detections have brought us closer and closer to home.

"Sooner rather than later, someone can be expected to discover an Earth-mass planet orbiting a star other than the sun - and it could be us."

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## Re: An Observation

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 14:43:45 -0000  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 10:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Observation

>From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 19:31:13 -0800  
>Subject: Re: An Observation

<snip>

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>Robert Wood & James McCampbell), cite this as evidence that the  
>propulsion field (whatever it is) is cyclic or oscillating in  
>nature.

Hello David,

Much of the anecdotal information from encounters and even  
willing 'quasi-abductions' says that seems to be correct, also  
that some observed disc-craft contain a central 'shaft' or  
structure which seems to rotate, and furthermore that globe or  
disc-craft are often seen to emit a 'beam' of light or radiation  
downwards during landing or take-off - and that some folk've  
been 'burned' by such emitted radiation.

All that seems consistent with the use of an inertial drive  
(sort-of anti-gravity) where the effective 'thrust' is produced  
by a centrally aligned fast-rotating field of some sort.  
Regardless of the actual mechanics employed, i.e. whether  
rotation is physically or electronically induced, there would  
tend to be a by-product or spillover of high frequency noise  
and/or radiation.

We could imagine that more advanced technologies would also be  
the 'quietest', unless the occupants happen to be immune to some  
frequencies of noise or radiation.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: An Observation

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 09:59:58 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 10:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: An Observation

>From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 19:31:13 -0800  
>Subject: Re: An Observation

>>From: David Iadevaia <[api.nul](mailto:api.nul)><[api.nul](mailto:api.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 03:39:46 -0700  
>>Subject: An Observation

>>In an impromptu 'experiment in observation' I demonstrated a  
>>lifter (asymmetrical capacitor) to my Honors class.

>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsXMoQ34pPo>)

>>They all noticed that it hovered - they noticed the power supply  
>>and the lifter's shape. Only one person noticed that it made  
>>a "buzzing" sound. When I asked each student if they heard the  
>>sound they said yes. When I asked why they didn't describe the  
>>sound they said they would now that I asked them if they heard  
>>a sound. It seems that the sound wasn't important but the shape  
>>and the fact that it hovered was.

>>While this is not a rigorous experiment by no means, is it  
>>possible that the 'silent' craft are not really so silent but  
>>that the hovering of an odd shape flying device catches one's  
>>attention more powerfully and could bias the description of  
>>what was seen?

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>Robert Wood & James McCampbell), cite this as evidence that the  
>propulsion field (whatever it is) is cyclic or oscillating in  
>nature.

Hi David, David, Everyone!

Modern science and our own understanding of this vast universe  
which we are a part of is determined largely on the input from  
our five known senses.

When encountering the unknown, this generation growing up with  
iPods, cell phones, YouTube, etc. may create sounds or music in  
their minds that they associate with past similar experiences.  
This may explain why two observers of the same event report  
having heard different sounds.

Sometimes what was recorded on a cassette player may not sound  
like what was perceived at the time or recalled later by the  
witnesses.

A case in point are the audio recording of beeping sounds by  
York U. astronomy professor, Chris Purton, when he investigated

UFO sightings in 1975 where metallic sounds were reported.

Fellow colleagues in astronomy have even reported hearing sounds while observing the aurora - high altitude solar storms in our atmosphere - or when a bright fireball was spotted.

The only way I've been able to hear meteors was with a radio receiver in much the same way I could hear the lightning strikes from distant storms and was very skeptical about such reports.

I eventually learned from others such as meteor expert Peter Brown (who uses passive radar to detect UFOs in space) that people can and do hear sounds of fireballs or the aurora with their ears alone.

As with all things in life, the sounds we hear or associate to certain events or sightings is worthy of further investigation.

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

From: Jay Bluemke <[jb13thgen.nul](mailto:jb13thgen.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 08:50:15 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 17:04:47 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 16:44:33 -0600  
>Subject: Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

>>From: Jay Bluemke <[jb13thgen.nul](mailto:jb13thgen.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 08:58:44 -0800  
>>Subject: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

>>[Non-Subscriber post]

>>Hello, my name is Jay Bluemke. I'm the former Supervising  
>>Producer/Director of the show Ghost Hunters and the current  
>>Supervising Producer/Director on the new Sci-Fi Channel show  
>>UFO Hunters. We aired the pilot episode on Sci-Fi on  
>>Jan 30th and had a special encore presentation on Feb 6th.

>>The show didn't do as well as the network thought it should and  
>>now is in danger of not getting picked up for a series. The  
>>problem is that the History Channel has a show of the same  
>>title, on the same night, in the same time slot and a lot of  
>>viewers were confused.

>Mr. Bluemke,

>You provide a service in getting the ufological idea talked  
>about in polite society and there is always room for a quality  
>program. Though, it's not UFO Gladiators, after all. If it is  
>someone is missing the point. There's a lot of stuff to talk  
>\_about\_ eh? Enough for all, I know.

>I would see your programs complement one another, actually. Had  
>coming on at different times occurred to anybody? That said,  
>stuff was said perhaps needant be said and should have been  
>perhaps left unsaid, so here's what Nancy Birnes co-creator of  
>the HC program, and the ramrod over at UFO Magazine said, in  
>turn:

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>Hi Jay,

>Since a portion of your e-mail alluded to "the magazine  
>publisher on the other show," I think it's only fair for me, as  
>the wife of that magazine publisher, to mention a few things.

>The e-mail is full of innuendoes and just plain mistakes.

>I don't speak for History Channel, but I can assure you that  
>they are not unhappy with the number of viewers. The name  
>controversy has only helped draw people to both shows. Though,  
>our show has been in production for a very long time and we did  
>not put a pilot on the air to mislead people into thinking it  
>was a series. That would be a very bad way to start a  
>relationship with an audience, I would think.

>However, I do speak for the magazine mentioned - it's called UFO  
>Magazine, by the way - and thanks to the efforts of thousands



>and thousands of writers over the last 22 years, it was a  
>shining light when Vicki Ecker founded it in 1986 and remains a  
>beacon of sanity to this day, I believe. It's not just any old  
>magazine when it comes to a discussion of UFOs and their place  
>in our media.

>Just as it not just any magazine that the producer is talking  
>about, Bill Birnes is also not just a publisher. He has been  
>researching this field since 1996 and is known as the co-author  
>of The Day After Roswell. And he's only one of four on the show.  
>How can that producer possibly compare credentials and hope to  
>come out ahead? Is that an example of his acumen?

>We have also received information at the magazine that the  
>entire Carteret case shown in the second-half of the show and on  
>which the abduction sequence was based was a sad mistake of  
>balloons on the loose. We're looking into that now, but I  
>haven't yet posted the e-mail I received because I didn't want  
>to inflame the situation.

>However, the amount of trollish abuse that has been heaped upon  
>our History Channel show from very suspect people has forced me  
>to speak up. Let's start comparing facts and using our real  
>names.

>Nancy Birnes  
>[www.UFOmag.com](http://www.UFOmag.com)

Unfortunately, in an email it's very difficult to ascertain  
tone. It's also unfortunate that someone can take an email and  
add an inflammatory headline to it and stir up all kinds of  
chaos.

Those who know me know I don't think or act with a  
mean-spirited bone in my body. I always assume people are good  
until proven otherwise.

What you read in my email (without the inflammatory headline and  
the extracted lines which don't sound the same when read out of  
context) was my passion and enthusiasm for my show. That's it.

It was never meant to be interpreted as disrespect toward Mr.  
Birnes as I don't even know him. I did respond to Nancy directly  
and we sent a couple very nice emails back and forth. I  
congratulated her and her husband on their success and she  
offered to send me the magazine. \

Things are cool.

-Jay Bluemke

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## Re: Why Don't Americans Believe UFOs Are Real?

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 16:31:06 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 17:35:13 -0500  
Subject: Re: Why Don't Americans Believe UFOs Are Real?

>Source: OpEdNews.Com - Newtown, Pennsylvania, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/23p9tn>

>February 14, 2008

>Why Don't Americans Believe UFOs Are Real?  
>by Franklin Fields [photograph]

<snip>

>Then why dont Americans believe UFOs are real?  
>The answer is, because they will not examine the evidence.

And that's why my suggestion for a single sheet "best  
evidence" flyer could provide major payback.

This forum would make it easy to arrive at pretty well  
agreed-upon contents.

Eleanor White

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## Jets Chase UFOs What's New?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 17:42:43 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 17:42:43 -0500  
Subject: Jets Chase UFOs What's New?

Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080215/BLOG32/424961047>

Feb. 15, 2008 at 4:03 p.m.

Jets Chase UFOs - What's New?  
Billy Cox

After tendering initial denials, the Air Force admitted it dispatched F-16s - 10 of them - into the Texas skies near Stephenville on the early evening of Jan. 8. The exercise was described as a routine training mission that had nothing to do with the fact that a gigantic UFO was in the area, that dozens saw it, and that the thing appeared to be headed toward restricted airspace around President Bush's Crawford ranch.

But military pilots do chase UFOs. It's a secret, but it's not. Like airborne missiles and unidentified submarines, UFOs are itemized suspects in flight manuals, and filing procedures are detailed under Communications Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings.

As California researcher John Greenewald discovered years ago, those CIRVIS reports are forwarded to the North American Aerospace Defense Command, with this Catch-22 attached by Peterson Air Force Base, home to the U.S. Northern Command:

"NORAD is a binational command established by Volume 33, United States Treaties (UST) page 1277 subject to control of both Canadian and U.S. Government agencies as defined in the Act and consequently is not subject to US FOIA."

You get the picture.

But there was a time, half a century ago, before the curtain came down for good, when its official investigations were still marginally in the public domain, that the USAF acknowledged the seriousness of what it was up against.

The UFO wave that crested above the nation's capitol in July 1952 is largely forgotten, but last year, a book called "Shoot Them Down" took another look at what may well have happened when the Pentagon directed its pilots to open fire.

Tedious, meandering, weighted with superfluous details, and enthusiastically speculative, Frank Feschino's self-published "Shoot Them Down" hasn't made it out of the UFO subculture. But maybe it should. After 17 years of combing through accident reports and newspaper archives and traveling countless miles to interview eyewitnesses, Feschino has assembled a portrait of a response system in disarray during the early days of the phenomenon.

"Just look at the numbers," says the professional artist from

his home in Port Orange. "We lost a hell of a lot of planes and pilots on 'routine missions'."

Next time: The numbers.

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 17:07:25 -0600  
Archived: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 11:34:52 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

>From: Jay Bluemke <[jbl3thgen.nul](mailto:jbl3thgen.nul)>  
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>>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 16:44:33 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

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>Things are cool.

>-Jay Bluemke

I smell synergy! Consider, for example, how one unit not in  
position can communicate efficacious information to a unit which  
is in position. Greater than the sum of parts.

Together, a lever to lift the scab on this thing whatever's  
found - including discredit, or what's the point!

The FBI and the CIA actually working together with internecine  
squabbles forgotten... and finding DB Cooper! Be on the cutting  
edge, gratify a few - astonish the rest! Co-operate and  
graduate!

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## Re: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <[bert.nul](mailto:bert.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 00:51:13 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 13:30:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <[bert.nul](mailto:bert.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 02:04:17 +0100  
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2008 11:54 PM  
>Subject: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

>>Source: Metro - London, UK

>><http://tinyurl.com/yoflm8>

>>Tuesday, February 12, 2008

>>[Two images at site]

>>UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

>>It may look like just another car park on a foggy night, but an  
>>amateur photographer claims it also shows a UFO.

>>A disc-shaped object appears to be hovering in the night sky  
>>near the top right of the picture, according to Hab Rahman, who  
>>captured the image.

>><snip>

>>I enhanced that photo and is here:

>><http://tinyurl.com/287ozx>

>>It looks like as if there is a face/head with a nose and two  
>>eyes!

>><http://tinyurl.com/277x74>

I thought that the photo here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2w3nr4>

was tampered with and examined it with Irfanview. But the  
result was that the face is better to see and now I can say that  
I believe that the person in that craft is an Iargan.

Here are the results:

<http://tinyurl.com/3cf49g>

<http://tinyurl.com/3b4bvq>

<http://tinyurl.com/38fras>

Here:

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Source of the face and a true story:

<http://hdebruijn.soo.dto.tudelft.nl/denaerde/IargaIntro.htm>

For more information Google Iarga

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## Re: Why Don't Americans Believe UFOs Are Real?

From: **Brad Sparks** <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 21:06:05 EST  
Archived: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 13:30:26 -0500  
Subject: Re: Why Don't Americans Believe UFOs Are Real?

>Source: OpEdNews.Com - Newtown, Pennsylvania, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/23p9tn>

>February 14, 2008

>Why Don't Americans Believe UFOs Are Real?  
>by Franklin Fields [photograph]

Why don't you present the opinion poll results first before drawing such broad conclusions? Last I heard a majority of Americans polled, like around 57%, "believe" in UFO's.

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Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 06:12:28 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 13:36:14 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <[bert.nul](mailto:bert.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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## Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 17:58:22 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 14:04:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

>From: Jay Bluemke <[jb13thgen.nul](mailto:jb13thgen.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 08:50:15 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

I have looked at the two programs on the internet, and I feel that your SciFi program is definitely the better. There are some good parts in the program of History Channel, but I have been impressed by the quality and seriousness of the two investigations made in New Jersey by the NY SPI team.

Congratulations for this good work! I hope that you can go on with that show.

Regarding Bill Birnes and his UFO Magazine, I had good contacts with Don and Vicky Ecker, but was very disappointed when they published 13 favorable pages on the Raelians. They had asked me for a page on the career of Vorhilon alias Rael, and I gave it to them but they did not publish one word of it. It was well documented on the shaky beginnings of Rael in France, but not palatable to them, apparently. Later, Don Ecker explained that it was the editorial line of Bill Birnes. I stopped subscribing to the magazine after that.

I have not followed closely this bizarre episode or two shows being aired at the same time with the same title, but I would like to understand how such a blunder could happen.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: Free Resources To Help Those New To Ufology

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 12:15:13 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 14:07:32 -0500  
Subject: Re: Free Resources To Help Those New To Ufology

>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 11:15:15 -0000  
>Subject: Free Resources To Help Those New To Ufology

>As some of you know, I've repeatedly complained about the amount  
>of reinvention of the wheel within ufology.

>During the last year or so, in another of my various attempts to  
>combat this problem, I've been relatively absent from discussion  
>on UFO Updates and have instead been concentrating on posting  
>various introductory articles on the AboveTopSecret discussion  
>forums. Those discussion forums appear to be particularly  
>popular with those relatively new to ufology and therefore  
>appeared to me to be an appropriate place to post such material.  
>(Posting introductory material on UFO Updates would probably be  
>akin to teaching grandma to suck eggs...).

><http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread305942/pg1>

>As usual, I'm perfectly happy for any or all of this material to  
>be reposted in whole or in part elsewhere if anyone so desires.

Looks like an excellent reference source.

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## Re: Cydonian Imperative

From: **Mac Tonnies** <[macbot.nul](mailto:macbot.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 00:02:00 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 14:45:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Cydonian Imperative

2-16-2008

Dear Readers,

I've ceased posting Mars anomaly updates on my Cydonian Imperative site, but I continue to write about Mars anomalies and evidence for extraterrestrial visitation on my all-purpose blog, Posthuman Blues:

<http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com>

Thanks to 'tags', you can now read only Mars-related posts by visiting the following URL:

<http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com/search/label/mars>

Have I abandoned interest in the Cydonia controversy? Not a chance. In fact, I intend to bring the issue to a wider audience by posting to my new SETI blog, available here:

<http://www.seti.com/blog>

Alas, I'm disbanding the Cydonian Imperative Yahoo Groups list. For status updates, please visit:

<http://www.mactonnies.com/cydonia.html>

Thanks for your support and best wishes for 2008!

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## UFO Sighting Nearly Wrecked Our Car

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 14:45:00 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 14:45:00 -0500  
Subject: UFO Sighting Nearly Wrecked Our Car

Source: ic Coventry - Coventry, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/ywghl4>

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UFO Sighting In Bubbenhall Nearly Wrecked Our Car, Say Couple  
By Les Reid

Strange sightings of a spinning orange object shooting from the sky have been reported by a shocked Warwickshire couple.

Terrified Cliff and Carol Sheldon say the flashing orange mass nearly smashed into their car in Bubbenhall on Monday night.

They say it was cylindrical in shape, and about half the size of their Vauxhall Corsa.

The down-to-earth couple from Stretton-on-Dunsmore say they have always been sceptical about UFOs.

But the grandparents of-five are in no doubt about what they saw.

Their claims have been backed by a Warwick University professor with an interest in UFOs. He said they may have seen a meteorite, also known as a shooting star.

Cliff, aged 63, who has recently retired from his garage business, Manhattan Motors in Earlsdon, Coventry, said: "I just saw a great big thing spinning round with lights on.

"Carol was panicking saying: 'That might explode - go, go, go'.

"It was a clear night and I thought 'blinkin' 'eck, what's that?' It could have been something burning. There is no doubt that it was real, and we are genuine."

Carol, aged 58, described a flat round structure 'like a giant dinner plate' that was flashing orange.

She said: "I put my fingers in my ear and thought it was going to explode. We were both terrified and shocked.

"It was moving very fast and we thought it was going to hit the car. It looked like it must have come down in the fields nearby.

"We reported it to the police although I don't suppose they believed us. But there is no way you could make something up like that."

Their UFO sighting was at 9pm on Stoneleigh Road in Bubbenhall, though nearby Coventry Airport reported "nothing untoward" on the night in question.



But Dr Jack Cohen, a professor and scientist from Warwick University who researches UFOs, said: "It's more likely to be a meteorite than a flying saucer. My guess is there are two or three a day coming down in England.

"It's not unreasonable that one could have come down close to someone."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: "We do from time to time get people reporting this kind of thing to us, particularly if they want to check military aircraft movement.

"But we're not aware of anything reported to us that would corroborate that claim from Monday night."

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## Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 11:43:22 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 14:45:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 19:35:04 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 01:01:45 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>>>From: Franklin Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Tue, 12 Feb 2008 20:23:29 -0500 (EST)  
>>>Subject: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>>The photo on that site shows a meandering "line" image with  
>>numerous color changes. I don't know what the shutter time was,  
>>but I assume it was several seconds. During that time the image  
>>of the light was smeared or elongated into a line/ This is a  
>>'time to space conversion' that allows us to see temporal  
>>changes in the light, changes that would have been 'averaged  
>>together' if the image had stayed in one spot. I don't know how  
>>many color changes there were, but more than 50 from my attempt  
>>at counting.

>>The sort of image is preceded over many years before by a photo  
>>taken by Brenda Pollak of Gulf Breeze. This color changing line  
>>photo shows about 100 colors in 4 seconds for a color changing  
>>rate of 25/sec.

>>Go to:

>><http://www.brumac.8k.com/GulfBreeze/Jan81990.html>

>Hi Bruce, All,

>You wrote:

>>and you can read the story of how it happened and see the photo  
>>which is Photo 5 in the article. The similarity in pictures is  
>>striking.

>And so are the photos and videos that Dorothy Izatt has been  
>recording for years. See:>

><http://www.ufobc.ca/Supernatural/StrangePhotos/dorothy2.htm>

>Take the time to click through Dorothy's photo gallery at UFOBC.  
>If you compare her pix with the ones from Stephenville, Tx. and  
>Bruce's Gulf Breeze, Fla. pic, then truly, "The similarity in  
>pictures \_is\_ striking."

Yes, but not as striking as I had hoped to see. They show  
typical long exposure photos of small but bright lights. I  
suspect that these exposures occurred at times when she was  
filming "something" but stopped the camera and the shutter  
remained open. Sometimes the shutter closes and sometimes it  
remains open when one turns off the camera. What I hope to see

was that in any one of the "zig-zag-curly" (ZC) line images one would see color changes, Instead, I see 3 at least 3 ZC lines, each of a different, and constant, color. What makes a ZC image? Typically hand vibration: it is impossible to hold a camera perfectly still with your hands alone. Usually, however, the shutter of the camera closes quickly so that only a short portion of what would be a ZC image is recorded. In movie film or video one may see image motion from frame to frame that is ZC.

ZC motion is superimposed on any actual motion of the object relative to the optic axis (central sighting line) of the camera

In the GB and Stephenville photos there is only one ZC image, but that image has multiple colors indicating that there was a single light and it was changing color. We (humans) don't have aircraft carrying lights that change color rapidly. The standard lighting for aircraft is red, green and white. The white and red lights may flash or pulsate (white flashing beacon, red pulsating beacon).

Incidentally, I have never seen the ZC type of terminology used before, so it may be a new addition to the lexicon, such as the recently invented "blurfo".

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From: **Mario A P de Barros** <[marioweb.nul](mailto:marioweb.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 20:10:42 -0200  
Archived: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 17:44:26 -0500  
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From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 14:28:17 -0800  
Archived: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 17:47:24 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <[bert.nul](mailto:bert.nul)>  
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Hi, Bert & List

Sorry, Bert, but no cigar, here. And your references to the image in the Rahman photoshopped hoax picture somehow resembling the face of an alien "Iargan" really make no sense. If you want to really know the source and origin of the image used by Rahman to fake the appearance of a "ufo" above a foggy British car park, see the following link, about 2/3's down the page at an abovetopsecret.com forum site about this fabrication:

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

The image source is from one of the notorious Billy Meier "beamship" hoaxed photos, which Rahman simply fuzzed, added a bit of color to, and then fairly crudely inserted into the car park scene with Photoshop.

As a matter of fact, the image match from one of Meier's fake pictures to what Rahman actually used is so close as to be almost exact, as can be seen by the outline of the "ufo" image in the car park picture, the slightly down left tilt of the 'shopped artifact, and the two slightly brighter bulbous protuberances or patches shown in the "car park" photo at the inserted image's midline. At the link above, you can see two separate forms of match, one by "IAttackPeople," and one even more self-evident by one of the Above Top Secret forum participants who has some computer graphics background, "jritzmann" (John Ritzmann), who shows not only the original Meier photo compared to the slightly obscured version used by Hab Rahman, but also employs a very effective little animation to show how well the original Meier fake lines up in all pertinent details to the one modified and used by Rahman.

In addition, despite the article written about this Rahman photo by two journalists (Rachel Hine and Sue Wade) for the British Portsmouth News, (see: <http://tinyurl.com/3dvuxe> ), if you review the 4 pages of comments noted below the original article promoting this hoax, and one of the link-backs

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at the ATS page concerned, that at least two people who know Rahman and/or attended one of his college computer graphics courses say that Rahman has done this kind of ufo fake photo before in order to try and impress the gullible and to gain some small degree of noteriety in the press by fabricating photos such as the one that appeared (in intentionally very small size) on the Portsmouth News online site. And, finally, if you use the webpage enlargement feature in a browser such as MS Internet Explorer 7 on that online image at the News, you can see the very same digital compression pixelation outline artifacts around both the "ufo" and the digitally inserted red arrow put in by the News, pointing from the overlaying enlargement of the "ufo" to the larger-scale underlying photo of the foggy car park, pointing at the image on (or rather inserted into!) the original picture taken by sly Mr. Rahman.

He did it for the "lulz," and a bit of money, and his 15 nano-seconds of infamy, apparently. This syndrome, and even worse the quality of journalists and media outlets like the News (owned by a corporate media conglomerate, Johnston Press, which owns a number of relatively small UK newspapers), who either don't vet adequately or intentionally go with photos they either do or should suspect are fake, just for the increased circulation and financial returns from putting out stories like this one knowingly, is a sad comment on not only the individuals who hoax pictures for their own gain, but even more seriously, the media which aids and promotes them for some of the same, misleading,

and disinformational purposes, for PR and pecuniary gain.

Sad, but true, and likely to increase over time as digitization of both imagery and media resources ala the internet continue to spread and expand in competition with each other for the almighty dollar (or English pound, in this case) by providing disinfotainment to their readers as if the stories or pics were real or authentic, and thus undermining and dissipating their already uncertain and rather shaky "credibility" just to profer titillation and sensation for the purposes, underneath it all, of making a buck at the expense of the truth, and to muddy the waters and subvert the real scientific and rational interest in those interested in and researching objectively the actual ufo phenomena.

At least that's my humble opinion and take on the matter, and this process and attitude about feeding media consumers this kind of crap does no one any good other than the personal and financial "gain" of it's less than honest purveyors. Feh on them and their ilk. It's really quite stupid and mean-spirited, IMHO. Oh well, no one ever should think that such boneheads or media manipulators were ever in it for the true, ethical investigation of the facts in the first place, but it's really counter-intuitive if you think about it, as the short-term gain, when exposed, leads to long-term loss of credibility, integrity, and proper journalistic ethical standards. Case closed.

Steve Sawyer

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## Miraculous Mud Ponds Left by Alien Spaceships

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 09:26:29 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 09:26:29 -0500  
Subject: Miraculous Mud Ponds Left by Alien Spaceships

Source: NeatORama. Com

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

February 15, 2008

Links & image at site]

Miraculous Mud Ponds In Peru Left by Alien Spaceships

People are flocking to a remote desert town in Peru to wallow in three slimy mud pits with healing powers that they believe were brought by alien spaceships:

Local doctors and scientists accredit these enigmatic and inexplicable healing properties to the UFO's which have allegedly been sighted and well documented in the area that seemingly radiate the waters.

Mayor Ruma Nueda says, "Lots of people claim to have seen UFO's and strange lights in the night sky over Chilca. People here believe in UFO's."

"Locals say that space ships come to harvest an unknown material from the [ocean] area off Chilca's beach. The UFO's supposedly leave behind substances that leach into the ponds and give them curative powers."

"Townspople cite an abundance of twins in Chilca - more than 100 pairs in this town of 10,000, as proof of the power of the 'Twin Maker' pond." Nueda says.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## The Cryptobotanical Hypothesis

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 09:33:31 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 09:33:31 -0500  
Subject: The Cryptobotanical Hypothesis

Source: The Chika Project Blog

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

January 25, 2008

Going Green: The Cryptobotanical Hypothesis  
by Richelle Hawks

There are so many theories about UFOs and aliens. There's the rather straightforward extraterrestrial, nuts and bolts hypothesis that supposes the UFOs are tangible spacecraft, and the occupants within are sentient beings from another planet. Of course, there are countless theories, amendments, and even detailed mythologies within the standard ET hypothesis.

Then, there are the many interdimensional, socio-cultural, religious, hyperdimensional, quantum, etc. theories. There is no shortage of speculation. It seems every possible idea has been placed under the microscope of possibility, and every fathomable lens has been affixed, in trying to understand the phenomena.

In his book, *The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry* J. Allen Hynek writes, "The part we ignore=85may contain the clue to the whole subject." But what possible "part" of the ufological experience can have possibly remained ignored or mostly overlooked after all this time and exhaustive philosophizing? We have all kinds of UFO and alien theories revolving around lost civilizations, time travelers, evolved dinosaurs and sea mammals, tulpas, collective projections, hostile takeovers, demonic and angelic forces, and on and on.

We've been struggling for answers and clues while focusing on the entities, focusing on the craft, so those aspects have not been ignored. To taking Hynek's suggestion literally, it may be wise to see if there's an associated vine that silently and unimposingly weaves its way through all aspects of the UFO phenomenon: something ubiquitous in almost every narrative, on a large and/or small scale, as are the craft or the aliens. Something that is taken for granted yet undeniably present. I suggest there is: plant life.

The examples of botanical presence in the UFO phenomenon are overwhelming. UFOs are often seen in forests, and in fields. They are even seen collecting soil samples in these places and even in the cities as well. This idea of "collecting soil samples" is often used to convey the idea of high strangeness- for some reason, the idea that aliens would be interested in soil has struck us, and it has stuck. Even some of our canned cultural aphorisms about UFOs, such as "why haven't aliens landed on the white house lawn," and "little green men from Mars," include botanical notions.

The crop circle mystery is often associated with aliens and UFOs. Putting all theories of weather anomalies, plasma

vortexes, mating hedgehogs, and all external explanations aside for a moment, we are left with the hard-to-ignore plant matter itself. Obviously the plants have not necessarily been overlooked in this case, as they have been investigated and studied. However, even within the observation that the nodes of the wheat shafts have been exploded as if from within, there is usually a question of external force. What if there's none; what if it's internal, or self-inflicted, through some yet-unknown or understood activity or power?

The crop circles do bring us to an area of plant life within the UFO mystery that has been explored: mushrooms. "Fairy circles" have a long history and rich lore, and some have speculated that they may have something to do with crop circles. In folklore, fairy circles are circular areas of altered grass or land in which mushrooms grow, and entities have been seen. The circles are indeed real, and have a scientific explanation involving fungi.

Mushroom lore and fairylore go hand in hand. The connection between mushroom legends and direct experience, (psychedelic and otherwise) and the UFO mythos is profound, and cannot be dismissed in a thought survey of the subject. In his book *Supernatural*, Graham Hancock lays out the case for this connection brilliantly. Traditional shamanic psychedelic experience induces a duplicate alien abduction scenario, and includes all the same features: discs in the sky, similar entities, probes, hybrid babies, and so forth.

In the book, Hancock even speculates that UFO craft may be some kind of evolved technological device used by entities to gain access into our dimension. The round disc shape itself, and oft-reported spinning motion seems to mirror folkloric accounts of fairies or entities seen making and moving together in their own circles, disappearing or appearing to passersby. Interestingly, the idea of spinning movement by discoid objects is obviously precedent in the motion of planets and solar systems, and we even the same aesthetic and mathematical elements to in our clock faces, to measure time.

And then there's Terence McKenna. His books *The Archaic Revival* and *Food of the Gods* are filled with pertinent insights and observations that may lend support to a cryptobotanical hypothesis. He even states, "85the mushroom told me it was an extraterrestrial." He also shares his wonder at the bizarre statement, unsure if it meant the actual fungi was originally from outer space, perhaps alluding to a panspermia theory, or if the mushroom was some kind of communicative device that, when ingested, provided the means to converse with an extraterrestrial somewhere on another planet.

What if we are to take the notion literally, but in a different way; what if the message is a key to a ufological Pandora's Box? What is a mushroom basically, insofar as science describes it? Fungi are neither plant nor animal. It's a thing unto itself, and fairly unclassifiable-an enigma in nature. It has even been recently postulated that fungi is more akin to animal life than plant life. That's pretty weird. Mushrooms exist in a liminal state (or perhaps more correctly, they are signified and designated as such by us) that might be expected; if they are a key, they might fit in a very strange lock, on a most bizarre door to a borderland.

And of course, there's the whole theory that we may have psychedelic mushrooms to thank for human consciousness itself. Hancock's book *Supernatural* really is a must-read for anyone wishing a comprehensive study and brilliant argument on the subject. In short, he argues the idea that the mysterious jump in culture-the advent of art, literature, ritual-may be attributed to the mind-altering and consciousness awakening effects of magic mushrooms. McKenna and others are also onboard with this idea. Interestingly, this same cultural awakening has been attributed to "alien intervention" and modulation and interference by many writers and theorists.

Taking the idea of the mushroom as an extraterrestrial literally, and the idea that mushrooms may possess some real form of consciousness, let's take a step into the abyss and put this together. The scientific phenomenon of mimicry is fascinating. =46from the Access Intelligence: The National Health Museum website: "Mimicry is one of several anti-predatory devices found

in nature. Specifically it is a situation in which one species called the mimic resembles in color, form, and/or behavior another species called the model. In so doing, the mimic acquires some survival advantage."

This is the same process that allows butterflies to look like a large scary face with eyes, as well as spiders, caterpillars and the like to have fairly cartoonish-looking, Pokemon type faces on the rear ends and backs. Animals are not the only group to employ mimicry, plants do also.

What would a mushroom look like as a mimic of a human model? It may look like a classic gray alien. What if the mushroom, has by nature or will found a way out of necessity to interact with its predator and or ally-us? What if those crazy big bug eye alien optics are just black markings to look like eyes? The gray body is notoriously 'ineffective.' Their flimsy limbs seem to be almost irrelevant, as do their slim, stalk-like torsos. They do resemble a mushroom; many mushrooms have a more conical shaped cap, almost identical to the classic gray alien face, albeit upside down.

For the sake of speculation in this article, let's assume the Gaia Hypothesis-the notion that the earth itself is a single living organism - and also McKenna's suggestion that mushrooms and plant life in general is minded, and that there is some sort of real oversoul or botanical collective consciousness. So, if mushrooms have a consciousness, they may be attempting to communicate with us directly, sporting a humanoid form that we can try to relate to. And with this idea of mimicry, there's a precedence in nature, and something that can be described and measured, accounted for in science. We don't necessarily have to stretch our imaginations to include a 'magical' or intangible, abstract idea to explain it.

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[www.beamshipsequallove.blogspot.com](http://www.beamshipsequallove.blogspot.com).

She also contributes to the Women in Esoterica blog, [www.womenesoterica.blogspot.com](http://www.womenesoterica.blogspot.com), and has a weekly column at Binnall of America.

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## Re: Why Don't Americans Believe UFOs Are Real?

From: **Franklin Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 18:05:26 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 09:41:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: Why Don't Americans Believe UFOs Are Real?

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 21:06:05 EST  
>Subject: Re: Why Don't Americans Believe UFOs Are Real?

>>Source: OpEdNews.Com - Newtown, Pennsylvania, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/23p9tn>

>>February 14, 2008

>>Why Don't Americans Believe UFOs Are Real?  
>>by Franklin Fields [photograph]

>Why don't you present the opinion poll results first before  
>drawing such broad conclusions? Last I heard a majority of  
>Americans polled, like around 57%, "believe" in UFO's.

You are correct that it might have been better to put in more hard data. But the point was to reach a wide audience of non scholarly types. (not like we have on the list) and try to get them to go look for themselves. That is also why I selected the OpEdNews site used mostly by political types; I did not want the article to be very long. Only a quick read.

I must say that I was flabbergasted by the response I received. Over 100 people have commented to me directly by email and two radio programs wanted to interview me.

I did examine the poll data and if you drill down on it a majority does believe there is something to the UFO phenomena. As I pointed out in the article, if you clearly defining UFOs to mean those crafts that are of "non-earth origin" the numbers are below 50%. Please let me know if I am wrong.

Also, many people will believe that UFOs are real and not from this earth but when you say there are little gray guys inside, that might be abducting people, then you lose many of them. Including some that are subscribers to this list.

Yours truly,

Frank

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## Re: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

From: **Mario A P de Barros** <[marioweb.nul](mailto:marioweb.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 21:37:00 -0200  
Archived: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 09:38:49 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 14:28:17 -0800  
>Subject: Re: UFO Spotted Over Foggy Car Park?

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>The image source is from one of the notorious Billy Meier  
>"beamship" hoaxed photos, which Rahman simply fuzzed, added a  
>bit of color to, and then fairly crudely inserted into the car  
>park scene with Photoshop.

>As a matter of fact, the image match from one of Meier's fake  
>pictures to what Rahman actually used is so close as to be  
>almost exact, as can be seen by the outline of the "ufo" image  
>in the car park picture, the slightly down left tilt of the  
>'shopped artifact, and the two slightly brighter bulbous  
>protuberances or patches shown in the "car park" photo at the  
>inserted image's midline. At the link above, you can see two  
>separate forms of match, one by "IAttackPeople," and one even  
>more self-evident by one of the Above Top Secret forum  
>participants who has some computer graphics background,  
>"jritzmann" (John Ritzmann), who shows not only the original  
>Meier photo compared to the slightly obscured version used by  
>Hab Rahman, but also employs a very effective little animation  
>to show how well the original Meier fake lines up in all  
>pertinent details to the one modified and used by Rahman.

>In addition, despite the article written about this Rahman photo  
>by two journalists (Rachel Hine and Sue Wade) for the British  
>Portsmouth News, (see: <http://tinyurl.com/3dvuxe> ), if you  
>review the 4 pages of comments noted below the original article  
>promoting this hoax, and one of the link-backs

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Steve,

Just one, not so little, 'detail'. All these people are  
analyzing a compressed and reduced photo for internet use, not  
the original one that possibly must be in 300 DotsPerInch  
(printer resolution). It's absolutely normal that some pixel  
disturbance occurs in edges of objects in compressed photos,  
just zoom in and look at the lamp poles, the guard-rail and the  
curb, they also have pixel disturbance around its edges. But if  
Rahman really used to be a hoaxer and someone has proofs that he  
already faked UFO photos then the whole history became really  
suspicious.

Regards,

Mario

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## Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 01:17:27 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 09:41:30 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

>From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 17:58:22 +0100  
>Subject: Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

>>From: Jay Bluemke <[jb13thgen.nul](mailto:jb13thgen.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 15 Feb 2008 08:50:15 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Re: UFO Hunters On Sci-Fi

Hi Gildas, All,

You wrote:

>I have looked at the two programs on the internet, and I feel  
>that your SciFi program is definitely the better. There are some  
>good parts in the program of History Channel, but I have been  
>impressed by the quality and seriousness of the two  
>investigations made in New Jersey by the NY SPI team.

I agree, Gildas. Right now what is needed is to deluge the  
Sci-Fi channel e-mails requesting they continue to air the  
program. Take the time to let them know how much you enjoyed the  
program. It wouldn't hurt to spread the word and get others to  
write in as well. Send all comments to:

[feedback.nul](mailto:feedback.nul)

>Regarding Bill Birnes and his UFO Magazine, I had good contacts  
>with Don and Vicky Ecker, but was very disappointend when they  
>published 13 favorable pages on the Raelians. They had asked me  
>for a page on the career of Vorhilon alias Rael, and I gave it  
>to them but they did not publish one word of it. It was well  
>documented on the shaky beginnings of Rael in France, but not  
>palatable to them, apparently. Later, Don Ecker explained that  
>it was the editorial line of Bill Birnes. I stopped subscribing  
>to the magazine after that.

There is no question that UFO Magazine took a dramatic turn  
towards the 'New Agey' and the 'sensational' post Don and Vicki.  
The Ecker's and their always sober and thoughtful approach made  
UFO Magazine what it was. It ain't no more!

Best,

John Velez

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## Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 01:33:33 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 10:47:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2008 11:43:22 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>>From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 19:35:04 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>>>The photo on that site shows a meandering "line" image with  
>>>numerous color changes. I don't know what the shutter time was,  
>>>but I assume it was several seconds. During that time the image  
>>>of the light was smeared or elongated into a line/ This is a  
>>>'time to space conversion' that allows us to see temporal  
>>>changes in the light, changes that would have been 'averaged  
>>>together' if the image had stayed in one spot. I don't know how  
>>>many color changes there were, but more than 50 from my attempt  
>>>at counting.

>>>The sort of image is preceded over many years before by a photo  
>>>taken by Brenda Pollak of Gulf Breeze. This color changing line  
>>>photo shows about 100 colors in 4 seconds for a color changing  
>>>rate of 25/sec.

>>>Go to:

>>><http://www.brumac.8k.com/GulfBreeze/Jan81990.html>

<snip>

>>>and you can read the story of how it happened and see the photo  
>>>which is Photo 5 in the article. The similarity in pictures is  
>>>striking.

>>And so are the photos and videos that Dorothy Izatt has been  
>>recording for years. See:>

>><http://www.ufobc.ca/Supernatural/StrangePhotos/dorothy2.htm>

>>Take the time to click through Dorothy's photo gallery at UFOBC.  
>>If you compare her pix with the ones from Stephenville, Tx. and  
>>Bruce's Gulf Breeze, Fla. pic, then truly, "The similarity in  
>>pictures \_is\_ striking."

>Yes, but not as striking as I had hoped to see. They show  
>typical long exposure photos of small but bright lights. I  
>suspect that these exposures occurred at times when she was  
>filming "something" but stopped the camera and the shutter  
>remained open. Sometimes the shutter closes and sometimes it  
>remains open when one turns off the camera. What I hope to see  
>was that in any one of the "zig-zag-curly" (ZZC) line images one  
>would see color changes, Instead, I see 3 at least 3 ZZC lines,  
>each of a different, and constant, color. What makes a ZZC  
>image? Typically hand vibration: it is impossible to hold a  
>camera perfectly still with your hands alone. Usually, however,  
>the shutter of the camera closes quickly so that only a short  
>portion of what would be a ZZC image is recorded. In movie film  
>or video one may see image motion from frame to frame that is

>ZCC.

>ZCC motion is superimposed on any actual motion of the object  
>relative to the optic axis (central sighting line) of the camera

>In the GB and Stephenville photos there is only one ZCC image,  
>but that image has multiple colors indicating that there was a  
>single light and it was changing color. We (humans) don't have  
>aircraft carrying lights that change color rapidly. The standard  
>lighting for aircraft is red, green and white. The white and red  
>lights may flash or pulsate (white flashing beacon, red  
>pulsating beacon).

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Thanks for the response...

Warmest regards,

John Velez

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## Dorothy Izatt [was: New Web Site for Stephenville]

From: Christopher Burns <[Thurstonoreggae.nul](mailto:Thurstonoreggae.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 15:36:11 EST  
Archived: Mon, 18 Feb 2008 07:10:51 -0500  
Subject: Dorothy Izatt [was: New Web Site for Stephenville]

>From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 01:33:33 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Web Site for Stephenville Case

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Bruce, John, List,

Double check this, but I believe that Mrs. Izatt did not use  
anything but 8mm film.

What makes her films so remarkable is that the squiggle-light  
pictures are found on single frames amongst several seconds of  
frames otherwise showing what she was seeing with the naked eye.

There have been a handful of researchers who have looked in  
depth at her case; Hynek visited with her in the 1970s and  
warned her to stay away from the fringe elements of the UFO  
crowd, which she did.

Only in the past 5 years has she given researchers her  
permission to publish extensive interviews with her. Regardless  
of one's view on the nature of the UFO phenomenon, I think its  
very worth spending the time learning about this case.

Bruce - please talk more about photos that you would classify as  
ZZC. Certainly there is a pattern that these images are  
captured at places that could be referred to as "hotspots" and  
"window areas", such as Hessdalen, Yakima, and my own beloved  
Pine Bush, NY.

I would be interested in your take on these types of photos,  
with a list of questions a researcher would need to ask when  
critically looking at an example of these images.

Thanks,

Chris Burns

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## CCCRN Web Site Update

From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 17 Feb 2008 19:52:14 -0800  
Archived: Mon, 18 Feb 2008 07:13:23 -0500  
Subject: CCCRN Web Site Update

I've been updating the web site again, with a blog-style format. Current news and update posts are now blogged on the front page as abbreviated excerpts, with permalinks to the individual pages with full text/images. Main page links, features and external links are now listed in the right-hand column. The logo header and photo galleries have also been updated and the formation archive pages are still being re-formatted, with condensed listings linking to additional info, diagrams and slide-show gallery images. There will also now be a separate page for maps and statistics. Comments for posts and the search tool are not yet available due to a conflict between the current server hosting the web site and the .Mac software used for publishing; this should be resolved in the near future. The format is also now synchronized with my other planetary exploration blog, The Meridiani Journal ([web.mac.com/meridianijournal](http://web.mac.com/meridianijournal)).

I've decided to discontinue the e-mail updates after this one, due to personal time constraints and too many bounces occurring from outdated e-mail addresses. I hope this is understandable and thank everyone who has received them over the years.

However, updates can be subscribed to via the free RSS news feed:

<http://www.cccrn.ca/index/rss.xml>

This is a more current, reliable and faster method for receiving updates automatically as soon as they are posted to the web site, and many free RSS readers (required to read the updates) are available for both Windows and Mac computers. Updates can also be read directly on the web site itself, of course.

Paul

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## There Is Something There I Know It

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Feb 2008 16:34:00 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 18 Feb 2008 16:34:00 -0500  
Subject: There Is Something There I Know It

Source: The Grantham Journal - UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2hq3hq>

18 February 2008

[Sketch & Photograph at site]

UFO: "There Is Something There, I Know It."

By Neil Graham

A UFO spotter is certain alien crafts are in the skies above Grantham - and fears they have sinister plans.

Allan Spick, 69, of Great Gonerby, has seen five UFO's in the past five years from the window of his home in Belvoir Gardens.

The most recent was in the early hours of Saturday, February 8.

He said: "They always come at the same time, 12.10am and they have three, pure white lights and a flashing red one in the corner.

"They come from the north and they head south, parallel with the A1.

"Perhaps they are looking for airfields in a straight line. We have got a lot of airfields around here."

Mr Spick's first sighting was featured in the Journal in 2004, when he spotted a craft from another world. He was able to provide a detailed colour drawing of the spaceship for others to look out for.

He has also been featured in UFO Magazine, where he spoke about 'The Great Gonerby UFO'.

Mr Spick pours scorn on theories trying to explain away what he has seen.

He has contacted RAF Cranwell twice with his sightings and was told they had no record of aircraft in the air at the time.

He said: "If it was an aircraft it would have fallen out of the sky because it was moving so slowly and it can't have been a helicopter because it would have made a noise.

"And I know it is not the space shuttle because I can see that in another part of the sky.

"There is something there, I know it. I don't care what anybody tells me, I am not a crank."

Mr Spick spots the UFO's from his bedroom window.

He said: "It is usually my wife who sees them first because I sleep with my back to the window.

"I have set a ladder up onto the flat roof of my house so I can quickly get a picture next time and send it into the Journal."

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## Re: UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Feb 2008 13:09:58 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 18 Feb 2008 16:41:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 18:19:46 +0000  
>Subject: Re: UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 14 Feb 2008 03:06:45 EST  
>>Subject: UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

>>FOX-TV Video Report  
>><http://tinyurl.com/yuabfo>

>>"UFO Investigation Won't Go Away

><snips>  
>>>Here we have a massive UFO sighted near the civilian residence  
>>>of the President of the United States and they're still making  
>>>with the lame excuses.

>Lame excuses? You know this for sure?

>Do you know something you need to tell the rest of us?

To the best of my knowledge my article re Stephenville, the  
Ranch and F-16s is due out early in March in FATE magazine. Lots  
of stuff in there.

Don Ledger

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From: Nick Pope <[contact.nul](mailto:contact.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 18 Feb 2008 17:24:12 -0000  
Archived: Mon, 18 Feb 2008 16:41:12 -0500  
Subject: Re: Ufology Vs 9/11 Truth Movement

>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 13 Feb 2008 15:14:13 -0000  
>Subject: Ufology Vs 9/11 Truth Movement

>I'd be interested in hearing from members of this List whether  
>they consider there are similarities and (more particularly)  
>differences between the methodology and personalities of UFO  
>researchers/believers on the one hand and 9/11 conspiracy  
>researchers/believers on the other?

<snip>

I've researched the various 9/11 conspiracy theories in some detail and debated 9/11 'truthers' on TV and on the radio. Drawing on this experience, I offer the following three observations.

Firstly, I'd be wary of making generalizations here. The 9/11 'truth' movement - like ufology - is a broad church with little common ground. One of the few beliefs shared by all is that 9/11 was an 'inside job' with some degree of official foreknowledge or involvement. But as an example of the differences, many 'truthers' distance themselves from the 'no planes' theory and most rightly dismiss the '4000 Jews' rumor as anti-Semitic nonsense (though some suggest it's being pushed by the Establishment to discredit the 9/11 'truth' movement).

Secondly, a theme that crops up frequently in ufology and the 9/11 'truth' movement is the demonization of government.

Finally, a phrase that I've heard used increasingly by ufologists (particularly from those involved in Exopolitics) is "false flag". The idea that 9/11 was a false flag operation has been widely expressed, but it's interesting that the concept of a false flag operation in relation to an alien attack seems to be gaining more support among ufologists.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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## U.S. Skies Were As Deadly As Korea

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Archived: Mon, 18 Feb 2008 17:45:00 -0500  
Subject: U.S. Skies Were As Deadly As Korea

Source: The Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/25chg7>

Monday, Feb. 18, 2008

U.S. Skies Were As Deadly As Korea  
Billy Cox

In the summer of 1952, the Pentagon's kettle was whistling.

At a time when the U.S. was bracing for Soviet air strikes, UFOs were systematically exposing holes in the defense netting with publicized incursions over Washington, D.C., nuclear plants and military bases. USAF Maj. Gen. Robert Ramey went on record saying jet fighters had been scrambled several hundred times to pursue UFOs. Not surprisingly, the brass decided to get aggressive.

On July 29, the International News Service announced "The Air Force revealed today that jet pilots have been placed on a 24 hour nationwide alert against 'flying saucers' with orders to shoot them down if they refused to land." The order was so provocative that Robert Farnsworth, president of the U.S. Rocket Society, wrote a letter of protest to the White House. Hostile action against UFOs, Farnsworth wrote, "could cause unbelievable suffering and death."

After the '52 wave had subsided, Capt. Edward Ruppelt, former director of the USAF's Project Blue Book, revealed that UFOs - contrary to an emerging opinion suggesting peaceful intentions =96 weren't to be trifled with.

In alluding to the loss of military pilots who gave chase, he wrote, "If the Air Force hadn't slapped down the security lid, these writers might not have reached this conclusion (about peaceful aliens). There have been other and more lurid duels of death. That's what everybody missed."

Ruppelt didn't elaborate, but Port Orange author Frank Feschino tries to connect the dots in his 2007 book, Shoot Them Down. Using New York Times figures, Feshino notes that the military lost 185 fighter aircraft over the U.S. and its coastal waters from 1951-56, versus 104 fighter planes downed in the Korean War during roughly half that same time period. On the domestic front, those crashes claimed the lives of 199 aviators in what were labeled as accidents.

It may be impossible to get to the bottom of all those 'accidents'. As William E. Burrows pointed out in 2001, deception is the cornerstone of national security.

In "By Any Means Necessary: America's Secret Air War in the Cold War," Burrows described how, from 1950-69, 18 planes with more than 160 U.S. airmen and agents were lost during covert operations against communist nations. In order to avoid

embarrassment, authorities told survivors their sons, husbands, fathers, and brothers were killed during routine missions.

Maybe those events include some of Ruppelt's 'lurid' casualties as well, who knows. But Feschino's exhaustive research - which includes newspaper accounts of carnage on the ground when downed jets crashed into residential neighborhoods - indicates The Times' accident figures are incomplete. He also establishes a pattern between UFO sightings and routine-mission "accidents."

Feschino's riskiest scenario occurs on Sept. 12, 1952, when sightings over the eastern seaboard were widespread and documented in the press. Thanks to inconsistencies and contradictions in Air Force records, Feschino projects that a dogfight started that afternoon over the Gulf of Mexico near Tampa, engaged other jets off the Virginia coast during the early evening, and resulted in several direct hits on UFOs, one of which went down in West Virginia in front of eyewitnesses. A military search team was dispatched to recover debris near the rural town of Flatwoods.

At least one thing about Shoot Them Down is indisputable. Based on newspaper reports, the number of 1952 UFO incidents listed in Project Blue Book is underrepresented. The relevance for today? The military reported no routine training accidents during last month's Stephenville UFO incident in Texas.

"I think they learned their lesson (from 1952)," Feschino says.

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>>>>but I assume it was several seconds. During that time the image  
>>>>of the light was smeared or elongated into a line/ This is a  
>>>>'time to space conversion' that allows us to see temporal  
>>>>changes in the light, changes that would have been 'averaged  
>>>>together' if the image had stayed in one spot. I don't know how  
>>>>many color changes there were, but more than 50 from my attempt  
>>>>at counting.

>>>>The sort of image is preceded over many years before by a photo  
>>>>taken by Brenda Pollak of Gulf Breeze. This color changing line  
>>>>photo shows about 100 colors in 4 seconds for a color changing  
>>>>rate of 25/sec.

>>>>Go to:

>>>><http://www.brumac.8k.com/GulfBreeze/Jan81990.html>

<snip>

>>>>and you can read the story of how it happened and see the photo  
>>>>which is Photo 5 in the article. The similarity in pictures is  
>>>>striking.

>>>>And so are the photos and videos that Dorothy Izatt has been  
>>>>recording for years. See:>

>><http://www.ufobc.ca/Supernatural/StrangePhotos/dorothy2.htm>

>>>>Take the time to click through Dorothy's photo gallery at UFOBC.  
>>>>If you compare her pix with the ones from Stephenville, Tx. and  
>>>>Bruce's Gulf Breeze, Fla. pic, then truly, "The similarity in  
>>>>pictures \_is\_ striking."

>>Yes, but not as striking as I had hoped to see. They show  
>>typical long exposure photos of small but bright lights. I  
>>suspect that these exposures occurred at times when she was  
>>filming "something" but stopped the camera and the shutter  
>>remained open. Sometimes the shutter closes and sometimes it  
>>remains open when one turns off the camera. What I hope to see  
>>was that in any one of the "zig-zag-curly" (ZZC) line images one  
>>would see color changes, Instead, I see 3 at least 3 ZZC lines,  
>>each of a different, and constant, color. What makes a ZZC

>>image? Typically hand vibration: it is impossible to hold a  
>>camera perfectly still with your hands alone. Usually, however,  
>>the shutter of the camera closes quickly so that only a short  
>>portion of what would be a ZCC image is recorded. In movie film  
>>or video one may see image motion from frame to frame that is  
>>ZCC.

>>ZCC motion is superimposed on any actual motion of the object  
>>relative to the optic axis (central sighting line) of the camera>

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>>but that image has multiple colors indicating that there was a  
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I think the term ZCC still applies, but must be qualified for  
use with any particular picture by indicating the shutter  
duration. You are correct in thinking that the a lot of  
"motion" (elongation and twisting or looping of the images) in  
video images indicates extremely rapid motion, beyond that of  
the camera itself (in other words, the light moved rapidly),  
unless one intentionally tried to twist the camera hard back  
and forth to create streaking or elongation or "ZCC".

An elongated loop, multiple loop or zig zag image in a single  
video/movie frame that is a result of camera motion alone is  
almost unheard of...

I say "almost" because of the single frame "ampersand" image in  
the New Zealand movie - can be viewed at my web site. Preceding  
and following that frame are short elongated images, obviously  
caused by normal camera motion. (The witnesses did' not report  
seeing any rapid motion of the light/object that could explain  
the "normally elongated" images.) However, there is one image  
that forms an "ampersand" shape. How could that happen? My only  
guess (assuming that the UFO light did not make one sudden and  
extremely rapid double looping motion) is that the camera was  
bumped, setting up a high frequency mechanical vibration that  
lasted about 1/10 of a second (the frame rate at the time of the  
photo).

But that is the exception that proves the rule: if one takes  
"extraordinary measures" one can probably get long loopy, ZCC  
motions in a single frame (although 1/30 sec would be tough) by  
twisting hard on the camera or by hitting it.

I'm not including elongated \*linear or slightly curved\* images  
that could result from turning the camera rapidly in one  
direction only during the frame time. I'm considering "loopy"  
images where the camera must have moved back and forth (left and  
right, up and down) at least once.

From that point of view the GB and Izatt images are not comparable because the shutter times are so different.

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>Source: The Chika Project Blog

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

>January 25, 2008

>Going Green: The Cryptobotanical Hypothesis  
>by Richelle Hawks

>There are so many theories about UFOs and aliens. There's the  
>rather straightforward extraterrestrial, nuts and bolts  
>hypothesis that supposes the UFOs are tangible spacecraft, and  
>the occupants within are sentient beings from another planet. Of  
>course, there are countless theories, amendments, and even  
>detailed mythologies within the standard ET hypothesis.

<snip>

>What if we are to take the notion literally, but in a different  
>way; what if the message is a key to a ufological Pandora's Box?  
>What is a mushroom basically, insofar as science describes it?  
>Fungi are neither plant nor animal. It's a thing unto itself,  
>and fairly unclassifiable-an enigma in nature. It has even been  
>recently postulated that fungi is more akin to animal life than  
>plant life. That's pretty weird. Mushrooms exist in a liminal  
>state (or perhaps more correctly, they are signified and  
>designated as such by us) that might be expected; if they are a  
>key, they might fit in a very strange lock, on a most bizarre  
>door to a borderland.

>And of course, there's the whole theory that we may have  
>psychedelic mushrooms to thank for human consciousness itself.  
>Hancock's book Supernatural really is a must-read for anyone  
>wishing a comprehensive study and brilliant argument on the  
>subject. In short, he argues the idea that the mysterious jump  
>in culture-the advent of art, literature, ritual-may be  
>attributed to the mind-altering and consciousness awakening  
>effects of magic mushrooms. McKenna and others are also onboard  
>with this idea. Interestingly, this same cultural awakening has  
>been attributed to "alien intervention" and modulation and  
>interference by many writers and theorists.

>Taking the idea of the mushroom as an extraterrestrial  
>literally, and the idea that mushrooms may possess some real form  
>of consciousness, let's take a step into the abyss and put this  
>together. The scientific phenomenon of mimicry is fascinating.  
>>From the Access Intelligence: The National Health Museum  
>website: "Mimicry is one of several anti-predatory devices found  
>in nature. Specifically it is a situation in which one species  
>called the mimic resembles in color, form, and/or behavior  
>another species called the model. In so doing, the mimic  
>acquires some survival advantage."

>This is the same process that allows butterflies to look like a  
>large scary face with eyes, as well as spiders, caterpillars and  
>the like to have fairly cartoonish-looking, Pokemon type faces  
>on the rear ends and backs. Animals are not the only group to

>employ mimicry, plants do also.

>What would a mushroom look like as a mimic of a human model? It  
>may look like a classic gray alien. What if the mushroom, has by  
>nature or will found a way out of necessity to interact with its  
>predator and or ally-us? What if those crazy big bug eye alien >  
>optics are just black markings to look like eyes? The gray body  
>is notoriously 'ineffective.' Their flimsy limbs seem to be  
>almost irrelevant, as do their slim, stalk-like torsos. They do  
>resemble a mushroom; many mushrooms have a more conical shaped  
>cap, almost identical to the classic gray alien face, albeit  
>upside down.

>For the sake of speculation in this article, let's assume the  
>Gaia Hypothesis-the notion that the earth itself is a single  
>iving organism - and also McKenna's suggestion that mushrooms  
>and plant life in general is minded, and that there is some sort  
>of real oversoul or botanical collective consciousness. So, if  
>mushrooms have a consciousness, they may be attempting to  
>communicate with us directly, sporting a humanoid form that we  
>can try to relate to. And with this idea of mimicry, there's a  
>precedence in nature, and something that can be described and  
>measured, accounted for in science. We don't necessarily have to  
>stretch our imaginations to include a 'magical' or intangible,  
>abstract idea to explain it.

Hmmmm. Grey aliens as mushrooms.

I can see that. Although I think they would more likely resemble  
Homer Simpson.

Anyway, mushrooms feed on dead and decaying plant matter (and  
animal matter when available). Maybe the grey aliens are feeding  
on the "decay" in our society.

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## The Question Of Extraterrestrial & Human Telepathy

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Archived: Mon, 18 Feb 2008 18:45:00 -0500  
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Archived: Tue, 19 Feb 2008 06:54:21 -0500  
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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>be gaining more support among ufologists.

Listers:

Unlike comments from people involved in one side or the other in  
ufology, there are investigators who were on the 'front lines'  
of the 9/11 commission. One was Philip Shenon of the New York  
Times. His new book, *The Commission: The Uncensored History of  
the 9/11 Investigation*, is based on his first hand interviews  
with principles involved in that commission. I would have to  
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KK



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## Anyone Care To Re-Work The Drake Equation?

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Archived: Tue, 19 Feb 2008 06:54:21 -0500  
Subject: Anyone Care To Re-Work The Drake Equation?

Hello List,

Just happened to notice that several factors in the famous equation seem to have increased, sometimes ten times or more, in last decade or so - here's three instances -

[www.astronomycafe.net/qadir/q76.html](http://www.astronomycafe.net/qadir/q76.html)

Exactly how many stars are in the Milky Way?

Most likely mass is 700 billion... divide this by the average mass of a star... say 0.3 solar masses, to get an estimate for the number of stars - which is well into the trillions!"

[www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/02/080217102133.htm](http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/02/080217102133.htm)

"Meyer and his colleagues found that at least 20 percent, and possibly as many as 60 percent, of stars similar to the sun are candidates for forming rocky planets."

[www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/02/080214144532.htm](http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/02/080214144532.htm)

Jupiter-Saturn-like Planets Discovered In Faraway Solar System Like Our Own

"You could call it luck, but I think it might just mean that these systems are common throughout our galaxy."

Anyone got a copy of the equation who'd like to re-do the arithmetic?

Cheers

Ray D

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What do I think? I think that if you prefer fantasy and science  
fiction to reliable, factual information, this is the book for  
you.

Dick

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>a false flag operation in relation to an alien attack seems to  
>be gaining more support among ufologists.

Another thread that appears common to both ufology and the views  
held by 9/11 'truthers' is the apparent violation of the laws of  
physics.

UFOs are sometimes associated with phenomena that seem  
impossible if they are physical objects, and many people believe  
that it is physically impossible for a pancaking office tower to  
collapse unassisted at free-fall speed as required by the  
officially accepted theory.

Regards,

WCT

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Archived: Tue, 19 Feb 2008 17:58:40 -0500  
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## McHi Librarian To Be Featured On History Channel

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February 19, 2008

McHi Librarian To Be Featured On History Channel  
by  
Jackie Leatherman

McALLEN -- Noe Torres is scheduled to make history Wednesday night.

The McAllen High School librarian is set to be featured in The History Channel's UFO Hunters show, which airs at 9 p.m. on cable Channel 31.

Torres said he hasn't seen the episode yet, but as it is aired he will broadcast live on a paranormal radio show based in Seattle.

"It's a topic that interests me a great deal and there aren't too many people investigating UFO cases in South Texas and Mexico," he said. "I just feel privileged that we happened to hit upon a topic that nobody had done anything with."

Torres co-authored Mexico's Roswell: The Chihuahua UFO Crash, which details a mysterious 1974 crash across the US.-Mexico border from Presidio, Texas, and a quick recovery attempt from the two nations.

"We are very excited about it because the process took about two years to finish our book, and then since then there has been a lot of excitement about this event," he said.

Torres and his writing and research partner, Ruben Uriarte of California, took the show's documentary crew to the site and introduced them to area residents to whom Torres and Uriarte had spoken during their research. The show will be based on that visit.

Three similar shows that already aired as part of the same series have been quite straightforward in the way they have dealt with the subject of UFOs.

"We knew that it was going to be presented in a very straightforward and scientific manner," Torres said. "Not sensationalism. (It) could or could not be something that is not of the Earth.

"They leave it open-ended. We are looking forward to our show. We know that it will be presented in the same vein. A very rational and scientific approach in an attempt to solve a mysterious event that people say happened in 1974."



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## Argentinean Neighborhood Shaken By Paranormal Event

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Source: Diario Panorama - Santiago del Estero

Date: 02.19.08

Argentinean Neighborhood Shaken By New Paranormal Event

Strange Phenomenon Affects Home in Bo. Ejercito Argentino

Aside from the manifestation of UFOs, a new and bizarre episode experienced by a family living in the Ejercito Argentino neighborhood. One corner of the house has a temperature higher than the rest of the home. Its inhabitants are undergoing a situation for which they cannot find a rational explanation.

A week ago, a UFO [startled] the neighborhood as a rainbow appeared in the skies. Today, the Salas Family of Bo. Ejercito Argentino is marveling at another unexplained phenomenon.

One corner of the house located at Calle 65 No. 846 has a temperature far higher than the rest of the dwelling.

A team from Noticiero 7 attested to this strange phenomenon with a handheld thermometer. It was thus possible to verify that a sector of the dining room has a temperature of 29 degrees Centigrade, while it soars to nearly 51 degrees Centigrade in another corner.

The family has not found a rational explanation for this situation. Mystery and fear have engulfed the home. Mrs. Salas is afraid to light her stove, concerned that the entire kitchen might explode.

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## The Great L.A. Air Raid Mystery

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[http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci\\_8311662](http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_8311662)

02/20/2008

The Great L.A. Air Raid Mystery  
By Stephanie Walton  
Staff Writer

Questions still abound over the Great Los Angeles Air Raid of 1942.

What was it that showed up on military radar screens the night of Feb. 24, 1942, prompting authorities to order a blackout and unleash an hourlong anti-aircraft barrage?

Could it have been enemy aircraft like those that attacked Pearl Harbor less than three months earlier? Was it just a weather balloon? Might it have been a UFO?

"What have we learned? Not much," said Steve Nelson, curator of the Fort MacArthur Museum in San Pedro, which housed some of the artillery used to protect the West Coast during World War II.

Decades later, it's difficult to imagine the tension gripping residents of Los Angeles and the rest of California. They were still reeling from the attack on Pearl Harbor and worried about a similar assault on the U.S. mainland.

Their fears were realized on Feb. 23, 1942, when a Japanese submarine surfaced and fired on an oil production facility near Santa Barbara. Reports circulated that the sub then headed south, in the direction of Los Angeles.

According to historical accounts by the California State Military Museum, U.S. naval intelligence issued a warning on Feb. 24 that an attack was expected in 10 hours, but the advisory was later lifted.

Then, early on Feb. 25, radar picked up an unidentified target 120 miles away from Los Angeles.

At 2:15 a.m., anti-aircraft gun batteries were alerted and were ready to fire minutes later.

At 2:21 a.m., the regional controller ordered a blackout. Information centers were flooded with reports of enemy planes "even though the mysterious object tracked in from the sea seems to have vanished," the museum's Web site said.

At 2:43 a.m., planes were reported near Long Beach and one coastal artillery colonel spotted "about 25 planes at 12,000" feet over Los Angeles.

At 3:06 a.m., a balloon carrying a red flare was seen over Santa Monica and four batteries of anti-aircraft artillery opened fire.

Reports of what happened afterward vary.

"Probably much of the confusion came from the fact that anti-aircraft shell bursts, caught by the searchlights, were themselves mistaken for enemy planes," the museum's Web site states.

Among those anti-aircraft batteries responding were the crews at Fort MacArthur who, according to veterans' reports, fired about seven rounds of 3-inch shells from guns mounted on the upper reservation, near where the Korean Friendship Bell stands today, Nelson said.

The number and type of aircraft reportedly seen over various parts of the Los Angeles area widely varied from one to 220 and from airplanes to balloons to a blimp.

Some eyewitnesses said that there were no planes.

And some people, in later years, have claimed that the objects were UFOs.

"Although reports were conflicting and every effort is being made to ascertain the facts, it is clear that no bombs were dropped and no planes were shot down," the Western Defense Command said in a Feb. 25, 1942, Associated Press story.

Those conflicting reports included the military.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced that as many as 15 aircraft, "possibly piloted by enemy agents," had flown over Los Angeles the morning of Feb. 25, according to an Associated Press report.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said that "reports reaching him indicated the incident was a false alarm and that extensive reconnaissance had disclosed no evidence of planes," the same story said.

Whether an enemy aircraft flew over American soil, there were several casualties due to blackout conditions.

One occurred in Long Beach, where a police sergeant driving to headquarters was killed in a head-on collision with another driver, who had just come off duty at a shipyard.

Another death was attributed to a heart attack. A third man died of injuries suffered when he walked into an automobile while trying to catch a Pacific Electric train in heavier than normal morning traffic after the all-clear was sounded.

Despite the uncertainty over the cause of the events, public officials praised the efficiency of civil defense officials, air raid wardens and anti-aircraft batteries in response to the perceived threat.

Daily activities resumed after the all-clear was signaled at 7:21 a.m. although not without some glitches.

Newspaper reports noted pupils absent from school and employees late to work that day while others went hunting for souvenirs - anti-aircraft shrapnel.

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UFOs And The Disclosure Initiatives  
by Franklin Fields

In the past decade, many published works have surfaced reporting that a disclosure process by the US government is in the works regarding the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and extraterrestrials (ETs). Many articles state that the public must be conditioned to slowly accept this reality. Some even say without the right amount of conditioning, the public would commit mass suicide or civilization would collapse. That fear appears overstated, but it does seem practical that Americans should be informed of the facts in a deliberate and intentional way.

Last week another such story surfaced when UFO Digest published Dr. Salla's article, Source Reveals Secret UFO Meeting at UN:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0208/unmeeting.html>

Salla follows the same story line stating "that a date of 2013 was given as the time for official disclosure and/or when extraterrestrials show up in an unambiguous way. In the interim there will be acclimation related releases of information. "

The distinguished author and journalist Dr. Salla was no doubt reporting accurately and ethically.

Nonetheless, the slow disclosure scenario sounds dubious to many and downright misleading to others. Able commentator, Ed Komarek, recently stated that "the real reason for the program is to delay the inevitable disclosure as long as possible, so as to continue to strengthen special interest control over global populations."

Mr. Komarek may very well be correct, but there is more to the story.

Many Americans don't know the truth about UFOs and a disclosure process is needed. The odds are that some disclosure stories are reported in error, some stories are misinformation and part of a psychological operation (PSYOP), and some are accurate and true.

It is important to note, that in many situations there are multiple layers of the truth. For example, on some level there may be a disclosure plan in the works right now.

On another level some within the disclosure initiative may be planning to delay it or shut it down. This could explain some of the stories and why disclosure has not been completed.

The facts are that events are occurring all around us that could be part of a disclosure project. If our government was involved in disclosure what would the plan look like? Would it include the use of television (TV) programming? TV programs are perhaps the most widely used means of mass communication today. If the government had a program it would certainly include the use of TV.

A rational approach might be to use educational or reality based programming.

Take the recent premiere of two reality based shows with the same UFO Hunters name, with the same subject matter, one on the History Channel and the other on the Sci Fi Channel, both on the same night of the week and in the same time period. Wow, does that sound like someone wants you to watch a show about UFOs?

Of course it is most likely a coincidence and not part of a disclosure. It does exemplify an important point, we just don't know. The government may not be involved in a disclosure project at all.

As outlandish as it sounds, a few believe that ETs are working their own disclosure process.

Why do so many people see UFOs?

What was going on with the recent Stephenville UFO sighting where fifty or more people saw UFOs in a small Texas town? Did ETs show themselves on purpose?

In a recent interview the best-selling author and commentator Whitley Strieber alluded to the possibility that the ETs were communicating to us through our own mass media.

Did he mean that ETs were influencing us directly through some type of unknown manipulation or just by their appearance in our skies? He says he had direct experience with ETs and is extremely credible. Does that mean they influenced his writing and subsequent movies based on it? They might have used him in their disclosure program, but again it is impossible to know for sure.

It is logical that if ETs were working through Mr. Strieber he would not be the only one. Does that mean other writers have been influenced as well? In The Keepers by abductee Jim Sparks, the author goes so far as to say that his book is "an alien message for the human race." Did Mr. Sparks actually receive a message from aliens? The story is hard for many to believe but he is highly regarded and does seem sincere.

It does make sense that they might want to gradually make their presence know as part of a systematic disclosure plan. A plan using UFO sightings and individual contacts might be less traumatic than landing on the White House lawn. The program could likely include actions we would not fully understand.

It does seem clear that neither the Government nor the ETs will be letting us know the truth anytime soon. Maybe we will find out in 2013 as suggested by Dr. Salla.

The bottom line is that disclosure is real on some level even if it is happening without a planned ET or government agenda. It may be that disclosure is occurring as part of our species' natural evolutionary process.

Whatever is going on it is clear that many have a

self-disclosure initiative already in the works. If you have not started yours there is no better time than the present. See [www.disclosureproject.com](http://www.disclosureproject.com) and [www.freedomofinfo.org](http://www.freedomofinfo.org) for details.

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## UFOTV Announces New Worldwide Media Network

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February 20, 2008

UFOTV Announces New Worldwide Media Network Devoted To Mystery & Wonder

(PRWEB) -- Tim Crawford, President & CEO of UFOTV Worldwide, on February 9th, 2008, was joined by Jim Marrs, Lynda Moulton Howe, Dr. Roger Leir and James Gilliland at the Los Angeles International Airport Hilton Hotel for the 6th Annual Conscious Life Expo, where a UFO Panel was held.

With over 400 people in attendance, Tim Crawford's time on the panel included a detailed press announcement that UFOTV has officially become a Worldwide Media Network.

Mr. Crawford stated that former Vice President of Walt Disney Telecommunications and Vice President of the Disney Channel - Oliver de Courson, and Phillip G. Catherall, former Director of International Sales for Walt Disney Telecommunications and Home Video, have brought their company, Cube International onboard to oversee UFOTV's international broadcast interests and the global launch of UFOTV as a World Wide Television Network.

Currently the UFOTV Network can be enjoyed from any computer and PDA devices through the UFOTV.com web site. In addition, Mr. Crawford also announced that over the last two years, UFOTV.com has become a major portal for a wide variety of downloadable products that include, films, e-books, and e-magazines such as Mysteries Magazine, UFODATA Magazine, UK (only available online outside of the UK), and Saucer Smear Magazine.

UFOTV has also announced the launch of a new brand called UFOmTV Spirit Cinema which is now currently in it's soft launch and can be seen at UFOTV.com. UFOmTV Spirit Cinema is poised to be launched as a channel later this year. In the meantime, UFOmTV Spirit Cinema films are now available on DVD and can be shipped to UFOTV viewers through the shipping services of United Parcel Service and Federal Express. According to Mr. Crawford, a new campaign is underway called "Say Yes to Life with UFOmTV Spirit Cinema" as part of the international launch.

In addition, UFOTV has acquired e-book rights to the entire book catalog from New Page Books/Career Press which includes authors such as Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Stanton Freidman, Colin Andrews, Jim Marrs, and many others, all available at UFOTV.com. All e-books are also compatible with the new Kindle e-book reader, available exclusively from Amazon.com

Finally, UFOTV.com announced the launch of a new, robust affiliate program for enthusiasts of Mystery And Wonder. "This is an exciting business opportunity," states Mr. Crawford, "which allows anyone with a web site to access a wide variety of

catchy graphics custom-designed to enhance your web traffic and improve the look and feel of any web site using our exclusive UFOTV banners and graphics." Mr. Crawford further states that, "In the process of sprucing up your web site with our fresh banners and graphics, you will also be able to earn commissions on all DVD product sales that originate from your web site."

All was not business for Mr. Crawford at this UFO Panel event, who for the first time in 17 years, disclosed that, among his ancestors were two families (The Crawfords & The Duffs) who played primary roles in the development of the United States' first top secret technology - that of the first submarines which existed during the US Civil War, a time when that technology was not believed to exist.

In addition, evidence suggests that Mr. Crawford's grandfather, Robert Crawford (now deceased), was an engineer overseeing Gibson mines that were mining for the production of plaster, and that vast amounts of that material was shipped to the US government for use in the building of a secret underground government facility in Nevada, now believed to be the infamous Area 51.

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## Firefighters Are Getting Trained For UFO Contact

From: **Franklin Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Feb 2008 20:43:31 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 07:45:11 -0500  
Subject: Firefighters Are Getting Trained For UFO Contact

Source: KNXV-TV - Phoenix, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/3ceyr2>

2/20/08

Thursday at 10: Valley firefighters trained for UFO contact

Whatever your beliefs, it's hard to dismiss how life-changing alien contact could be.

It would literally change everything, and because of that, Valley emergency teams are taking it all seriously.

Firefighters are getting trained for that contact, learning what to do and how to handle the situation if it ever turns into reality.

It's a training guide everyone will be talking about.

Watch the full story, Thursday at 10 on ABC15 News.

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## Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

From: Don Ecker <[decker0726.nul](mailto:decker0726.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 20 Feb 2008 20:38:36 -0800  
Archived: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 07:58:49 -0500  
Subject: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

I appreciate someone with either "balls" or perhaps "gall" but Greer takes the cake.

I just received this from a fan of my radio show and found this almost beyond belief. Greer wants to fly first class ... at someone else's expense. I thought you might find it amusing.

Don

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From: Douglas Morris  
To: [decker0726.nul](mailto:decker0726.nul)  
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 7:19 PM  
Subject: FW: Dr. Steven Greer Speaking at Santa Fe NM Conference  
- frequent flyer mile request

I thought you might get as perverse a kick out of this as I did. I'm guessing we both have better uses for our miles than donating them to Greer for a "First Class airline ticket" -- coach is clearly for "the drones." Unbelievable gall. Given his pitch that all ETs are friendly, why doesn't he ask one of his star buddies to give him a lift..?

Cheers,

Doug

>Date: Wed, 20 Feb 2008 17:03:47 -0600  
>From: [updates.nul](mailto:updates.nul)  
>To: [updates.nul](mailto:updates.nul)  
>Subject: Dr. Steven Greer Speaking at Santa Fe NM Conference  
> - frequent flyer mile request

>Dear Friends,

>Dr. Greer will be speaking at the Science and Consciousness Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the end of March. If anyone has enough frequent flyer miles to donate for a First Class airline ticket from Washington DC to Albuquerque (ABQ) it would be much appreciated. We need to know quite soon as we need to make the reservation.

>Please see the Disclosure Project web site events page <http://www.disclosureproject.org/Events.htm> for conference details.

>Thanks very much!

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Source: Ananova - London, UK

[http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm\\_2735555.html](http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_2735555.html)

Wed, 20 Feb 2008

Russia Builds 3m Pound UFO Centre

Authorities in a remote Russian region at the centre of dozens of reports of UFO sightings have started work on a =A33 million centre to attract alien spotters.

Perm in south-eastern Russia is well-known as a centre for UFO sightings, and many believe Perm is regularly visited by aliens.

Now officials want to cash in on the fame with a centre that will include a museum and theme park.

It will include an observatory for people to scan the skies for UFOs, a special trail along sites of supposed UFO sightings, as well as displays and even equipment like infra-red cameras that can be rented by UFO spotters to catch aliens on film.

A lawyer is even planning to open an office there to give advice on compensation to people who have been the victim of alien abduction.

Officials said they expect the centre to draw in thousands of visitors from across the world every year.

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<http://www.kxan.com/Global/story.asp?S=7899153&nav=0s3d>

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[Video report at site]

Texas Towns Become Epicenter Of UFO Sightings

You may recall reports of "unidentified flying objects" out of Stephenville in North Texas earlier this year.

Now comes word those sightings are continuing with new appearances on Feb. 2 and Feb. 9.

(The following is a transcript written by KXAN Austin News' Jim Swift after spending the past two days talking with the witnesses.)

Dublin, Texas, home of the world's oldest Dr. Pepper bottling plant.

Just down the highway a few miles, Stephenville, Texas, known far and wide as the state's dairy capital.

But over the last few weeks, these communities and a wider swath of North Central Texas have become the epicenter of the country's latest outbreak of UFO fever.

"A big long area of bright, bright, intensely bright lights," said dental office administrator Claudette Odam.

"The lights or the navigation lights are what I saw," said Mac McKinnon with the Dublin Citizen Publisher.

"They were extremely bright." said retiree James Huse.

"In a line, in a straight line and so long," said Odam.

"What was so odd, these lights were flashing like a strobe," said Constable Lee Roy Gaitan

"A strobe that just kept going and going and going," said Odam.

"I have a drawing that I made," said Huse.

"Other lights would start doing stuff," said Odam.

"It appears to be maybe something like this and it's just spinning around," said Gaitan.

"It had kind of a flat bottom on it; it was round, kind of gum-drop shaped," said Huse.



"It would look like, kind of like a light show," said Odam.

"They were not just strobing; they were moving around," said Gaitan.

"It was like an energy field of some sort, going through the center of it," said Huse.

"In an instant, they were gone," said Gaitan.

As reports and rumors spread, the military denied having any activity in the area, only to admit a few days later that there were 10 jets training.

"The airplanes, the jets following the lights right over the top of my house and it shook my house," said Odam.

"I could clearly see that they were jets; I could clearly hear that they were jets," said Gaitan.

"They weren't training when we saw them and especially that late at night. You know, I'm not trying to say they're lying or anything, but they've lied once," said Odam.

"It somewhat tarnished their, I guess their word or whatever you want to call it, their credibility," said Gaitan.

But in the end, the big question remains: what's up there?

"I think there's other stuff out there. If it's getting close to the end like everybody says it is, maybe they're coming back here to see the same thing we're waiting for," said Odam.

"This didn't just happen; it has a cause, OK?" said Huse.

All right, if that's the case, what might that cause and effect be?

Well, it turns out a consensus may be developing.

"You know, for years, you know, all the time I was in the military, they've always wanted to have some kind of hovering device that was silent, and it was also big," said McKinnon.

"Either some type of new weapon or new craft or something that they're working on," said Gaitan.

But if it is aliens...

"We've had no reports of lost cows; we've had no reports of lost milk and no reports of lost cases of Dr. Pepper. So I think they left empty-handed," said Huse.

But if they took nothing, they did leave plenty of curiosity behind.

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Self-disclosure...

This is the flip side of something I have talked about for years,  
something that is at the root of preventing "realization" of  
TRUFO/AFC reality: self-cover-up.

I suppose that the best way to end the cover up is to replace  
self-cover-up with self-disclosure.

But, in general, self-disclosure comes with "observation" (seeing is believing). So the ET's or whatever are promoting "self-disclosure" by appearing to people throughout the world... and even in Stephenville, TX - it seems.

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[http://www.star-telegram.com/state\\_news/story/486304.html](http://www.star-telegram.com/state_news/story/486304.html)

Thu, Feb. 21, 2008

UFO Reporter Sighted At New Radio Gig  
By Matt Frazier  
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

They don't have her.

The former Stephenville Empire-Tribune journalist known nationally for her stories about UFO sightings over Texas last month was not kidnapped by the military nor abducted by aliens.

Angelia Joiner says that after working for the newspaper for 18 months, she left a couple of weeks ago to "pursue other avenues", including the UFO story. Her departure was noted on several Blogs with suspicion.

She is now working with several UFO witnesses to start a Web site devoted to uncovering the truth behind the dozens of reports of strange objects flying Jan. 8 over Stephenville, about 70 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

Joiner says that she has been hired recently as news director for radio station KCUB/107.9 FM, which touts itself as "your official Stephenville UFO information station" on its Web site.

"Just in the last five days I've received 800 e-mails about UFOs," Joiner said.

<http://www.kcubam.com/default.asp>

Also online:

[www.stephenvillights.com](http://www.stephenvillights.com)

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 10:22:43 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 10:22:43 -0500  
Subject: Was Giant UFO From Another Dimension?

Source: ICSeftonandWestLancs - Southport, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/23n317>

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by Ed Casson  
Maghull and Aintree Star

The following strange intriguing story stems from numerous emails and letters I=92ve received from readers of this column over a space of five years.

Stephen Hodges now runs a successful business in Yorkshire, but he was 22 years of age in March 1977, unemployed, and squatting in a flat with no gas or electricity, atop of the St George=92s Heights tower-block, Everton.

It was Thursday, March 17, at 1.30pm when Stephen glanced out of his window and saw something his mind couldn=92t take in for a few moments.

A gigantic cigar-shaped object, which seemed a mile in length, was hanging among the low clouds in the east, over the Fairfield district.

The object looked grey and had no discernible features upon it, and remained in the sky for about ten minutes before it vanished into thin air.

Earlier, a teenage Army cadet named Martin, was walking towards his barracks on Botanic Road when he also witnessed the awesome spectacle of the colossal UFO, which, in his estimation, seemed to be suspended in the air over Green Lane, Stoneycroft.

Martin saw other people in the street gazing up at the UFO, which looked ominous because of its huge dimensions.

Martin detected a faint low throbbing sound emanating from the aerial visitor, and also believed he could see faint pinpoints of light on the surface of its under-belly.

After around fifteen minutes the elongated cigar in the sky faded away, along with the low-frequency humming sound it had generated.

Chris Harris is in his seventies now, but in 1977 he was a 45-year-old plumber, and he vividly remembers the enormous UFO over Edge Lane: "I was in my van at the traffic lights on Edge Lane at the junction of Durning Road and Holt Road. Suddenly I noticed this long grey cylindrical object with rounded ends, high in the sky over St Cyprian=92s Church."

Chris eventually drove on down Edge Lane but pulled over by

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Laurel Road and got out of his van to take another look at the UFO, which he believes was hanging in the sky over Old Swan.

It was the grey colour of lead piping. I kept wondering how something which would have weighed over a million tons could stay airborne.

I drew the attention of a passing priest to the cigar and he looked up and said, "Oh, Good God," and smiled."

John Kelly, a medium who lived on West Derby Road, was walking his dog in Newsham Park that day in March, when he felt an overwhelming urge to look directly overhead.

He said: "I saw this greyish long craft, at least a thousand feet in length, just stationary in the sky.

"The dog began to whimper, and I experienced a tingling sensation in my head. I got the impression that someone in that UFO =96 or whatever it was =96 wanted to be seen in the sky.

"I felt that there was someone up there with a huge ego, and I felt he had not come from another world, but another dimension, another plane of existence. It dematerialised and not long afterwards and went back to the world it belonged to."

Email me at [tom.nul](mailto:tom.nul) if you saw this UFO or have had any supernatural experiences.

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## Re: Russia Builds UFO Centre

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 12:56:04 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 14:52:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Russia Builds UFO Centre

UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>Source: Ananova - London, UK

>[http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm\\_2735555.html](http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_2735555.html)

>Wed, 20 Feb 2008

>Russia Builds 3m Pound UFO Centre

>Authorities in a remote Russian region at the centre of dozens of  
>reports of UFO sightings have started work on a =A33 million centre  
>to attract alien spotters.

>Perm in south-eastern Russia is well-known as a centre for UFO  
>sightings, and many believe Perm is regularly visited by aliens.

>Now officials want to cash in on the fame with a centre that will  
>include a museum and theme park.

>It will include an observatory for people to scan the skies for  
>UFOs, a special trail along sites of supposed UFO sightings, as  
>well as displays and even equipment like infra-red cameras that  
>can be rented by UFO spotters to catch aliens on film.

>A lawyer is even planning to open an office there to give advice  
>on compensation to people who have been the victim of alien  
>abduction.

>Officials said they expect the centre to draw in thousands of  
>visitors from across the world every year.

Where the hell does Russia find 6.2 million Canadian to waste on  
a UFO center. This, if true, is most likely a private concern.  
Lawyers getting involved to get compensation for abductees...from  
whom?

Don Ledger

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From: **Michael Tarbell** <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 11:26:46 -0700  
Archived: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 14:58:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO

>Source: OpEdNews - Newtown, Pennsylvania, USA

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Archived: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 14:58:00 -0500  
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><http://www.opednews.com>

>Tell A Friend

>I recently circulated an article describing a secret meeting  
>that allegedly occurred at the New York office of the United  
>Nations discussing UFOs/extraterrestrial life.

The key word here is "allegedly". This is slipshod reporting and  
par for the course. Seems anyone can come out of the woodwork  
with some "secret" material and it is taken at face value.

Don Ledger

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From: **Terry Groff** <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 14:25:44 -0600  
Archived: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 16:08:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO

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No need to worry.

I'm sure the Kanamit are a friendly bunch.

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From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 14:09:07 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 16:08:00 -0500  
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[Etc.]

"Source" sounds like a raving lunatic to me, and is here spouting  
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Dick

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From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 14:55:24 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 16:08:00 -0500  
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With the "coming immortality" that results from "nowadays, the longer you live the longer you are likely to live" (the first person to live 200 years might be alive now, but of course we aren't likely to be around to check! - you heard it here first, folks) has a flip side: the coming sterility - if it becomes necessary to limit populations.

Of course, we don't need to have ET tell us how to limit population. We do it already through war (disease, famine, etc. help). It's just that fertility and population growth have been more successful in increasing population than war (and the other things) has been in decreasing population. (The most consistent achievement of mankind over the ages has been population growth in spite of war, famine, pestilence, etc... you know, the four horsemen. This reproductive success has, of course, been largely a consequence of orgasm, without which there would be many fewer children. [Of course, I'm all for it!])

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>of said religions; we can expect mass suicides, social unrest and  
>upheaval. The ETs will help with re-programming and the concept  
>of an inclusive galactic order. However, society will have to  
>step up to the plate to assist - one ! on one - those people who  
>have shattered belief systems The Chinese will have no problem  
>because of the Buddhist and Taoist influences."

<snip>

What about the Prime Directive?

I hope you understand that the only way to 'stabilize' a one  
billion+ population clinging to its religious beliefs has not  
been found?

Do you also realize that India will be able to solve its internal  
problems by sending a nuke on Pakistan in 2017? No more religious  
problems et ET go home.

I also seriously doubt that the Independence Day strategy would  
be wise for any one (or anything?)it could only result in  
planetwide panic.

The Day the World Stood Still scenario is much, much more logical  
as long as it is preceded by years of preparation to alien  
contact.

Whoever or whatever concocted this idea has lost his (it's?)  
mind.

This looks more sinister than anything else.

I am not exactly willing either to open up to entities that  
have, in some cases, tortured their victims by inducing real or  
perceived traumas.

I suggest some of you polish their pitch to sell this benevolent  
'federation'.

"The ETs will help with re-programming and the concept of an  
inclusive (...) order" has been the tagline of all invaders since  
the beginning of time.

I also must be having a senior moment as I can't figure out where  
I have heard this the last time: "I can't give you my source  
which is very high ranked... Trust me."

Vincent Boudreau

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## Re: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 16:17:14 EST  
Archived: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 18:24:16 -0500  
Subject: Re: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO

>Source: OpEdNews - Newtown, Pennsylvania, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/28d9j8>

>February 21, 2008

>Confirmation & Update On Secret UFO Meeting At UN

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Hello, All -

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Remember my favorite line from the movie... "Is that glass  
bulletproof?"

KRandle

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## Re: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 00:48:15 +0000  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 07:30:56 -0500  
Subject: Re: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 16:17:14 EST  
>Subject: Re: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO Meeting'

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>bulletproof?"

Let's see if I got this straight. An unknown "source" is  
reporting on a "secret meeting at the UN". Have I got that  
correct? Yeah?

I guess I have lived too long because I remember rumors of  
"secret meetings" of high level government officials getting  
circulated approximately every 5 years. Not even Whitley Strieber  
has fallen for this rumor.

KK

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## MUFON Planning Return Trip To Dublin

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 07:37:25 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 07:37:25 -0500  
Subject: MUFON Planning Return Trip To Dublin

Source: The Stephenville Empire-Tribune, Texas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/367jrt>

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

MUFON Planning Return Trip To Dublin  
By Amanda Kimble  
Staff Writer  
[amanda.kimble.nul](mailto:amanda.kimble.nul)

They're back!

Investigators with the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) are preparing for round two of witness interviews in what is now being called the largest mass UFO sighting since the case of the Phoenix Lights, which occurred in 1997.

Since the Empire-Tribune first broke the story about area residents spotting an unidentified flying object hovering in the skies above Erath County on Jan. 8, the cowboy capitol has been abuzz with worldwide media attention and some accounts say that the sightings have continued.

Following the sightings and media coverage, investigators from MUFON first traveled to Dublin on Jan. 19 and invited locals to come forth and tell what they experienced during the first few weeks of 2008. More than 400 individuals, including witnesses and a slew of reporters, camera crews and other media personnel from around the world, attended the meeting.

More than 50 area witnesses reported seeing unusual lights of varying shapes, sizes and colors and the DFW Chapter of MUFON recently reported on their Web site, [www.mufondfw.org](http://www.mufondfw.org), that from Jan. 8 - Jan. 30, a total of 154 reports were received from across the state. The Web site also states that those 154 reports are in addition to those gathered on Jan. 19. The total number of accounts from across the state is now more than 200, although some of the reports date as far back as the 1960s.

Steve Hudgeons, a senior field investigator with MUFON, said the organization has reserved the Dublin Rotary Building for Feb. 23. The meeting is set to begin at 1 p.m.

Ken Cherry, state director with MUFON Texas, said in a telephone interview Tuesday that investigators don't expect to uncover new information during the meeting, but hope to gather greater details to help with the investigation.

"We do have an unusual opportunity, due to large number of witnesses involved, to gather additional information to come up with more accurate composites of the two types of UFOs being reported. The more information we gather, the better. More reports and details of sightings can help us determine the object's direction of travel and speed. We can pinpoint where the

witnesses were and use the information to triangulate more accurately what it is that was sighted."

Cherry explained that only a handful of people typically report such sightings, which makes this case so extraordinary.

"Normally, we have too little information and too few data points; so, this is a very special case," Cherry said.

In hopes of getting to the bottom of the unusual occurrences that have surrounded the county, MUFON will compile information gathered during the Jan. 19 meeting, reports made through [www.mufon.com](http://www.mufon.com) and greater details gathered at this weekend's meeting to determine what it is that area residents saw flying high in the sky above Erath County.

Cherry also explained that, due to the large number of reports, it would be some time before MUFON issues an official report on their findings.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 08:17:33 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 08:17:33 -0500  
Subject: Is The Truth Out There?

Source: The Dorset Echo - Bournemouth, UK

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

22 Feb 08

[Image]

Is The Truth Out There?

A retired couple may have had a close encounter of the third kind while out for an evening stroll near their Parkstone home.

Jack and Shirley Kendal were taking shots of the sunset, earlier this month, to use up film on a disposable camera, when they inadvertently snapped a cigar-shaped object hovering over the Fleetsbridge area.

Shirley, aged 75, said: "I don't have a clue what it is but I thought others might want to take a look at it. I often take shots of the sunsets because the colours are so impressive. I didn't see anything at the time though, it was only later when we got the film developed."

When Shirley showed the pictures to her family, they suggested sending them into the Echo.

"We all had a bit of a laugh, but the same day the Echo ran a story about UFO sightings, which we thought was quite eerie."

Did you spot anything unusual in the skies over Parkstone on or around February 11? Let us know by emailing [newsdesk.nul](mailto:newsdesk.nul)

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## Was Bennett The Pooch Dognapped By Aliens?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 08:17:15 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 08:17:15 -0500  
Subject: Was Bennett The Pooch Dognapped By Aliens?

Source: The Leamington Courier - UK

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

21 February 2008

Was Bennett The Pooch Dognapped By Aliens?

By Oliver Williams

Bennett the dog is an excitable character who often goes running off when he is taken for a walk on Newbold Comyn.

But after one such disappearance on Sunday he returned in a state which shocked owner Sue Mountford, of Braemar Road, Lillington.

She had last seen her pet "covered in mud and earth - as ever". But Bennett mysteriously reappeared in pristine condition.

In fact, he had not only had a bath, but appeared to have been blow-dried and styled.

An intrigued Mrs Mountford, was left pondering whether her Jack Russell had been dognapped by aliens or fallen foul of "a secret dog shampoo army at work in Newbold Comyn".

She said: "He just goes off running around when we go down to Newbold Comyn - we should know better by now but he obviously enjoys himself. I just wait for him to come back - his record is exactly two hours, but when he was gone for one and-three-quarter hours, it was pushing it.

"He always gets filthy dirty and he always goes in the mud and in rabbit burrows. When he disappeared, he was covered in mud and earth and he came back pristine - and appeared from a different direction to where he went off.

"Perhaps someone had to scrub him clean to delete all traces of his dire deeds? I'd love to know."

Bennett, believed to be about eight years-old, is one of two dogs owned by Mrs Mountford. Despite the free bath, his owner says he may have to go on a lead in future.

"If he came back after 10 minutes he would be fine", she added

- If anybody knows what happened to Bennett the dog on Sunday, contact Courier reporter Oliver Williams on 457706.

The full article contains 301 words and appears in Leamington Courier newspaper.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## Professor Mulls Odds Of Life In Outer Space

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 09:20:00 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 09:20:00 -0500  
Subject: Professor Mulls Odds Of Life In Outer Space

Source: The Daily Texan - The University of Texas - Austin, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2lv74g>

2/21/08

Professor Mulls Odds Of Life In Outer Space

Talk is part of events to celebrate 50 years of space observations  
By Katie Petroski

More than 300 attendees crowded into a Welch auditorium Wednesday evening to hear what Chris Chyba, a Princeton astrophysical science professor, had to say about the possibility of extraterrestrial life.

The event is part of a yearlong program, "Forging the Future of Space Science," that began in September 2007 and is held by the Space Studies Board, which will continue to host an array of international space scientists to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year. During that year, scientists internationally coordinated a comprehensive collection of observations, resulting in events such as Russia's launch of Sputnik.

Chyba focused most of his 90-minute lecture on analyzing the presence of liquid water on Mars and under the ice crust of Europa, one of Jupiter's moons. He projected recent images of formations on Mars' surface for the audience to consider the possibility that the formations might have been carved by moving water.

"Whether life ever existed or if it successfully retreated to the subsurface is up for speculation," he said.

Chyba spoke about the upcoming Kepler Mission that will examine more than 100,000 stars to determine how many Earth-sized planets orbit stars.

"After this mission, we'll know the answer of how many Earth-sized worlds are out there and what fraction are at the right distance from stars to have liquid water at its surface," Chyba said. "This is something we need to make sure we don't sleepwalk through two years from now."

Chyba said he believes it is possible that humans exist alone as science does not yet know the conditions under which life originates or intelligence evolves.

"Astrobiology also needs to speak to human future and the future of human civilization," he said. "It's uniquely precious whether we are entirely alone or whether we are part of a grand community."

Physics freshman Taylor Ratliff said he entertains thoughts of extraterrestrial life and said Chyba was not afraid to speculate



with appropriate qualifiers.

"We can't assume we have the right picture of the universe until we actually find out," Ratliff said. "If there's one thing you learn through science, it's that you shouldn't say anything is impossible."

After the lecture, the audience hoped to look at the total lunar eclipse through telescopes but was unable to see the moon through the clouds. The next total lunar eclipse will be visible in December 2010.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## Truth Is In A TV Appearance For UFO Detective

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 13:19:08 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 13:19:08 -0500  
Subject: Truth Is In A TV Appearance For UFO Detective

Source: The Wakefield Gazette - UK

<http://www.wakefieldexpress.co.uk/news/The-truth-is-in-a.3806714.jp>

22 February 2008

The Truth Is In A TV Appearance For UFO Detective

Fighting crime and watching the sky for extra terrestrial visitors is all in a day's work for one Wakefield detective.

And now Det Con Gary Heseltine has shared his knowledge of all things alien by filming for a major international documentary about UFO sightings for the History Channel and another British programme about police officers and UFOs.

Determined to prove the truth really is out there, Mr Heseltine of Ashdene, Crofton, has been cataloguing UFO sightings for more than 30 years and even set up his own online publication before joining the national UFO Data magazine late last year.

As one of the UK's leading and most respected authorities on the subject, the film crews jumped at the chance to sign him up.

He said: "The first is for a forthcoming series by the USA's History Channel called UFO Hunters, due for airing in May. I've worked on documentaries over the years, but never on an international one and it was quite novel having an 11-person film crew crammed into my house in Crofton.

"The second programme is for the UFO Files, who wanted to get in touch with police officers who have had sightings, which was great too."

Mr Heseltine created the P

olice Reporting UFO Sightings (PRUFOS) database in 2001, which made him the ideal person to put the film crews in touch with officers who have had close encounters.

And the latest PRUFOS results are set to be published later this month with some interesting sightings set to whet the appetites of sky-watchers everywhere, especially in the Merrie City.

He said: "It needs more confirmation, but I've been made aware of a Crofton sighting. It involves a retired police officer and relates back to the 1970s where three glowing orbs were seen moving towards an area known locally as the Lump.

"He thought it was the front lights of a plane, but quickly realised there was no noise.

"They came within 100 yards of him =96 then, with a burst of acceleration, they were gone.

"I'd say 95 per cent of sightings turn out to be mundane and not

UFOs.

"But it's that other five per cent that I focus on."

The full article contains 374 words and appears in n/a newspaper.

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## Re: Is The Truth Out There?

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 10:23:58 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 13:19:08 -0500  
Subject: Re: Is The Truth Out There?

>Source: The Dorset Echo - Bournemouth, UK

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

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>I didn't see anything at the time though, it was only later when  
>we got the film developed."

<snip>

Hi Everyone!

This is just one of the latest examples of pictures of a new category of UFOs captured on video or film that were not observed by the person taking the picture or anyone else. As of yet, ufology does not have a name or adopted a terminology for this category of false UFOs or not observed UFOs (NO-UFOs?).

With the growing number of people with small compact still and video cameras, including cell phone cameras, that are carried around in person and readily available, the number of pictures of "NO-UFOs" is also growing and the media is publishing them as something mysterious or as evidence that UFOs are real but they are not convincing anyone that UFOs are truly mysterious things to science or that some of them may not have an Earth origin. Birds, bugs and even flying debris do exist and so vastly outnumber the few not-of-this-world or secret man-made UFOs spotted in our skies, that the human brain filters them out and that is why all these otherwise very honest and credible witnesses of NO-UFOs never noticed them at the time they took their pictures.

Ufology should do something about this new category of UFOs before it gets out of hand so that no new studies or even follow-up investigations are made because ALL UFO sightings, including the one below reported in 'The Dorset Echo', would now be too quickly dismissed as having very prosaic explanations. As in all other sciences, ufologists should devise a system to allow them to extract the "signal" from all the "noise" and have a solid database of truly mysterious and unexplainable UFO cases that would attract renewed attention by fellow scientist and the media and cannot be readily dismissed by skeptics.

With the very limited time, money and other resources we have, if ufology is to have hope of any new progress in its goal of understanding such very mysterious and ongoing aerial phenomena in the coming years, we should get our house in order now so we are all taking the same language and studying the same thing.

Nick Balaskas

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## Automotive Close Encounters

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Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 13:19:08 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 13:19:08 -0500  
Subject: Automotive Close Encounters

Source: Driving.Ca - Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

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

Friday, February 22, 2008

Automotive Close Encounters

The truth about how UFOs affect drivers is out there. Way out there

Peter Kenter  
Canwest News Service

June 21, 1954 -- Ridgeway, Ont. A couple spotted a UFO while driving near Lake Erie. The UFO was metallic, shaped like a flattened sphere and the witnesses chased it in their car. When the car crossed the UFO's path, the car stalled. The UFO landed in the woods nearby and the car could only be restarted after pushing it some distance away.

May, 1967 -- Vauxhall, Alta. A couple saw a lit object in the sky. During the sighting, the headlights of their car flickered. Another motorist's engine failed during the sighting.

Winter, 1995 -- Winnipeg, Man. A car driving northbound to Selkirk stopped dead on the highway. The ignition failed repeatedly. A disc-shaped UFO hovered over the car for 15 seconds, then disappeared. After the departure of the object, the car functioned again.

Tales of cars and their drivers encountering UFOs form a part of our modern popular culture. But are motorists really being afflicted with automotive malfunctions caused by unidentified flying objects or, worse, being abducted from their vehicles on lonely back roads by aliens from another realm?

Your answer may say more about you and your preconceptions than about the actual phenomena being reported, says Bufo Calvin, education director for the Organization for Paranormal Understanding and Support (OPUS) with headquarters in California. The problem with reports of strange encounters is that they're often imbued with meaning by our own cultural references.

"Before a series of UFO reports in France in 1954, we rarely received reports of sightings from people driving along in cars - it was from people flying in airplanes," he says. "Most of the significant reports of UFO encounters of the 1940s involved pilots. After the huge wave of sightings in France, the idea of car stops entered the public consciousness."

In essence, once the idea of UFOs being linked with car malfunctions becomes common knowledge, reports of similar encounters become less reliable. The original report may either inspire intentional copycats or unintentionally provide others with a new framework to re-interpret previous experiences. A

series of widely reported car malfunction cases in Levelland, Tex., in 1957 essentially tainted the pool of virgin North American witnesses for good.

A 1965 abduction incident involving UFOs reported by Betty and Barney Hill in New Hampshire was widely repeated in newspapers, a subsequent book, *Interrupted Journey*, and a 1975 TV movie, *The UFO Incident*. Tales of similar encounters became more common in the 1980s, with people reporting the now-familiar phenomena of having their cars stop and later awakening in their vehicles with no knowledge of what happened during the intervening hours.

"If people see something they can't explain, they try to fit it into existing patterns, even something reported by others," says Calvin.

"They don't have the mental discipline to look at something and not commit to what it is."

Can mysterious flying objects really cause car engines to falter and electrical systems to fail? "The basic belief behind a car stop is that an electromagnetic (EM) field dampens the car's electrical system and the engine effectively stops," says Calvin. "When reports began to come in about these encounters, we find that people driving cars with diesel engines didn't report car stoppages, while people with regular car engines did. That supports the idea that something is happening, because people just making up stories wouldn't originally make a distinction between diesel and non-diesel engines."

A 1981 study of more than 400 cases of car stoppage due to electromagnetic failure by Mark Rodeghier for the Center for UFO Studies says that something significant is occurring -- but what? Rodeghier concludes that "some EM events occur in the presence of unknown metallic, noisy, disc-shaped objects..." Interesting, but no slam dunk for aliens.

In fact, the large number of reported car/UFO encounters on desolate roads may be just a function of our own driving habits and not a particular attraction between cars, their drivers and UFOs. "Regardless of what people are seeing that triggers UFO reports, about 90% of them involve nocturnal lights," says Calvin. "Where else might you be when you can clearly see nocturnal lights? Certainly not in the city where there's too much ambient light. You'd likely be driving on a country road."

Bigfoot sightings follow a similar pattern.

"The most common reports of Bigfoot are from people who claim to have seen one from their cars," says Calvin. "It doesn't mean that Bigfoot is an automobile aficionado -- it just means that most people who encounter anything in the woods are driving through the woods."

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## Re: Follow Up Of Source's UFO Meeting At The UN

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 10:44:22 -0600  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 14:20:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Follow Up Of Source's UFO Meeting At The UN

>February 21, 2008  
>Confirmation & Update On Secret UFO Meeting At UN

>From: Shawn and Clay  
>To: [drsalla.nul](mailto:drsalla.nul)  
>Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 9:21:17 AM  
>Subject: Follow Up Of Source's UFO Meeting At The UN

<snip>

>Dear Michael,

>This email is a follow up of the UN meeting which took place  
>Tuesday 12, 2008 at 8:00AM.

>We met our source 7:00PM, Monday, February 18, 2008. Our source  
>stated the following:

I couldn't agree more with the List's comments concerning this piece, including Bruce Maccabee's. As this 'UN update' shows, and as I like to say: 'the truth is often found between two lies.'

They continue to push the date back for disclosure in approximate 5 to 10-year increments as has been the case for the past 20 years, that I'm aware of at least.

They mix truth with lies and use anonymous sources, ad nauseam.

Terms such as 'the controllers' and 'galactic federation' are an oxymoron. What were they thinking? Let's tie Martin Cannon's famous monograph about mind control, "The Controllers," in with a theme from Star Trek?

<snip>

>we can expect mass suicides, social unrest and  
>upheaval. The ETs will help with re-programming and the concept  
>of an inclusive galactic order. However, society will have to  
>step up to the plate to assist - one on one - those people who  
>have shattered belief systems...

Suicides and shattered belief systems? Really? How are we going to assist? Take them to the edge of a cliff and yell 'jump'? And will that be before or after the ETs 're-program' us?

In my opinion, this is just more disinformation with a lot of bad psychological punch-lines.

Dare I ask: Could this be an attempt to discredit Dr. Salla?

K. Wilson  
[www.alienjigsaw.com](http://www.alienjigsaw.com)

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## Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>

Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 11:45:53 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 14:20:00 -0500

Subject: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

Hi Everyone!

On Christmas Day, 2004, a flying saucer-shaped spacecraft separated from its mothership and three weeks later made a soft landing on Titan, a rocky Earth-like world but with a thicker atmosphere. This spacecraft was the European Space Agency's Huygens probe - the first spacecraft to land on another world in the largely unexplored and still very mysterious outer regions of our own solar system.

Immediately after Huygens landed on Titan early in 2005, the media published preliminary pictures of the surface in the vicinity around the landing site which the Europeans provided them. These pictures showed what appeared to be a bright rocky coastline surrounding a darker large lake or sea of some unknown liquid (not water, since the surface temperature of Titan is much too cold).

A few weeks ago the Europeans finally published their very detailed but unexpected and surprising findings of the data from their Huygens lander and its U.S. Cassini mothership that is currently in orbit around Saturn but which continues to make occasional close passes to Titan. A summary of these findings were later published by the media, including the article below.

<http://www.cbc.ca/technology/story/2008/02/14/science-titan-fuel.html>

What the media failed to report is the significance of these new findings.

Now that it has been confirmed that Titan has more hydrocarbon fuel deposits on or near its surface than all the known hydrocarbon fuel reserves on Earth, IF these hydrocarbon fuels on Earth are really "fossil fuels" since they have a biological rather than a geological origin, then ESA has found the most compelling evidence to date for ET life (possibly more than all that ever exist here on Earth) on another world!

What I find very puzzling is that the ESA and NASA seems to be downplaying this amazing discovery, especially since their main purpose (at least by the taxpaying public that finances the space program) is the search for life on other worlds.

You would think it would be in ESA's and NASA's interest to put such as spin to this incredible but overlooked news story but they did not. Why?

Could it be that ESA and NASA does not want to expose the lie by the world's powerful oil industry that hydrocarbon fuels are NOT "fossil fuels" as we are told, by trusted people paid by this same powerful oil industry, which are nearly depleted since hydrocarbon fuels have a "biological" origin and are thus not renewable?

Unless these vast newly discovered deposits of hydrocarbon fuels on Titan had a biological origin too (i.e. from decaying organisms over the past few billions) - something very unlikely since Titan is much further from the Sun and thus much colder

than Earth making it a very unlikely place for large quantities of living organisms to thrive there - then the only reason for ESA's and NASA's silence over this amazing discovery on Titan is not to expose the oil industry's multi-trillion dollar a year "fossil fuel" deception.

This deception - bigger than the UFO cover-up - not only affects how our governments decide how to run our lives but it will continue to create global conflicts and possibly even bring WWII over the alleged, but false, limited non-renewable fossil fuel reserves. If these deposits of hydrocarbons on Titan and on Earth have a geological origin, then it is a renewable resource just like helium continues to be produced and accumulate in cavities within the Earth from the natural radioactive decay of heavy atoms in the ground (otherwise it would have all floated away into space in the distant past since helium is not only very light but is also an inert gas cannot bind with any other elements as hydrogen does, another lighter gas which is still very plentiful on Earth.

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: Professor Mulls Odds Of Life In Outer Space

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 12:38:04 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 14:20:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Professor Mulls Odds Of Life In Outer Space

>Source: The Daily Texan - The University of Texas - Austin, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2lv74g>

>2/21/08

>Professor Mulls Odds Of Life In Outer Space

>Talk is part of events to celebrate 50 years of space observations  
>By Katie Petroski

>More than 300 attendees crowded into a Welch auditorium Wednesday  
>evening to hear what Chris Chyba, a Princeton astrophysical  
>science professor, had to say about the possibility of  
>extraterrestrial life.

>The event is part of a yearlong program, "Forging the Future of  
>Space Science," that began in September 2007 and is held by the  
>Space Studies Board, which will continue to host an array of  
>international space scientists to celebrate the 50th anniversary  
>of the International Geophysical Year. During that year,  
>scientists internationally coordinated a comprehensive collection  
>of observations, resulting in events such as Russia's launch of  
>Sputnik.

>Chyba focused most of his 90-minute lecture on analyzing the  
>presence of liquid water on Mars and under the ice crust of  
>Europa, one of Jupiter's moons. He projected recent images of  
>formations on Mars' surface for the audience to consider the  
>possibility that the formations might have been carved by moving  
>water.

If he had spent at least part of his 90 minute lecture discussing  
the "Sputnik Flap" of sightings in Nov 1957 and the Jan 1958  
Trindade Island photographs could have provided a more definitive  
discussion of his belief (oops. There's the "b" word again)

>Chyba said he believes it is possible that humans exist alone as  
>science does not yet know the conditions under which life  
>originates or intelligence evolves.

>"Astrobiology also needs to speak to human future and the future  
>of human civilization," he said. "It's uniquely precious whether  
>we are entirely alone or whether we are part of a grand  
>community."

Or not so "grand."

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## Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 12:48:44 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 15:20:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

>From: Don Ecker <[decker0726.nul](mailto:decker0726.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 20 Feb 2008 20:38:36 -0800  
>Subject: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

>I appreciate someone with either "balls" or perhaps "gall" but  
>Greer takes the cake.

>I just received this from a fan of my radio show and found  
>this  
>almost beyond belief. Greer wants to fly first class ... at  
>someone else's expense. I thought you might find it amusing.

>Don

<snip>

>>Date: Wed, 20 Feb 2008 17:03:47 -0600  
>>From: [updates.nul](mailto:updates.nul)  
>>To: [updates.nul](mailto:updates.nul)  
>>Subject: Dr. Steven Greer Speaking at Santa Fe NM Conference  
>> - frequent flyer mile request

>>Dear Friends,

>>Dr. Greer will be speaking at the Science and Consciousness  
>Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the end of March. If anyone  
>has enough frequent flyer miles to donate for a First Class  
>airline ticket from Washington DC to Albuquerque (ABQ) it would  
>be much appreciated. We need to know quite soon as we need to  
>make the reservation.

<snip>

What's wrong with asking for donation? I don't see case here. And  
who knows why he needs First class ticket? Better to ask him (or  
his organization) personally - that's the way we are looking for  
first hand information, hmm?

Sergey

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### Ana Luisa Cid Interviews Mezcala UFO Witnesses

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 12:48:37 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 15:20:00 -0500  
Subject: Ana Luisa Cid Interviews Mezcala UFO Witnesses

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
February 22, 2008

UFO In Mezcala Mexico  
By Ana Luisa Cid

La Cronica Vespertina de Chilpancingo was the first newspaper to make the sightings in Mezcala known as an article signed by Lic. Francisco Rangel on January 10, 2008 with photos by Mr. Heladio Hernandez.

The article stated that a strange light accompanied by others of smaller sizes had caused panic among the residents of Mezcala, stressing that the event had a duration greater than 30 hours, witnessed by the entirety of the town's residents, ranging in ages from children to senior citizens.

The first reports indicated that the phenomenon started in the early hours of 31 December 2007 and was present until the first hours of February 2, 2008.

It is especially noteworthy that the electric power supply to the town was affected by this event.

Some residents state that the strange light passed over the main square and then landed at Cerro Pie de Minas, where it remained, putting forth powerful flashes, especially at night.

Given the long duration of the phenomenon, the residents of Mezcala had the opportunity of recording the unusual event on still cameras and video cameras, so that dozens of images are available.

One resident told the press that he had seen a mark on the hill where the UFO had landed. He claims having found an area in which the grass was flattened into a circular shape.

There is no further information in this regard. It should be noticed that in the photos taken with my own camera, I did not notice any marks on the ground. Journalists, however, shall continue researching and trying to find the alleged mark on the hill.

Mezcala is a community in the State of Guerrero, Mexico, located in a valley surrounded by the Sierra del Sur and the Cadena de los Filos; it is the location of the mine that boasts the largest gold deposits in Latin America and there is abundant mineral wealth in the region.

#### Research

Given the importance of this news item, I traveled to Mezcala to learn more about the mass sighting and the possible CE-2 event. I was in Mezcala and Chilpancingo on the 15th, 16th and 17th of February 2008, corroborating that the news item was legitimate and even more startling. All of the interviewed parties agreed in their accounts. No one denied the events or ignored them,



including the elderly or children. Research on the Mezcala Case is being conducted as a team with Lic. Francisco Rangel and Mr. Heladio Hernandez of La Cronica Vespertina de Chilpancingo, whose valuable assistance I acknowledge.

#### Videos

At this time, I have two videos of the flying objects of Mezcala.

The first material was presented on television on 11 February 2008 and corresponds to the video taken by the Lopez Sanchez family. They gave me a copy outside the Televisa facilities on 5 February. The family lives in Mexico City and visited Mezcala during the winter holidays, staying with relatives. This allowed them to become witnesses to the event.

The second video was given to me by Lic. Rangel and its author is Alfonso Ramirez. The journalists - who are aware of almost all of the videos taken in Mezcala - believe that the Ramirez material is the best by virtue of the fact that it shows the three flying objects described by witnesses, and they can be clearly seen despite the nocturnal nature of the video.

Thanks to the Lopez Family and Mr. Ramirez, I was able to secure these images. I would like to thank them for the trust they have placed in my work.

The video can be seen at:

<http://mx.youtube.com/watch?v=BttWeWvsBY0>

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## Re: Is The Truth Out There?

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 14:47:19 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 15:20:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Is The Truth Out There?

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 10:23:58 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
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Geez Nick,

Do we have to have this admonishment from you everytime someone  
snaps a shot of an anomaly that they didn't see with the naked

eye?

You don't see much through the viewfinder or on a 2 inch screen.

Or maybe as I've said before the thing was travelling too fast to be seen with the naked eye and the shutter trapped it in flight... just like that invisible hummingbird wing-or bee wing.

Millions of people flew over ancient ruin sites without seeing them from the air until they started using cameras to map geo-surveys, then there they were.

Germs were unheard of until people like Pasteur started looking through microscopes. Ever seen a hummingbirds wings while it was in flight. Take a picture at 1/2000th of a second and there they are - holy crap, hummingbirds have wings! Could this trapping of motion be the case with fast moving anomalies we call UFOs?

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Sometimes they turn out to be a Herring Gull as was a case some months back...sometimes they don't. If they are all faked or hoaxed then being a SFX tech in Hollywood should be a low paying job because every second person on this planet with a cellphone or a digital camera seems to be able to do that job using Photoshop according to some researchers. Just another dumb witness with a camera.

Don Ledger

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I have been thinking about this problem, having been confronted  
many times with UPI: Unseen Photographic Images.

I rejected a lot of possible terms before coming up with this  
one. BUFOs or BlurFOs (Blur UFOs) is a term already created by -  
I forget whom - and emphasizes the blurry nature of most of  
these images. However, some are sharp and BUFO or BlurFO don't  
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Very few of the UPIs or "NOUFOs" have a regular structure that makes them look like "something" (I can think of only two UPIs that definitely look like non-natural or "manufactured" - but not by man - objects).

What to do about these pictures? I tend to pass them off as "accidents" such as accidental photos of bugs, etc., even if I can't prove it because, on the other hand, the image is so irregular or indistinct I can't say it is an AFC (alien flying craft). Such a photo ends up in a photographic "grey basket" (credit: Stan Friedman)

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>ufology does not have a name or adopted a terminology for this  
>category of false UFOs or not observed UFOs (NO-UFOs?).  
>.....

Hi Nick,

A new category shouldn't be necessary. All the UFO aliens need do  
is render their normally invisible craft visible for a quarter of  
a second when the camera's shutter is open. If they can monitor  
your thoughts, as has been borne out in so many instances, they  
could monitor when your finger presses down on the button.

Jim

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## Re: Is The Truth Out There?

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 14:58:20 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 17:35:44 -0500  
Subject: Re: Is The Truth Out There?

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 10:23:58 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: Is The Truth Out There?

>>Source: The Dorset Echo - Bournemouth, UK

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

><snip>

>>I didn't see anything at the time though, it was only later  
>>when we got the film developed."

><snip>

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>category of UFOs captured on video or film that were not  
>observed  
>by the person taking the picture or anyone else. As of yet,  
>ufology does not have a name or adopted a terminology for this  
>category of false UFOs or not observed UFOs (NO-UFOs?).

>With the growing number of people with small compact still and  
>video cameras, including cell phone cameras, that are carried  
>around in person and readily available, the number of pictures of  
>"NO-UFOs" is also growing and the media is publishing them as  
>something mysterious or as evidence that UFOs are real but they  
>are not convincing anyone that UFOs are truly mysterious things  
>to science or that some of them may not have an Earth origin.  
>Birds, bugs and even flying debris do exist and so vastly  
>outnumber the few not-of-this-world or secret man-made UFOs  
>spotted in our skies, that the human brain filters them out and  
>that is why all these otherwise very honest and credible  
>witnesses of NO-UFOs never noticed them at the time they took  
>their pictures.

Hi Nick,

I agree that we should make a distinction between a UFO seen with  
the unaided eye and a UFO appearing only in a photograph.  
However, when you call the latter a "false UFO", you appear to  
have already judged it to be uninteresting and not worthy of  
consideration. Even your suggested acronym of NO-UFO reflects  
this judgment. In an earlier post, I suggested PUSO (photographed  
unseen object) as a suitable acronym for this kind of sighting.  
It does not carry as much baggage as NO\_UFO (at least to english  
speakers), and leaves one more open to the possibility that the  
photographed object was indeed an unrecognizable craft not  
detected by the visual system when the photo was taken.

Regards,

William

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## Re: Follow Up Of Source's UFO Meeting At The UN

From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 16:18:23 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 16:21:35 -0500  
Subject: Re: Follow Up Of Source's UFO Meeting At The UN

>From: Katharina Wilson <[K\\_Wilson.nul](mailto:K_Wilson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 10:44:22 -0600  
>Subject: Re: Follow Up Of Source's UFO Meeting At The UN

>>February 21, 2008  
>>Confirmation & Update On Secret UFO Meeting At UN

>>From: Shawn and Clay  
>>To: [drsalla.nul](mailto:drsalla.nul)  
>>Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 9:21:17 AM  
>>Subject: Follow Up Of Source's UFO Meeting At The UN

><snip>

>>Dear Michael,

>>This email is a follow up of the UN meeting which took place  
>>Tuesday 12, 2008 at 8:00AM.

>>We met our source 7:00PM, Monday, February 18, 2008. Our source  
>>stated the following:

>  
>I couldn't agree more with the List's comments concerning this  
>piece, including Bruce Maccabee's. As this 'UN update' shows, and  
>as I like to say: 'the truth is often found between two lies.'

>They continue to push the date back for disclosure in approximate  
>5 to 10-year increments as has been the case for the past 20  
>years, that I'm aware of at least.

>They mix truth with lies and use anonymous sources, ad nauseam.

>Terms such as 'the controllers' and 'galactic federation' are an  
>oxymoron. What were they thinking? Let's tie Martin Cannon's  
>famous monograph about mind control, "The Controllers," in with a  
>theme from Star Trek?

><snip>

>>we can expect mass suicides, social unrest and  
>>upheaval. The ETs will help with re-programming and the concept  
>>of an inclusive galactic order. However, society will have to  
>>step up to the plate to assist - one on one - those people who  
>>have shattered belief systems...

>Suicides and shattered belief systems? Really? How are we going  
>to assist? Take them to the edge of a cliff and yell 'jump'? And  
>will that be before or after the ETs 're-program' us?

>In my opinion, this is just more disinformation with a lot of bad  
>psychological punch-lines.

>Dare I ask: Could this be an attempt to discredit Dr. Salla?

I don't follow your logic here. Dr. Salla has done a pretty good  
job of discrediting himself. So have the purveyors of this latest  
science fiction fantasy garbage.

- Dick

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## Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 16:25:36 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 16:33:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 12:48:44 -0500 (EST)  
>Subject: Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

>>From: Don Ecker <[decker0726.nul](mailto:decker0726.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Wed, 20 Feb 2008 20:38:36 -0800  
>>Subject: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

>>I appreciate someone with either "balls" or perhaps "gall" but

>>Greer takes the cake.

>>I just received this from a fan of my radio show and found  
>>this  
>>almost beyond belief. Greer wants to fly first class ... at  
>>someone else's expense. I thought you might find it amusing.

>>Don

><snip>

>>>Date: Wed, 20 Feb 2008 17:03:47 -0600  
>>>From: [updates.nul](mailto:updates.nul)  
>>>To: [updates.nul](mailto:updates.nul)  
>>>Subject: Dr. Steven Greer Speaking at Santa Fe NM Conference  
>>> - frequent flyer mile request

>>>Dear Friends,

>>Dr. Greer will be speaking at the Science and Consciousness  
>>Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the end of March. If anyone  
>>has enough frequent flyer miles to donate for a First Class  
>>airline ticket from Washington DC to Albuquerque (ABQ) it would  
>>be much appreciated. We need to know quite soon as we need to  
>>make the reservation.

><snip>

>What's wrong with asking for donation? I don't see case here. And  
>who knows why he needs First class ticket? Better to ask him (or  
>his organization) personally - that's the way we are looking for  
>first hand information, hmmm?

Sergey,

Greer has a long track record of taking large amounts of money  
from - in my opinion, gullible - people to pretend he can show  
them alien landings by waving flashlights in the air.

He is a con-man of the first order, seeking to derive all the  
money he can out of the UFO field from people's interest in and  
curiosity about UFOs.

I see a lot wrong with that.

- Dick

[Please see:

<http://tinyurl.com/yuozcz>

before we get into re-hashing past List discussions on Greer

--ebk]

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## Alien Worlds Reviews

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Archived: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 17:13:36 -0500  
Subject: Alien Worlds Reviews

[Stops holding breath]

I have to say I'm much impressed with Stuart Miller's Alien Worlds magazine which arrived earlier this week. Hell, even the mail packaging evoked a "cool" from me.

AW is perfectly placed in the continuum. Glossy, artfully and cleverly informative, funnily irreverant and an asset to be treasured by space-cases around the planet.

Its what Stuart told listeners it would be in his last report on SDI - go listen:

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Alien Worlds is/will be available in Europe, North America and, apparently, in Gusev Crater - grab a copy or subscribe. Give your receptors a treat that cannot be found in one place - anywhere.

[http://alienworldsmag.com/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&Itemid=101](http://alienworldsmag.com/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=101)

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Mac Tonnies [Tone-ease] writes at:

<http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com/>

"Alien Worlds editor Stuart Miller sent me a hardcopy of the debut issue containing my cryptoterrestrial interview. The interview was conducted via phone, so there are unavoidable misheard words (entirely my fault for neglecting to ferret them out when given the chance to edit the transcript). Frankly, I sound a bit kooky. My advice: when reading the interview, imagine that you're listening to me talking. And if you don't know what I sound like (and you're certainly not missing much), try listening to one of the archived interviews listed on the Mac FAQ.

The magazine itself is a blast: lots of good content blessed by a sense of humor and some irreverent visuals. (Some "trade" publications treat the iconic "Gray" alien with a sort of puritanical reverence; Miller sees it as the pliant bit of memestuff it is and subjects it to all manner of distortion.)

Thanks for the ish, Stuart, and keep up the fine work"

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Nick Redfern at the UFO Mystic Blog he shares with Greg Bishop:

<http://www.ufomystic.com/the-redfern-files/alien-worlds-a-review/>

A couple of days ago I received in the mail a copy of the premier issue of Stuart Miller's new ufological magazine venture: Alien Worlds. I finished reading it last night and figured a review would be in order.

First, subject matter aside, Stuart is to be congratulated for succeeding in actually getting a high-quality, glossy, full-color, 86-page magazine on the news-stands of Britain. Indeed, having a presence on the shelves of the British equivalents of Barnes & Noble is no easy task. And that the subject of Alien Worlds is one of relative "fringe" standards - UFOs - makes Stuart's success even more notable.

It's been a long time since we saw a magazine devoted to alien life and UFOs on the shelves of Britain's shops. Certainly, there is Fortean Times and Beyond; however, they cover a wide range of subjects, and the ufological content of both usually runs to one, or at the most two, articles per issue.

Back at the height of X-Files mania in the 90s, countless news-stand publications on UFOs existed in the UK: UFO Magazine, Sightings, Alien Encounters, UFO Reality, The X-Factor, Uri Geller's Encounters, Enigma, and quite probably several others I've forgotten about.

The only one that really lasted was UFO Magazine - and even that came to an end shortly after the tragic death of its editor, Graham Birdsall, in 2003. In that respect, it's good to see the UFO subject given a high-profile position again.

So, what do you get for your money?

Well, for me at least, the most important thing is that Stuart, as editor, is not limiting himself purely to coverage of the so-called ETH: the Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis. I think it's pretty accurate to say that most, if not all, of the British news-stand publications on the subject that came (and went) before took the same approach: namely that UFOs = alien spacecraft.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with just catering to that market. Stuart realizes, however, that the UFO issue is a wide and varied one that encompasses countless theories - many of which go far beyond the realms of extra-terrestrial visitations.

That was the main problem I had with so many of the earlier British news-stand publications: the chances of seeing in their pages articles on, say, (a) parallels between alien abductions and 500-year-old fairy encounters; (b) how altered states of perception might open doors to the heart of the UFO puzzle; or (c) links between UFOs and the occult, were actually far less than the chances of having a little gray chap with big black eyes turn up on your doorstep saying "Take me to your leader" and stealing your wife's eggs to repopulate their dying species!

So, in other words, Stuart is not just catering for one aspect of Ufology. He recognizes that the subject covers a wide range of areas, and realizes - particularly as the old guard gets ever older and the younger generations take a somewhat more open and alternative view of what may be going on - that not everyone wants to hear about the same old stuff we've been exposed to for decades, and that - in terms of finding actual answers - hasn't really got us anywhere.

Okay, with that said, onto the contents.

I have to say that I think Stuart has taken a brave step by having the first article in the magazine one written by me and that reveals the latest data (including officially declassified documents) on the subject of my book Body Snatchers in the Desert - which asserts that nothing of an alien nature ever happened at Roswell; although something controversial most assuredly did.

I suspect there are very few magazine editors who would have had the guts to put an anti-alien themed Roswell article as their lead-in story - and in their first issue, no less. But again, I'm pleased to note, Alien Worlds is not your usual tired and predictable UFO publication.

Roswell aside, there's a very intriguing interview with the best thing to come out of Starbucks since the introduction of their

Iced Peppermint White Chocolate Mocha: namely, Mac Tonnies.

Like me, Mac takes very much of an alternative approach to Ufology. And this is amply demonstrated within the interview that Stuart conducted with Mac for Alien Worlds. Basically, the interview is devoted to a study of Mac's theories concerning what he terms "Cryptoterrestrials."

When he's not serving coffee to the thirsty masses, Mac is busy researching (for a book on the subject) the theory that perhaps our "alien visitors" are nothing of the sort.

Rather, Mac addresses the idea that perhaps "they" are merely, and ingeniously, masquerading as aliens; but in reality are an ancient race that co-exists with us, in stealth for the most part, right here on Earth. In some ways, Mac says, they are far in advance of us; yet in other ways they are our inferior.

Dwelling in the shadows, occasionally surfacing from their darkened realms to use us, exploit us and interact with us, the Cryptoterrestrials are an ominous breed; always two steps ahead of us - but, paradoxically, in many ways, two steps behind us.

Undoubtedly, when Mac's book on the matter is published the grumpy old men of Ufology will unleash a tirade of criticism in his direction - much like that which was thrown in my direction following the publication of Body Snatchers.

But that's what I like about Mac: he's not content to say just what people want to hear. And it's what I like about Stuart and his magazine too: there is a healthy amount of thinking outside the box.

Paul Kimball, of Red Star Films, has an insightful piece in Alien Worlds titled Why Ufology Needs a Barrack Obama, and discusses the need for a changing of the guard in Ufology; the need for a big breath of fresh air, new and younger faces, and a willingness to take on board alternatives to the ETH - but while not abandoning it, of course.

Paul's article makes a lot of sense; but again it's not what everyone will want to hear. Too bad. It needed to be said and Paul said it well.

For me, one of the most fascinating pieces in the magazine is an in-depth interview with Britain's Dave Clarke - viewed by some as a rabid debunker, by others as a fair-minded skeptic, but hopefully by most as an investigator with little time for bullshit and/or ufological fairy tales.

The interview tells us much about Dave's most recent book, The Flying Saucerers (a great, and at times hilarious, study - penned with pal Andy Roberts - on the early years of, and the people within, British Ufology); and provides enlightening information on Dave's own beliefs and theories relating to the UFO controversy.

Nick Pope, formerly of the British Ministry of Defense, gives his take on the MoD's UFO study, Project Condign; there's a good round-up of news that covers everything from the latest on the MJ12 documents to sex in space; an in-depth piece that poses the question: "What would happen if and when we made contact with an intelligent non terrestrial species?"; UFOs in the media; some good astronomy-based items; ancient mysteries pertaining to the human species and its development; a solid selection of book-reviews; a lengthy, must-read article on the highly controversial "Serpo" saga; and much, much more - including a lot of welcome humor! For some reason I've always been unable to fathom, Ufology and humor are usually poles apart.

And we even get to see a "Page 3? picture of Stuart himself cuddled up to his deputy-editor (only Brits reading this will get the "Page 3? reference - and for those same Brits: yes, the photo really is on page 3!)

But, all that said, I do have a few concerns about Alien Worlds. None, I'm pleased to say, are directed at the content or editorial approach of the magazine. Stuart asked me to offer all my views - good, bad, or otherwise - and so that's precisely what I'm doing.

My first concern is whether or not Alien Worlds can generate a big enough audience to keep it in publication when the content is not just the same old, tired and predictable "nuts and bolts ufology."

Now, don't get me wrong, there is definitely enough in the magazine to satisfy even the most rabid ETH devotee; and I'm sure Stuart has done his homework here. But I would hate to see the magazine fail purely because it focused on many alternative aspects of the subject; rather than just preaching to the "ET converted."

For me, and I'm sure many others, that Stuart is willing to embrace countless ideas and themes in a news-stand magazine is one of the best things to happen to Ufology in a long, long time. I just hope enough people realize it to sustain the magazine. So, give Stuart your support.

My only other real concern is this: while I think the name of the magazine, Alien Worlds, is perfectly apt, I'm not sure the font and typeface of the wording of its title jumps out at me from the front-cover of the magazine.

Bold, white writing on a black banner might not be the most original way to go; but if Stuart wants to capture not just the Ufological faithful, but the passing, curious reader too, he needs to have a title banner that jumps out at the average magazine buyer as they browse the shelves. I'm not sure the slightly spider-legged, wavy font design does that.

But that's a minor thing. The most important thing is that we, the UFO community, finally have a new, professionally produced magazine of excellent quality and content that is breathing a welcome breath of fresh air into a subject that has become increasingly tired, predictable and stagnant in recent years.

Do you remember when all those utterly ridiculous 1980s heavy-metal "hairspray" bands quickly went the way of the dinosaur when Nirvana burst onto the scene at the turn of the 1990s with their blisteringly-brilliant Nevermind album?

Without going over the top, I feel we are now at that point in Ufology. New ideas, new people and new blood are replacing the old, tired and fixed-in-concrete beliefs of the old guard. And even the first issue of Alien Worlds has shown to me that it has a firm, and highly relevant, place in that new Ufological world.

Diplomatically speaking, Stuart may be slightly more than a few years older than Kurt Cobain was when he made his mark, but Stuart is, I'm pleased to say, "one of us" rather than "one of them".

The first issue of Alien Worlds is a great piece of work that Stuart should be proud of and that you should be proud of too. Buy, subscribe and tell your friends about it. Let's make this one a winner.

And don't forget: you don't have to live in the UK to purchase Alien Worlds. Check out the subscription page on the magazine's website, where you can find all the information you'll need to subscribe to it - wherever you live."

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Source: OpEd News - Newtown, Pennsylvania, USA

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

February 22, 2008

It's Time! They're Here.  
by Angela Zayak

Thanks to a recent piece by Ed Komarek on OpEdNews.com 2-13-08 entitled Where is our Rosie Parks? and the widespread knowledge and worldwide exposure of the January 8th Stephenville, Texas UFO sightings, I feel emboldened and wish to make contact with my fellow UFO freaks out there in the world.

You can come out of the closet now folks. Seriously you can.

And may the non-believers out there please hang with me with an open mind for only the amount of time that it takes to read a few paragraphs.

Recent polls have shown that approx 70% of the US population can accept the reality of the existence of extraterrestrial life.

The concept even sounds logical to me by the reasoning of numbers alone considering the vastness of the universe and the quantity of heavenly bodies "out there" that can possibly have conditions that sustain life.

Our excursions to Mars have shown that such conditions may have once existed right next door at our neighboring planet.

So why is it odd and peculiar to carry this thought one step further to acceptance of the possibility of visits from alien species? These visits are reported daily by people all over the world and yet we roll our eyes, turn and cough to mask over the word "crazy" when our friends bring up the subject.

Did you ever wonder if you actually knew someone who was abducted by aliens but didn't know who the abductee was because no one in their right mind would have the guts to alert you to such news?

Did you ever consider that believing in UFO's and their occupants isn't much different than believing in a flying burning bush delivering the bearer of stone tablets of wisdom, an immaculate conception, angels, demons, a resurrection, an ark, a transcendence into heaven, a holy man on earth, a deity or any other number of mystical and divine beings, objects and occurrences? We can believe a set of intangibles that requires nothing but faith while we cannot believe in something that has provided physical evidence and shown itself to us.

How can we continue to hold onto such hypocrisy just to avoid dealing with the reality? Well hold onto your hats. That may change. News in the UFO community shows that reported sightings are on the rise.

The UK saw a 39% increase in reports between 2006 and 2007.

Perhaps you'll soon see something that makes you change your mind about all of this crazy alien stuff. Or will it take the uber-big display of battalions to finally convince us that visits from interplanetary species are something that we should have been prepared for?

Are you prepared to know which of our guests of various sizes, shapes and colors are the good guys and which ones are the bad guys? How will you know whether or not to approach these strangers with hostility or peace? Might I be so bold as to suggest that the answer may lie within ancient structures, art, text and scriptures?

And please consider dear American reader that UFO's were reported to have been spotted 405 times in the month of January of 2008 alone in an area that includes parts of Canada as well as the US according to reports received and listed by the national UFO reporting center, NUFORC.org.

NUFORC does prescreen the listings for obvious hoaxes but understandably still cannot vouch for the authenticity of all reports. Sixty-four of the January sightings were in California, with thirty-eight in Texas, thirty-two in Florida and eighteen in New York per my quick count of listings for those chosen four states. There were 111 reports listed at NUFORC's website between February 1, 2008 and Valentine's Day.

These are impressive numbers especially when one considers a quick estimation of 3600 reports per year just in North America, if one can assume that it is safe to base a quick calculation on the conservative number 300 for average monthly reports. Other websites reveal that the phenomenon occurs all over our planet earth.

Isn't it time that we started discussing openly without shame how it is that we are going to greet our guests? They have been ringing the doorbell for quite a while, 60 years as a matter of fact.

It's rude to continue to ignore them.

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>how our governments decide how to run our lives but it will  
>continue to create global conflicts and possibly even bring WWIIII  
>over the alleged, but false, limited non-renewable fossil fuel  
>reserves. If these deposits of hydrocarbons on Titan and on Earth  
>have a geological origin, then it is a renewable resource just  
>like helium continues to be produced and accumulate in cavities  
>within the Earth from teh natural radioactive decay of heavy  
>atoms in the ground (otherwise it would have all floated away  
>into space in the distant past since helium is not only very  
>light but is also an inert gas cannot bind with any other  
>elements as hydrogen does, another lighter gas which is still  
>very plentiful on Earth.

Nick,

I think your point is based on an unjustified conflation of methane and other very simple hydrocarbons with fossil fuels such as coal and oil. It has long been known that the atmosphere of Saturn contains very substantial quantities of methane, but I don't think this provides any argument for an abiotic origin of petroleum on earth. Moreover, we cannot as yet dismiss the possibility that the hydrocarbons on Titan are indeed of biological origin.

A good discussion of this issue can be found in the May 2007 issue of Scientific American (Atreya, S. K., The Mystery Of Methane On Mars And Titan).

Mike

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## Re: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 17:38:21 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 17:39:01 -0500  
Subject: Re: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 00:48:15 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO Meeting'

>>>Source: OpEdNews - Newtown, Pennsylvania, USA  
>>><http://tinyurl.com/28d9j8>  
>>>February 21, 2008  
>>>Confirmation & Update On Secret UFO Meeting At UN

<snip>

>Let's see if I got this straight. An unknown "source" is  
>reporting on a "secret meeting at the UN". Have I got that  
>correct? Yeah?

>I guess I have lived too long because I remember rumors of  
>"secret meetings" of high level government officials getting  
>circulated approximately every 5 years. Not even Whitley Strieber  
>has fallen for this rumor.

Salla's still asleep as seen in this latest unsound somniloquy.

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## The Cognitive Rift Between Humans & Other Animals?

From: Rick Nielsen <[nilthchi.nul](mailto:nilthchi.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 08:26:18 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 18:40:00 -0500  
Subject: The Cognitive Rift Between Humans & Other Animals?

Source: Science Daily - Herndon, Virginia, USA

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/02/080217102137.htm>

Feb. 22, 2008

What Is The Cognitive Rift Between Humans And Other Animals?

Some animals think in ways that were once considered unique to humans, however, a cognitive gulf still remains between humans and animals.

ScienceDaily (Feb. 22, 2008) =97 Shedding new light on the great cognitive rift between humans and animals, a Harvard University scientist has synthesized four key differences in human and animal cognition into a hypothesis on what exactly differentiates human and animal thought.

In new work presented for the first time at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Marc Hauser, professor of psychology, biological anthropology, and organismic and evolutionary biology in Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences, presents his theory of "humaniqueness," the factors that make human cognition special. He presents four evolved mechanisms of human thought that give us access to a wide range of information and the ability to find creative solutions to new problems based on access to this information.

"Animals share many of the building blocks that comprise human thought, but paradoxically, there is a great cognitive gap between humans and animals," Hauser says. "By looking at key differences in cognitive abilities, we find the elements of human cognition that are uniquely human. The challenge is to identify which systems animals and human share, which are unique, and how these systems interact and interface with one another."

Recently, scientists have found that some animals think in ways that were once considered unique to humans: For example, some animals have episodic memory, or non-linguistic mathematical ability, or the capacity to navigate using landmarks. However, despite these apparent similarities, a cognitive gulf remains between humans and animals.

Hauser presents four distinguishing ingredients of human cognition, and shows how these capacities make human thought unique. These four novel components of human thought are the ability to combine and recombine different types of information and knowledge in order to gain new understanding; to apply the same "rule" or solution to one problem to a different and new situation; to create and easily understand symbolic representations of computation and sensory input; and to detach modes of thought from raw sensory and perceptual input.

Earlier scientists viewed the ability to use tools as a unique capacity of humans, but it has since been shown that many animals, such as chimpanzees, also use simple tools. Differences do arise, however, in how humans use tools as compared to other animals. While animal tools have one function, no other animals

combine materials to create a tool with multiple functions. In fact, Hauser says, this ability to combine materials and thought processes is one of the key computations that distinguish human thought.

According to Hauser, animals have "laser beam" intelligence, in which a specific solution is used to solve a specific problem. But these solutions cannot be applied to new situations or to solve different kinds of problem. In contrast, humans have "floodlight" cognition, allowing us to use thought processes in new ways and to apply the solution of one problem to another situation. While animals can transfer across systems, this is only done in a limited way.

"For human beings, these key cognitive abilities may have opened up other avenues of evolution that other animals have not exploited, and this evolution of the brain is the foundation upon which cultural evolution has been built," says Hauser.

Adapted from materials provided by Harvard University, via EurekAlert!, a service of AAAS.

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## Use Of Ufology To Pursue Enduring Secrecy Curtains

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
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The Use Of Ufology To Pursue Enduring Secrecy Curtains

We have discussed here at length the possible causes and reasoning behind UFO cover-up. What we haven't, is the potential ufology itself presents to enable perceptions posed to world leaders allowing the implementation of secrecy in broader use than might be otherwise permitted.

In much the same way the Cold War's H-bomb threat gave two controlling blocks of authority supreme military control over almost the entire world, the suggestions of social and political de-stabilization proposed by open contact with ET, serves a power elite to, just as well, install itself with a like impunity.

Coming to the point where we now find it, that even an administration's leaders cannot either penetrate it or dispatch it.

The question begging to be answered is, what must come first, dissolution of this power elite (for disclosure) or such remarkable event no denial is possible?

I suggest to you the latter has already happened many times and that the tools of this entrenched elite are the only reasons none have been acknowledged to any extent.

JCH

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## 'Defunct' FSB Reports Sightings

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Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 18:45:00 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 18:45:00 -0500  
Subject: 'Defunct' FSB Reports Sightings

Source: The Gazette - Dursley, Gloucestershire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2c5s5j>

23 Feb 2008

Flying Saucer Bureau Reports Sightings In The Skies  
By Jayne Bennett

As more and more satellites are sent into orbit from Earth, sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects are also on the up, having risen from 97 in 2006 to 135 in 2007.

Denis Plunkett, of Winterbourne, runs the British Flying Saucer Bureau and says that this number may make up just a fraction of the UFOs in the skies above us, once you take into consideration those sightings that are simply not reported and those that are kept secret by the Ministry of Defence.

"There was an incident in Thornbury recently where a man saw a UFO being pursued by a fighter jet - although the MoD would of course deny this.

"The object was very low to the ground and virtually soundless. The jet, of course, was not!"

The sighting in Thornbury was typical of many of those reported to be seen in the sky in 2007; slow moving, silent craft, often disc- or triangular-shaped, and frequently very low to the ground.

"You find there are hotspots of sightings around the country, and our area is one of them. This may be because we have an easily identifiable North/South, East/West crossing in the form of the motorway interchange, as well as the airfield and a railway bridge."

There is, of course, often a perfectly rational explanation to many of the sightings and Winterbourne is in the flight path of the many extraordinary craft that come in to land at Filton. But Mr Plunkett insists that there is no way that a flying saucer could be confused with, for example, a hot air balloon.

"These things are massive," he says, "And usually very evasive. I believe that they are primarily sent for surveillance and monitoring purposes.

"Of course it all began after the war, and primarily after the nuclear bombs were set off in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It has been said that these two explosions could have been witnessed from Mars, so is it any coincidence that the sightings of UFOs began shortly afterwards?"

The British Flying Saucer Bureau was initiated in the autumn of 1952 by Denis Plunkett's late father, Edgar Lawrence Plunkett, and was an off shoot of the international organisation based in

Connecticut USA and run by Albert K. Bender.

At that time there were 1,500 members worldwide, but the British branch was left in limbo after three men in black coats' went to visit Mr Bender and the American HQ was disbanded.

Denis took over the organisation in 1993 and has a hardcore of correspondents who still maintain contact and send in reports, although this number is gradually increasing.

"I have a few photographs which clearly show some activity in the sky, such as the ones I have which were taken by a friend at Tortworth Court in 1993.

"He was taking photographs and didn't notice that these objects had appeared until he had the film developed. There's quite clearly something there."

Steven Cotton, general manager of the Four Pillars hotel at Tortworth Court, said: "We haven't seen any unidentified objects. We have the occasional helicopter flying in with guests, but that's all.

"There was, however, a naval training centre here in the 1940s and 50s, so maybe there could be something read into that."

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## The Ark & Roswell Wreckage Together?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 08:53:54 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 08:53:54 -0500  
Subject: The Ark & Roswell Wreckage Together?

I, on several occasions, have joked with guests on SDI that the Roswell wreckage probably ended up crated in the immense warehouse at the end of Spielberg's ripping yarn, Raiders Of The Lost Ark.

It would appear that there were others who mused along the same lines... See:

<http://tinyurl.com/yp53kh>

Grabbed from the trailer for the new Indiana Jones adventure at:

<http://www.paramount.com/paramount.php>

Click the vertical link on the left side of the banner.

Thanks to Joel Carpenter at P-47 for the heads-up.

ebk

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## Firefighters In Phoenix Train for UFO Encounters?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 09:07:11 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 09:07:11 -0500  
Subject: Firefighters In Phoenix Train for UFO Encounters?

Source: The National Ledger - Apache Junction, Arizona, USA

[http://www.nationalledger.com/artman/publish/article\\_272619032.shtml](http://www.nationalledger.com/artman/publish/article_272619032.shtml)

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Disaster Control: Firefighters In Phoenix Train for UFO Encounters?  
By Michael Amsterdam

Remember the Phoenix Lights? Everyone in the Valley of the Sun recalls the biggest UFO sighting in history and now a report from a local news station in Phoenix has revealed that local firefighters are shown that they can train for an invasion, and it is all a book used by rescue workers across the country. Now I know what some of you are already saying, but no this is not a satire article.

The details of the preparation are in a book titled "The Fire Officer's Guide To Disaster Control" that is not only used by Phoenix firefighters but by crew members around the country. The details of what to do can be found in Chapter 13, and are seemingly right out of a science-fiction novel or a Hollywood movie but many will believe they are just good common sense measures that would need to be used in any disaster, including an invasion from outer space.

Many have often wondered, "Are we really alone?" If not, it is likely a good thing this structured detail of how officials should react has been put together as it gives some training should something like the unthinkable ever happen. "It would be remiss to not give some part to the role fire departments might play in the even of the unexpected arrival of UFO's in their communities," the authors of the book, retired firefighters William M. Kramer and Charles W. Bahme, write.

Surely this is accurate and good planning, but expect it to be mocked and lampooned across the spectrum of news reporters and entertainment shows. The authors write in part, "In a less optimistic scenario, you may have engine trouble upon approaching the scene, and radio contact could be lost with your dispatcher."

It goes on with more Hollywood type scenarios that will give some pause. "If at night, your headlights could go out, the city could be blacked out, and your portable generators may malfunction when you attempt to use them for fans and portable lights."

Does this lend credence to those that have spotted UFOs? There have been enough unexplained events and most recently the Texas UFO sighting in Stephenville and the Chicago O'Hare sighting have made believers out of many that had been skeptics before. I can't bring myself to mock the chapter in the book, I think it is wise to prepare for any impending disaster.

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## What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

From: **Greg Boone** <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 17:47:37 EST  
Archived: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 09:09:32 -0500  
Subject: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

Let's think about this question.

Disclosure, what good is it going to do?

The U.S. Government gets on television and tells everyone that extraterrestrials have been visiting Earth.

So what?

Will their technological superiority be implemented in making our lives better?

Will insurance companies cover people with pre-existing conditions?

Will we be able to cure the common cold, athlete's feet, and baldness?

Will we have cars and boats and planes that run on miracle mystery fuel?

Will we be able to stop aging, obesity, and mid drift bulge?

I for one don't think jack squat would change. We'd have more questions than answers and no one would benefit one iota save the bar room arguments would change.

Some speculate that the world would turn into one giant utopia with mankind being kind to their fellow man.

Heck, if cable tv and Pop Tarts couldn't soothe the savage breast what makes us think having more neighbors would?

I think we humans are just fated to keep killing each other regardless of bounty.

Disclosure? I think it would probably be another arrow in the quiver of motivators to do one another in.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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## Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 01:02:59 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 10:03:50 -0500  
Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 16:20:25 -0700  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 11:45:53 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>>Subject: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

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>possibility that the hydrocarbons on Titan are indeed of  
>biological origin.

>A good discussion of this issue can be found in the May 2007  
>issue of Scientific American (Atreya, S. K., The Mystery Of  
>Methane On Mars And Titan).

Hi Michael,

If methane was the only organic compound identified on Titan, I probably would agree, but other more complex hydrocarbons with identical chemistry to Earth's "fossil fuels" such as oil and coal have also been found on Titan.

From your comments regarding methane in Saturn's atmosphere, it may be that the methane on Titan could have accumulated from the methane that escaped from the atmosphere of Saturn, the planet that Titan orbits, but methane has not (yet) been identified in such large quantities on Saturn's other moons.

Although I have not read the article in Scientific American, I am aware that unlike nitrogen and oxygen that make up Earth's atmosphere, methane breaks down quickly in sunlight. The reason we have measurable and fairly constant levels of methane in Earth's atmosphere is because of the large quantities of living organisms on our planet, including "farting" cows to sustain it.

This is why planetary astronomers hope to one day detect methane in the atmosphere of some rocky Earth-like planet orbiting some nearby star since the most likely reason for methane being

present at all is large numbers of organisms existing there too.

One other recent (and also suppressed) fact that convinces me that the vast quantities of hydrocarbons on the surface of Titan - more than the known hydrocarbon reserves on Earth - are of a geological origin is the discovery of new oil deposits around the world in cavities within solid rock many miles deep where no such "fossil fuels" could have ever formed from decomposed once living organisms alone. The output from these very deep newly discovered oil wells remains at constant rates which suggests to me that the oil extracted is replenished with newly created oil.

If I am correct that hydrocarbons have a geological rather than a biological origin, although this would mean that there is no energy crisis since we have an unlimited supply of "fossil fuels", the case for ET life on Titan would be greatly weakened.

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: Alien Worlds Reviews

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Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 00:34:10 -0800  
Archived: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 10:08:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Alien Worlds Reviews

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>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-Updates.nul](mailto:UFO-Updates.nul)>  
>Date: Saturday, February 23, 2008 2:13 PM  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Alien Worlds Reviews

>[Stops holding breath]

>I have to say I'm much impressed with Stuart Miller's Alien  
>Worlds magazine which arrived earlier this week. Hell, even  
>the mail packaging evoked a "cool" from me.

>AW is perfectly placed in the continuum. Glossy, artfully and  
>cleverly informative, funnily irreverant and an asset to be  
>treasured by space-cases around the planet.

>Its what Stuart told listeners it would be in his last report  
>on SDI - go listen:

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>Alien Worlds is/will be available in Europe, North America and,  
>apparently, in Gusev Crater - grab a copy or subscribe. Give  
>your receptors a treat that cannot be found in one place -  
>anywhere.

>[http://alienworldsmag.com/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&Itemid=101](http://alienworldsmag.com/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=101)

>ebk

Hi, EBK and Listers

I would concur that Alien Worlds magazine is off to a great start, and provides some necessary alternative viewpoints on the UFO/alien matrix of ideas, but I would ask where in America is this magazine now (or soon?) to become available? I checked recently with both Barnes & Noble, and Borders, locally, and was told by staffers at both - who may or may not actually know - that they did not carry it, had no copies on the 'zine stands, and when checking their inventory computer listings, saw no indication it would be carried.

I even sent an e-mail to Stuart Miller about this, and have asked at Mac's blog in comments, and went even further to suggest to Miller a few cogent marketing ideas about how, by subscription, a possible online edition might be considered as not only viable, but as a potentially profitable supplement, and most importantly, a way to distribute the content/graphics, etc., of the magazine world-wide, to whoever wanted to get an online subscription of the digital equivalent of the magazine.

While I have yet to hear back from Miller about my ideas for marketing, or the online subscription concept, I would hope that if the magazine does not get carried by local US book & magazine sellers domestically, that the alternative of an online sub and 'zine is seriously considered.

What say you, Stuart? Can you provide us with some further info along these lines? And, if you know yet, what can we expect in issue #2, and when will it be out, particularly if and when in

America? Hmmmmmm...?

Steve

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## Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 23:24:51 -0000  
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Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

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>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 11:45:53 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>Now that it has been confirmed that Titan has more hydrocarbon  
>fuel deposits on or near its surface than all the known  
>hydrocarbon fuel reserves on Earth, IF these hydrocarbon fuels  
>on Earth are really "fossil fuels" since they have a biological  
>rather than a geological origin, then ESA has found the most  
>compelling evidence to date for ET life (possibly more than all  
>that ever exist here on Earth) on another world!

>What I find very puzzling is that the ESA and NASA seems to be  
>downplaying this amazing discovery, especially since their main  
>purpose (at least by the taxpaying public that finances the  
>space program) is the search for life on other worlds.

>You would think it would be in ESA's and NASA's interest to put  
>such as spin to this incredible but overlooked news story but  
>they did not. Why?

>Could it be that ESA and NASA does not want to expose the lie by  
>the world's powerful oil industry that hydrocarbon fuels are not  
>"fossil fuels" as we are told, by trusted people paid by this  
>same powerful oil industry, which are nearly depleted since  
>hydrocarbon fuels have a "biological" origin and are thus not  
>renewable?

It is an amazing discovery, but hardly incredible. That would be  
a good word if it were the case that organic chemistry had  
hitherto been though unique to biological processes on Earth. But  
planetary scientists have known since the days of early  
spectroscopy that organic compounds were common in the  
atmospheres of the outer planets.

Jupiter's atmosphere has about 10,000 times more methane per unit  
volume than does Earth's, for example. Organic hydrocarbons are  
so-called owing to a 19thC misunderstanding. Nobody today  
believes, or has believed for well over a hundred years, that  
only biology gives rise to these compounds. Methane is the  
easiest hydrocarbon to make by non-biogenic processes. The gas  
giants also have more complex hydrocarbons, produced by  
photochemical reactions in the atmosphere.

Planetary scientists believe that Earth's atmosphere had much  
more methane of geological origin before life arose than it has  
today. Most the the extant crustal methane on Earth is held to be  
of biological origin, but not all.

None of this fits the picture of a global conspiracy to suppress  
the truth about either Titan's or Earth's chemical processes.

>Unless these vast newly discovered deposits of hydrocarbon fuels  
>on Titan had a biological origin too (i.e. from decaying  
>organisms over the past few billions) - something very unlikely  
>since Titan is much further from the Sun and thus much colder  
>than Earth making it a very unlikely place for large quantities

>of living organisms to thrived there - then the only reason for  
>ESA's and NASA's silence over this amazing discovery on Titan  
>is not to exposed the oil industry's multi-trillion dollar a year  
>"fossil fuel" deception.

I don't they've been "silent". I certainly heard plenty about it  
before you raised it here.

>This deception - bigger than the UFO ceover-up - not only effects  
>how our governments decide how to run our lives but it will  
>continue to create global conflicts and possibly even bring WWIIII  
>over the alleged, but false, limited non-renewable fossil fuel  
>reserves. If these deposits of hydrocarbons on Titan and on Earth  
>have a geological origin, then it is a renewable resource

If some hydrocarbons on Earth are of geological origin, which  
they are, then some hydrocarbon reserves are renewable (though of  
course so are biogenic hydrsocarbons - you have to specify your  
timescale and depletion rate). That isn't controversial. But  
you're inferring that if some Titanic hydrocarbons are geological  
then all or most terrestrial hydrocarbons must be also. This  
doesn't follow.

Martin Shough

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## Meteor Fireball Explodes Over Northwest U.S.

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Watch the skies...

The 'Thing' is out there...

<http://tinyurl.com/26tgkz>

Robert M\*

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## Re: Is The Truth Out There?

From: John Scheldroup <[johnscheldroup.nul](mailto:johnscheldroup.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 21:16:34 -0600  
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>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 10:23:58 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>Subject: Re: Is The Truth Out There?

>>Source: The Dorset Echo - Bournemouth, UK

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

><snip>

>>I didn't see anything at the time though, it was only later when  
>>we got the film developed."

><snip>

>Hi Everyone!

>This is just one of the latest examples of pictures of a new  
>category of UFOs captured on video or film that were not observed  
>by the person taking the picture or anyone else. As of yet,  
>ufology does not have a name or adopted a terminology for this  
>category of false UFOs or not observed UFOs (NO-UFOs?).

><snip>

Hi Nick and Everyone!

The perimeter of the lens flare to the inner center:

<http://www.yourfilelink.com/get.php?fid=457162>

here we find this black cigar or an ellipse the reflection of the  
lens flare at smaller scale?

Result of our disposable camera onboard chip algorithm having  
focused tangential to the flare to the focal point with lighting  
having been calculated from perimeter of the lens flare to the  
focal point. From the flare to the focal point with any possible  
lighting calculated squarely per distance from the rich flare to  
the center. So, is the cigar shape just a reflection of the first  
minus the distance squared.

NOFOO:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foo\\_fighter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foo_fighter)

John

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02/24/2008

Aztec To Be Part Of Upcoming Disney Movie  
By Lindsay Whitehurst  
The Daily Times

AZTEC =97 If Hollywood is like another planet, the Aztec UFO Symposium should fit in perfectly.

The two solar systems will collide when art and logos from the symposium appear on sets of the upcoming Disney re-make Witch Mountain.

"(Aztec) will have a big footprint," Los Angeles-based set decorator Kara Lindstrom said. Slated for a 2009 release, the movie features an alien brother and sister searching Earth for something that will save their planet while avoiding men who would exploit their powers.

In one scene, the pair, who look human, go to a UFO convention in Las Vegas, Nev., and end up on the run. One of the convention booths will be from the Aztec UFO Symposium.

Though it will be one of about 45 booths from UFO powerhouse cities like Roswell and Laughlin, Nev., Lindstrom said Aztec's booth will be two or three times as large as the others.

"They have a lot of art work and a lot of really good stuff," Lindstrom said. "Most conventions are not that visually interesting."

Shooting is slated to start in California in March, and the UFO convention scene shoot is in April. Though only extraterrestrial powers could discern the amount of screen time Aztec will get, its chances look good.

"It's background to an extremely big scene," Lindstrom said. "We'll take a week to shoot this thing."

The contact started when Lindstrom found the symposium online.

"We sent them T-shirts, cups, mugs, bags, big banners," and entries from the annual art contest, Aztec Librarian Leanne Hathcock said. "Ten years worth of stuff."

The positive, prompt response from the Aztec Library made it one of Lindstrom's favorites.

"I found a lot of people were kind of flakey", she said.

This set will be different from the others she's helped create on movies such as French Kiss and Strange Days because many, though

not all, of the sets are from real groups or events.

"It always looks better. You know if something is real or kind of fake," she said. "Real works."

This week, the Aztec City Commission approved contracts giving Flying Winnebago Productions Inc., a company created by Disney for the movie, the right to use photos, images and artwork from the symposium for \$2,000.

"Some people pay to have their stuff appear on sets," Hathcock said. Though documentary crews have visited the symposium before, this is the largest amount the library has been paid, Hathcock said.

The movie is a remake of the 1975 film Escape To Witch Mountain about two orphan children with mysterious powers. It was followed by a sequel, Return From Witch Mountain three years later.

The new version stars Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson as a cab driver who advises and protects the children. AnnaSophia Robb, who was in Bridge To Terabithia, will play the sister.

"It's about aliens, but it's a family movie, really quite sweet," Lindstrom said.

The 10-year-old Aztec UFO Symposium is based on a possible 1948 spacecraft crash in Hart Canyon. Dozens of speakers and a few hundred people come each year to hear speakers on all things extraterrestrial and otherworldly.

The library is now accepting entries for the art contest. For more information, call (505) 334-7657.

Lindsay Whitehurst:

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## Re: It's Time! They're Here

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Archived: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 11:10:00 -0500  
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>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-Updates.nul](mailto:UFO-Updates.nul)>  
>Date: Saturday, February 23, 2008 2:33 PM  
>Subject: It's Time! They're Here

>Source: OpEd News - Newtown, Pennsylvania, USA

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

>February 22, 2008

>It's Time! They're Here.  
>by Angela Zayak

>Thanks to a recent piece by Ed Komarek on OpEdNews.com 2-13-08  
>entitled Where is our Rosie Parks? and the widespread knowledge  
>and worldwide exposure of the January 8th Stephenville, Texas UFO  
>sightings, I feel emboldened and wish to make contact with my  
>fellow UFO freaks out there in the world.

>You can come out of the closet now folks. Seriously you can.

>And may the non-believers out there please hang with me with an  
>open mind for only the amount of time that it takes to read a few  
>paragraphs.

>Recent polls have shown that approx 70% of the US population can  
>accept the reality of the existence of extraterrestrial life.

>The concept even sounds logical to me by the reasoning of numbers  
>alone considering the vastness of the universe and the quantity  
>of heavenly bodies "out there" that can possibly have conditions  
>that sustain life.

<snip>

>Did you ever consider that believing in UFO's and their occupants  
>isn't much different than believing in a flying burning bush  
>delivering the bearer of stone tablets of wisdom, an immaculate  
>conception, angels, demons, a resurrection, an ark, a  
>transcendence into heaven, a holy man on earth, a deity or any  
>other number of mystical and divine beings, objects and  
>occurrences? We can believe a set of intangibles that requires  
>nothing but faith while we cannot believe in something that has  
>provided physical evidence and shown itself to us.

Problem here is that faith and belief are one thing, proof and  
evidence of 'visitation' or 'presence' are another.

>How can we continue to hold onto such hypocrisy just to avoid  
>dealing with the reality? Well hold onto your hats. That may  
>change. News in the UFO community shows that reported sightings  
>are on the rise.

>The UK saw a 39% increase in reports between 2006 and 2007.

I don't know how really significant a rise from 2006 of 97  
reports to 135 in 2007 actually is, especially with the advent of  
celebrations employed the infamous toy Chinese Lantern hot-air

blimpettes, which is definitely on the rise in the UK, and the fact that compared to just a few years ago, the number of UFOs reported to the MOD in the UK is nearly double last year's figures.

<snip>

>Isn't it time that we started discussing openly without shame how  
>it is that we are going to greet our guests? They have been  
>ringing the doorbell for quite a while, 60 years as a matter of  
>fact.

>It's rude to continue to ignore them.

Yeah, well may be. But if they just keep figuratively 'ringing our doorbell' and aren't there when we 'open the door' to see who's there, like little kids ringing our buzzers and then running away, laughing, not to either seen or possibly invited in or truly greeted, there ain't much for us to do about that, now is there?

Steve

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## Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <[sergejsh.nul](mailto:sergejsh.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 04:08:09 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 11:10:00 -0500  
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>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 16:25:36 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

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>Sergey,

>Greer has a long track record of taking large amounts of money  
>from - in my opinion, gullible - people to pretend he can show  
>them alien landings by waving flashlights in the air.

<snip>

Dick,

I am not sure, how Greer is managing his money and for what exactly. But I do not believe that anybody, who attended his groups, didn't see anything, no phenomena and no UFOs.

He mentioned in his interviews I read and heard, in lectures I attended and in his book I read, that they had appearances of UFOs and other phenomena. And I don't think it is foolish to use flashlights for that, if it's giving the results.

I know he also used special sound, also with results. I believe such things are possible, because I was eyewitness when a big UFO,thesize of 2 full moons, appeared over a mountain when a Russian contactee was playing a flute. I and 14 people with me saw this in rhe Pamir mountains in Tajikistan.

I paid him for getting there, because it costs money - to organize expedition, to prepare necessary materials, etc. And I know that is nothing wrong in asking for help or money, because I was in the middle of these problems when I was helping him.

So from those points I understand Steven Greer, his problems and what he is doing. Also I understand than not everybody understands that. And that is normal, at least for now.

Sergey

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From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 02:13:44 -0800  
Archived: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 12:10:00 -0500  
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>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 09:22:50 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Use Of Ufology To Pursue Enduring Secrecy Curtains

>The Use Of Ufology To Pursue Enduring Secrecy Curtains

>We have discussed here at length the possible causes and  
>reasoning behind UFO cover-up. What we haven't, is the potential  
>ufology itself presents to enable perceptions posed to world  
>leaders allowing the implementation of secrecy in broader use  
>than might be otherwise permitted.

>In much the same way the Cold War's H-bomb threat gave two  
>controlling blocks of authority supreme military control over  
>almost the entire world, the suggestions of social and political  
>de-stabilization proposed by open contact with ET, serves a power  
>elite to, just as well, install itself with a like impunity.

>Coming to the point where we now find it, that even an  
>administration's leaders cannot either penetrate it or dispatch  
>it.

>The question begging to be answered is, what must come first,  
>dissolution of this power elite (for disclosure) or such  
>remarkable event no denial is possible?

>I suggest to you the latter has already happened many times and  
>that the tools of this entrenched elite are the only reasons none  
>have been acknowledged to any extent.

Hi, James, Listers

I find your comments rather interesting, especially about how "the  
latter has already happened many times"- could you give us some  
examples of this suggestion?

Steve

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Saturday, February 23, 2008

Abductees Share Their Stories At UFO Congress

By Dominika Maslikowski  
The Daily News

Laughlin - The water was still and reflected the night stars like a giant mirror.

It was August 1976, and four college students had set out into the Maine wilderness for a fishing trip on a lake surrounded by dense forest.

Then one of them spotted a white, round sphere hovering above the water, its surface moving like boiling oatmeal.

"What's the big deal?" one of them thought. "It's just the moon."

But his thought was quickly dismissed.

Three decades later, telling his story during the International UFO Congress Convention, Foltz still gets goosebumps on his arms when he talks about that night. After dozens of TV appearances and lectures, he says it's still painful to remember.

The sphere moved across the shoreline and lit up the trees below, he continued, nearing toward them with a white and yellow light.

Foltz shined his flashlight in its direction and the sphere came to a stop. Then it shone a beam down to earth and began moving toward the group again. They paddled furiously toward the shoreline, where their campfire served as a beacon.

He picked up his flashlight again. The sphere moved away, then ascended up and away at a 45 degree angle in silence. The campfire, built to last about four hours, had burned down completely after a half hour of fishing. It left the group wondering about the three and a half hours of unaccounted time, but Foltz didn't think about it much.

They fell exhausted into their tents to sleep, too tired to talk about what they'd seen. It was the last time they saw the sphere that would haunt them for decades.

Memories

Two years later, Jim Weiner had developed epilepsy. He began having nightmares. And although he didn't know it then, his brother more than 100 miles away - who'd also been on the

fishing trip - saw the same faces in his disturbed sleep.

The nightmares involved the group, "strange beings or creatures," and experiences of exams, pokes and prods as they lay unable to move on a table.

A decade later, Weiner says he met a UFO investigator who referred to him by a psychologist from the team of doctors that treated him for epilepsy.

The investigator interviewed their old college buddies, Maine park rangers and Air Force personnel. Then he put all four of them - separately - under hypnosis. Foltz says memories came forward he didn't know existed.

He once thought UFO buffs were "a few fries short of a Happy Meal," but even after his memories returned he remained skeptical. Maybe it was a brain tumor, he thought, or some type of disorder.

All four thought there must be something wrong with them and that only crazy people had such stories. All four had recalled the same experience, Foltz said, but it took a few years for them to become comfortable with the idea.

"Then you come to a point where you have to accept them," Foltz said. "It's much like a rape victim that shuts out the attack because they were helpless to prevent it."

Foltz decided what they'd seen was important and had to be shared with others.

#### The Skeptics

Although the UFO debate is more mainstream now than in was in the 1990s, Foltz says he still comes across a wide variety of reactions as an "abductee" - from the adoration of those excited to meet the people who'd met their "space brothers," to ridicule and "outright derision."

"I believe in skepticism," Foltz said. "However, you meet people whose minds are about as open as a block of wood."

But although they may have difficulties, and telling their story is still hard, Weiner and Foltz say they keep going to help other "abductees."

"We feel we're helping people who've gone through the same thing we have and have no recourse or support group," Foltz said. "(To let them know) there are people out there who'll listen to their stories."

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>was in the middle of these problems when I was helping him.

>So from those points I understand Steven Greer, his problems and  
>what he is doing. Also I understand than not everybody  
>understands that. And that is normal, at least for now.

Sergey,

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## Suspicious Deaths Of Former Government Employees

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 13:04:25 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 13:04:25 -0500  
Subject: Suspicious Deaths Of Former Government Employees

Source: The Phoenix Online - Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, USA

<http://phoenix.swarthmore.edu/2008-02-21/opinions/17931>

February 21, 2008

Suspicious Deaths Of Former Government Employees  
By Ben Van Zee | The Price Of Ignorance

You can probably recount several of the "crazy" conspiracy theories you've heard in your lifetime. When listening to conspiracy theorists it is important to realize the possibility of reality behind seemingly far-fetched tales. There are those out there who want you to think that all conspiracies are far from fact, when in reality many conspiracies are closer to the truth than any of us will ever know.

In January of 1996, an ex-U.S. government geologist and structural engineer by the name of Phil Schneider was found dead in his apartment. His good friend and co-conspirator Ron Rummel had been found dead in a park three years prior to Schneider's death, due to a gunshot wound to the head. Cause of death: suicide.

Prior to their deaths, Schneider and Rummel had worked for the federal government for 17 years, after which they began to publish a magazine called The Alien Digest. The magazine received wide circulation, but was soon brought to a halt in 1993 with Rummel's death.

Phil was convinced that his friend had not committed suicide, and had in fact been murdered. Subsequent to Rummel's death, Phil quit his job and toured the country for the next two years, lecturing on the secrets he had been privy to during his work for the federal government.

As Schneider began his lecture tour he made clear that he was going to be targeted for revealing government secrets and probably would not live long. Schneider revealed that he had been working with the U.S military to build thirteen underground military bunkers across the United States.

Schneider's story was particularly interesting because he was the first man with such a high level of security clearance - Rhyolite, one of the highest levels attainable - to spread classified information. He made claims ranging from the pernicious intentions of the United Nations to the government development of the AIDS virus. Most importantly, he spoke about the U.S. government's extraterrestrial relations.

Schneider maintained that the U.S. government has had relations with extraterrestrials for more than half a century. He attested that in 1954 the extraterrestrials signed the Greade Treaty, arranging an exchange of extraterrestrial technology for the rights to test extraterrestrial implanting techniques on U.S. citizens and livestock.

Schneider went into details about his first and only encounter with the aliens in August of 1979 while he and a crew of military government employees were working on a new underground military base in Dulce, New Mexico. After their drilling machines repeatedly broke down, Schneider and others were sent into a subterranean orifice to collect rock samples.

Upon entering the hole Schneider distinctly noted a repugnant smell unlike anything he had ever experienced. After reaching the bottom of the shaft, Schneider found himself in an opening with what appeared to be some kind of humanoid creature. Schneider was naturally startled and began to reach for his pistol. He fumbled for several moments, trying to free his pistol from his bulky suit, when he made out the distinct figure of what appeared to be an extraterrestrial humanoid soon joined by other similar creatures. Schneider shot and seemingly killed two of the extraterrestrials, and the military personnel also began shooting the creatures. After two extraterrestrials had been shot, a third made some kind of rubbing motion across its stomach and Schneider was blown backward.

The blast from the creature had split Schneider's chest open, destroyed several fingers, burned off his toenails and severely burned his bones. He was in radiation/isolation therapy for more than four hundred days and later discovered that he was only one of three men who made it out alive. Sixty-six others had perished in battle with the humanoids.

Schneider was found dead seven months after giving a lecture on his story. Cause of death: suicide. All of his research and collected evidence of extraterrestrial mineral samples were missing from his apartment. His blood and urine samples sent to medical examiners were conveniently lost.

Was the U.S. government responsible for Phil Schneider's death? If so, does this lend validity to Schneider's claims? Although his story sounds outlandish, we have to consider the possibility that Schneider might have known something that our government does not want us to know.

Ben is a first-year. He can be reached at:

[bvanzeel.nul](mailto:bvanzeel.nul)

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 10:37:15 -0700  
Archived: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 13:15:48 -0500  
Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 01:02:59 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 16:20:25 -0700  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>>I think your point is based on an unjustified conflation of  
>>methane and other very simple hydrocarbons with fossil fuels such  
>>as coal and oil. It has long been known that the atmosphere of  
>>Saturn contains very substantial quantities of methane, but I  
>>don't think this provides any argument for an abiotic origin of  
>>petroleum on earth. Moreover, we cannot as yet dismiss the  
>>possibility that the hydrocarbons on Titan are indeed of  
>>biological origin.

>>A good discussion of this issue can be found in the May 2007  
>>issue of Scientific American (Atreya, S. K., The Mystery Of  
>>Methane On Mars And Titan).

<snip>

>From your comments regarding methane in Saturn's atmosphere, it  
>may be that the methane on Titan could have accumulated from the  
>methane that escaped from the atmosphere of Saturn, the planet  
>that Titan orbits, but methane has not (yet) been identified in  
>such large quantities on Saturn's other moons.

This is true, but I did not mean to imply that Saturn was the  
source of Titan's methane, but rather that methane of non-  
biological origin is widespread.

>Although I have not read the article in Scientific American, I am  
>aware that unlike nitrogen and oxygen that make up Earth's  
>atmosphere, methane breaks down quickly in sunlight. The reason  
>we have measureable and fairly constant levels of methane in  
>Earth's atmosphere is because of the large quantities of living  
>organisms on our planet, including "farting" cows to sustain it.

The lifetime of methane in Titan's atmosphere is some six orders  
of magnitude greater than in ours. Nevertheless, it should have  
been exhausted by now without some source of replenishment (not  
necessarily biological).

I can't find the reference, but I am fairly sure that on Earth  
the methane contribution from 'belches' far outweighs that from  
flatulence.

<snip>

>If I am correct that hydrocarbons have a geological rather than a  
>biological origin, although this would mean that there is no  
>energy crisis since we have an unlimited supply of "fossil  
>fuels", the case for ET life on Titan would be greatly weakened.

This would not necessarily mean the end of the 'energy crisis'



(if indeed there is one... incident sunlight contains vastly more energy than we use). The issue is accessibility: if it takes more than a barrel of oil to extract a barrel of oil, it's going to stay right where it is.

Mike

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## Re: Use Of Ufology To Pursue Enduring Secrecy

From: **Franklin Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 13:31:41 -0500 (EST)  
Archived: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 14:15:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: Use Of Ufology To Pursue Enduring Secrecy

>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 02:13:44 -0800  
>Subject: Re: Use Of Ufology To Pursue Enduring Secrecy Curtains

>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 09:22:50 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Use Of Ufology To Pursue Enduring Secrecy Curtains

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><snip>

>>The question begging to be answered is, what must come first,  
>>dissolution of this power elite (for disclosure) or such  
>>remarkable event no denial is possible?

>>I suggest to you the latter has already happened many times and  
>>that the tools of this entrenched elite are the only reasons none  
>>have been acknowledged to any extent.

>Hi, James, Listers

>I find your comments rather interesting, especially about how "the  
>latter has already happened many times" - could you give us some  
>examples of this suggestion?

I believe there are many events that meet the non-deniability  
criteria. But we don't need to look any further than last  
month's Stephenville event. It defiantly meets the criteria for  
a remarkable event where no denial is possible.

Testimony from hundreds of people has been compiled. Photos and  
film was obtained. Note: MUFON will be having a news conference  
in March to cover it.

There was clearly something unusual and unexplained that  
happened in S-ville. No reasonable person could deny it.

There is clear evidence that misinformation was put out by the  
Air Force and the media. There is also clear evidence of  
attempts to quiet witnesses and at least one member of the  
press.

Frank

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## Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 18:13:06 -0000  
Archived: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 14:15:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

>From: Greg Boone <>[volbaby.nul](mailto:volbaby.nul)  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 17:47:37 EST  
>Subject: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

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Hi Greg,

You know I'm no Utopian - more often called 'cynic' - yet was struck by Prof. Chandra Wickramasinghe's reply during Stuart Miller's excellent interview, at:

[www.perceptions.couk.com/panspermia.html#briskly](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/panspermia.html#briskly)

on the subject of reactions to more general awareness of reality in the universe.

[Quote Begins]

SM: But it raises questions about God and other theological issues too.

CW: It certainly does and I think the re-adjustments would inevitably follow. A new generation of religions might be born. I don't know how quickly that would happen, but I think it will happen more quickly than in centuries or even perhaps decades, if the facts of cosmic life become compelling.

It would be also be hard to avoid the implications of Life being everywhere, if for instance that external Life interacts adversely with terrestrial life.

[Quote Ends]

Chandra also gives some sharp observations on the possible academic & political motivations for suppression of facts.

All in all, I think that interview is jam-packed with quite surprising insights, which is why I asked Stuart and Professor Wickramasinghe for permission to 'mirror' it for a wider audience.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

From: John Novak <[changingplanet.nul](mailto:changingplanet.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 13:10:43 -0800  
Archived: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 07:16:04 -0500  
Subject: Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

>From: DickHall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 11:42:29 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

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>You apparently believe everything he tells you, which of course  
>makes you a perfect target for his activities.

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LOL! I guess I wasn't the only one to ever ask him that  
question!

Years ago... 1997 specifically... he was in Seattle for a UFO  
conference. He went on and on about he was just a country  
emergency room doctor who spent millions in his own \$\$\$ for this  
effort. So at the Q&A when he finished, I asked him if he had  
photos or videos to back up the claims of vectoring in UFOs. He  
looked at me with a blank stare and said no. I followed quickly  
with, "In all these years of doing this, spending millions as  
you claim, didn't you think it might be a good idea to buy a  
camera? I'm not a debunker, it's just I've never seen one and I  
would really like to."

"Well, that's a good question and we'll have to look into that."

Again... that was 1997.

Several months later I met a guy named James Gilliland who told  
me to come up to his ranch if I wanted to see one and I could  
take my own pictures. So I went. My life has never been the same  
since.

Seems to me if someone can call in UFOs with regularity, a  
camera is vital.

But what do I know... I'm just a transplanted surfer boy turned  
country in Okanogan County.

Actually, we've been given a completely new designation by our  
neighbors out here. We're not 'ranchers, farmers, druggies,  
hippies, survivalists or religious types', but 'stargazers'. I  
can live with that.

The next question is...

If the claims of 100 years of patented UFO technology are true  
and the majority of UFOs flying around the skies are in fact  
flown by humans, what does this say for the people who claim to  
be able to "vector them in"?

Could they be involved in a con game with UFO pilots, knowingly or unknowingly?

If you go by technology that has been patented for UFO type craft and very sophisticated surveillance up to and even including monitoring by satellite, then yes... it is indeed possible they could. We've even seen a patent that can broadcast into the human brain using low frequency directed microwaves where the recipient 'hears' things. That was in the 1970s and according to the patent, was able to create voices.

Considering the sponsors were the US military, it would be reasonably safe to assume the technology has advanced since. In a worst case scenario, you could literally create the voice of God in a persons head, light up his UFO craft surrounded by a host of angels and drive someone to the point of having a complete mental breakdown or turn someone already on the edge into a psychotic religious assassin/terrorist.

-John

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## Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 17:01:00 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 07:21:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

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Have I read/heard correctly that there have been others who have  
reported reactions from UFOs signalling with lights?

I recall one report where an ambulance in a rural area found the  
road blocked by a UFO on the road. The ambulance driver switched  
on his flashing lights and the UFO disappeared.

It seems that if UFOs have responded to other light signals,  
maybe there is something to Dr. Greer's claims?

Eleanor White

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From: **Stanton T Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 18:29:09 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 07:20:54 -0500  
Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

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I was very busy with my new book Flying Saucers And Science to  
be out in May, and was gone for a family vacation, so have been  
trying to get caught up.

The interview with Chandra is one of the best I have seen in  
ages. It truly illuminates the noisy negativism towards new

Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

ideas by the astronomical Community... quite consistent with the attitude shown towards UFOs.

I have often said that flying saucers finish the job that Copernicus started in getting man on earth away from the center of the universe.

Saucers and panspermia!!

Right on Dr. W.

Stan Friedman

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## The Meridiani Journal Blog Update

From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 22:00:33 -0800  
Archived: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 08:30:00 -0500  
Subject: The Meridiani Journal Blog Update

For those interested in space exploration, planetary in particular here, I've also been updating my blog The Meridiani Journal. This replaces the previous version on Blogger.

Please note the updated URL, RSS feed and e-mail:

<http://web.mac.com/meridianijournal>

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/meridianijournal>

[meridianijournal.nul](mailto:meridianijournal.nul)

Re. the RSS feed, please note the shorter new URL which should now be used in your RSS readers. The RSS link in the right-hand column will now take you to an improved feed page on FeedBurner which provides various additional subscription options for both regular readers/aggregators and web-based readers as well as its own current listing of recent posts (much nicer than raw XML!). You can also still manually copy the URL directly into whatever reader you may be using, of course. The feed can also now be embedded into other web sites using SpringWidgets.

Paul

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[web.mac.com/meridianijournal](http://web.mac.com/meridianijournal)

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## Erath County Officers Video UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 08:30:00 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 08:30:00 -0500  
Subject: Erath County Officers Video UFO

Source: Stephenville Lights.Com - Texas, USA

[http://stephenvillelights.com/news.html#Filed\\_2-22-2008](http://stephenvillelights.com/news.html#Filed_2-22-2008)

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Erath County Officer Witnesses UFO

By Angelia Joiner - Stephenville Lights Reporter  
[ajoiner.nul](mailto:ajoiner.nul)

Another law enforcement officer has come forward in the strange and mysterious UFO sightings in Erath County.

Sgt. Jim Clifton of the Erath County Sheriff's Department was with Erath County Constable Lee Roy Gaitan in the early morning hours of Feb. 2 on U.S. Hwy. 377 when both saw something extraordinary in the black sky.

"It was a clear night, no clouds, no moon, and a dark night," Clifton said. "I've never seen anything like that before in my career. I've never seen any aircraft like that. The lights did not appear to be military. I was very amazed at what we saw."

Clifton said he received a call to check out an alarm at Woody's restaurant and when he got to the eatery, Gaitan had heard the call also and was already there. The two took care of business and then Gaitan told Clifton there was something in the sky.

"He heard the alarm and got there before I did," Clifton said. "I got in the car with him and observed this with him. It looked like it was over the Highland area to the west and it was a large object."

Clifton said they observed the unidentified flying object through the "dash cam" in the car and could see it quite clearly with the zoom feature. He said the camera is in a permanent mount, which is stationary. So, in his eyes, the video is more than credible because shaking the camera could not be a concern.

"To your naked eye it looked like a bright light and I couldn't really tell if it was moving, but I don't think it was," Clifton said. "What it looked like is difficult to describe because there is nothing to compare it to."

Clifton said the object had a transparent or perhaps translucent appearance and it had " a fog or vapor or cloud around it."

Clifton said he saw colors of white, blue, and red.

"I wasn't frightened - I was just trying to think of what it might be," Clifton said. "I don't have a clue. I wish I had an explanation but I can't think of any explanation. The thing that impressed me was how big it was. It stuck in my mind."

Clifton said he is looking at the sky more now to try and see it

again. He said most people he knows are doing the same.

Clifton said he has seen a video from Canada in what he thinks was the year 2007 that is most similar to what he and Gaitan saw.

Both men said the sighting was reported to the Erath County Sheriff's office at the time.

[Thanks to Franklin Fields for the lead]

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## Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 13:01:26 -0000  
Archived: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 14:41:51 -0500  
Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 01:02:59 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 16:20:25 -0700  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <[Nikolaos.nul](mailto:Nikolaos.nul)>  
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 11:45:53 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)  
>>>Subject: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

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>>>This deception - bigger than the UFO ceover-up - not only effects  
>>>how our governments decide how to run our lives but it will  
>>>continue to create global conflicts and possibly even bring WWIII  
>>>over the alleged, but false, limited non-renewable fossil fuel  
>>>reserves. If these deposits of hydrocarbons on Titan and on Earth  
>>>have a geological origin, then it is a renewable resource just  
>>>like helium continues to be produced and accumulate in cavities  
>>>within the Earth from the natural radioactive decay of heavy  
>>>atoms in the ground...

You tell us that the biogenic theory of petroleum origin is a "lie" imposed on the geological/geophysical community by the oil industry, a "deception" threatening WWIII. You tell us that an opposing abiogenic theory has been "suppressed". But based in my oiwn reading I don't think this is realistic.

The biogenic explanation of petroleum goes back to the mid-18th century. It has been vigorously researched, argued and tested for over 200 years and has survived strong challenges, including the Russian enthusiasm for abiogeny that seemed to become almost the state-sanctioned position in the 1950s & 60s (shades of Lysenkoism?), and the campaigns of a few influential western scientists - notably Thomas Gold.

Geologists in general find fault with many of the arguments offered by Gold (who was not a geologist) and the Russians he tended to cite.

Gold's prediction of oil finds on the basis of association with deep basement rock fracture was not very successful. In the late 1980s the Swedish govt and private investors started a costly drilling venture in a the Siljan Ring impact formation at Gold's urging, the idea being that deep impact fracturing would have favoured upward seepage of deep abiogenic hydrocarbons. Geologists point out that they brought up virtually nothing. The first hole only yielded a trace of oil contaminated with minerals indicating its likely origin was the huge amounts of oil-based lubricant pumped down during drilling.

A second bore using only water lubrication found some more oil. This time geologists pointed out that the site was only 20km from known oil-bearing sedimentary rocks and that seepage in the

drilling area had been known in historical records going back to the Vikings! The total Siljan adventure yielded only about 80 barrels and they gave up. Later analysis of drill cores found no evidence of carbon that could not be accounted for by limestone dissolution and biological detritus washed down by groundwater.

Gold pointed out that there is a general association between oil-bearing rocks and deep basement rock features. Geologists say yes, there is, but this is because the underlying rock structure determines the pattern of sedimentary deposition.

Gold claimed that the widespread oil below the middle east can't be traced to any common sedimentary geology. Geologists say, on the contrary, that the source rocks under the whole area are unusually rich in type II kerogens, the type of sedimentary organic compound that according to the biogenic model can be shown to produce petroleum.

And that is why it has emerged as the dominant theory for modern geologists, not because it has been imposed on them by oil companies.

>One other recent (and also suppressed) fact that convinces me >that the vast quantities of hydrocarbons on the surface of Titan >- more than the known hydrocarbon reserves on Earth - are of a >geological origin is the discovery of new oil deposits around >the world in cavities within solid rock many miles deep where no >such "fossil fuels" could have ever formed from decomposed once >living organisms alone.

Can you cite authoritative references for the statement that biogenic oil overlain by impervious rocks is impossible? My understanding is that geologists do not regard it as impossible. The location and depth of the reservoir is not necessarily the location and depth of origin (oil migrates sideways as well as up and down), and the order of overlying rocks is not necessarily the time-order of their creation. The last point is basic to all interpretation of geological sequences, oil or no oil. Earth is not inert. The strata are folded, fractured and thrust. You can get overthrusts of impervious crystalline basement rock that move over the top of later sedimentary deposits. Drill through granite and you might find oil below, but that doesn't necessarily mean that it formed there.

>The output from these very deep newly discovered >oil wells remains at constant rates which suggests to me that >the oil extracted is replenished with newly created oil.

It may well be the case that there is some ongoing formation of complex oils from carbon and hydrogen via methane at high pressure deep in the Earth. But that isn't good enough. Your case must be that this hypothetical process accounts for all or almost all of the petroleum deposits located to date, that replenishment is occurring globally at a rate at least equal to global extraction, and further that the current consensus of geologists in favour of biogenic origin is not even an honest scientific mistake but is a deliberate lie.

Titan's hydrocarbons do not prove that any of these things are so. They may be abiogenic and yet still not be produced by any process that operates on Earth. For example, complex hydrocarbons in the gas giant atmospheres are probably made by a mixture of photochemistry and fast charged particles from the planet's active polar auroral zones. Maybe Titan's own photochemistry is augmented by ejecta from processes high in the atmosphere of Saturn (most of the moons show evidence of some black deposit). Native methane on Titan may also come from deep primordial reservoirs and degassing processes that do not have - and have never had - any counterpart on Earth because about half the mass of Titan is ices, a shell about 1000km thick, surrounding probably layers of liquid ammonia and a small, hot rocky core, the whole thing subject also to gravitational tidal forces from Saturn.

>If I am correct that hydrocarbons have a geological rather than >a biological origin, although this would mean that there is no >energy crisis since we have an unlimited supply of "fossil >fuels", the case for ET life on Titan would be greatly >weakened.

Again you are setting up a false opposition: It does not need to

be the case - and I should have thought it was unlikely to be the case - that only one type of process operates exclusively. Some complex hydrocarbons may be made geophysically under pressure from remnant primordial methane (though whether they stay stable is another question), some biologically. The point is, there is a well-tested (excuse the unintentional but rather apt pun!) theoretical model for the biogenic pathway, developed by geologists for geologists over the course of a couple of centuries, which is sound chemistry and fits in with the rest of geology. They accept that it accounts pretty well for the accessible reserves, whether there are parallel geological processes creating new reserves or not. The consensus \_may+ turn out to be underestimating geological contributions in some cases. But, to villify this professional consensus as nothing but a "lie" and a "deception bigger than the UFO cover-up" by govts and the oil industry is fantastic nonsense.

And BTW, Huygens did not photograph "a bright rocky coastline surrounding a darker large lake or sea of some unknown liquid." Huygens landed in that "lake"; it was an equatorial dry plain of sand-like icy grains and boulders. The apparent lakes that have since been observed by Cassini are in the polar regions.

Martin Shough

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## Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

From: Greg Boone <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 12:01:18 -0800  
Archived: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 14:48:26 -0500  
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>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 18:13:06 -0000  
>Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

>>From: Greg Boone <>[volbaby.nul](mailto:volbaby.nul)  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 23 Feb 2008 17:47:37 EST  
>>Subject: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

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>>I for one don't think jack squat would change. We'd have more  
>>questions than answers and no one would benefit one iota save  
>>the bar room arguments would change.

>Hi Greg,

>You know I'm no Utopian - more often called 'cynic' - yet was  
>struck by Prof. Chandra Wickramasinghe's reply during Stuart  
>Miller's excellent interview, at:

>[www.perceptions.couk.com/panspermia.html#briskly](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/panspermia.html#briskly)

>on the subject of reactions to more general awareness of reality  
>in the universe.

>[Quote Begins]

>SM: But it raises questions about God and other theological  
>issues too.

>CW: It certainly does and I think the re-adjustments would  
>inevitably follow. A new generation of religions might be born.  
>I don't know how quickly that would happen, but I think it will  
>happen more quickly than in centuries or even perhaps decades,  
>if the facts of cosmic life become compelling.

>It would be also be hard to avoid the implications of Life being  
>everywhere, if for instance that external Life interacts  
>adversely with terrestrial life.

>[Quote Ends]

>Chandra also gives some sharp observations on the possible  
>academic & political motivations for suppression of facts.

>All in all, I think that interview is jam-packed with quite  
>surprising insights, which is why I asked Stuart and Professor  
>Wickramasinghe for permission to 'mirror' it for a wider  
>audience.

Thanks for that data Ray D.

Refreshing and considering the e-mails I'm getting off-List  
regarding my original post I see I've hit quite a nerve.

I stand by what I stated because one need only glance at the revelations of science made throughout history and can easily see how they made mouths agape and eyes bulge but soon afterwards wars and other such nonsense continued. We just can't resist taking something and making a weapon out of it. It's our nature.

We discovered electric lights to illuminate the night but that just led to being able to see better at night to deliver a missile or arrow.

We're dangerous beings and just another glance at what we do should be an indicator of what's going on. I'll detail it in another post entitled "Homo SAP I Ams"

We just fall for any line of bs tossed our way and maybe that's what really separates us from the animals. You can only fool a dog a few times but a man you can fool for a lifetime, a generation, and more.

Where our limited perceptions end, the bullshit begins and it's been that way for all of our cultures. No race nor ethnicity is spared and maybe we're coming to an abrupt end of this. Maybe soon rhetoric will end and politicians will become extinct and as you mentioned regarding religions, they too will be taken to a final task of put up or shut up.

Humanity needs immediate affordable solutions to real problems not carrot-on-a-stick fantasies.

Take a look at the cults that have sprung up over the years as soon as the ETH hit the scene. There's one in every country. If someone said there was humanoid life under water there'd be a guy on tv with an audience hawking books and videos and demanding your money.

Anyone whose been in ufology for any length of time and has survived with any modicum of their wits around them knows there's something there but we have to constantly peel away the nonsense thus losing time and resources. The survival of commercial television and those get-rich-quick real estate gurus is proof positive of what I'm saying.

We're natural saps. Somehow there's some underlying mechanisms of the mind that says "leave all the doors and windows open and welcome in all the wind!"

Never mind that some of that wind may be foul weather or foul smell.

One day someone will be able to deactivate this mechanism or conditional problem and we'll be able to see the forest for the trees.

So that's our greatest enemy, our lack of the ability to not be bullshitted en masse. Show us some parlor tricks, toss in some rumor and hearsay and we're out there buying or rioting.

A sensei I had, a martial arts teacher from China once told me the best way to tell if someone is lying is how much energy they spend on selling it. The truth is plain and simple and needs no advertising. If you are foolish enough to allow someone else to validate what you know is real, then you are your own fool.

Or maybe a simple brand new lie detector device will emerge and that'll put an end to these shenanigans and probably a lot of marriages too.

I've often joked that the one device that will begin the end of the world will be an infallible lie detector.

It'd put a lot of politicians out of work!

Best,

Greg  
[www.ufomafia.com/blog](http://www.ufomafia.com/blog)

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## Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

From: Diana Cammack <[cammack.nul](mailto:cammack.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 13:04:35 -0000  
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Subject: Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 17:01:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

>>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 11:42:29 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Frequent Flyer Mile Request For Greer

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>>Why, then, has he never obtained any videotapes of the UFOs  
>>complete with witness affidavits? I asked him this question  
>>years ago and received no answer.

>>Meanwhile, quite a few people who were defrauded by Greer have  
>>contacted me and told me of their experiences.

>Have I read/heard correctly that there have been others who have  
>reported reactions from UFOs signalling with lights?

>I recall one report where an ambulance in a rural area found the  
>road blocked by a UFO on the road. The ambulance driver switched  
>on his flashing lights and the UFO disappeared.

>  
>It seems that if UFOs have responded to other light signals,  
>maybe there is something to Dr. Greer's claims?

I knew someone whom I considered credible, who went on a quest  
with Greer once and when they shined lights in the sky down came  
a UFO... somewhere in central Mexico.

Do I disbelieve him, or was he deceived? Its like any other case  
without hard evidence, unless you were there to see it, you'll  
never know what really happened. Diana

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## MUFON Meeting Draws Filmmakers Small Crowd

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Source: The Stephenville Herald-Tribune - Texas, USA

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Sunday, February 24, 2008

MUFON Meeting Draws Filmmakers, Small Crowd  
By Amanda Kimble  
Staff Writer  
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Investigators from the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) made the return trip to Dublin Sunday and greeted only a small crowd of witnesses to what is being called the most significant UFO sightings since the 1997 case of the Phoenix Lights.

When MUFON announced on Feb. 12 that they would return to Erath County to gain greater insight into the events that occurred on and around Jan. 8, they said they wanted to gather information from any remaining witnesses.

Steve Hudgeons, senior field investigator for MUFON Texas, said media would not be attending the meeting and his message was well received.

No more than a dozen witnesses entered the Rotary Building, which was home to the first meeting on Jan. 19 when more than 400 people including witnesses, local and national media and curiosity seekers turned out to get a first hand account of the unusual events surrounding the sightings.

Yesterday's event was nothing like the first by sheer numbers alone and no cameras rolling. Hudgeons had no problem telling at least one filmmaker that his camera would not be allowed at the event.

Hudgeons explained that the purpose of the meeting was to gather information from remaining witnesses, many who had shied away from the first event because of the media attention.

Frank Wachowe traveled many miles from his home in Saint Louis, MO with his camera in tow in hopes of getting footage for a documentary he is currently researching.

Wachowe said he has a background in anthropology as well as in film and video production and is using his experience in both fields to produce a film that focuses on the effects that sightings, like those of Jan. 8, have on the area in which they occur.

"I am most interested in how sightings impact the lives of the people involved and how the events change the communities in which they occur," Wachowe said.

He said he is interested in the personal, psychological and sociological effects of the UFO phenomena. Wachowe said that plans to stay in the area for about a week and hopes that he will be able to speak with locals. Anyone interested in participating in his project can call him at 314-265-1403.

Also present was Autumn Humphreys from The History Channel's UFO Hunters. She was the only of the show's crew at the event. The remaining crew of 20 to 30 individuals, including the show's four hosts is scheduled to arrive in Stephenville today.

Investigators, camera crews and the show's hosts plan to comb the county gathering information and interviewing witnesses for an upcoming episode of the History Channel program.

Humphreys said she was excited about the opportunity to visit Erath County and explained that the local investigation is different from the typical cases covered by UFO Hunters since it is an active, ongoing investigation.

The cast and crew of the show are extending an open invitation for all who have witnessed UFOs to step up and tell their stories. The group will visit area locations where sightings occurred and hope to gather as much information as possible.

Individuals interested in sharing their stories may contact Humphreys directly at 310-463-7882 or visit the old Graham Street Caf=C8 location on the square, next to Tat-2 Body Works, where crew members will be available for interviews.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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## Re: This Should Mess With The Aliens' Heads

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February 24, 2008

This Should Mess With The Aliens' Heads

Beatles' 'Across The Universe' Will Arrive Before Voyager's  
Bach, Beethoven And Berry

By Susan Harlan Borghese

Earlier this month, NASA transmitted the Beatles song "Across  
the Universe," well, across the universe.

This was the brainchild of a die-hard Beatles fan to commemorate  
the 40th anniversary of the song's recording. Lovely, yes? A  
lovely song, with a lovely theme. All you need is love, so  
what's not to love? Well, there's the timing.

Because it was 30 years ago today (or so) that NASA sent a  
different dedication to our best alien friends forever in the  
form of a gold-plated, copper 12-inch long-playing record album,  
which was affixed to the Voyager 1 spacecraft.

Voyager, according to NASA's itinerary, is due to escape the  
bounds of our solar system soon. This expensive intergalactic  
jukebox is destined to wander the heavens until it crash-lands,  
light-years away, on the back patio of a family of very startled  
aliens. Voyager's LP features the music of Bach, Beethoven and  
everyone's favorite modern composer, Chuck Berry.

The problem?

The Beatles song is shooting straight toward the North Star, 431  
light-years away, at 186,000 miles per second. The Voyager  
'album', however, won't 'drop' on Planet X until the year -  
well, whatever year it will be when it gets there at a rate of  
only 38,000 miles per HOUR! Even with its considerable head  
start, this gold-plated tortoise won't arrive until well after  
that little warp-speed iTune out of Abbey Road Studios.

In other words, we may have doomed our effort to get an  
interplanetary groove on. If the aliens who find the wreckage of  
the Voyager live anywhere near the North Star, they will have  
long since downloaded the Beatles hit onto their inter-cranial  
hard drives. Even though they'll still be puzzling over the  
lyrics, just like most humans ("Words are flowing out like  
endless rain into a paper cup ...." Huh?), they'll nevertheless  
concur that this auditory sensation was created by something  
intelligent.

Then, after carefully examining the Voyager recording for  
obscenities or references to illegal drugs, they'll conclude



that this "newer" artifact from Planet Earth shows that, naturally, the Beatles must have influenced the work of Bach, Beethoven and Chuck Berry.

This means that aliens will become even bigger Beatles fans than anyone on Earth! And that will be on the basis of only one song. Wait'll they hear the White Album!

John, Paul, George (and, to a lesser degree, Ringo) - yes, echoes of their genius are easy to hear in the repetitive movements of the Brandenburg Concertos or the Moonlight Sonata. And not only is Johnny B. Goode just a sped-up version of Across The Universe - they'll think that because they're aliens - it's obviously an homage to Johnny Lennon.

But the chronological order in which our extra-terrestrial friends will be introduced to this music will also make them sad, because they'll know immediately what became of our great civilization on Earth. We went backward, in a technological devolution.

How else to explain why intelligent beings would go from digital to LPs? That, plus our failure to send thanks for the thousands of tunes they beamed to Earth during the Pleistocene Epoch, will discourage them from any further attempts at file-sharing.

Susan Harlan Borghese lives in Avon.

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## Dom Armentano On UFOs And Censorship

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Dom Armentano: UFOs And Censorship =97 Why Cato Institute Dumped Me

Dom Armentano  
Guest Columnist

On Jan. 10, just one day after my article on UFO secrecy appeared in this newspaper and on this Web site ("Intelligent Extraterrestrial life: The Other Inconvenient truth?" Jan. 9), I was unceremoniously dropped as a Cato Institute adjunct scholar, a position I'd held for more than 20 years.

First some background. I'm a Ph.D. economist with a national reputation in the antitrust area. I've written books, journal articles, and many dozens of op-ed articles over the years on a variety of public-policy issues. My association with the libertarian Cato Institute in Washington, D. C. goes back many decades. Yet they cut me away in a heartbeat because I dared call for more government disclosure on the UFO phenomenon.

I really didn't believe that calling for more disclosure was all that controversial. After all, John Podesta, former chief of staff under Bill Clinton, has called for more government disclosure on the UFO subject. Former astronaut Ed Mitchell has repeatedly called for more disclosure, as has Gov. Bill Richardson, D-N.M. Former Canadian Minister of Defense Paul Hellyer has stated that our government knows that UFOs are interplanetary machines and that the secrecy should end. Given these bold assertions by "insiders", I thought that I was in safe company; apparently I was wrong.

Actually the most classic call for disclosure came 48 years ago from former CIA Director Vice Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkotter. As reported in The New York Times of Feb. 28, 1960, Hillenkotter (in a letter to Congress) argued that "it is time that the truth (about UFOs) be brought out in open Congressional Hearings." He went on to say that "through official SECRECY and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense ..." and, further, that the Air Force "has silenced its personnel" in order "to hide the facts."

If a former CIA director could say that, why couldn't I?

The most recent attempt to "chill" serious media interest in UFO secrecy occurred in Stephenville, Texas. Stephenville currently is a hotbed of UFO activity, and much of the newspaper reporting has been done by the Empire Tribune's Angelia Joiner. Ms. Joiner filed some of the first stories, talked to many witnesses of the phenomenon, and even appeared on a CNN Larry King special in January.

Yet despite a worldwide interest in the sightings, Ms. Joiner recently was fired by the Empire Tribune for, among other things, openly questioning the U.S. Air Force's improbable explanation of the sightings.

So much for courage and truth.

None of this intimidation and media censorship is new. I first became interested in UFO secrecy when CBS aired an Armstrong Circle Theater episode on UFOs on Jan. 22, 1958. On that program, an Air Force spokesman recited the standard mantra that UFOs were all nonsense and that the government wasn't hiding anything.

Also on the program was Donald E. Keyhoe, executive director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena and the leading critic of an Air Force cover-up. At one point during the live broadcast, Keyhoe broke away from his pre-approved remarks and said, "And now I'm going to reveal something that has never been disclosed before ..." but then his microphone suddenly went dead. The live TV audience saw his lips moving (me included) but his audio had been terminated by CBS and the U. S. Air Force under a prior agreement. Keyhoe intended to tell the American public that NICAP had proof that UFOs were real machines under intelligent control but he never got the chance. He'd been censored by those who claimed that they had nothing to hide.

In this presidential year of "hope," let us all hope that someone, somewhere will finally be honest with the American people about unidentified flying objects. Censorship and intimidation have no place in a free and democratic society. We (they) continue this policy at our peril.

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>Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 12:01:18 -0800  
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>I've often joked that the one device that will begin the end of  
>the world will be an infallible lie detector.

Hi Greg,

Yup, have speculated on that same eventuality myself - google  
for "it's obvious why the top-people would want to keep it  
secret" (w/quote-marks).

And, while I have to agree with your assessment of the present,  
general, human condition, there's a compelling reason to think  
we could be able to climb out of that pit.

I.e. - because others seem to have survived that self-  
destructive phase.

Cheers

Ray D

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>So that's our greatest enemy, our lack of the ability to not be  
>bullshitted en masse. Show us some parlor tricks, toss in some  
>rumor and hearsay and we're out there buying or rioting.

>A sensei I had, a martial arts teacher from China once told me  
>the best way to tell if someone is lying is how much energy they  
>spend on selling it. The truth is plain and simple and needs no  
>advertising. If you are foolish enough to allow someone else to  
>validate what you know is real, then you are your own fool.

>Or maybe a simple brand new lie detector device will emerge and  
>that'll put an end to these shenanigans and probably a lot of  
>marriages too.

>I've often joked that the one device that will begin the end of  
>the world will be an infallible lie detector.

Interesting you should say that. I've often thought that that's  
the reason why telepathy, the ultimate lie detector, did not  
evolve in our species.

Humans seem to thrive on being able to hide the truth when it  
suits them.

Now we have people saying that, with the coming end of time  
according to the Mayan calendar, new abilities such as telepathy  
will become commonplace.

So the question is, will the infallible lie detector bring on  
the end of the world, or will the end of the world bring on the  
infallible lie detector.

William

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>Disaster Control: Firefighters In Phoenix Train for UFO Encounters?  
>By Michael Amsterdam

>Remember the Phoenix Lights? Everyone in the Valley of the Sun  
>recalls the biggest UFO sighting in history and now a report from  
>a local news station in Phoenix has revealed that local  
>firefighters are shown that they can train for an invasion, and  
>it is all a book used by rescue workers across the country. Now  
>I know what some of you are already saying, but no this is not a  
>satire article.

>The details of the preparation are in a book titled "The Fire  
>Officer's Guide To Disaster Control" that is not only used by  
>Phoenix firefighters but by crew members around the country. The  
>details of what to do can be found in Chapter 13, and are  
>seemingly right out of a science-fiction novel or a Hollywood  
>movie but many will believe they are just good common sense  
>measures that would need to be used in any disaster, including an  
>invasion from outer space.

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Back in 2002, I first heard about The Fire Officer's Guide To  
Disaster Control, and was able to obtain a copy, which was the  
Second Edition, published in 1992, and contains 641 pages. After  
reading through Chapter 13, a dual chapter entitled, Enemy  
Attack And UFO Potential, I decided to write an article on it:

<http://www.truthseekeratroswell.com/ed030103.html>

It's definitely food for thought and raises the question... If  
UFOs don't exist why is there a procedure for Fire Fighters,  
supposedly endorsed by FEMA?.

Dennis  
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## Chapter 13 Fire Officer's Guide To Disaster Control

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The following was sent to me by Sue Kovios on August 15th, 1996 and is from the archives here at VSN.

Originally from:

<http://www.unc.edu/~spooky/handbook.html>

and no longer on-line.

There has been related-discussion on the List dating back to 1997.

See:

<http://tinyurl.com/2y7o5w>

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The following excerpt appears in Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control by William M. Kramer and Charles W. Bahme. It is copyright (c) 1992 by Fire Engineering Books & Videos.

Below is the text from Chapter 13 of the Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control dealing with none other than UFOs. On the surface, it might appear to be the author's life-long interest in the subject of UFOs, but something very much more important is going on here. This manual is a national guide used by many local fire officials in disaster planning, and it is also approved by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

### CHAPTER 13: ENEMY ATTACK AND UFO POTENTIAL

FEW RESIDENTS of the United States, except for those in Hawaii, have experienced an enemy attack on their hometown in this century; some think they have. The Great Los Angeles Air Raid of February 26, 1942, began at 2:25 A.M. when the U.S. Army announced the approach of hostile aircraft and the cities air raid warning system went into effect for the first time in World War II. "Suddenly the night was rent by sirens. Searchlights began to sweep the sky. Minutes later gun crews at Army forts along the coast line began pumping the first of 1,433 rounds of ack-ack into the moonlight. Thousands of volunteer air raid wardens tumbled from their beds and grabbed their boots and helmets. Citizens awakened to the screech of sirens and, heedless of the blackout warning, began snapping on their lights . . . The din continued for two hours. Finally the guns fell silent. The enemy, evidently, had been routed. Los Angeles began to taste the exhilaration of its first military victory. "(1)

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### THE UFO THREAT - A FACT

In this chapter we will now turn our attention to the very real

threat posed by Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), whether they exist or not. The well-documented and highly publicized War of the Worlds radio drama by Orson Welles shows how even a perceived existence to alien creatures can cause very real disaster-like conditions and panic among a given populace. In addition, if the apparent visits by alien beings and their space vehicles should pose any type of threat, it will, as always, be the fire service that is called upon to provide the first line of life-saving defense and disaster mitigation .

On April 25, 1991, radio station KSHE in St. Louis, Missouri, was fined \$25,000 by the Federal Communications Commission for broadcasting a mock warning of a nuclear attack during the Persian Gulf War. The seriousness with which the FCC treated this case is indicative of the very real panic that can be created from even illusionary or fictional phenomena. Certainly if these unexplainable events become more prevalent, the possibility of panic could be even greater; and again, the fire department will be the agency called upon to handle the situation.(35) Hence, as we near the year 2000 and move beyond, any comprehensive disaster plan should address the potential for panic and other deleterious effects that might befall a populated area when unexplainable phenomena occur. We will see, as we continue our discussion in this chapter, that widespread blackouts, communication disruptions, and other potentially disastrous conditions have been linked directly to UFO sightings. Hence, fire service leaders who want to ensure that their disaster planning is complete will not neglect an appendix to outline those things that could be done in preparation for the occurrence of such phenomena.

Throughout this book, many of the references to actual events are based on the experiences of both of the authors. However, in this area of UFOs and their potential, we are relying largely on the research and experiences of Charles Bahme. Chuck has made a considerable study of this subject and is acquiring many publications and VCR tapes to augment his library on this and related phenomena. His interest in UFOs was greatly heightened when Congress in 1969 adopted a law (14 CFR Ch. V Part 1211 - Extraterrestrial Exposure) which gave the NASA Administrator the arbitrary discretion to quarantine under armed guard any object, person, or other form of life which has been extraterrestrially exposed. The very fact that our congressmen believed there was a necessity for such drastic authority made Chuck wonder if they had only our astronauts in mind when they adopted it. Could it be applied to anyone who has had a UFO encounter? Whether it has or not is not likely to be a topic for public dissemination.

#### UFO Discussion - Why Now?

The subject of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) was not included in previous editions of this book. The first edition was the Handbook of Disaster Control which Chuck personally published in 1952 following his release from active naval duty in the Korean War. Although his services in the conflict as Security Coordinator for the Chief of Naval Operations involved the creation of a worldwide disaster control organization for the protection of the physical properties of the Navy, it must be admitted that the directives approved for this new organization did not reflect any significant concern for a flying saucer threat to its shore establishment. That was in the 1950s. Now that we are in the 1990s it is doubtful that the UFO potential would be brushed off so lightly by our military security forces. This change of attitude was evidenced as far back as December 24, 1959, when the Inspector General of the Air Force issued the following Operations and Training Order: "Unidentified Flying Objects - sometimes treated lightly by the press and referred to as 'Flying Saucers' - must be rapidly and accurately identified as serious Air Force business...."(36)

There is no uncertainty about the reality of the war between nations on our planet and the disastrous effects of military actions. The 200 sorties flown every hour against Iraq in the Persian Gulf provided ample evidence of global war's destructive power. On the other hand, there are many persons who may believe that a discussion of the theoretical harm that could be caused by a real or imaginary invasion of UFOs would be 'far out!" But this is not so for the thousands of witnesses of unexplained aerial phenomena. To them it is also serious business.

Chuck's interest in UFOs commenced during the early morning

hours of August 26, 1942, while he was roller skating from his house to the nearest fire station a few blocks away; the wail of sirens had signaled his recall to fire duty, and with the stringent blackout orders in effect. driving was not wise; besides, it was much more exciting to be out in the open where he could see the spectacular aerial "fireworks" that filled the heavens all around him. Few residents of the U.S. had ever experienced a real or imaginary invasion of UFOs like that which occurred in what has become known as "The Los Angeles Air Raid of 1942." The Army announced the approach of hostile aircraft and the city's air raid warning system went into effect for the first time in World War II. The defense to this "attack" is described in dramatic terms in the opening paragraph of this chapter.

But what enemy had been routed? No one ever knew. All the fire fighters saw in the sky were the 15 or 20 moving "things" which seemed to change course at great speed apparently unaffected by the flak from bursting shells all around them. Rumors that one had been shot down were never verified, nor was the explanation that these zig-zagging invaders were weather balloons ever taken seriously. In any event, for Chuck, that unforgettable episode aroused a continuing interest in UFOs, rivalling his professional fields of law and fire protection. The fact that he subsequently was a member of a group whose sighting of a flight of UFOs was authenticated by airport radar helped to sustain that interest.

#### UFO Background Information

With no intention of trying to prove or disprove the authenticity of the numerous UFO encounters often related by very credible witnesses including airline and military pilots, astronauts, police officers, fire fighters, members of Congress, and even a U.S. President, the balance of this chapter will present a brief history and nature of UFOs and their alleged occupants; their widespread sightings over the globe since ancient times; their appearance, propulsion origin, and possible motives for continuing reconnaissance.

A quick look at some of the classic accounts of encounters documented in numerous foreign and U.S. publications might help us judge the magnitude of their threat, if any, to social stability, and, if deemed desirable, propose a fire service plan for coping with some of the conceivable catastrophic effects that UFOs could produce on cities and densely populated areas.

For readers who already have made up their minds that there is no such thing as a UFO notwithstanding the overwhelming evidence to the contrary, it should be pointed out that there is circumstantial evidence that disastrous effects have already been attributed to UFO activity in more than one nation, including the United States.

#### UFOs - What Are They?

William Shakespeare put a fitting observation in the mouth of Hamlet, the Prince of Denmark, that went like this: "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamed of in your philosophy." Whether Hamlet was referring to those strange lights or objects that appear in the sky or near the ground and have no known cause, we will never know, but the World Book Encyclopedia defines such things as UFOs.(37)

Several theories have been propounded as to what they might be. Some scientists believe that they are of extraterrestrial origin - coming from other planets. Military officers conjecture that they might be alien aircraft. Some attribute them all to natural causes, such as meteors, comets, sun dogs, light reflections, marsh gas, ball lightning, even though they must admit that scientists cannot explain all UFO reports in that manner. Still others are inclined to believe that they may be forms from other dimensions which can materialize and dematerialize at will perhaps by making a wavelength or frequency transition so as to become invisible to humans. Some believe they are time travelers from the future.

#### UFO Classification System

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northern University Professor Emeritus of Astronomy and an advisor to the Air Force's Blue Book Project.

adopted a very simple classification system based solely upon the manner of observation:

1. Nocturnal lights
2. Daylight disks
3. Close encounters (day or night)
4. Radar readings.

He concluded that this system tells us nothing about the nature of the UFOs, but can suggest a means for gathering data.(38) He found that while a large number of such reports were readily identifiable by trained investigators as misconceptions of known objects or events, a small residue (about 1.000) were not. These came from credible witnesses from such widely separated places as Canada. Australia. South America, and Antarctica. He concludes with: "Although I know of no hypothesis that adequately covers the mountainous evidence, this should not and must not deter us from following the advice of Schroedinger: to be curious, capable of being astonished, and eager to find out."(39) Dr. Hynek has an excellent, well-illustrated article on UFOs in a 1982 book which gives a detailed history of the UFO sightings, together with the reports of some well-known people who made them, including President Jimmy Carter while governor of Georgia.(40)

#### Shapes of UFOs

Witnesses have described the shapes of UFOs as anything varying from a sphere to a boomerang. Some have resembled flying saucers with a lid; others a glowing tube; some as semi-spherical with colored apertures; some with reddish-orange glows, or fire-like or sparking discharges. Incredible speed and maneuverabilities not attainable by aircraft of any kind are commonly observed. Many of the books and articles in Appendix H have excellent photographs of these unexplained visitors - photos that have been checked by experts for their authenticity.

#### History of UFOs

For hundreds of years mysterious objects in the sky and strange moving lights have been reported by many people, including the military pilots in World War II who called them foo fighters, ("Where there's Foo, there's Fire"). In the middle of the 1900s flying saucers were increasingly observed in the United States and other countries. Scientists at the University of Colorado hired by the Air Force from 1966 to 1968 to study this type of aerial phenomena could explain most of the UFO reports as a star (Venus), meteor, planet, balloon, rocket, artificial satellite, etc. Sometimes atmospheric conditions, aircraft exhaust trails, or unusual lighting conditions may produce optical illusions that observers thought were UFOs. After investigating more than 12,000 reports, the U.S. Air Force was unable to explain where the unexplained UFOs come from, but apparently concluded that the national security was not threatened by them.(41) The emphasis of the university's team, headed by Edward U. Condon, seemed to be more concerned with the establishment of the emotional stability or instability of those who reported the sightings than with other evidence.

Psychiatrists have examined the witnesses who claimed to have encountered UFOs and even been taken aboard their craft, such as the two shipyard workers in Mississippi, and found that they are not unbalanced people.(42) "They're not crackpots. There was definitely something here that was not terrestrial."(43) Dr. J. Allen Hynek agreed, and added. "Where they are coming >from and why they are here is a matter of conjecture. but the fact that they were here on this planet is beyond a reasonable doubt."(44)

The Air Force. after 20 years of being deluged with UFO sightings and spending millions of dollars on their investigation, decided to drop the inquiry business and turned the project over to a Kensington, Maryland, group called NICAP (National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena). This left NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) with part of the task of trying to run UFO sighting reports, including many by its own Apollo and Skylab astronauts. By 1974 over a score of astronauts saw and photographed UFOs during their flights beyond the earth's atmosphere.

Early in the Apollo 11 mission, which culminated in the moon walk, astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin, and Michael

Collins reported sightings of what seemed to be a UFO during the first half of their flight to the lunar surface. There were many more sightings by U.S. and Soviet Astronauts. On November 11, 1966, Gemini XII astronauts Jim Lovell and Edwin Aldrin said that they saw four UFOs linked together, and on October 12, 1964, three Russian astronauts aboard Voskod reported that they were surrounded by a "formation of fast-moving disc-shaped objects." (45)

#### UFO Organizations

In addition to NICAP, some of the other organizations that study UFO phenomena are MUFON (Mutual UFO Networks), CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy), GSW (Ground Saucer Watch), CUFOS (the Center for UFO Studies), and APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization), an Arizona nonprofit scientific and educational organization, founded in 1952. (46)

#### Why the Secrecy?

In their book *UFOs Over America*, authors Jim and Carol Lorenzo charge that the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) has been closely involved in the collection and suppression of UFO information. "Witnesses to the phenomena have been bribed, coerced, and threatened by the CIA, who wanted valuable evidence given to them alone." (47) One reason given is that military intelligence may view the UFOs as a tool of either a known or unknown potential enemy. "If these vehicles prove evasive and surreptitious, all the more reason to suspect them... the probability looms large that the minds behind these vehicles may well be gathering intelligence of their own." (48)

Another reason for secrecy may lie in the hope of obtaining knowledge relating to advanced propulsion methods and anti-gravity systems before other potential enemies on earth may acquire it. Hence, though many nations are secretly investigating UFOs, they are reluctant to share their findings. Robert Lofton, in his book *Identified Flying Saucers*, claims that the Air Force became the "goat" in the effort of the CIA to debunk many sightings by pilots, radar technicians, and reliable civilian observers. He thinks that the suppression of information about how dangerous UFOs can be is wrong. After citing a case where a child was burned over 50 to 60 percent of her body by a low flying UFO and then taken to an Air Force hospital, no one would explain why her clothes were not burned at the same time. He also describes another burn case in New Mexico and another man who recently received a sledge-hammer like blow that knocked him unconscious by the force field of a 100-foot diameter UFO. "The public ought to be told the danger! . . . Nothing helps rumors and panic more than ignorance." (49)

Major Donald Keyhoe describes in his book *Aliens from Space, The Real Story of Unidentified Flying Objects* the difficulties he had in 1957 in trying to get the truth from government agencies after he was director of NICAP, the world's largest UFO research organization with over 30 subcommittees in the U.S. and abroad. (50)

According to some UFOlogists the attempts at cover-up by the CIA extend to destruction of evidence that it could not confiscate. Apparently some of our nation's important leaders have been denied access to some UFO secrets in the possession of an agency of the United States, the very existence of which is classified above top secret. (51) Senator Barry Goldwater, a retired Air Force Reserve Brigadier General and pilot with many decades of flying experience, was quoted as saying "I certainly believe in aliens in space. They may not look like us, but I have very strong feelings that they have advanced beyond our mental capabilities." He said he was refused permission to check the Air Force files on UFOs and added, "I think some highly secret government UFO investigations are going on that we don't know about - and probably never will unless the Air Force discloses them." (52) He said that he put faith in the reports of the Air Force, Navy, and commercial pilots who reported instances where a UFO would fly near them - right off their plane's wing - and then just zoom away at incredible speeds. "I remember the case in Georgia in the 1950s of a National Guard plane going after a UFO and never returning. And I recall the case in Franklin, Kentucky, when four military planes investigated a UFO. One of them exploded in midair and no one knows why." (53)

Unleashed by the policy of Glasnost (greater openness) the Soviet media felt free to include accounts of UFO sightings. A Tuss report of October 10, 1989, reported a large shiny ball or disk hovering over a Voronezh park; residents saw the UFO land and three creatures similar to human beings emerged, accompanied by a robot.(54)

Apparently the Russians felt no need to suppress this report which was poked fun at in Newsweek and Time magazines(55) but not in U.S. News and World Report: "A scant few decades ago, both the U.S. government and the media treated flying objects as no laughing matter - which even Congress looked into. In 1966, Representative Ford responded to a rash of sightings in his home state of Michigan by calling for, and getting, a House hearing on UFOs."(56)

#### UFO Missions

Many reasons have been advanced for the purpose of the UFOs visits to our planet. Although some of the persons who apparently have been the subjects of genetic investigation, such as the family of Whitley Streiber may not agree, the majority of those who have studied possible UFO visitors feel that they are friendly. Mr. Streiber described his experience as terrifying, and believes that these "little figures with eyes that seem to stare into the deepest core of being are asking for something. Whatever it is, it is more than simple information. The goal does not seem to be a sort of clear and open exchange that we might expect; whatever may be surfacing, it wants far more than that. It seems to me that it seeks the very depth of soul; it seeks communion."(57)

From the thousands of reports he has studied. William Spaulding, aerospace engineer and head of the Arizona-based Ground Saucer Watch, believes that a pattern indicates that UFOs are here on a surveillance mission: the fact that a majority of sightings occur around our military installations, research and development areas leads to the conclusion that a methodical study is being made of the earth and its defensive and offensive capabilities. "The phenomena is not unlike our own space explorations: scout ship survey; soil samples; landing."(58)

In his book Incident at Exeter, John Fuller discusses the seeming affinity of UFOs for electrical power lines in the northeastern part of the United States. In a later section of this chapter dealing with the effects of UFOs on our terrestrial activities, we will see how this affinity may have been responsible for causing 36 million people to lose power over an area of 8,000 square miles.(59)

Because of our recent adventures into space, there are some who speculate that UFOs are more concerned with what we will do there than in settling here. In any event, the Air Force's official publication (issued by the Government Printing Office 1968) called Flying Objects says that 'No UFO has been determined to represent a threat to our national security. ' That conclusion, however, should not rule out less disastrous consequences than the overthrow of our government.

#### ADVERSE POTENTIAL OF UFOS

Regardless of its past evaluations, the Air Force could be wrong about a number of things. "It can't even guess within a couple of billion dollars what one of its planes is going to cost; maybe, despite the skepticism of the scientists and other investigators, the UFOs sent from other planets do exist and have visited earth."(60) And maybe they have exhibited some destructive effects, whether or not intentionally in every instance, which we need to consider when drafting a plan for coping with an emergency situation where UFOs are involved. Some of these documented effects are as follows.

#### UFO Hazards

The two principal hazards noted with relation to UFOs have been attributed to powerful electrical fields which they can project in a general or localized area and the psychological effects they have produced on the general populace or individual contacts.

### Force Field Impact

The disruption of air and ground travel has often been reported in the presence of UFOs. The ignition systems of auto and aircraft engines have apparently been affected by energized force fields to such an extent as to stop their operation; the headlights and radios have also ceased to function. Here are a couple of examples. In Buenos Aires, on March 29, 1978, "A strange force shut off their engine and headlights of their Citroen CG, lifted it 15 feet off the road, then set it down a minute later and 75 miles to the north." The driver had noticed a yellow and violet light shining in his rear view mirror while driving the last leg of a long stock car race, and he realized that it was approaching too fast to be a competitor. A month later a Colombian bank manager and a navy officer had their car headlights go off when buzzed by a UFO, with the navy man suffering temporary paralysis. Other South American countries in which similar actions were reported around that time included Argentina, Chile, Peru, and Uruguay.(61)

These effects have also been noted to influence the controls and instruments of aircraft, e.g., the pilot of a Piper PH-24 reported that his controls became inoperable when he was approached by three disk-shaped objects, 10 to 12 feet in diameter, over Mexico City on May 3, 1975.(62) Similar cases have been reported by military pilots, illustrated by the classic case of the near mid-air collision of an army helicopter with a UFO on October 18, 1973, over Ohio, where not only did both the UHF and VHF radio wave-lengths go dead temporarily, but the downward movement of the helicopter with its four occupants was levitated upward by a green beam from the UFO in time to prevent its crash into the ground.(63)

### Communications Disruption

In addition to the impedance of radio transmissions and reception, such as that described in the preceding incident, telephone interference has occurred, illustrated by the chagrin of President Lyndon Johnson in having his conversation from the Texas White House cut off while talking to assistants in Washington, D.C.(64) The ability to render inoperable all electronic forms of communications, including those that control the launching of defense weapons systems, has been considered within the range of UFO capability. Whether this could extend to the erasing of recorded computer data such as bank records, personnel data, FBI, CIA, and NSA files, along with critical information of every kind, is not beyond the realm of possibility.

### Regional Power Blackouts

It has long been suspected that UFOs have the capability of blacking out a city, state, or many states by exerting a force field sufficient to overload the circuits of public and private utility installations. "Few things are more disturbing than to be plunged into pitch darkness without warning; it is dangerous for masses of people. It paralyzes cities, blocks highways, stops trains, leaves elevators suspended between floors. In general it simply plays hell with the modern way of life."(65) You would think that the power companies would have achieved sufficient reliability in their high tech systems that a mass failure such as that which blacked out New York and New England in 1965 would never happen - but it did. Although, as we have mentioned before, it was known that UFO activity was associated with disturbances with compasses, instruments, ignition systems, radios, etc., it was inconceivable that it could also interfere with generation and distribution of electrical power. Such a connection was also inferred in November 1953, when a glowing red object went over a residential area of New Haven, Connecticut, causing lights to dim out on both sides of the object's path and then come on when it went out of sight.

Power failures were also reported in association with UFOs in Brazil in 1957 to 1959~ Rome, Italy, in 1958; and Mexico in 1965. Likewise, in Uberlandia, where the power station operators promptly closed the circuits when the UFO apparently caused them to open, it did no good, and they were unable to restore the power until the UFO departed.

"The Granddaddy of all blackouts to date was the stygian blanket that fell over 30 million people in the northeastern corner of

the U.S. during the early evening rush hour period on November 9, 1965."(66) Relay services that were supposed to automatically transfer the load in case of failure in one area to an alternate source malfunctioned. Military communications relying on public power without alternate backup systems also failed, but communications were operable to make a quick public announcement that there was no military emergency. Though it was largely over by the next morning, the official explanation about a malfunctioning small device in a Canadian hydroelectric generating plant never accounted for the failure of millions of dollars worth of electronic devices to shift the load when the breakdown occurred.

#### Fireballs Over Syracuse - The Blackout Connection

Airplane pilots reported that UFOs were being chased across Pennsylvania about 4:30 P.M., and electronics and construction engineers who were driving in the area of the Syracuse airport saw UFOs moving about 5:30 P.M., just prior to the Great Blackout. A veteran flight instructor who had been flying over Syracuse on a training flight saw a glowing globe over the power lines leading to the Niagara Falls generating plant. Hundreds of others saw the glowing object in the sky on the night of the big power failure.

That was on November 9th. On December 2nd, about 700,000 persons in Texas, New Mexico, and Mexico also had their power fail. It was said to have originated in a regular failure in El Paso; then on December 5th, three nights later. 40,000 homes plus military installations in the area of East Texas were also blacked out - overloaded! Missile grounds (White Sands), Fort Bliss, Holloman Air Force Base, and numerous airports were all blacked out (with no emergency power backup), and this was when President Johnson's telephone call to the White House in Washington, D.C. was cut off. In response to his request for an explanation, President Johnson was told that his calls were fed into a cable system that went dead when the surge of power caused by the El Paso regulator blow-up hit it, and the backup batteries didn't work. Though it may be debatable whether the above cases of electrical transmission failure were merely coincidences with UFO activity, an incident on April 18, 1962, involving a UFO that had been tracked from New York, through Kansas to Eureka, Utah, was well documented. The Air Force spokesman admitted that the object had landed, and during the 42 minutes that it was on the ground near the power station there was no power, but it was restored when the UFO left. The object was pursued by jet interceptors summoned from Phoenix and Stead Field in Reno until it exploded over the Mesquite Range in Nevada in a brilliant glare that was visible over five states.(67)

#### UFOs - The Panic Hazard

The second major disastrous effect that UFO activity, real or imagined, can have on the populace, is the creation of fear, panic, flight, and all kinds of irrational behavior. We have mentioned already the rather well-documented case of hysterical contagion and mass hysteria created by War of the Worlds, the radio drama by Orson Welles about an invasion of Martians. It was broadcast on Halloween of 1938 during the period of the invasions of Germany into Austria and Japan into China. "The drama, realistically presented in the form of news bulletins and interviews concerning an alien spaceship landing in New Jersey, resulted in many kinds of hysterical actions, including thousands of panic-stricken phone calls, wildly fleeing automobiles, and impromptu shot gun brigades."(68)

Though most persons reporting UFOs do not interpret them as personal threats, it is possible that some of the large volume of reports may be attributable to hysterical contagion. In any case, one of the reasons often cited for the tight secrecy on government UFO research findings is the need to prevent the possible panic that a revelation of the truth might arouse. Rumors that people were being abducted, dematerialized, burned, made radioactive, rounded up and impounded, liquidated with ray guns and lasers or shipped off to Mars or Venus might well give rise to fear - fear of the unknown. Hysteria could cause frightened persons to imagine that their water was poisoned, the air contaminated with undetectable but lethal aerosols or nerve gases. With hundreds of UFO squadrons zooming across the



landscape from California to New York, Toronto to Mexico City, communications disrupted, widespread power failures, airports and railroads paralyzed, highways turned into giant parking lots of immobilized vehicles full of terrified motorists, the problem of restoring order and sanity would be a tremendous challenge to all of the emergency services, assuming their personnel would remain calm, detached, and able to resist the human impulse to put the safety and well being of their own families ahead of the public's. To make matters worse, some of the more excitable gun owners might be tempted to rush out Rambo fashion, and in utter disregard of the damage that falling bullets might cause innocent residents below their fallout, start firing at the evasive objects regardless of the range.

#### Personal Hazards - Physiological

The force field affects on the physical environment - communication, transportation, illumination, and computerized data storage - have already been considered. We might have added that some physical effects have been observed at locations where UFOs have landed - circular patterns of crops destroyed by heat or radiation and baking or sterilization of the soil at the site.

On a more practical basis there may be grounds for concern that more than just the environment can be adversely affected by UFO actions. While pursuing UFOs, military aircraft have disappeared in mid-air, exploded, and suffered harassment. Persons on the ground have sustained serious burns, paralysis, and "blows" from a force field, radiated emissions, or rays and beams that have been described like that of a "stun-gun"(69)

In 1980, three witnesses saw a red ball of light hovering above houses in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, when suddenly a bolt of blue light shot down and two houses burst into flames.(70) An Indiana man saw a bright light flash pass his window; the power went off in his house so he went outside to investigate and found a brilliantly lit object hovering above him; when he started to walk toward it his body commenced to tingle and he was unable to move until the object disappeared. A similar tingling sensation swept over another man in Lvnn, Massachusetts. one night when he approached a domed object with a red glowing cone rising from a parking lot. He too was immobile until the object moved out of sight. Some believe that even animals may be at risk by UFOs; in trying to account for the death of 15 ponies, the leader of an investigative team believed they were crushed by the anti-gravity field of a flying saucer as it took off.(71)

Thus, UFOs may not only have the power to control some of our military and industrial establishment's highly technical scientific hardware, they may also possess the ability to impose pain and control over people who attempt to attack them, even to the extent of "liquidating" them in one way or another.

#### UFOS - EMERGENCY ACTION

In view of the fact that many UFologists believe that we are fast approaching a time when overt landings of UFOs will become less remarkable, and in the absence of our knowing whether their visits are friendly or hostile, it would not be remiss to give some thought to the part that fire departments might play in the event of the unexpected arrival of UFOs in their communities. For example, what would be your course of action as an incident commander at the scene of a school ground where a UFO has crashed into the boiler room, rupturing a fuel line, and ignition has occurred in the spilling oil, endangering the occupants of the craft who are trapped in the wreckage? If your rescue attempts are successful, and two of the five small alien creatures are injured but still alive, how do you dispose of the dead and treat the survivors? How would the presence of children on the school grounds affect your actions? What persons and agencies would be notified?

The authors have never read any advice on these matters. The following admonition was printed on the inside front jacket of Frank Edward's book on flying saucers:

#### WARNING

"Near approaches of UFOs can be harmful to human beings. Do not stand under a UFO that is hovering at low altitude. Do not touch

or attempt to touch a UFO that has landed. In either case the safe thing to do is to get away from there very quickly and let the military take over. There is a possibility of radiation danger and there are known cases where persons have been burned by rays emanating from UFOs. Don't take chances with UFOs!"

In view of the federal law (cited earlier) empowering NASA's administrator to impound, without a hearing, anyone who touches a UFO or its occupants. it would be inadvisable to make personal contact unless you are willing to submit to NASA's quarantine requirements, should the law be invoked.

Besides the possible physical effects of approaching a UFO, e.g., burns, radiation, etc., there may be psychological effects produced by force fields that could induce a hypnotic state in the viewer, loss of consciousness, memory relapse, and submission to the occupants. Jacques Vallee, author of *The Invisible College* cautions that we should consider psychic effects, such as space-time distortions experienced by percipients of craft-like devices which appear to fade away - dematerialize - and then reappear; of alien, strange voices or thoughts that may effect involuntary changes in the manner in which witnesses may react in such circumstances.(72)

Perhaps the above warnings of Edwards and Vallee are a little too cautious and apprehensive to adopt as a general pattern of conduct in every situation. In the absence of overt acts indicating hostility, there may be no danger in approaching a landing (or landed) UFO with a positive, solicitous attitude of wanting to be of service. This nonaggressive mental state may be telepathically sensed by those aboard or emerging from the craft; a form of nonvocal communication is a possibility. It goes without saying that any display of firearms or other weapons on your part could be construed as unfriendly and likely to thwart your intention of conveying a helpful attitude.

In a best case scenario, you may be able to obtain guidance as to the appropriate actions to take, whether of a life-saving nature, e.g., in quelling a fire, abating a spill, and of preservation of property, or even in the reduction of apprehension on the part of your response team and the spectators.

In a less optimistic scenario, you may have engine trouble upon approaching the scene, and radio contact could be lost with your dispatcher. If at night, your headlights could go out, the city could be blacked out, and your portable generators may malfunction when you attempt to use them for fans and portable lights. It would certainly be an inopportune time for your comrades to announce that they had decided to take their pensions, effective immediately.

In any event, the incident could provide invaluable experience for further training in coping with rare and difficult emergencies. Whatever "inside" information you are able to pass along to your fellow officers and citizens of the world might help to alleviate unreasonable fear, so that there would be less likelihood that we would ever again experience the panic and hysteria that was created by War of the Worlds a half century ago. Truth is the best cure for the unknown. A list of some of the available books on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) is found in Appendix H.

## CONCLUSION

Some fire chiefs have little confidence in disaster plans, especially those dealing with UFOs or enemy attack. If you develop a plan that sets forth your responsibilities, resources, organizations, supplies information, telephone numbers, and special data that will be useful in obtaining help and fulfilling your role in disaster control, commit it to an electronic medium, a computer with a capability for continuous updating through modern word processing. Bring it forth when the need requires. With a good plan, good leadership, and adequate resources, you may save many lives in any disaster, including attack from possible enemies.

End of Part 1  
Part 2 - Credits  
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"Nothing is as burdensome as a secret."-French proverb  
"One ailment that antibiotics will never stamp out is  
premature formation of opinion."-Anonymous  
"People's minds are changed through  
observation and not through  
argument."-Will Rogers

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Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2008 10:13:55 EST  
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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 12:01:18 -0800  
>>Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

>>So that's our greatest enemy, our lack of the ability to not be  
>>bullshitted en masse. Show us some parlor tricks, toss in some  
>>rumor and hearsay and we're out there buying or rioting.

>>A sensei I had, a martial arts teacher from China once told me  
>>the best way to tell if someone is lying is how much energy they  
>>spend on selling it. The truth is plain and simple and needs no  
>>advertising. If you are foolish enough to allow someone else to  
>>validate what you know is real, then you are your own fool.

>>Or maybe a simple brand new lie detector device will emerge and  
>>that'll put an end to these shenanigans and probably a lot of  
>>marriages too.

>>I've often joked that the one device that will begin the end of  
>>the world will be an infallible lie detector.

>Interesting you should say that. I've often thought that that's  
>the reason why telepathy, the ultimate lie detector, did not  
>evolve in our species.

>Humans seem to thrive on being able to hide the truth when it  
>suits them.

>Now we have people saying that, with the coming end of time  
>according to the Mayan calendar, new abilities such as telepathy  
>will become commonplace.

>So the question is, will the infallible lie detector bring on  
>the end of the world, or will the end of the world bring on the  
>infallible lie detector.

>William

Well said William and thank you for responding.

As for that Mayan Calendar thingie, I intend to start a new  
group called The Anti-Mayan Calendar End Of The World BS  
Society.

That nonsense was invented and blown out of proportion by the  
doomsday merchants who just have to have something to scare the  
public into buying more books and going under more control.  
People proposing that quackery should be hauled off to jail.

As far as telepathy goes, I can only say personally I've seen it  
work. It's not dependable and I would have to suspect we don't  
use it regularly because we're so private and have so many

hidden secrets amongst ourselves.

Several lie detector or stress analysis technologies have come to light in recent years. These devices like traditional lie detectors can detect changes in a person's expressions on several levels but all they can do is say the person is holding something back or they truly believe what they believe. It takes an expert to interpret the results of these technologies to get a confirmation of some merit but still the jury is out.

However a few of these technologies can show the stress of the voice of the subject to the point we know something is going on. Can you imagine running that software on old videos of Ronald Reagan or JFK or even FDR?

How about having that software in your cell phone and your kids call to say why they're late from school? Or your wife asking what you did while she was visiting her mother?

That technology alone would spell doom for the world. We'd all have to tell the truth all the time and it'd tear us apart.

Best,

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## Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2008 10:25:37 EST  
Archived: Tue, 26 Feb 2008 11:09:45 -0500  
Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 20:10:31 -0000  
>Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

>>From: Greg Boone <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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>Hi Greg,

>Yup, have speculated on that same eventuality myself - google  
>for "it's obvious why the top-people would want to keep it  
>secret" (w/quote-marks).

>And, while I have to agree with your assessment of the present,  
>general, human condition, there's a compelling reason to think  
>we could be able to climb out of that pit.

>I.e. - because others seem to have survived that self-  
>destructive phase.

Thanks Ray for responding.

I'm becoming more and more a realist in my old age. Nowadays  
things are black or white and no gray baskets.

We need to as a species acknowledge our limitations. The  
majority of us have an IQ of 100 yet we design a world for a  
Star Trek crowd.

We are very clever creatures but when you get too complicated on  
an administrative level we fall apart and revert to war paint  
and drums.

We're never going to reach that Star Trek utopia because we as a  
species "breed to need, not to lead". We don't match smart  
person to smart person we match economically advantageous to  
economically advantageous and good looking to good looking.

Nature only rewards performance. Nothing more, nothing less. You  
either have your "A Game" on or you have no game at all and end  
up in some other creatures belly.

It's taken me years to figure out why the hold back on  
disclosure and it took dealing with labor rights out here in  
California for me to figure out why. I'll detail it later but  
it's basically about investors. I feel like actor Warren Stevens  
laying on the couch after taking the brain boost in the classic  
sci-fi flick "Forbidden Planet". Instead of gasping out how the  
Krell forgot the monsters from the ID, I'd be saying how they  
forgot the investors and their dividends.

There are so many witnesses, whistle blowers, documents etc. that it's not even a debate anymore about what's going on. So how could tens of thousands of people keep it a secret for so long? They didn't. They let the cat out the bag a long time ago and it's been festering ever since.

Now there's no where to run, no where to hide for any of the institutions that drag us around with carrot on a stick nonsense. This is the age of put up or shut up and it's all coming to a head in a vicious way thanks primarily to the internet. Countries like Pakistan and China and N. Korea want to block the web to prevent 'unethical thoughts' when in truth they want to block any alternative viewpoints and basic data that would undermine their control over others.

Getting' warm round here?

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com/blog

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
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## A Program By Any Other Name

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Source: The Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080226/BLOG32/450508074>

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008

A Program By Any Other Name...  
Billy Cox

Oliver Kemenczky has to choose his words carefully. After all, there's still a chance the Sci Fi Channel could come back and greenlight more episodes of UFO Hunters. One never knows.

But as the engineer and high-tech produce specialist contemplates his desultory brush with network entertainment from his office in Manhattan, you don't need a pair of glasses to read between the lines. What he doesn't say is pretty obvious: Some serious dingbats are calling the shots in the UFO television subculture.

For the past 10 years, Kemenczky's been doing UFO research for the Intruders Foundation (that's another tangent altogether). Two years ago, he was approached by a production company that thought the material might make a decent commercial project. Kemenczky's group, called New York-Strange Phenomena Investigators (NY-SPI), collaborated on an hourlong pilot called UFO Hunters. Which was the same name as The History Channel's UFO Hunters.

There's a back story to the nomenclature that's so silly and pedantic it doesn't even matter. History and Sci Fi wound up going head to head with each other's UFO Hunters, and Kemenczky says History beat Sci Fi by a smidgen of a ratings point. Either way, Sci Fi doesn't have any follow-up shows in the can, so this could be all she wrote for NY-SPI.

"We had lots of good cases with high-quality video and multiple witnesses, so I was optimistic about our chances," Kemenczky says. "I mean, we're scientists; we're not doing tinfoil hats or heavy chanting."

It's hard to figure how Kemenczky's project would've fared based on one episode. What we do know is that the only UFO Hunters in circulation now is History's quasi-reality show. It relies on re-enactments, breathless editing and drama-inducing scores to disguise the fact that its cases are so cold, they'd stand a better chance of drawing blood from concrete yard gnomes.

Maybe next time around, after this spasm of groupthink curls into a tight little asterisk, the cable-channel marketing geniuses will realize an ill-considered rush to branding rights always winds up in a crowded, bottomless hopper labeled "Who Cares?"

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Source: KLTV - Tyler, Texas, USA

<http://www.kltv.com/global/story.asp?s=7924765>

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[Video at site]

East Texans Shares 'Family Secret' Of UFO Sighting  
Gillian Sheridan  
[gsheridan.nul](mailto:gsheridan.nul)

"I was not a big UFO person, didn't know much about it other than my own experience." Sitting in her Tyler, Texas home, Charlotte man tells us about her experience, which she calls the "family secret," many of the details discovered on her grandparents deathbeds.

It was April, 1941 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Around 9:30 p.m., Charlotte's grandfather, Reverend William Huffman, got a call about a plane crash and was asked to help. "When they got out there, it wasn't a plane crash at all. It was a saucer, was how he described it," says Charlotte.

According to the story, 3 alien bodies lie on the ground next to the spaceship; two already dead. "However, granddad said the third one when he got to him, he was breathing very shallow and so he did pray with him. He did expire as he was on his knees praying for him. He then went to the other two and prayed over them."

Charlotte's grandfather then took a closer look at the spaceship. "What he was most impressed with was in the inside there were writings, but he did not recognize it. He said it looked similar to hieroglyphics. The Egyptian hieroglyphics," explains Charlotte.

Quickly, the scene was covered with military personnel and Reverend Huffman was sworn to secrecy. Charlotte says, "He was told, 'This did not happen. You did not see this. This is enormous national security. You're not to ever speak of it again.'"

But the enormity of what he had witnessed was too much for a man. The shock on his face told what his words, at first, did not. Then after gaining their promise, he shared with his family what had happened. "Granddad was a quiet man to begin with but grandmother said the look on his face was different," says Charlotte.

A few weeks after the UFO crash, Reverend Huffman was given a picture taken that night by a local photographer. "He felt like someone else besides himself should have a copy and granddad was the only one he trusted. So he gave him a copy of the picture. So I had seen that picture all growing up." Charlotte goes on to say, "You couldn't see those big eyes and not be affected. It wasn't anything I had ever seen."

That picture went missing years ago after her grandfather loaned it to a friend, who never returned it. But seeing that picture and knowing the integrity of her grandfather, Charlotte believes the story is true. But, she never had any proof until a few years ago while doing research for a documentary on the crash.

"We got validation by going to the archives in Washington D.C. And to see a top secret declassified document that stated that there was in fact a crash retrieval in 1941 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, for me, I have not forgotten holding that paper in my hand and realizing that my families story was real, was solid, and for me was just an answer to a long time question."

But Charlotte knows some people will still be skeptical. "That's OK with me. I don't have to convince anybody. I just have to know what's true for me. I think it's arrogant to think that a God that we have that is so awesome, created just us. I also don't think that we have to worry about a huge threat from them because if that were their intention, that would have happened a long time ago."

Charlotte's story is one of many involving UFO's and she's quick to point out, it won't be the last, saying the next extraterrestrial visit is not far away. "I don't think that's a thing of the future. I just think we're going to see more of it and Stephenville is just the beginning of it happening everywhere. I think there will always be things that we are not aware of but we should always keep an open mind for possibilities."

The UFO crash of 1941 in Missouri continues to be researched and investigated today. So far, the story has been included in two books and one documentary.

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## Re: New Videos Of Objects In Space

From: Michael Woods <[mike.woods.nul](mailto:mike.woods.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2008 19:03:45 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 08:08:25 -0500  
Subject: Re: New Videos Of Objects In Space

>From: Michael Woods <[mike.woods.nul](mailto:mike.woods.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 14 Dec 2007 03:27:43 -0500  
>Subject: New Videos Of Objects In Space

>I hit the Rense website regularly. I know it's filled with Jew-  
>haters and those convinced anyone slightly to the right of Karl  
>Marx is a neo-con in a conspiracy to turn North America over to  
>immigrants (!) before the New World Order takes over. The  
>opinions on that site are so out-there I almost always have a  
>laugh when I hit that site. Yesterday, an article there wiped  
>the smile off my face. This is something all Listers should  
>check out. I'll be interested in everyone's opinion on what they  
>are, whose they are, if they're real or fake, etc.

Hello Listers,

For those who paid any attention whatsoever to the minor ker-  
fuffle created by the posting of propriatery video on Rense's  
site, regarding massive, mystery machines supposedly in earth  
orbit the ones that come (with mention on the Rense posting)  
with a huge fight over video deals ad nauseum... here's the  
final round to the back of the head of this nonsense.

Surf over to <http://www.spaceweather.com>

On the right hand column is a nifty archive connection. Set the  
way-back machine for Feb. 13 of this year 2008 at my personal  
space-time co-ordinates.

Now, scroll down. Note the photo of a delivery to the I.S.S.  
Marvel at the open-ness of the description of the technology  
used to capture the image. Compare it to the bovine waste-  
byproduct spread by Walson re the propriatery technology and  
skills he alone possesses that allow him to capture the  
extraordinary video he shoots.

You may now reach for the Case Closed stamp.

All my best,

Mike Woods

Pray there's intelligent life somewhere out in space;  
There's bugger all down here on Earth.

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Source: Wikipedia

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[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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an organism's biological fitness, it may have no basis in  
biology, or it may be too weak (non-existent?) to be amplified  
by selection.

Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

If you have proof to the contrary, then please tell us. And I don't mean the human-alien telepathy we hear about in the abduction accounts.

William

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## Re: The Semmelweis Reflex

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
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Let's see. Maybe we can rename this the

"Klasskurtzimcgahschem" effect  
(pronounced class - curt - see - muck - gah - sherm)

I'll shut up now :-)

Terry

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## Balloon Related UFO Incidents

From: **Eustaquio Andrea Patounas** <[socex.ufobras.nul](mailto:socex.ufobras.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2008 17:14:53 -0300  
Archived: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 09:01:48 -0500  
Subject: Balloon Related UFO Incidents

Dear friends

A detailed history of the balloon-UFO connection in the last 50 years:

<http://stratocat.com.ar/ovnis/indexe.html>

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>for a number of reasons; for example, telepathy may not improve  
>an organism's biological fitness, it may have no basis in  
>biology, or it may be too weak (non-existent?) to be amplified  
>by selection.

>If you have proof to the contrary, then please tell us. And I  
>don't mean the human-alien telepathy we hear about in the  
>abduction accounts.

>William

Did I make reference to "telepathy", "the human-alien", or any  
other kind? Did I refer to that stop-block word so often thrown  
around by those least disposed to going into the field  
themselves, "proof"?

No, what I did do was place a primary importance on people doing  
something towards earning an opinion. Clearing up for them-  
selves, once and for all, that UFOs are real by seeing them.



Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

Now, after all the meaningless drivel has been said, to conjecture on how many little green men can fit on the head of a pin, try working with primary source material, hopefully some you've acquired on your own.

Then maybe they'll be less drivel and less resorting to such subterfuge (such as putting words in other people's mouths.)

The truth is out there, you just have to be "out there" to find it. Those that haven't been need to shut up about opinionating on those that have.

JCH

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## Re: The Semmelweis Reflex

From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 10:08:08 -0500  
Archived: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 10:24:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Semmelweis Reflex

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 07:41:31 -0600  
>Subject: Re: The Semmelweis Reflex

>>Source: Wikipedia

>>[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignaz\\_Semmelweis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignaz_Semmelweis)

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>Let's see. Maybe we can rename this the

>"Klasskurtzimcgahscherm" effect  
>(pronounced class - curt - see - muck - gah - sherm)

>I'll shut up now :-)

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I think the important point here is that the 'debunker' concept has been man for centuries and isn't a phenomenon limited to paranormal studies, such as UFOs.

I've found a few interesting references:

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[http://deoxy.org/s\\_reflex.htm](http://deoxy.org/s_reflex.htm)

The Semmelweis Reflex

Mob behavior found among primates and larval hominids on undeveloped planets, in which a discovery of important scientific fact is punished rather than rewarded. Named after Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis, ...physician who discovered the cause of puerperal fever, a now-obsolete disease which, in Semmelweis's primitive era, yearly killed a vast number of women in childbirth. Semmelweis was fired from his hospital, expelled from his medical society, denounced and ridiculed widely, reduced to abject poverty and finally died in a madhouse.

--Timothy Leary, The Game of Life

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<http://www.buildfreedom.com/t1/t109a2.shtml>

The Semmelweis-reflex is the automatic rejection of the obvious, without thought, inspection, or experiment. It was so named by author Robert Anton Wilson. The results that Semmelweis produced made it obvious that his possible discovery needed to be inspected, experimented with, and thought about.

You may think that in the enlightened age of 1993 humans no longer suffer from the Semmelweis-reflex. This could be a mistake. During the past seven years Dr. Duesberg has repeatedly drawn attention to the fact that the HIV-AIDS hypothesis produces no health benefits. He has proposed a plausible alternative hypothesis - that seems obvious to his supporters. He has written articles and scientific papers. He has received some media attention. Yet the "establishment" automatically rejects what he says, without thought, inspection, or

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<http://allsquareinc.blogspot.com/2006/03/semmelweis-reflex.html>

When employees bring you new ideas or warnings, how do you react? If you respond with an onslaught of rejection - the aptly named Semmelweis Reflex approach--your employees will in the future refrain from challenging conventional wisdom. Instead, they will fritter away their insights while swapping lunchroom grievances with coworkers.

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As I look at the Google 'hits', a lot of them are on Medical sites and I believe that this is a reflex response that they are trying to mitigate through education. But as noted in the final link above, those who thin outside the box are often labeled and most people don't want to stand out. In the Medical arena, people can die because of this "effect", and in the UFO arena, we just yell louder.

Steve

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## By Way Of Explanation

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 07:19:44 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 13:50:23 -0500  
Subject: By Way Of Explanation

Although I have differences with some on UFO UpDates I still retain high regard for many - even among those I have difference.

This planet abounds with anomaly. Almost like prompting cues they manifest throughout all aspects of life, technology, science. To many they represent titillating side bars, to others, perhaps, only dark places in closets at night easily closed and forgotten by morning.

To me, the mere grotesque number of them implies the presence of vastly too many shortcomings in scientific examination tools. Or they would be resolved... at least reconciled to some extent. Not ignored.

Then there are the systemic psychic blocking mechanisms of which I've seen all too much evidence. Let me give you an example... only one of many I've experienced.

Just prior to December of 1999 I was helping one Lewis Thompson Mohr move a rather large household of furnishings from a storage location in a small community just south of Dallas, Texas. We had spent the day loading a truck and we began our trip back to Fort Worth just in time to catch the five o'clock rush of people on I-20.

I was in the car we had used to fetch the rental truck while Lewis and another man were in the truck behind. It was an especially bad day for traffic with a gridlock that lasted the trip between Dallas and Fort Worth almost two full hours.

From the time we came on I-20 from Louisville until we turned off on I-35 North, we saw the very same sight in the sky, absolutely unchanged for almost two full hours. Two descending aircraft, with both craft and their contrails frozen in the sky at a sharp angle of descent. We saw this, as well as thousands of motorists with us had to have, over the full duration of that trip west.

Yet, until I mentioned this to Lewis and his friend did they regard the spectacle remarkable. Like they were in a trance. And what about the other thousands of motorists traveling west that day on I-20?

Not a mention.

I have countless timed exposed frames of this type of anomaly I've take myself from roughly the same area. And the reactions I get from those I've shared them with are equally astounding.

Always a side-step to reality, or simply a run and hide posturing.

Only one exception, a man that was with me when we saw another plane frozen in the sky on descent. He watched as I tried to point it out to a couple as they were leaving a restaurant. They suddenly looked down at the ground and shuffled to their car as if they had been approached by a leper.

No, diligence is not well regarded among humankind. The less so when the stakes are raised. Eyes that cannot see and ears that hear only comfortable redundancy.

That is what we have on our plates.

JCH

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## Re: Balloon Related UFO Incidents

From: David Rudiak <[drudiak.nul](mailto:drudiak.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 10:27:51 -0800  
Archived: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 13:51:07 -0500  
Subject: Re: Balloon Related UFO Incidents

>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <[socex.ufobras.nul](mailto:socex.ufobras.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2008 17:14:53 -0300  
>Subject: Balloon Related UFO Incidents

>A detailed history of the balloon-UFO connection in the last  
>50 years:

><http://stratocat.com.ar/ovnis/indexe.html>

In contrast, we know of many of instances of where the people  
launching or tracking these research balloons have reported UFOs  
\_in addition\_ to their own balloons. For a summary of cases from  
the 1940s and 1950s, see:

[http://www.roswellproof.com/Mogul\\_UFOs.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/Mogul_UFOs.html)

[http://www.roswellproof.com/Balloon\\_UFO\\_Sightings.html](http://www.roswellproof.com/Balloon_UFO_Sightings.html)

David Rudiak

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## Re: The Semmelweis Reflex

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 18:52:10 +0000  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 07:49:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Semmelweis Reflex

>Source: Wikipedia

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><snip>

>[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

The Semmelweis Reflex always keeps things simple. Doesn't it?  
Why, I used it just this morning.

KK

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## Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 19:10:47 +0000  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 07:49:53 -0500  
Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2008 07:34:21 -0800 (PST)  
>Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

>>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 15:37:43 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

>>>From: Greg Boone <[evolbaby.nul](mailto:evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 12:01:18 -0800  
>>>Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

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>>>I've often joked that the one device that will begin the end of  
>>>the world will be an infallible lie detector.

>>Interesting you should say that. I've often thought that that's  
>>the reason why telepathy, the ultimate lie detector, did not  
>>evolve in our species.

>>William

>Look at this thread for what it is, a compensation for being  
>in the blind, the whole of it. Nothing more. Instead of venturing.  
>you're coming up with excuses to reach conclusions far from  
>the best evidence obtainable.

>You haven't the frame of reference to make the slightest  
>reductions in the ramifications to acknowledged contact. Instead  
>of facing that, you meander around the state of mind you  
>attribute to mankind.

>It is just such ambivalence that helps create the many spins  
>applied to ufology over the years to the detriment of obtaining  
>any clarity.

>Get off your butts and go into the field. The incidents are  
>increasing in number and in variety. See them for yourselves.

>Then posture.

Jimmy: Are you still on NIDS payroll? If so, can we say  
that you are being paid to posture? Because you are paid  
to go "into the field" and come out making statements  
such as those above? I am putting forward this opinion  
just for clarification; regarding who might be posturing. KK

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## UFO Sightings Who To Believe?

From: **Eustaquio Andrea Patounas** <[socex.ufobras.nul](mailto:socex.ufobras.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 16:51:15 -0300  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 07:49:53 -0500  
Subject: UFO Sightings Who To Believe?

Source: Columbia Missourian - Columbia Missouri, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/yudtxu>

February 27, 2008

Who To Believe: UFO Sightings

In 1952, in an attempt to cope with the public outcry concerning hundreds of reports of UFOs, the U.S. Air Force organized Project Blue Book whose primary objective was to collect and analyze citizen reports of UFO sightings. The chief scientific consultant for that project was a well-respected Northwestern University astronomy professor, J. Allen Hynek.

When Hynek first began his UFO research, he was very doubtful that the purported UFO sightings were of any real significance. In fact, during a 1966 congressional hearing on UFOs, he indicated that "the whole subject seemed utterly ridiculous," and he thought the sightings were a fad which would soon pass.

However, after decades of analyzing hundreds of UFO reports from airline pilots, military personnel, police officers, public officials, psychologists, astronomers and other scientists, Hynek said his opinion started to shift. He believed something was going on and serious research was needed to understand what it was.

In a 1985 interview with Dennis Stacy, when asked what caused his change of opinion, he responded: It... "was the completely negative and unyielding attitude of the Air Force. They wouldn't give UFOs the chance of existing even if they were flying up and down the street in broad daylight." In the late 1970s, Hynek also told a group of students and faculty at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale that his team fudged the data on "Project Blue Book." He said they could explain only 80 percent of the sightings, and the 20 percent that could not be explained were often omitted from reports, and then used by the team for more in-depth research.

Many other well-respected Americans have also commented on UFO-related matters. On the Web site [wanttoknow.info/ufocover-up](http://wanttoknow.info/ufocover-up), which quotes the book *Disclosure* compiled by Steven M. Greer, Apollo 14 Astronaut Edgar Mitchell said: "Yes... there have been crashed craft. There have been material and bodies recovered. There has been a certain amount of reverse engineering that has allowed some of these craft, or some components to be duplicated.... It has been a subject of disinformation in order to deflect attention and create confusion so that the truth doesn't come out."

Former CIA Director Adm. R.H. Hillenkoetter, in a statement dated Feb. 28, 1960, and reported by *The New York Times*, said: "It is time for the truth to be brought out in open Congressional hearings. Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense. To hide the facts, the Air

Force has silenced its personnel."

Also on the Web site is a statement by former U.S. National Security Council staff member Col. Philip J. Corso concerning his viewing of a dead extraterrestrial being at Fort Riley, Kan., on July 6, 1947: "First, I thought it was a child because it was small. Then I looked at its head and all. The head was different. The arms were thin. The body was gray. So right at that moment I figured I don't know what this thing is..."

In his book *The Day After Roswell* Corso writes, "What I found was an intriguing Army intelligence document describing the creature as an inhabitant of a craft that had crashed-landed in Roswell, New Mexico, earlier that week and a routing manifest for this creature to the log-in officer at the Air Materiel Command at Wright Field and from him to the Walter Reed Army Hospital morgue's pathology section..."

Skeptics by the hundreds often dismiss statements such as those of the above cited government officials and military officers as either hallucinations, erroneous perceptions, or out-and-out lies. One skeptic, the highly respected astronomer Dr. Carl Sagan, when invited to participate in a 1995 Washington D.C.-based UFO conference called *When Cosmic Cultures Meet*, said: "Thank you for your interesting invitation. As we have, in my view, no even moderately suggestive evidence that humans are encountering or have ever encountered a non-primate technical civilization, it seems premature to plan a conference on the subject. As far as extraterrestrial civilization on planets of other stars are concerned, I think there is a quite compelling argument that any contact we make will be with a civilization immensely more advanced than we are, in which case this conference you propose would be tantamount to ants planning a meeting on what to do if they ever encountered humans."

Given the conflicting observations of such respected Americans, what are we to believe? Clearly, additional research is needed.

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Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 13:16:02 -0800  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 08:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Semmelweis Reflex

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Hi Steve, List,

Another example:

<http://www.suppressedscience.net/physics.html>

"Textbooks present science as a noble search for truth, in which  
progress depends on questioning established ideas. But for many  
scientists, this is a cruel myth. They know from bitter  
experience that disagreeing with the dominant view is dangerous  
- especially when that view is backed by powerful interest  
groups.

Call it suppression of intellectual dissent. The usual pattern  
is that someone does research or speaks out in a way that  
threatens a powerful interest group, typically a government,  
industry or professional body. As a result, representatives of  
that group attack the critic's ideas or the critic personally-by  
censoring writing, blocking publications, denying appointments  
or promotions, withdrawing research grants, taking legal  
actions, harassing, blacklisting, spreading rumors." (1)

1. Martin, Brian. Stamping Out Dissent. April 26, 1993, pp.  
p.49-50.

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From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 18:01:35 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 08:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Semmelweis Reflex

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>References: <[4.3.2.7.2.20080227081411.090bbd00.nul](mailto:4.3.2.7.2.20080227081411.090bbd00.nul)>  
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Hi Terry,

You wrote:

>Let's see. Maybe we can rename this the

>"Klasskurtzimcgahscherm" effect

Funny! I vote for yours.

>(pronounced class - curt - see - muck - gah - sherm)

<LMAO>Uh oh, sounds like 'someone' has been attending Klingon  
Summer Camp!

BTW, I can vouch for the reality of the "Klasskurtzimcgahscherm"  
effect - having been 'fish-slapped' squarely in the face by it  
on many occasions.

Best,

John

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## Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO

From: Robert Morningstar <[robert\\_morningstar.nul](mailto:robert_morningstar.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 15:18:43 -0800 - PST -  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 08:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO

Greetings UFO UpDates Listers,

As a result of the article that I composed recently in support of Shawn and Clay Pickering and Dr. Michael Salla's exposition on the no longer secret UN UFO meeting, I received a call on Monday night requesting that I make myself available - "Drop everything you're doing tomorrow night..." - to meet again with the 'Source' to discuss the disappointing reaction of the UFO community to the notice of the 2/11 UFO Disclosure session at the UN.

Our contact, however, did express some degree of satisfaction on the part of the USG pro-Disclosure group that 'the ice has been broken' - my term - and that a few ufologists have responded positively or, at least, open-mindedly, to the prospect of finally getting an official UFO Disclosure process 'under way'.

As a result, I agreed to be present and our 'Source' journeyed from Washington, DC as scheduled to meet with us last night in New York City.

Shawn & Clay Pickering and I attended a 5-hour long briefing with him during which we discussed the current stage of official UFO Disclosure plans/procedures and received more details of the 2/11/08 meeting at the UN - at which 50 countries were represented, including all members of the UN Security Council and the EU.

'Source' provided extensive proof - official credentials & documentation - of his current diplomatic status.

We discussed the UN meeting at length and the many difficulties encountered in trying to arrive at a working consensus on how best to proceed with worldwide disclosure amongst attendees.

The effects of UFO Disclosure on world religions emerged as a major stumbling block - a topic which I will address in coming days at UFO Digest.

I received background information on the purpose and goals of the meeting that occurred on February 11th and we discussed prospective plans, as well as, a timetable for proceeding with the official UFO Disclosure process on a worldwide scale.

Personally, I would like to affirm my confidence that we have some great people - deeply concerned and responsible individuals - within our government working seriously on this project and the veil of secrecy has been partially lifted. Quite frankly, not all of them are 'MIB-types' and they don't like or approve of the restrictive and anachronistic MIB mentality, which has become an impediment to restoring confidence in our government, and is coming officially to an end.

We also discussed various ways to proceed with UFO Disclosure on our part, i.e. how we can help and the role of ufologists in facilitating full Disclosure.

Here is the link to the most current articles - by me, Vince White and Franklin D. Fields - at UFO Digest:



[http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0208/un\\_ufo.html](http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0208/un_ufo.html)

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0208/disclosure.html>

Stay tuned to UFO Digest for more details to come in the next few days.

Robert Morningstar  
Editor, UFO Digest

BTW - Readers, take note that "leaks" are happening quickly and I would point out to you the recent article - yesterday/day before - in the NY TIMES, detailing the dangers of "Space Junk" in orbit... Take a close look at the color photo used in the article... Shades of Belgium 1989!

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 09:50:00 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 09:50:00 -0500  
Subject: UFO Studies 101

Source: UniversalClass.com Inc. - Tampa, Florida, USA

<http://www.universalclass.com/i/course/ufo/review.htm>

Editorial Review of UFO Studies - Online Class

Editorial Course Description

UFO Studies...

You might just be amazed at the number of people who believe in the existence of UFOs and extraterrestrials.

Stories supporting the belief of UFOs dates back centuries =96 there are even some who believe that the Bible offers support for their existence. But the biggest craze arrived back in the 1940's with the coining of the term "Foo Fighters" near Mt. Rainier, WA and further away, scandal was brewing in infamous Roswell, New Mexico.

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Blockbuster hits like Contact and Men In Black I and II.

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Shows like Outer Limits and UFO Files on A&E.

Plus hundreds of other books, magazines, documentaries and various other information outlets.

If you're ready to get initiated into the sinister and often mysterious world of aliens, UFOs, conspiracies and cover-ups, then this class, UFO Studies, led by Instructor Carol Nichols is out of this world!

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Can you handle the truth? If so, don't put it off any longer! Enrollment is open 24/7, so there's no reason you can't get started today. The truth IS out there =96 and we'll help you uncover it.

Editorial Review

If you've got every season of the X-Files on DVD, or you have a print and video library that would be the envy of ANY UFO buff, then this class is for you.

In the nine lessons, you'll be able to separate fact from stipulation and truth from disinformation.

You'll closely examine the UFO controversy, UFO cover-ups, UFO Congressional hearings, case histories, Roswell and Area 51, crop circles, abductions, sightings in Mexico, as well as several additional UFO sites and resources.

Whether you're an avid believer or a total skeptic, the material presented is done both thoroughly and professionally. However, it's important to understand that when it comes to situations with UFOs, alien encounters, abductions or any other number of paranormal events that fall outside of the already or easily verified, the ONLY evidence that may be available is personal interviews, correspondences, sworn statements and testimonies, etc.

Which makes it all the harder for your typical, everyday person to take the claims and accusations seriously. Everyone wants some kind of evidence =96 some kind of proof.

The goal of this class isn't to get your hands on "proof", but more to uncover through reasoning and research access to the truth. It's an investigation that won't yield the results of being right or wrong, but you will find yourself informed and educated.

By the end of the first lesson, you'll have a clear idea of where you stand on the matter of UFOs as well as the approach you can expect from the instructor. And, speaking of materials, there's quite a lot to cover. Therefore, Carol Nichols recommends that you take the time to discuss your questions and thoughts with her via Class Email and with the rest of the class in the class forums.

Everything that you'll need in order to excel in this course is provided for you in the virtual classroom. Get ready to get a first hand look at detailed photographs, sketches, scientific reports, streaming video and historical references. You can rest assured =96 you'll never be bored.

Get ready to be surprised =96 perhaps even shocked. Whether you're a skeptic or a faithful believer that the truth IS out there, you'll find yourself fascinated from the beginning of Lesson 1 to the end of Lesson 9.

Enrollment is open, so sign up today!

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[Links to do so...]

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## UK UFO Mystery Two Decades Old

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 09:50:00 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 09:50:00 -0500  
Subject: UK UFO Mystery Two Decades Old

Source: Grantham Today - Grantham, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/yjn7b4>

28 February 2008

[Photo at site]

UFO Mystery Two Decades Old

UFO sightings reported in the Journal in recent weeks brought memories flooding back for Trevor Rickards.

Trevor took this picture on the bridge over the A1 at Gorse Lane in 1982 - and the two white lights in the sky have been a mystery to him ever since.

Trevor, of Prestwick Close, has followed the UFO stories in recent weeks and stumbled across the picture, years after losing it.

He said: "I had slipped the picture into an old English to French dictionary and it fell out when I was moving some books around so I thought I would send it in.

"I have absolutely no idea what it is, it's an absolute mystery to me. When I took the picture there was definitely nothing in the sky.

"When I first saw the picture I showed it to the people at the photographic club but they couldn't explain it either."

David Pepperdine also contacted the Journal with memories of a UFO sighting from years gone by.

He was driving towards Somerby roundabout when something in the sky caught his eye.

He said: "I noticed to my right, a row of very bright lights just above the horizon. The lights moved into an inverted V shape, higher in the sky.

"At the roundabout I turned right and by the time I had reached the High Dyke turn they were getting brighter again and seemed to be travelling towards me before turning away towards the north-west."

Mr Pepperdine cannot remember when he saw the UFO's but hopes readers can help identify the date as the event was marked by a report on Radio Lincolnshire.

Have you seen a UFO? Click here to tell us about it.

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## Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 08:15:59 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 10:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 19:10:47 +0000  
>Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2008 07:34:21 -0800 (PST)  
>>Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

<snip>

>>Get off your butts and go into the field. The incidents are  
>>increasing in number and in variety. See them for yourselves.

>>Then posture.

>Jimmy: Are you still on NIDS payroll? If so, can we say  
>that you are being paid to posture? Because you are paid  
>to go "into the field" and come out making statements  
>such as those above? I am putting forward this opinion  
>just for clarification; regarding who might be posturing.

What makes you believe that James has any relationship with NIDS?

NIDS is little more than a web presence at this point and  
Bigalow has moved on to other interests, I believe.

On the other hand, his fortune is in the Hotel industry and  
that's not doing all that well in this economy. James isn't  
mentioned as a volunteer or staff member on the Web site and I  
was unaware of his involvement if that was the case at one  
point.

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## Re: The Semmelweis Reflex

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 08:19:20 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 10:50:00 -0500  
Subject: Re: The Semmelweis Reflex

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 18:52:10 +0000  
>Subject: Re: The Semmelweis Reflex

>>Source: Wikipedia

>>[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignaz\\_Semmelweis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignaz_Semmelweis)

>>Ignaz Semmelweis

>><snip>

>>Semmelweis Reflex

>>The Semmelweis Reflex is the dismissing or rejecting out of hand  
>>any information, automatically, without thought, inspection, or  
>>experiment. The phrase stems from a number of people's personal  
>>experiences with the phenomenon, and denotes the reactions of  
>>anyone who engages in such behaviour. The expression "Semmelweis  
>>Reflex" has been attributed to author Robert Anton Wilson.[5]

>><snip>

>>[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

>The Semmelweis Reflex always keeps things simple. Doesn't it?  
>Why, I used it just this morning.

Ohhhhhh! That explains it. <g>

Since hundreds, if not thousands, have died over the centuries  
due to this "Reflex", it really might not be a joking matter to  
some.

Steve

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## Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 06:27:34 -0800 (PST)  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 11:55:18 -0500  
Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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Coming from you, Kaptain Krunch, such delusional accusations are complimentary.

JCH

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## Re: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO

From: **Martin Shough** <[parcellular.nul](mailto:parcellular.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 14:34:04 -0000  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 11:56:31 -0500  
Subject: Re: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO

>From: Robert Morningstar <[robert\\_morningstar.nul](mailto:robert_morningstar.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>,  
>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 15:18:43 -0800 - PST -  
>Subject: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO Meeting'

<snip>

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>of Shawn and Clay Pickering and Dr. Michael Salla's exposition  
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>finally getting an official UFO Disclosure process 'under way'.

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>documentation - of his current diplomatic status.

>We also discussed various ways to proceed with UFO Disclosure  
>on our part, i.e. how we can help and the role of ufologists in  
>facilitating full Disclosure.

Perhaps you and Mr Source could "proceed with UFO Disclosure" by  
first disclosing his own identity and credentials.

Martin Shough

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## Re: UFO Studies 101

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 10:13:50 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 15:56:40 -0500  
Subject: Re: UFO Studies 101

>Source: UniversalClass.com Inc. - Tampa, Florida, USA

><http://www.universalclass.com/i/course/ufo/review.htm>

>Editorial Review of UFO Studies - Online Class

>Editorial Course Description

>UFO Studies...

>You might just be amazed at the number of people who believe in  
>the existence of UFOs and extraterrestrials.

<snip>

Course instructor Carol Nichols has a BA in Sociology, and an MA in Behavioral Sciences. I think it interesting that a behavioral scientist is going to try and teach what most of us think of as a physical science. I think I see where this is headed...

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## Maybe McCain Should Debate Symington

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 15:56:20 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 15:56:20 -0500  
Subject: Maybe McCain Should Debate Symington

Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2x9sq6>

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008

Maybe McCain Should Debate Symington  
Billy Cox

A 10/9/97 letter from Sen. John McCain to a constituent about the so-called Phoenix Lights is making the Internet rounds - at:

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

just in time for next month's anniversary commemoration in Scottsdale. But to the amazement of Dr. Lynn Kitei, no one has bothered to press the de facto Republican Presidential nominee for an updated response.

Kitei is a Phoenix physician whose world view went sideways when an apparent V-shaped UFO surprised untold numbers of Arizonans on the evening of March 13, 1997. Kitei had seen and even photographed strange lights in the night sky two months earlier, but the mass sightings on that date ultimately drew her into the limelight as a lead investigator.

Kitei's work wound up in a documentary and a book by the same name, The Phoenix Lights. On the 11th anniversary of that event, she'll be unveiling an expanded version of the doc that features, among other things, a commercial airline pilot eyewitness and a 911 dispatcher who'll reportedly reveal how police helicopters were involved in the drama.

Not unlike the Stephenville, Tex., UFO incident on Jan. 8 this year, the military initially denied it had planes in the air that night. But McCain reported to a letter writer that an official at Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson assured him the lights were flares dropped by A-10s from a visiting Maryland National Guard unit, from an altitude of 15,000 feet, from roughly 9:30 to 10 p.m.

But according to Kitei's timeline, people reported seeing the UFO from as early as 5 p.m. to as late as 2 a.m., with the bulk of the sightings rolling in from 8:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m.

The story has morphed since then, most notably with the testimony of former Arizona gov Fife Symington. In 1997, when he was still in office, Symington ridiculed the reports. Last year, he reversed himself, claimed he was an eyewitness to something "enormous and inexplicable" - see:

<http://www.freedomofinfo.org/news/symington-story.pdf>

and flatly discounted the military flares explanation.

Symington has since become a public advocate for government disclosure; in November, he introduced an international cast of

likeminded pilots and aviation authorities to the National Press Club in Washington.

The media has given McCain a pass on this whopper of a national security issue that asserted itself in his own back yard. Fox News' Chris Wallace playfully asked McCain in November if he'd ever seen a UFO during his Navy pilot career ("I can't say that I did, but I kept looking all the time"), but clearly the MSM doesn't have the chops for an extended conversation.

"I'm really surprised that nobody has pinned him down, or even tried to," says Kitei. "If anything, interest in what happened has just been growing and growing. Too many people have seen and are seeing things."

Maybe, like Symington, McCain will come out of the closet once his political career is over. In the meantime, just for the hell of it, you can reach the Senator at: John McCain 2008, P.O. Box 16118, Arlington, VA 22215, 703-418-2008.

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## UFO Snapped Over Thames

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 07:07:34 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 07:07:34 -0500  
Subject: UFO Snapped Over Thames

Source: The Sun - London, UK

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article857527.ece>

28 Feb 2008

[Photo at site]

UFO Snapped Over Thames

A student was left shocked when she checked her tourist snaps of the London skyline - and spotted what looks like a flying saucer.

University Of Exeter academic Karolina-Slavka Mueller was in London for the weekend, when she took some shots with her camera phone of the sights.

But when she looked back at the January 19 night time pictures of Tower Bridge and the London Eye, she was shocked to see an apparent UFO.

And experts claim it is the real thing.

Karolina said in an email: "What's very strange about this is the fact that we didn't actually see this object in the sky while I was taking the photos.

"I only discovered it once I loaded the photos onto my computer as I didn't even look at the photos until then."

The images - taken around 3.50am - were taken eight minutes apart as Karolina and two pals drove through Central London.

The apparent UFO is at an angle and appears to emit a mysterious blue light.

Karolina added: "None of us can come up with a reasonable answer to what this might have been.

"One of my friends, the driver, has grown up in London and he can't find a reasonable answer.

"He says he's never seen anything like it and that there definitely isn't any building in this area that could look like this."

UFO experts have been left scratching their heads over the sighting.

Editor, cameraman and UFO researcher Chris Martin said: "I was looking for evidence that these have been fabricated.

"I couldn't find any evidence. It's unprecedented because she produced three pictures, which seems to show it's flying.

"My own evaluation is that these photographs are genuine and have not been digitally manipulated or hoaxed."

He added: "These photos are, in my opinion as a UFO researcher, absolutely astounding and show a real object seemingly under intelligent control."

"This is a classic flying saucer-shaped UFO."

A Ministry of Defence spokesperson did not comment on the sighting, saying: "The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity."

"Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported."

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## Re: East Texans Shares 'Family Secret' Of UFO

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 16:45:25 +0100  
Archived: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 07:11:39 -0500  
Subject: Re: East Texans Shares 'Family Secret' Of UFO

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 1:06 PM  
>Subject: East Texans Shares 'Family Secret' Of UFO Sighting

>Source: KLTV - Tyler, Texas, USA

><http://www.kltv.com/global/story.asp?s=7924765>

>2/06/08

>[Video at site]

>East Texans Shares 'Family Secret' Of UFO Sighting  
>Gillian Sheridan  
>[gsheridan.nul](mailto:gsheridan.nul)

>"I was not a big UFO person, didn't know much about it other  
>than my own experience." Sitting in her Tyler, Texas home,  
>Charlotte man tells us about her experience, which she calls  
>the "family secret," many of the details discovered on her  
>grandparents deathbeds.

>It was April, 1941 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Around 9:30  
>p.m., Charlotte's grandfather, Reverend William Huffman, got a  
>call about a plane crash and was asked to help. "When they got  
>out there, it wasn't a plane crash at all. It was a saucer, was  
>how he described it," says Charlotte.

>According to the story, 3 alien bodies lie on the ground next to  
>the spaceship; two already dead. "However, granddad said the  
>third one when he got to him, he was breathing very shallow and  
>so he did pray with him. He did expire as he was on his knees  
>praying for him. He then went to the other two and prayed over  
>them."

This account differs from the letter of Charlette Mann (not  
Charlotte man) sent to Ray Fowler, who passed it to Leonard  
Stringfield, who published in his Status Report VI of July 1991  
UFO Crash Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum. On page 70, that long  
letter said:

"There were three bodies not human, that had been taken from the  
wreckage and laid on the ground. Grandfather said prayers over  
them so he got a close look but didn't touch them".

She does not say at all that her grandfather prayed with a  
survivor.

Where is the truth?

Gildas Bourdais

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JCH

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>Greetings UFO UpDates Listers,

Greetings Robert and List,

Immediately after that report came to my eyes, I gave it a link on my website. Meanwhile I have written to the EU representatives of my hometown Berlin. Hope they will respond.

Joachim Koch

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## Re: Now We know?

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Hello List

Reports indicate that a heavy-handed cover-up of Saucers/UFOs began in late '40s.

A summary is here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2qeyp3>

So we are forced to find what Gov't/or Agencies know by inference, from their own actions and reactions. The inference method is outlined here:

<http://tinyurl.com/3a3q3g>

Stanton Friedman posted that a certain science interview was "one of the best I have seen in ages", but it took me a while to realize that UK 'official agencies' - probably proxy CIA - had pressured Profs. Hoyle and Wickramasinghe to try to prevent discussion of an ET Intelligence, specifically, of an advanced intelligence.

Quote here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2p53kg>

Now we know.

Cheers

Ray D

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>everything you're doing tomorrow night..." - to meet again with  
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>community to the notice of the 2/11 UFO Disclosure session at  
>the UN.

>Our contact, however, did express some degree of satisfaction on  
>the part of the USG pro-Disclosure group that 'the ice has been  
>broken' - my term - and that a few ufologists have responded  
>positively or, at least, open-mindedly, to the prospect of  
>finally getting an official UFO Disclosure process 'under way'.

>As a result, I agreed to be present and our 'Source' journeyed  
>from Washington, DC as scheduled to meet with us last night in  
>New York City.

>Shawn & Clay Pickering and I attended a 5-hour long briefing  
>with him during which we discussed the current stage of official  
>UFO Disclosure plans/procedures and received more details of the  
>2/11/08 meeting at the UN - at which 50 countries were  
>represented, including all members of the UN Security Council  
>and the EU.

>'Source' provided extensive proof - official credentials &  
>documentation - of his current diplomatic status.

>We discussed the UN meeting at length and the many difficulties  
>encountered in trying to arrive at a working consensus on how  
>best to proceed with worldwide disclosure amongst attendees.

<snip>

Hello Robert and List,

With all due respect, please put yourself in my shoes. I say  
'my' shoes because the use of 'our' would be presumptuous. Bear  
in mind though the this 'my' is probably far from being alone.

Please do not take personally my lack of confidence but would  
you have believed this stuff if you wouldn't have been invited  
to this meeting?

So here is my wacky proposition:

I guess this List has acquired a certain credibility over the  
years, that some of its members at least are trusted by the  
community. I suggest the members of this List send 3 or 4

emissaries to meet with your source.

I suggest we vote for 4 people and contribute to the expenses of such a meeting.

I know Dick Hall will probably shoot me for this suggestion.

Make him the fifth one then. Let him outside of the vote.

Vincent Boudreau

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A Brief History Of Time Machines  
David Toomey

The dream of time traveling, to the past or future, is probably as old as the human imagination. When H.G. Wells published The Time Machine in 1895, he called it a "scientific romance" because no one knew whether time travel was possible.

A mere 10 years later, Albert Einstein would put forth his theory of special relativity, and part of the question would be answered - to the astonishment of many - in the affirmative.

One of Einstein's predictions, now verified by countless experiments, is best illustrated by the parable of the twins. One twin stays home while the other makes a round-trip voyage into outer space, traveling at nearly the speed of light for 10 years, as measured by the stay at home twin. When the traveled twin returns, she finds her sister has aged 10 years, while she has hardly aged at all. The traveled twin has jumped 10 years into the future.

This is the "time-dilation" effect of special relativity, and although it is most noticeable when extreme velocities are involved, it is happening around us all the time. As we move relative to each other we are - all of us - traveling into the future at different rates. The differences in these rates are very small, sure, but they are real. Time travel into the future is inescapable, a consequence of the structure of the universe.

Time traveling to the past, or returning back from a trip to the future, is a somewhat more challenging proposition. Until a few decades ago, the subject was consigned to science fiction. In fact, a query from a first-time science-fiction author provoked the beginnings of the first serious and sustained study.

In 1985, astronomer Carl Sagan was working on the manuscript for his novel Contact. The book's heroine required some means of rapid interstellar transit, and since Sagan wanted to get the physics right, he solicited advice from his friend Kip Thorne, a Caltech theoretical physicist. Thorne recommended the use of a "wormhole," a tunnel-like shortcut through space and time predicted by Einstein and well known among science fiction aficionados. Sagan dutifully incorporated the suggestion.

That same year, Thorne realized that if you treated the two mouths of a wormhole as you treated the twins - keeping one mouth fixed, moving the other at a velocity near the speed of light and then returning it to the vicinity of the fixed mouth - you could create a time machine. If the traveling mouth had been moving for 10 years as measured by the fixed mouth, then Thorne could jump into the traveling mouth and emerge from the

fixed mouth 10 years into the past.

Physicists had been skittish on the subject of time travel, considering it science fiction. But Thorne's work was license to take it seriously, and suddenly there appeared a torrent of papers, many of which were published in the most prestigious journals. By the mid-1990s there were at least half a dozen ideas for other ways to twist and fold space-time like origami.

All this thinking was decidedly theoretical - no one was building a time machine in his basement. One reason was that in most cases, the plans required a kind of anti-gravity called negative energy to sustain the warping of space and time. Negative energy is difficult, if not impossible, to produce in the quantities necessary. Still, the idea of time travel was getting serious attention.

Naturally, not all that attention was enthusiastic. Stephen Hawking, for one, suspected that by some as-yet-undiscovered mechanism, nature prohibited traveling back in time. One sticking point was the "grandfather paradox": If I traveled back in time and killed my grandfather, I could not have been born. But if I have not been born, I cannot live to travel back and kill my grandfather.

The Russian-born physicist Igor Novikov, an enthusiastic investigator into the subject of time travel, has suggested that the paradox doesn't apply because space-time is probably self-consistent. That is, I may be able to travel back in time and somehow become interwoven into a past of which I was already a part, but I will not be able to kill my grandfather, quite simply because I have not killed him already.

Novikov has also thought a good deal about the other time travel conundrum - the "bootstrap paradox." Suppose I travel to 2009, find a design for a zero-emission automobile engine and return with it to 2008 and patent it. Suppose further that the patent is developed into the design that I find in 2009.

The obvious question: Who would have invented the zero-emission engine? The answer is, no one would have invented it. The design would have been generated quite literally from nothing, courtesy of a time machine and (perhaps) a skirting of some yet-to-be-written intellectual property laws.

British physicist David Deutsch, invoking the "many-universe" interpretation of quantum mechanics, believes that "pastward" time travel would require travel to another, parallel universe - one in which I could kill my grandfather and in which I (therefore) would never be born. Via time machine, I would have removed myself from this universe to take up residence in that one.

The idea has some interesting implications. Deutsch has suggested that one reason we have detected no extraterrestrial civilizations may be that, using time machines, they have left this universe, preferring to live in another.

Metaphysical and philosophical questions aside, exactly how realistic is the physics of pastward time travel? Each of the several schemes for making a time machine creates a region in which pastward time travel is possible and separates it from a region in which time travel is impossible. The boundary between these regions, the "chronology horizon," has remained a mystery, in part because its nature depends upon the characteristics of space-time on the smallest possible scales.

We have at best a dim understanding of these scales, and we will not have a real understanding until we have developed a full theory of quantum gravity. This is the holy grail of theoretical physics: the so-called "theory of everything" that would eliminate disparities between relativity (which explains nature on very large scales, where gravity becomes important) and quantum mechanics (which explains nature on very small scales, where quantum effects become important).

Some physicists think the theory of everything is 10 years away; others suspect it is a good deal further off. For the moment, then, the question of whether time travel is possible has been put on hold.

The recent (and, no doubt, temporary) decline of interest in traveling to the past is welcomed by physicists who argue that work in less fanciful areas might yield a greater intellectual profit. New Zealand physicist Matt Visser, himself the architect of a number of theoretical time machines, calls that attitude overly cautious and "boring".

More than two decades after Thorne's seminal work, we still don't know whether time travel is possible. But one thing is certain: Even as an idea, it's anything but boring.

David Toomey is an assistant professor of English at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. His most recent book is *The New Time Travelers: A Journey to the Frontiers of Physics*.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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<http://tinyurl.com/3926jx>

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

[Picture at site]

'Space Debris' On Beach Removed By Homeowners On Hutchinson Island

Homeowners remove 'space debris' from beach by themselves

By R.J. Harrington Correspondent

Hutchinson Island -- No one knows exactly what the mysterious "space debris" on the beach near Pebble Beach Condos was - but residents removed the object that washed ashore earlier this month.

Tony Tallon, a retired Toronto police detective who lives nearby, said he and his neighbors banded together Monday and carted the strange debris - which some suspected came from a space ship - off the beach.

Tallon discovered the item - a cylinder about 8 or 9 feet long and 4 feet in diameter - on Feb. 12 while walking on the beach with his wife.

Hutchinson Island residents speculated the item could have been part of a NASA shuttle or rocket. But NASA officials told a county representative the debris likely didn't come from their space operations - and no one could figure out who it belonged to and who should take it off the beach.

"We called the Martin County Sheriff's Office and some county environmental people and no one would take responsibility for its removal," Tallon said.

"One man said we should roll it back in the ocean, but we figured that would be hazardous for swimmers and surfers, so we cut it up, packed it into a tractor-drawn cart, and it's now in a nearby dumpster waiting for pickup. It was good old North American know-how," he said.

Tallon said one person told him he should paint a hammer and sickle, the symbol of the former Soviet Union, on the side of the object and then call the Russian embassy and tell them to pick up their 'space-ship'.

Detective Joe Passanessi, Martin County Sheriff's deputy for environmental investigations, said he contacted a number of federal, state and local agencies but no one would assume responsibility for removing the debris.

"I spoke with Roger Phelps of NASA's Shuttle Project Control Office and he said, from a look at the photo I sent him, it didn't appear to be one of theirs," Passanessi said.

After a number of fruitless attempts to get the object removed, Passanessi called a liaison with the condo association and said the homeowners would have to get rid of it on their own, which they now have done.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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What govt disclosure timetable is this? Ah yes, the one we know  
about from the likes of the alleged Mr. 'Source'.

Well, if anonymous hints and hearsay are good enough to keep you  
giving the benefit of the doubt for another 45 years then fine.  
Have at it.

Personally I'd like it to hear less about time and see more on  
the table! But I'm not holding my breath.

Martin Shough

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28 February 2008

Finding Them, Finding Us

By Seth Shostak  
SETI Institute

"So how far away can that new radio telescope of yours see a signal?"

This question, which I'm frequently asked, is like Spandex at the mall: odd, but remarkably commonplace. My quick answer, so often spoken that it now springs from my spinal cord, is, "to the edges of the visible universe, if the signal is strong enough."

Glib, but true. If the alien broadcasters are sufficiently motivated to build really large transmitting antennas, and aren't fazed by Homeric energy bills, they can bridge any distance. Radio astronomers have measured natural emission sent our way shortly after the Big Bang -- which means that the "transmitter" is nearly 14 billion light-years away. No sweat: the universe is mostly transparent to radio waves. Alien broadcasters could, if they had the hardware and the kilowatts, reach us from anywhere.

"Sure," I sense you saying to yourself, "but be realistic for a moment. What are practical distance limits?"

One way to address this is to turn the problem around, and inquire how far our own transmissions could be heard by nosy aliens. This particular question has been on the front burner because of a recent television show in which a pontificating pundit apparently proclaimed that earthly TV broadcasts would be hopelessly scrambled after penetrating only a few light-years into space.

Well, you can forget that -- it isn't true. The beefiest of our television transmitters operate at hundreds of kilowatts. They don't burp your favorite sitcoms in all directions equally, of course: The audience isn't straight up or straight down, but towards the horizon. By shaping the beam of the transmitting antenna in those directions, the signal is mildly concentrated by a factor of maybe five or ten. This is called the gain of the antenna, for readers who wish to sound literate at nerd conventions.

Another important point is that roughly one-third of a TV transmitter's power is found in thin slices of spectrum, narrow-band signal components known as carriers. They are by far the easiest parts of the broadcast to pick up.



So what's the bottom line? I'll spare you the calculation, but if aliens had a farm that was 15 miles on a side consisting of a collection of rooftop TV antennas spaced every 10 feet, and receivers as noise-free as those we build for our radio telescopes, they could pick up our TV carriers in two minutes of listening from 50 light-years away. That, incidentally, is where the earliest episodes of "I Love Lucy" are hanging out now.

The carrier would tell them we're here -- that the red "on the air" sign is lit, and intelligent critters exist on planet Earth. If they found the carrier too boring, and wanted to actually watch Lucy drive Desi nuts, they'd need an antenna farm 150 times bigger in each direction. That's a large herd of antennas, approximately the size of the United States, and probably not something you'd appreciate outside your picture window. But it's hardly an unimaginable engineering feat, especially if the aliens are somewhat ahead of us in technical development.

Grote Reber built the first radio telescope in 1937, and it was 31 feet in diameter. By 2030, radio astronomers hope to have a radio telescope in Europe that's a square kilometer in size. With that rate of improvement, we should be building antennas of the dimensions needed to at least detect TV-strength signals from tens of thousands of star systems by the second half of this century. If we can do it, they can do it.

Let's consider some other earthly transmissions, for instance NASA's recent broadcast of Beatles music to Polaris (the North Star). For this, the space agency used the 210 foot Deep Space Network antenna near Madrid, Spain, and a mere 20 kilowatts of transmission power. In order for the Polarians, if there are any, to notice that this unsolicited serenade is washing over their planet, they'll need an antenna about 7 miles across. (Note to propeller-heads: I've assumed that their microwave receivers are about ten times less noisy than ours. Hardly unreasonable.) If they actually want to download the music to their iPods, they'll need heftier gear: about 500 miles on a side. Polaris, of course, is not next door. Its 430 light-years distant. This enormous span is what accounts for the large antenna requirements. The North Star is not the nearest audience for such a Beatle blast, incidentally -- there are about 100,000 stellar systems that are closer. Maybe NASA chose this target because the Polarians agreed to pay royalties.

One last example, just for scale. The family-size Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico is outfitted with a one megawatt radar transmitter, which it routinely switches on to study planets, asteroids, and the ionosphere. If the aliens have a similarly sized antenna at their end, they could pick up the Arecibo radar at 320 light-years in 8 seconds (roughly how much time it would take for the beamed signal to sweep across their planet as a consequence of Earth's rotation.) Note that this radar is turned on for the equivalent of about 70 days a year.

It comes down to this: When someone tells you the aliens couldn't possibly hear us, you can just smile politely. The truth is, they could. And what about us hearing them? We've only had radio for a century. Some extraterrestrials have surely had it for a hundred or thousand times longer. If our signals are detectable, theirs might be far more so.

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Date: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 11:22:34 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 20:20:07 -0500  
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>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 26 Feb 2008 10:25:37 EST  
>Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 20:10:31 -0000  
>>Subject: Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

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>It's taken me years to figure out why the hold back on  
>disclosure and it took dealing with labor rights out here in  
>California for me to figure out why. I'll detail it later but  
>it's basically about investors. I feel like actor Warren Stevens  
>laying on the couch after taking the brain boost in the classic  
>sci-fi flick "Forbidden Planet". Instead of gasping out how the  
>Krell forgot the monsters from the ID, I'd be saying how they  
>forgot the investors and their dividends.

>There are so many witnesses, whistle blowers, documents etc.  
>that it's not even a debate anymore about what's going on. So  
>how could tens of thousands of people keep it a secret for so  
>long? They didn't. They let the cat out the bag a long time ago  
>and it's been festering ever since.

And no one of high authority(!) wants to admit it publicly.

Why?

Because of uncertainty.

Investors can stand a certain amount of uncertainty...the  
uncertainty with which they are familiar.

But they are not familiar with uncertainty that would be  
introduced into civilization by the admission from 'on high' -  
Presidents and higher - that, "Yes, they are here; they have  
been for many(tens, hundred, thousands...you pick it) years, and,  
yes we don't know what the (Fbomb) they are doing and why, we  
just know that we are not in control any more, if ever.

The control theory of life. Sometime I'll have to write a book  
about it. From the lowliest single cell organism to the most  
complex, the name of the game is being able to control...  
something... in order to live. But now with UFOs/AFCs we find we  
are not in control. They run the disclosure - which started in a  
big way with Kenneth Arnold - but... there were predecessors for  
those who could read the handwriting on the wall, people like  
Charles Fort.

What are investors going to do about that?

Head for the hills? But they can get you in the hills? Head  
for the bars? Invest in liquor stores, and drug stores...  
\_now\_...and after you've made a killing in a short time, get out  
fast!

Re: What Good Is Disclosure Going To Do?

Head for houses of worship... well, we don't know yet what impact that might have.

But you can imagine people doing everything they can, including sucking-up to the aliens in order to regain control... some level of certainty, predictability. That's what investors need.

And, oh, by the way, we are all investors. The moment you got up this morning you started investing... investing in your future under the assumption that there would be no big changes... like earthquake, tornado, plague, etc. - you know, the big things you can't control... such as major alien invasion.

Yup. Keep on investing... act as if everything were normal and controllable - to some extent, at least.

Right up to the end...

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