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## Best Cases - Vallee's Poll Of UFO Groups

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PART 5: Consensus lists: Jacques Vallee's poll

As discussed earlier in this article (see Parts 1 and 2), various skeptics have complained that ufologists have failed to put forward their "best cases", or to agree amongst themselves which cases are the "best".

Those complaints have generally not been addressed, or apparently considered, in any depth by most ufologists. However, Brad Sparks has contended that the skeptics are simply wrong and contended that two such "consensus lists" exist.

The earlier of the two lists relied upon by Brad Sparks was published by Jacques Vallee in 1966 (discussed below) and the second is said by Brad Sparks to have been published by Ronald Story and Richard Greenwell in 1981 (this claim is addressed in the next part of this article - see Part 6).

Brad Sparks has:

(1) Referred to the two lists repeatedly. He has referred to them as being : ".two surveys of American and worldwide UFOlogists in 1966 and 1981 which listed the best-evidence UFO cases" (see Footnote 5.03). He commented "only the very myopic could fail to grasp" that "since most of these ufologists believed in ETH as the best explanation of the UFO phenomenon, these lists were therefore de facto best-evidence ETH lists" (see Footnote 5.03). He has also referred to the lists as being "consensus lists of best UFO cases", that were "based on surveys of UFO researchers worldwide" (see Footnote 5.01).

(2) Implied that those skeptics that are unaware of the relevant two "consensus lists" are simply ignorant of the history of UFO research compared to serious ufologists. For example, Brad Sparks has commented that: "Us veterans who have been involved in UFO research since the 60's and earlier are quite knowledgeable of the fact that consensus lists of best UFO cases were published in the 60's and 80's based on surveys of UFO researchers worldwide" (see Footnote 5.01).

(3) Suggested that skeptics have failed to address these lists. For example, Brad Sparks has said that: "It is incumbent on skeptics to tackle the unexplained best UFO cases on these lists published by the pre-eminent Jacques Vallee in 1966 and by Ron Story and Richard Greenwell in 1981" (see Footnote 5.01). He has also referred to both lists as being "lists the skeptics all but ignore" (see Footnote 5.02). Brad Sparks has also claimed that "skeptics have evaded these lists for decades, despite their repeated demands for 'ten best UFO cases' (etc)" (see Footnote 5.03).

Brad Sparks is to be congratulated for at least attempting to address the complaints raised by various skeptics and thus distinguishing himself from most ufologists. Unfortunately his claims are misleading (particularly in relation to the Ronald Story poll) and could easily be addressed by any skeptic that bothered to look at the actual publications that Brad Sparks relied upon. (It is noteworthy, however, that despite Brad Sparks making the above claims on several different occasions in online debates, none of the various skeptics participating in those debates appear to have bothered looking at the publications he cited and then correcting his claims. Neither side of the debate is exactly covered with glory).

While comments by Brad Sparks are critically evaluated in some detail below, the repeated reference to Brad Sparks are mainly due to the fact that at least he has sought to highlight the issue of "consensus lists" of the "best" cases and referred to some relevant information.

The actual details of the relevant poll by Vallee, and the list of cases that he compiled as a result, can be found in Appendix 5 of "Challenge to Science : The UFO Enigma" (1966) by Jacques Vallee and Janine Vallee. Those details are summarised below.

In short:

(a) A questionnaire was sent to 217 groups between January and March 1965, with the survey being closed in August 1965 (see Footnote 5.04).

(b) The questionnaire invited UFO groups to select the 5 sightings most significant UFO sightings (see Footnote 5.05).

(c) 29 active groups responded (see Footnote 5.06), although questionnaires were also returned by several individuals associated with organizations that had ceased their activity (see Footnote 5.07).

(d) A total of 26 different sightings, of which 13 were given several times (giving a total of 63 answers), were indicated. Out of that total of 63 answers, 49 were relative to American observations (see Footnote 5.08).

The sightings referred to in the poll were as reported by Jacques Vallee as follows (see Footnote 5.09):

1. Socorro 9 votes
2. Washington 8 votes
3. Trindade 5 votes
4. Kenneth Arnold 4 votes
5. Mantell 4 votes
6. Southwest, 1957 4 votes
7. Kinross Case 3 votes
8. Personal sightings 3 votes
9. Rapid City, SD 2 votes
10. Lubbock Lights 2 votes
11. Nash & Fortenberry 2 votes
12. Father Gill 2 votes
13. Fort Itaipu 2 votes
14. Alpert (photo) 1 vote
15. Red Bluff 1 vote
16. Captain Sperry 1 vote
17. BOAC crew 1 vote
18. Rome 1 vote
19. New Jersey, 1964 1 vote
20. Chiles & Whitted 1 vote
21. 100% pure magnesium 1 vote
22. McMinneville 1 vote
23. Adamski's sighting 1 vote
24. Star of Bethlehem 1 vote
25. Lady of Fatima 1 vote
26. Angel Moroni 1 vote

Brad Sparks has referred to referred to the relevant survey as being "of 29 U.S. UFO organizations (about 13 responding)" (see Footnote 5.01). In fact, as indicated above, in fact the relevant survey was of 217 groups, with 29 active groups responding (mentioning 13 different cases that were referred to more than once, and an additional 13 different cases receiving a

single vote each).

The slight inaccuracies in Brad Sparks comments about the number of groups surveyed and responding were, in my view, more than compensated for by Brad Sparks providing an annotated version of the relevant list of cases. Those annotations are significant in relation to some of the sightings for which Vallee only published rather brief and vague descriptions (e.g. "Rome" and "New Jersey, 1964"), since the annotations by Brad Sparks represent intelligent guesses as to the cases referred to. The list as annotated by Brad Sparks is set out below.

1. Socorro, NM, Apr 24, 1964 (Zamora case)
2. Washington, DC, July 19-20, 26-27, 1952 (Wash National Airport)
3. Trindade Island, Brazil, Jan 16, 1958 (IGY photos)
4. Mt. Rainier, Wash, June 24, 1947 (Kenneth Arnold case)
5. Ft. Knox, Kentucky, Jan 7, 1948 (Mantell case)
6. Southwest U.S. (Texas), Nov 1957 (Levelland etc.)
7. Kinross AFB, Mich, Nov 23, 1953 (jet disappearance)
8. Rapid City, SD, Aug 5-6, 1953 (radar-visual jet case)
9. Lubbock, Texas, Aug 25, 1951 (Lubbock Lights photo)
10. Newport News, VA, July 14, 1952 (Nash-Fortenberry case)
11. Boianai, New Guinea, June 26-7, 1959 (Father Gill case)
12. Fort Itaipu, Brazil, Nov 3, 1957
13. Salem, Mass, July 16, 1952 (Alpert photo)
14. Red Bluff, Calif, Aug 13, 1960
15. Washington, DC, May 29, 1950 (Capt Sperry case)
16. Goose Bay, Labrador, June 30, 1954 (BOAC radar-visual)
17. Rome, Italy, (Oct 28, 1954 ??) (radar-visual?? Clare Booth Luce??)
18. New Jersey, (Apr 24, 1964 ??) (Wilcox contactee ??)
19. Montgomery, Alab, July 24-5, 1948 (Chiles-Whitted case)
20. Ubatuba, Brazil, Sept 1957 (magnesium physical evidence)
21. McMinnville, Ore, May 11, 1950 (Trent case photos)

It is noteworthy that the annotated list of cases put forward by Brad Sparks:

(a) Does not mention the number of votes received by each of the entries in the list. In particular, this has the effect of disguising the fact that about half the entries in the list only received 1 vote each despite the fact that the questionnaire was sent to 217 groups.

(b) Only includes 21 items. Thus, it omits several of the sightings included in the publication of the relevant result in Vallee's book. In particular, Brad Sparks omitted any reference to "Adamski's sighting", the "Star of Bethlehem", "Lady of Fatima" and "Angel Moroni". While these may be viewed as not really "UFO" sightings, or weak cases, the fact remains that these sightings received the same number of votes as many of the other cases that appear in the list (i.e. one vote).

In relation to complaints by Brad Sparks that Vallee's list is one that "the skeptics all but ignore" (see Footnote 5.02) and a list that "skeptics have evaded" (see Footnote 5.03), it is noteworthy that the relevant list has virtually been ignored by ufologists, not just by skeptics. Suggestions that skeptics have "evaded" the list therefore appear to be unwarranted.

Indeed, at least one prominent skeptic has referred to Jacques Vallee's poll in one of his books (which is more than 99.9% of ufologists have done, whether in their books or during debates online). Philip Klass has written that "When UFOlogist Jacques Vallee surveyed numerous UFO groups and asked them to list the most impressive UFO case on record, their overwhelming first choice was Socorro" (see Footnote 5.10).

Suggestions by Brad Sparks that Jacques Vallee's list is a "consensus list" that skeptics have "evaded" are particularly unfair given the disparaging comments made by Jacques Vallee himself about the results of the relevant poll in his book "Challenge to Science : The UFO Enigma".

Jacques Vallee commented upon the results as follows: "The sightings are ranked practically in the order of the publicity they have received, regardless of their intrinsic value or their convincing character. The sentimental attachment for such cases as the dramatic Mantell accident or the 'Lubbock Lights' is very evident. Clearly, the group take it for granted that the most

publicized cases are the most convincing, when even a small amount of research would have brought to light an entirely different type of reports" (see Footnote 5.11).

The comments by Jacques Vallee hardly suggest that he considered that the results of his poll should be taken as a list of the "best" cases. It is noteworthy that whilst Brad Sparks has suggested that "It is incumbent on skeptics to tackle the unexplained best UFO cases on" Jacques Vallee's list, Brad Sparks has himself indicated that "I do not personally endorse these lists" (see Footnote 5.01).

Finally, one point that might be considered somewhat pedantic. Ronald Story refers to Vallee's list as being "based on surveys of UFO organizations and researchers". That it true. However, this does not result in a "consensus" list. I consider such lists to be valuable in that they give some indication of the views of a number of ufologists, but they do not seek agreement between those ufologists. Votes are simply tallied and an indication given of which cases got the most votes. We would not refer to, say, President Bush as representing the individual elected as a result of a consensus of the American people.

While this point may be considered somewhat academic, there have in fact been several (albeit fairly limited) attempts in the history of ufology to obtain a consensus between various UFO organizations and researchers as to the "best" cases. Such attempts are addressed in Part 9 (relating to a National Enquirer Panel) and Part 10 (relating to the Rockefeller Briefing Document) of this article.

#### FOOTNOTES

[Footnote 5.01] For Brad Sparks' comments, see:  
<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/apr/m05-001.shtml>

[Footnote 5.02] For Brad Sparks' comments, see:  
<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/apr/m04-008.shtml>

[Footnote 5.03] For Brad Sparks' comments, see:  
<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/apr/m10-029.shtml>

[Footnote 5.04] See "Challenge to Science : The UFO Enigma" (1966) by Jacques Vallee and Janine Vallee at page 270 (in Appendix 5) of the Ballantine Books paperback edition, at page 225 of the Tandem paperback.)

[Footnote 5.05] See "Challenge to Science : The UFO Enigma" (1966) by Jacques Vallee and Janine Vallee at page 286 (in Appendix 5) of the Ballantine Books paperback edition, at page 236 of the Tandem paperback.

[Footnote 5.06] See "Challenge to Science : The UFO Enigma" (1966) by Jacques Vallee and Janine Vallee at pages 270-277 (in Appendix 5) of the Ballantine Books paperback edition, at pages 225-229 of the Tandem paperback.

[Footnote 5.07] See "Challenge to Science : The UFO Enigma" (1966) by Jacques Vallee and Janine Vallee at pages 277-279 (in Appendix 5) of the Ballantine Books paperback edition, at pages 230-231 of the Tandem paperback.

[Footnote 5.08] See "Challenge to Science : The UFO Enigma" (1966) by Jacques Vallee and Janine Vallee at page 285 (in Appendix 5) of the Ballantine Books paperback edition, at page 235 of the Tandem paperback.

[Footnote 5.09] List included by Jacques Vallee and Janine Vallee in their "Challenge to Science : The UFO Enigma" (1966) at page 285 (in Appendix 5) of the Ballantine Books paperback edition, at page 236 of the Tandem paperback).

[Footnote 5.10] Philip J Klass in his "UFOs Explained" (1974) at page 109 (in Chapter 12) of the Random House hardback edition, at page 128 of Random House paperback edition.

[Footnote 5.11] See "Challenge to Science : The UFO Enigma" (1966) by Jacques Vallee and Janine Vallee at page 286 (in

Appendix 5) of the Ballantine Books paperback edition, at page 236 of the Tandem paperback.

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## Best Cases - Ronald Story's Poll Of UFO Groups

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PART 6: Consensus lists : Ronald Story's poll

In his first book on UFOs, skeptic Philip J Klass wrote "I have yet to meet a UFOrian who is willing to stake his case on one, two, or even ten sightings" (see Footnote 6.01).

Having read approximately 1,000 UFO books and countless articles, I am aware of only one researcher that has met the implied challenge set by Klass. That researcher is Ronald Story.

Ronald Story has written an interesting book entitled "UFOs and the Limits of Science" (1981), which set out a list of ten "best" cases. Story expressly stated that "If anyone were to 'debunk' or explain in prosaic terms - to my satisfaction - all ten of these cases, I personally, would no longer regard the UFO phenomenon as worthy of serious study, except in the realm of the behavioral sciences" (see Footnote 6.02).

Thus, the list set out by Story is to be distinguished from the various other lists of cases set out in Part 3 of this article, which were not accompanied by any such clear statement resting the relevant researcher's case on the cases listed and were in fact almost universally expressed in slightly vague terms, e.g. as being a list of "good cases" or "important cases".

Ronald Story's list of the ten "best" cases has another claim to fame. Brad Sparks has stated that "Us veterans who have been involved in UFO research since the 60's and earlier are quite knowledgeable of the fact that consensus lists of best UFO cases were published in the 60's and 80's based on surveys of UFO researchers worldwide" (see Footnote 6.03). He has alleged that these "consensus lists" are ones that "the skeptics all but ignore" (see Footnote 6.04) and that "skeptics have evaded" (see Footnote 6.05). The first of those lists, based on a survey by Jacques Vallee, was discussed in Part 5 of this article. The second list is that published by Ronald Story in "UFOs and the Limits of Science".

The actual list published by Ronald Story (see Footnote 6.06) is set out below:

1. Newport News, Virginia, 14 July 1952
2. Lakenheath AFB, England, 13-14 August 1956
3. Levelland, Texas, 2-3 November 1957
4. Boianai, New Guinea, 26, 28 June 1959
5. Whitefield, New Hampshire, 19 September 1961
6. Exeter, New Hampshire, 3 September 1965

7. Revenna, Ohio, 17 April 1966
8. Mansfield, Ohio, 18 October 1973
9. Tehran, Iran, 18 September 1976
10. Wellington/Kaikoura, New Zealand, 31 December 1978

However, contrary to the statements by Brad Sparks, the list published by Ronald Story was not a "consensus list". Ronald Story himself made it perfectly clear in his book that the relevant cases were selected by him personally. He stated that the cases were selected by him personally since they "to me represent the strongest UFO evidence on record" (see Footnote 6.07).

It is true that Ronald Story planned to publish a consensus list based on a survey of ufologists. He carried out such a survey with this aim, but he was disappointed by the results of his poll. Ronald Story stated the following in his book:

"I recently (in October 1979) distributed a form letter to about 90 leading 'Ufologists' requesting their 'votes' for the one case (or more if no single case should be chosen) which to them represented 'the strongest UFO evidence on record' " (see Footnote 6.08).

The results were said to be "disappointing in some ways", with Story stating:

(a) "I was rather amazed that nearly three-fourths (or seventy per cent) of those contacted refused to take a stand with regard to any particular cases which to them might constitute the strongest evidence on record" (see Footnote 6.09),

(b) "And I was equally amazed by the lack of any consensus by those that did accept the challenge" (see Footnote 6.10).

Story commented that "in the absence of a clear consensus on behalf of the 'experts', I was forced to make my own selection.". He therefore offered a list "of ten 'best' cases" which "to me represent the strongest UFO evidence on record" (see Footnote 6.11).

Fortunately, Story does give some indication of the actual results of his poll. He reported the following:

"One case was mentioned more often than any other: the sighting by Reverend William Booth Gill at the Boianai Mission Station, Papua, New Guinea on 26-27 June, 1959. In addition, the photographs taken at McMinnville, Oregon (11 May 1950), Trindade Island, Brazil (16 January 1958), and Wellington/Kaikoura, New Zealand (31 December 1978) received several endorsements, as did the alleged close encounter of Barney and Betty Hill" (see Footnote 6.12).

In addition to chapters devoted to each of the above 10 cases, Ronald Story's book contains further chapters devoted to discussing various issues. A chapter entitled "UFO photographs" (see Footnote 6.13) identifies 4 photographic cases which Story states "I have chosen as the 'best', in terms of their combined strangeness and reliability". Those cases are:

1. Wellington/Kaikoura, New Zealand, 31 December 1978 ("the most puzzling picture sequence of all");
2. McMinnville, Oregon, 11 May 1950 (Trent case photos);
3. Great Falls, Mont, 5 or 15 August 1950 (Mariana film);
4. Trindade Island, Brazil, 16 January 1958 (IGY photos).

The two lists above can be compared with the following list of cases posted online by Brad Sparks at least twice (see Footnote 6.03 and Footnote 6.04), which he described as being a consensus list based on an October 1979 Survey of 90 leading UFO researchers by Ronald Story and J Richard Greenwell of the strongest UFO evidence on record

1. McMinnville, Ore, May 11, 1950 (Trent case photos)
2. Great Falls, Mont, Aug 15, 1950 (Mariana film)
3. Newport News, VA, July 14, 1952 (Nash-Fortenberry case)
4. Lakenheath AFB, Eng, Aug 13-14, 1956 (multiple radar-visual)
5. Levelland, Texas, Nov 2-3, 1957 (Car stop cases)
6. Trindade Island, Brazil, Jan 16, 1958 (IGY photos)
7. Boianai, New Guinea, June 26-7, 1959 (Father Gill case)



8. Whitefield, NH, Sept 20, 1961 (Betty & Barney Hill case)
9. Exeter, NH, Sept 3, 1965 (Incident at Exeter)
10. Ravenna, Ohio, Apr 17, 1966 (Spaur chase case)
11. Mansfield, Ohio, Oct 18, 1973 (Coyne helicopter case)
12. Tehran, Iran, Sept 19-20, 1976 (Iranian jet case)
13. New Zealand, Dec 31, 1978 (New Zealand film multiple radar-visual)

It appears, therefore, that Brad Sparks combined Ronald Story's personal selections of the 10 best cases and the 4 best photographic cases and posted these as supposedly representing a consensus list based to the poll conducted by Ronald Story.

That description is simply erroneous.

In relation to complaints by Brad Sparks that this list is one that "the skeptics all but ignore" (see Footnote 6.04) and that "skeptics have evaded" (see Footnote 6.05) it is noteworthy that one of the most detailed published considerations of Ronald Story's list to date has been by a leading skeptic, Philip J Klass. Klass wrote a review of Story's "UFOs and the Limits of Science" for The Skeptical Inquirer (Summer 1981 edition, see Footnote 6.14). He quoted Story's comments about his amazement at the limited responses and lack of a consensus, and made the following remarks "This should strike anyone as curious, after more than one-third of a century, the many tens of thousands of UFO reports on record, and the hundreds of incidents that UFO proponents insist have been rigorously investigated and that they claim cannot possibly be explained in prosaic terms. Story does not speculate or offer any hypothesis to explain this curious anomaly. And it is equally curious that a case that some experienced UFOlogists characterize as strong evidence is dismissed as weak by other, equally experienced UFOlogists" (see Footnote 6.15).

In his review, Klass refers to several of the cases listed by Ronald Story, and also refers (at page 67 of the review) to:

(1) the similar survey of UFOlogists performed by Jacques Vallee (as to which see Part 5 of this article); and

(2) the National Enquirer blue-ribbon panel of experienced ufologists (as to which see Part 9 of this article, a panel virtually forgotten by virtually all researchers).

Hynek reviewed Ronald Story's "UFOs and the Limits of Science" in an article in a publication called "Frontiers of Science" (1981, see Footnote 6.16). Hynek mentions that he was one of the 50 or so of 90 enquirees who didn't respond (see Footnote 6.17). He also sets out Story's list of the 10 "best" cases and comments that "Naturally, I do not agree with the entire list, mainly because I would have chosen only those which I had personally investigated" (see Footnote 6.18).

In relation to the content of Story's list, Hynek commented that "One is struck immediately with the age of the cases; most of them have been 'done to death' in the literature. 'UFO doldrums' have set in. Thirty years of financially unsupported investigations have sapped the enthusiasm of some of the older investigators and their frustration has had a chilling effect on the recruitment of young blood. With present economic conditions, it has become increasingly hard to ask volunteer investigators to use their own gasoline, telephones, and yes, even postage, for in-depth investigations. Half-hearted investigations do not lead to inclusion on anyone's list of 'ten best'" (see Footnote 6.18).

A review of Ronald Story's "UFOs and the limits of science" in the July-August 1981 edition of FSR mentions in passing that the book contains "his ten 'best' cases" but does not list any of those cases (see Footnote 6.19).

Isabel Davis wrote a review of Ronald Story's "UFOs and the limits of science" for The MUFON UFO Journal (July 1981 edition, see Footnote 6.20). In relation to Story's amazement at the lack of consensus among ufologists regarding the ten best cases which obliged him to select his own ten best, Isabel Davis commented "For my part, I am surprised at his amazement. Among them, UFOlogists have a roster of strong cases that probably run into the hundreds, and to expect agreement on a mere ten was naive" (see Footnote 6.21). Davis set out the relevant 10 cases, and

briefly comments that "all of the cases he presents are indeed strong, and have been well publicized" (see Footnote 6.21).

Very few UFO books have contained any reference to Ronald Story's book "UFOs and the limits of science", and the few books that have mentioned it have either not discussed the relevant list of the ten "best" cases in any detail whatsoever (see, for example, Footnote 6.22 and Footnote 6.23).

Thus, any criticism of sceptics for virtually ignored Ronald Story's list can be directed with equal, if not greater force, at ufologists.

#### FOOTNOTES

[Footnote 6.01] Philip J Klass in his "UFOs - Identified" (1968) by at pages 285-286 (in Chapter 24) of the Random House hardback edition.

[Footnote 6.02] Ronald Story in his "UFOs and the Limits of Science" (1981) at page 22 (in the Introduction) of the NEL Hardback edition, at pages 24-25 of the revised Quill softcover edition published under the title "Sightings".

[Footnote 6.03] For Brad Sparks' comments, see:  
<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/apr/m05-001.shtml>

[Footnote 6.04] For Brad Sparks' comments, see:  
<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/apr/m04-008.shtml>

[Footnote 6.05] For Brad Sparks' comments, see:  
<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1999/apr/m10-029.shtml>

[Footnote 6.06] Ronald Story in his "UFOs and the Limits of Science" (1981) at pages 21-22 (in the Introduction) of the NEL Hardback edition, at page 24 of the revised Quill softcover edition published under the title "Sightings".

[Footnote 6.07] Ronald Story in his "UFOs and the Limits of Science" (1981) at page 21 (in Chapter 1) of the NEL Hardback edition, at page 24 of the revised Quill softcover edition published under the title "Sightings".

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[Footnote 6.13] Ronald Story in his "UFOs and the Limits of Science" (1981) at pages 105-115 (in Chapter 4 generally) of the NEL Hardback edition, at pages 115-133 of the revised softcover edition entitled "Sightings".

[Footnote 6.14] Philip J Klass (1981, Summer) "UFOs and the Limits of Science", The Skeptical Inquirer 5(4), pages 65-71

[Footnote 6.15] Philip J Klass (1981, Summer) "UFOs and the Limits of Science", The Skeptical Inquirer 5(4), pages 65-71

at page 67

[Footnote 6.16] See Hynek's article "The Ten Best UFO Cases" in "Frontiers of Science" (May-June 1981, pages 15, 43-44).

[Footnote 6.17] See Hynek's article "The Ten Best UFO Cases" in "Frontiers of Science" (May-June 1981, pages 15, 43-44) at page 15.

[Footnote 6.18] See Hynek's article "The Ten Best UFO Cases" in "Frontiers of Science" (May-June 1981, pages 15, 43-44) at page 43.

[Footnote 6.19] FSR book review, July-August 1981.

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[Footnote 6.21] Isabel Davis in The MUFON UFO Journal, July 1981, pages 16-17 at page 16

[Footnote 6.22] Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington in their "Science and the UFOs" (1985) at page 167 (in Chapter 11) of the Blackwell hardback edition.

[Footnote 6.23] Hilary Evans in his "The Evidence for UFOs" (1983) at page 27 (in Chapter 1) of the Aquarian softcover edition.

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### Best Cases - Rockefeller Briefing Document

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"Top 100 UFO Cases"  
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PART 11: Consensus lists : The Rockefeller Briefing Document

Earlier parts of this article have indicated the diverse lists of cases that are nominated by individual ufologists as being the "best cases" (see Part 3) and various problems in relation to conducting polls of individual ufologists on this issue (see Part 5, Part 6, Part 7, Part 8 and Part 9).

What if, instead of attempting to obtain a consensus of individual ufologists, the most respected existing UFO research groups got together and made a list of the top cases?

Of course, anyone that has read the preceding parts of this article would know that it would be too much to expect complete consensus among those involved in UFO research as to which existing UFO research groups are "the most respected".

However, I think it is fair to consider that most of the more serious (and more conservative) ufologists would include the following in any such list:

(1) Mutual UFO Network ("MUFON").

See: <http://www.mufon.com/>

(2) Center for UFO Studies ("CUFOS").

See: <http://www.cufos.org/>

(3) Fund for UFO Research ("FUFOR").

See: <http://www.fufor.com/>

So, could MUFON, CUFOS and FUFOR reach agreement on the best available evidence for the existence of UFOs?

If so, what cases would they put forward?

It may surprise some readers that this exercise has, in fact, already been performed, with funding provided by Laurance Rockefeller. In 1995, MUFON, CUFOS and FUFOR all endorsed a document ("the Rockefeller Briefing Document") as containing "the best available evidence for the existence of UFOs".

The Rockefeller Briefing Document is referred to by numerous names including:

- (1) "The Best Available Evidence Report" ("BAE")
- (2) "UFO Briefing Document"
- (3) "Best Available Evidence: Unidentified Flying Object Briefing Document"
- (4) "The Rockefeller UFO Report"

- (5) "The Bootsie Report"
- (6) "Briefing Document on Unidentified Flying Objects"
- (7) "The UFO Research Coalition Briefing Document"

A letter of endorsement dated 15 December 1995 was signed by Dr Mark Rodeghier (President of CUFOS), Richard Hall (Chairman of FUFOR) and Walter Andrus (President of MUFON) in relation to the Rockefeller Briefing Document. That letter (see Footnote 11.01) included the following:

"We believe that this Briefing Document on Unidentified Flying Objects presents the best available evidence for the existence of UFOs. Although just a brief sample of the scientific and military evidence available worldwide is given, it represents some of the most carefully documented incidents. . We, the undersigned, endorse the information contained in this Briefing Document as the best available evidence from open sources".

Yet, the Rockefeller Briefing Document is rarely mentioned in most discussions of the "best cases". Indeed, Don Berliner - one of the co-authors of the Rockefeller Briefing Document - stated in 2007 that it had had "very little impact" (see Footnote 11.02). (This is very similar to the situation in relation to the National Enquirer's "Blue-Ribbon" Panel (see Part 10).)

Although rarely mentioned, copies of the entirety of the Rockefeller Briefing Document are available in html format and as a PDF document on various websites. The full document appears to have been placed on the Internet by the International Space Sciences Organization ("the ISSO", founded by Joe Firmage), with a statement (that I have no cause to doubt) that this was done with the permission of the UFO Research Coalition.

The relevant part of the ISSO website can be found at the link below (see Footnote 11.03):  
<http://tinyurl.com/2vrf21>

One of the co-authors of the Rockefeller Briefing Document (Antonio Huneeus) has described it in one book as ". a project to distill the data to a few representative cases that could be backed with either official and/or scientific documentation" (see Footnote 11.04).

Originally, in 1995, a limited number of copies of the Rockefeller Briefing Document were printed for distribution to members of Congress and world leaders. The relevant number of copies varies from source to source, from 300 (see Footnote 11.18) to 1,000 (see Footnote 11.06). In comments upon a draft of this article, Don Berliner indicated that "almost all of the initial press run of 1,000 copies went to 'influential persons', and when a much smaller supplementary press run is added in, the total distributed to the primary target is at least 1,000" (see Footnote 11.34). This version of the Rockefeller Briefing Document was printed in large format (8.5 x 11 inches), with a light blue cover.

Relatively lengthy extracts circulated on the Internet from 1997 onwards, apparently without the permission of the UFO Research Coalition.

A mass market paperback version was eventually published by Dell in 2000, which can be purchased via Amazon (see Footnote 11.07) and other booksellers for a few dollars. The mass-market paperback edition was accompanied by an introduction by Whitley Strieber. I note in passing that the Random House website incorrectly states that the Rockefeller Briefing Document was "compiled by" Whitley Strieber (see Footnote 11.08).

Both versions of the Rockefeller Briefing Document consisted of three Parts and several Appendices. The three Parts were:

(1) Part 1 : Overview : This relatively short section begins with a brief summary of government secrecy relating to UFO documentation, and then proceeds to summarize "the case for UFO reality" (with brief comments on visual evidence, radar evidence and physical evidence) and then a brief discussion of the reported characteristics of UFOs (particularly their shapes, speed, acceleration and manoeuvrability).

(2) Part 2 : Case Histories : This is the longest section of the book. It seeks to summarise various specific cases. Most of the specific discussions are between 2 to 6 pages long, with a few footnotes to some specific documents and articles by ufologists. However, most of those discussions consist of fairly uncritical presentations of reports by witnesses, with few summaries to potential explanations or relevant statements by skeptics that have looked at those cases. The general absence of references to relevant articles or books by skeptics is notable. While this may simply be the result of a desire to keep the relevant discussions relatively brief and uncluttered by too many footnotes, it does mean that in relation to most of the relevant sightings the reader could go away and look in a book by a skeptic, or do a quick search of the Internet, and find a potential explanation of the sighting which is not mentioned or addressed at all within the Rockefeller Briefing Document. In comments upon a draft of this article, Don Berliner indicated that he "was particularly concerned with the limited time available for members of our target audience to spend on this report, and so there was no effort to make it a scientific document". He also asked "How many times do I have to explain (not to you, but to the complainers) that the report was not written for the private UFO community, but for important people who know little of the subject and must be carefully fed relevant information?" (see Footnote 11.34).

Part 3 : Quotations : This Part is sub-divided into various sections (e.g. sections relating to quotations attributed to members of the U.S. Military, U.S. Presidents, members of the U.S. Congress, astronauts, scientists and others). This section contains one of the longest collections of UFO-related quotations that I have seen in my collection of approximately 1,000 UFO books. In my opinion, the Quotations section highlights one of the two major problems with the content of the Rockefeller Briefing Document - the unevenness of references to sources and further reading. Some quotations are accompanied by fairly full references (e.g. to a specific newspaper for a specific date, or a specific issue of a specific UFO publication). Quite a few other quotations, in common with UFO-related quotations in many other books and on numerous websites, are accompanied by descriptions which are somewhat vague. This makes it difficult to determine validity of an allegation by James Moseley (editor of "Saucer Smear") that several of the quotations are ". misleading or taken out of context" (see Footnote 11.09). See Annex A for a discussion of this difficulty in relation to one particular quotation: a quotation attributed to Harry S Truman that "I can assure you that flying saucers, given that they exist, are not constructed by any power on earth", with the reference "April 4, 1950, White House Press Conference" (see Annex A).

The relatively few discussions of the Rockefeller Briefing Document in the UFO literature rarely to bother to list the cases which the Rockefeller Briefing Document focuses upon. For example, the COMETA report briefly refers to the Rockefeller Briefing Document book as "clear and documented", but does not indicate which cases were highlighted within that book (see Footnote 11.10).

One of the very few discussions of the Rockefeller Briefing Document within a UFO book is positively misleading, with Michael Hesemann and Philip Mantle making the rather odd (and completely inaccurate) suggestion in their book "Beyond Roswell" (1997) that "in this 'Rockefeller Report' . the Roswell incident marks the central theme" (see Footnote 11.11). Considerably more accurate is the comment by Grant Cameron that Roswell was "almost ignored" in the Briefing Document (see Footnote 11.12).

The cases actually focused upon were:

1. Foo fighters (1944-1945)
2. Ghost Rockets (1946)
3. Kenneth Arnold (1947)
4. Washington, D.C. sightings (1952)
5. Lakenheath, England (1956)
6. Levelland, Texas (1957)
7. Trindade photographic case (1958)
8. Michalak / Falcon Lake, Canada (1967)
9. Zamora/Socorro landing

10. SAC Bases alert
11. Canary Islands case
12. Dogfight over Tehran
13. Rendlesham Forest, England
14. Trans-En-Provence, France
15. Jet Chase over Brazil (1986)
16. Japan Airlines 747 over Alaska
17. Kaputin Yar, Russian missile base case (1989)
18. Belgium sighting wave
19. "Recent cases" (1991-1994)

The case selection appears to have been based on fairly conservative criteria. There appears to have been a deliberate (and entirely sensible) effort to avoid the more sensational reports, e.g. those involving reports of occupants or abductions. Michael Lindemann has commented that "Apparently, the authors and sponsors of this project intend to maximize their credibility by minimizing any sensational aspects of the subject" (see Footnote 11.13). The UFO Research Coalition itself has referred to the cases (going rather too far) as "non-controversial" case histories (see Footnote 11.14). In comments upon a draft of this article, Don Berliner indicated that "We wanted to convince the readers of the acceptability of UFOs as a matter for serious consideration, not to frighten them off. To the amazement of many in the private UFO community (ranging from certified loonies to gullible hobbyists) our goal was not to convince the readers that UFOs are alien spacecraft" (see Footnote 11.34).

Grant Cameron's detailed discussion of the Rockefeller Briefing Document includes the following comments on its contents: "The BAE contained nothing that could be considered new and explosive. It contained no new sightings, or disclosures, but rather a review of some of the more dramatic documented UFO sightings and incidents that had occurred since 1947. The cases chosen were all non-controversial. Therefore, cases like those describing abduction by aliens were not included, 'Abductions were left out because we wanted to deal with official evidence,' said Huneus, 'and the more official sounding evidence, and the more scientific evidence, the more solid facts. Abductions just get too controversial, and it is complex, and that was left out too.' Cattle mutilations, and UFO contactee material suffered from the same problems as abduction cases, and thus met the same fate" (see Footnote 11.12).

For a further indication of the contents and respective lengths of the different sections of the Rockefeller Briefing Document, I think it may be useful to set out below the table of contents for the mass-market paperback edition:

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As noted above, the Rockefeller Briefing Document was funded by Laurance Rockefeller. Laurance Spelman Rockefeller, a billionaire, was born on 26 May 1910 and died on 11 July 2004 at the age of 94. He was "a venture capitalist, financier, philanthropist, a major conservationist and a prominent third-generation member of the Rockefeller family"(see the wikipedia entry in relation to Laurence Rockefeller at Footnote 11.15 and his obituary in the Washington Post at Footnote 11.16). During 1993 to about 1995, he was involved in an initiative seeking disclosure of UFO information held by the government, particularly in relation to Roswell (for a detailed discussion of relevant documents by Grant Cameron, see Footnote 11.17). He had also supported Dr. John Mack's Center for Psychology and Social Change and paid for at least two meeting sessions of the Starlight Coalition (see Footnote 11.18 and Footnote 11.12). The UFO Research Coalition (UFORC) has written the following background to that draft (see Footnote 11.19) :  
"In February 1995, Marie 'Bootsie' Galbraith met with the heads of the newly created UFO Research Coalition - Mark Rodeghier and George Eberhart (CUFOS), Richard Hall and Don Berl

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## New Alien Autopsy Video

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The Black Vault Newsletter  
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I am sending out this special newsletter, to tell you about a new case file that has been added to the Black Vault Encyclopedia Project.

<http://tinyurl.com/34wssx>

At the end of last week, I was e-mailed a link to an alleged, new, 'alien autopsy' video that was supposedly put online, then quickly taken down. It was then added to YouTube recently, and I have archived it on The Black Vault for safekeeping and investigation.

At the writing of this newsletter, I have no idea of the origin of this video, nor am I sure about its validity. Although I have my doubts, and wonder if it might be tied in to a publicity stunt by the next X-Files movie, it is an interesting case.

I say that, because of the amount of time and money this took to pull off, assuming it is a hoax. I can tell you from my own production experience in television - making realistic props like this is not cheap, nor easy... which is why I wonder if there is an X-Files tie to it.

Please note, there is no evidence to this - my opinion only. Not making Allegations! :)

Also make sure you click on the discuss link, and let us know your thoughts on the video!

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## Estimate Of The Situation Found?

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Below is a press release supplied by Andy Miller, a British ufologist, which I pass on without comment.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Document proves UFO exist!

Aerial Phenomena Research and Investigation League, April 2008

The chairman of the Aerial Phenomena Research and Investigation League will shortly be publishing a book which includes a startling Top Secret document written by members of the US Air Force's UFO project in 1948.

Persistent research by Andy Miller has resulted in a copy of a document entitled "Estimate of the Situation" being located in the attic of the son of one of the authors of the document. In that document, Air Force personnel set out the evidence in detail for concluding that flying saucers are real and come from outer space!

In addition to discussing various classic UFO sightings, particularly the sighting by Clarence Chiles and John Whitted on 24 July 1948, the "Estimate" includes details of physical evidence of visitations by Extraterrestrial Biological Entities.

An annex to the "Estimate" includes details of metallic debris and alien organic material retrieved from three crash sites in the USA during 1947/1948, including at Roswell, New Mexico. It contains photographs of the parts of several alien bodies, including three legs and twenty arms, in addition to an object resembling an ash-tray.

Images of several pages of the "Estimate" and its black cover will be made available on Youtube during the course of 1 April 2008. The full document will be published in Andy Miller's forthcoming book The UFO Situation - Concrete Proof At Last!

The Aerial Phenomena Research and Investigation League is confident that release of images from the "Estimate" on Youtube will result in Governments around the world admitting the existence of alien visitors and disclosing the Truth. Andy Miller commented, "if it's on Youtube then it can't be denied".

The document was recently discussed at a super-secret meeting at the United Nations. Delegates wept when shown the photographs of dead aliens.

### NOTES FOR EDITORS:

Andy Miller is chairman of the Aerial Phenomena Research and Investigation League. The League is an independent group which provides money directly to serious ufologists, due to a concern that established UFO groups may have been compromised by Disinformation Agents.

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## The Limits Of Those Who Know

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The Limits Of Those Who Know  
Billy Cox

In his insightful essay in the March 31, 2008, issue of The New Yorker, Eric Alterman interprets the ongoing collapse of newspaper journalism through the competing ideologies of Walter Lippman and John Dewey in the early 20th century.

Lippman argued that no amount of information could motivate largely apathetic readers to be trusted with the rudders of democracy; he said governments should be run along the lines of Socratic elitism, by Those Who Know.

Dewey rejected Lippman's "class of experts" paradigm. "The foundation of democracy to Dewey," writes Alterman, "was less information than conversation."

In other words, Alterman says, Dewey's ideal is likely attaining full measure in the sorts of exchanges accelerating across the Internet as readers abandon traditional media for Web sites that validate and reinforce their own predispositions.

"Vastly more Americans believe in flying saucers and 9/11 conspiracy theories than believe in the notion of balance - much less 'objective' - mainstream news media," Alterman proclaims.

Alterman's linkage of UFOs with 9/11 conspiracy theories is as unintentionally revealing as it is intentionally pejorative. In tacitly assigning equal status to two unrelated subjects regarded as fringe tripe by the MSM, Alterman reinforces traditional media's inability to make the sorts of distinctions responsible for driving part of its market to alternative sources.

Sadly, given more than 50 years of UFO data accumulating in government files and dribbling out through Freedom of Information Act declassification, the Lippman-esque MSM remains incapable of soberly approaching this massive inconvenient truth despite its broad and enduring public appeal. Maybe the best we can hope for anymore is the sort of piece that appeared Friday in the Los Angeles Times.

The Times profiled Peter Davenport, the persistent researcher who logs daily sightings at his National UFO Reporting Center, the Web site he operates out of a decommissioned nuclear missile bunker in Washington state. Reporter Tomas Alex Tizon treats his subject with the equanimity one might apply to a cattle rancher or an elected official. And yet, this unremarkable approach is remarkable for its rarity in a medium whose tepid designs on this issue rarely stray beyond revelers wearing E.T. masks at

Roswell conventions.

Contrary to prevailing opinion, UFOs have never been about 'them'. The phenomenon, first and foremost, has always been about us, and our reactions to it. The MSM lacks the resolve to jam a crowbar into the data and put a shoulder into sustained exertion. But it can still participate in a portion of Dewey's projected 'conversation' by reconsidering audiences it has had the luxury of marginalizing until now.

Media institutions rise and fall. As newspapers (which Alterman points out have lost 42 percent of their market value since 2005) will likely discover too late, UFOs are a growth industry. And they're here to stay. Like it or not.

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>My article below can be found with additional links at:

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I appreciate Isaac's great work here in assembling and comparing these lists of 'best cases'... or at least 'interesting cases' and his discussion of the complaint by skeptics that 'pro' ufologists never - or hardly ever - narrow down the 'proof' cases to a tractable number that could be investigated. This reminds me of discussions I had years ago (30 years ago!) with former guru of UFOskepticism, Philip J. Klass. He complained that no matter how many cases he tackled and explained, there were always others coming along. He wanted a listing of the cases which ufologists would rest their case upon so he would have only a finite number to spend his valuable time on.

The problem is, different ufologists have different lists. The cases one considers 'the best' are typically the ones that the person knows the most about, i.e., has done some research on, even if it is only literature research. For myself. I realized that when it came to investigating ufo reports the only person I could really trust in analyzing a report was myself... and sometimes I couldn't trust myself. But this 'trusting myself' meant that I was leery about citing cases that were investigated by other researchers. How could I know if they had asked all the right questions, thought about all the possible/reasonable explanations and provided reasons for rejecting same, etc.

The bottom line is, one has to be quite confident of the analysis of a given case, that all the pertinent information has been gathered and accurately reported, that the portion of the information related to direct 'observation' of the phenomenon has been carefully separated from the 'interpretation' given by the witness(es), and that the analyst has carefully considered all the reasonable explanations before claiming the report/sighting/case is unexplained. And then, having a case unexplained is not enough. It must be so well reported and must contain such clear details as to make it at least appear to be \*unexplainable in the future.' In other words, a case that is unexplained today and might be considered 'one of the ten best' might, in principle, be explained tomorrow (when new information is available) unless it contains some accurately reported details that make it seem impossible that any mundane explanation could ever be offered.

But enough of trying to list the ten best 'cases'. Turn-about is fair play, they say, so I challenge the skeptics to produce the 'ten best explanations' for any of the ten best cases (pick an 'intersection' of the ten which appear most often in Isaac's listings). Of course we all know that there is only one explanation for a case. Nevertheless, cases such as Kenneth Arnold have managed to collect explanations as time goes on. And

the thing that bugs me about the skeptics is that Skeptic A may offer an explanation which makes no sense, but Skeptic B does not (at least not in public) criticize Skeptic A for proposing a 'garbage' explanation.

'Pro' ufologists often get into long and tedious arguments about the fine details of particular cases, always trying to fit an explanation onto a case. However, rarely, if ever, does one see the skeptics arguing over whether or not any particular explanation is valid.

My response to the skeptic request for 'ten best cases' or whatever number you want is the article at my web site entitled Prosaic Explanations: the Failure of UFO Skepticism

<http://www.brumac.8k.com/prosaic1.html>

Therein you will find, for example, Klass' explanation of the Val Johnson Police Officer Car Damage Case (Aug, 1980; Warren Minnesota). Phil has stated in articles and public speeches that he never found a case for which he could not offer a 'prosaic explanation.'

In the Val Johnson case he has argued quite clearly that it was either ET's that damaged the police car, or Johnson himself. And what evidence is there that Johnson would damage his own car and then make up a story about a bright light that zoomed by (read the article)? Well, Johnson was a 'practical joker', like, he might hide someone's coffee cup, or something like that.

Hmmmmmm.....

OK. But, is this explanation convincing? Big jump from hiding a coffee cup to damaging a police car.

I challenged Phil to put his 'credibility where his typewriter is' and write to the chief of police in Warren MN and inform that chief that Phil had proof that Johnson had damaged his car. The proof was clearly stated in Phil's book: either it was ET's or it was Johnson himself. But the answer couldn't be ET's because all UFO sightings are misidentifications (98% according to Phil) or hoaxes (2%).. (Percentages given by PJK in UFOs, The Public Deceiv ed... which was aptly named since he deceived the public with his book). To the best of my knowledge Phil never took me up on the challenge. And Officer Johnson was never charged with damaging his police car.

So, skeptics, where are all the other 9 potential explanations for this UFO event?

And then there is New Zealand... and Phil's impossible explanation for the flashing light. See the 'Prosaic' article. And also see the downloadable article on the New Zealand sightings... scroll down the opening web page to New Zealand .

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>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2008 21:16:45 +0100  
>Subject: Best Cases - Vallee's Poll Of UFO Groups

>My article below can be found with additional links at:

><http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread336020/pg1>

>Top 100 UFO Cases  
>By Isaac Koi  
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>PART 5: Consensus lists: Jacques Vallee's poll

>As discussed earlier in this article (see Parts 1 and 2),  
>various skeptics have complained that ufologists have failed to  
>put forward their "best cases", or to agree amongst themselves  
>which cases are the "best".

>Those complaints have generally not been addressed, or  
>apparently considered, in any depth by most ufologists. However,  
>Brad Sparks has contended that the skeptics are simply wrong and  
>contended that two such "consensus lists" exist.

>The earlier of the two lists relied upon by Brad Sparks was  
>published by Jacques Vallee in 1966 (discussed below) and the  
>second is said by Brad Sparks to have been published by Ronald  
>Story and Richard Greenwell in 1981 (this claim is addressed in  
>the next part of this article - see Part 6).

>Brad Sparks has:

>(1) Referred to the two lists repeatedly. He has referred to  
>them as being : ".two surveys of American and worldwide  
>UFologists in 1966 and 1981 which listed the best-evidence UFO  
>cases" (see Footnote 5.03). He commented "only the very myopic  
>could fail to grasp" that "since most of these ufologists  
>believed in ETH as the best explanation of the UFO phenomenon,  
>these lists were therefore de facto best-evidence ETH lists"  
>(see Footnote 5.03). He has also referred to the lists as being  
>"consensus lists of best UFO cases", that were "based on surveys  
>of UFO researchers worldwide" (see Footnote 5.01).

>(2) Implied that those skeptics that are unaware of the relevant  
>two "consensus lists" are simply ignorant of the history of UFO  
>research compared to serious ufologists. For example, Brad  
>Sparks has commented that: "Us veterans who have been involved  
>in UFO research since the 60's and earlier are quite  
>knowledgeable of the fact that consensus lists of best UFO cases  
>were published in the 60's and 80's based on surveys of UFO  
>researchers worldwide" (see Footnote 5.01).

>(3) Suggested that skeptics have failed to address these lists.  
> For example, Brad Sparks has said that: "It is incumbent on  
>skeptics to tackle the unexplained best UFO cases on these lists  
>published by the pre-eminent Jacques Vallee in 1966 and by Ron  
>Story and Richard Greenwell in 1981" (see Footnote 5.01). He  
>has also referred to both lists as being "lists the skeptics all



>but ignore" (see Footnote 5.02). Brad Sparks has also claimed  
>that "skeptics have evaded these lists for decades, despite  
>their repeated demands for 'ten best UFO cases' (etc)" (see  
>Footnote 5.03).

>Brad Sparks is to be congratulated for at least attempting to  
>address the complaints raised by various skeptics and thus  
>distinguishing himself from most ufologists. Unfortunately his  
>claims are misleading (particularly in relation to the Ronald  
>Story poll) and could easily be addressed by any skeptic that  
>bothered to look at the actual publications that Brad Sparks  
>relied upon. (It is noteworthy, however, that despite Brad  
>Sparks making the above claims on several different occasions in  
>online debates, none of the various skeptics participating in  
>those debates appear to have bothered looking at the  
>publications he cited and then correcting his claims. Neither  
>side of the debate is exactly covered with glory).

>While comments by Brad Sparks are critically evaluated in some  
>detail below, the repeated reference to Brad Sparks are mainly  
>due to the fact that at least he has sought to highlight the  
>issue of "consensus lists" of the "best" cases and referred to  
>some relevant information.

>The actual details of the relevant poll by Vallee, and the list  
>of cases that he compiled as a result, can be found in Appendix  
>5 of "Challenge to Science : The UFO Enigma" (1966) by Jacques  
>Vallee and Janine Vallee. Those details are summarised below.

<snip>

Isaac,

I have been publishing 'best evidence' cases all my adult life,  
and agree with Brad Sparks 100%. The skeptics seldom if ever  
bother to look at hardcore UFO cases, and when some demand to  
know the '10 best' or similar, I say how about the 100 (or  
1,000) best.

These debunkers who have usurped the honorable term of 'skeptic'  
are mendacious and intellectually dishonest just as they have  
been all along with the phony argument about the Air Force  
having explained 95% of all cases in the U.S.

I still challenge them to read The UFO Evidence, Volume II, if  
they really want to study the best evidence, in full context.  
Although I disagree with the consensus arrived at in Paul  
Kimball's film, it would be another good place to start. The  
point being that there are many hundreds of solid cases  
available for study if the debunkers really wanted to do that.

Dick

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From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 08:08:20 EDT  
Archived: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 09:32:00 -0400  
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Egad! Just when you thought it was safe to get back into the UFO field...wait, it's never been safe.

This new Alien Autopsy video is ten times cheesier than the fhe first one. It just goes to prove that P.T. Barnum was right about how often suckers are born.

I guess I'll have to sit back and watch as experts debate this nonsense, put out books and videos, appear on tv, and hit the lecture circuit.

Another diversion from the real cases that need attention.

Best,

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

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Oh wait, this was an April Fool's joke? Ya never know in this racket.

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From: Philip Mantle <[philip.nul](mailto:philip.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 13:31:46 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 10:37:00 -0400  
Subject: March/April Issue Of UFO DATA Magazine

The March/April issue of UFO DATA Magazine is now available. This issue includes an up-date by Lloyd Pye on the Starchild Skull. Bill Hamilton on reports of very large UFOs. Philip Mantle on a radar case from RAF Sopley in 1971.

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From: DickHall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 08:42:45 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 10:39:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Estimate Of The Situation Found?

>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 00:13:48 +0100  
>Subject: Estimate Of The Situation Found?

>Below is a press release supplied by Andy Miller, a British  
>Ufologist, which I pass on without comment.

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>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Document proves UFO exist!

>Aerial Phenomena Research and Investigation League, April 2008

>The chairman of the Aerial Phenomena Research and Investigation  
>League will shortly be publishing a book which includes a  
>startling Top Secret document written by members of the US Air  
>Force's UFO project in 1948.

>Persistent research by Andy Miller has resulted in a copy of a  
>document entitled "Estimate of the Situation" being located in  
>the attic of the son of one of the authors of the document. In  
>that document, Air Force personnel set out the evidence in  
>detail for concluding that flying saucers are real and come from  
>outer space!

Miller just can't resist April Fool's Day. Nice try Andy, but  
any discerning ufologist can detect kaka when it is advanced as  
alleged evidence.

Dick

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Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 10:11:31 -0600  
Archived: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 11:49:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: John Greenewald <[john.nul](mailto:john.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 13:47:57 -0300  
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Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

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I'm on dial-up and don't even try anymore to download videos but  
I did see some stills.

What I saw looked like an old man, perhaps in his late 80s. The  
cuts didn't look right. Standard is a "Y" cut both collarbones  
to sternum and strnum to pelvic. If I were John, I'd dump the  
thing. We don't want to get started on another AA type waste of  
download time.

Don Ledger

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Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 09:46:11 -0700  
Archived: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 14:05:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 07:45:06 -0400  
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First anatomical clue that this is fake is that the 'alien' has  
no connective tissue. There is nothing holding the skin to the  
underlying tissue. It's like the clothes you are wearing draped  
over the rest of your body.

In real life, the skin is more like a wet suit that's been glued  
on. In doing dissections, it's a tedious process carefully  
cutting away the connective tissue and slowly peeling back the  
skin. The original 1990's alien autopsy was actually quite  
realistic looking in doing this.

But in this autopsy, the "surgeon" slices open the chest and  
then opens up the skin and folds it over to the side like a  
cloth shirt. Uh-uh. I don't buy it. No animal is made that way  
with the skin totally detached and flapping around in the  
breeze.

However, I would agree that overall the body isn't cheap-looking and was probably made by an expert. Maybe it was a movie prop or a class project in a special effects class?

David Rudiak

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This Miller most certainly can. It has now become a tired and boring annual duty of mine to have to explain to those dozy enough to be confused that Andy Miller is Isaac's "witty" attempt at combining mine and Andy Roberts personas to form the personality of a half wit without a sense of humour. Because I didn't laugh, did you? Mind you, we can expect no less from someone who hides behind an assumed name and accepts no direct responsibility for his UFological actions.

Stuart Miller  
Alien Worlds magazine  
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Subject: Re: Best Cases - Vallee's Poll Of UFO Groups

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>PART 5: Consensus lists: Jacques Vallee's poll

>As discussed earlier in this article (see Parts 1 and 2),  
>various skeptics have complained that ufologists have failed to  
>put forward their "best cases", or to agree amongst themselves  
>which cases are the "best".

>Those complaints have generally not been addressed, or  
>apparently considered, in any depth by most ufologists. However,  
>Brad Sparks has contended that the skeptics are simply wrong and  
>contended that two such "consensus lists" exist.

>The earlier of the two lists relied upon by Brad Sparks was  
>published by Jacques Vallee in 1966 (discussed below) and the  
>second is said by Brad Sparks to have been published by Ronald  
>Story and Richard Greenwell in 1981 (this claim is addressed in  
>the next part of this article - see Part 6).

I don't know what I did to deserve all this microscopic examination. I feel honored (or maybe unworthy) of all this misunderstanding and even misrepresentation! This is a great work, "Isaac" (our UK pseudonymous friend). But what exactly is the purpose? As I will show in some corrections (or rebuttals) of your corrections of me there is a lack of focus in your effort.

One objection I have to the huge amount of criticism of my work right upfront is why you make NO mention whatsoever of my work on the BlueBookArchives.com website to put the entire 200,000 pages of AF BB files on the Web, and no mention of my ongoing project to compile a Comprehensive Catalog of Blue Book Unknowns, available on many websites, where I explain the purpose is to review all of the nearly 15,000 BB cases, and select by various objective criteria candidates for a Best Evidence Unknowns list.

As I have explained many times, the existing methodology of UFO researchers is woefully inadequate because it largely fails to deal with the best evidence of the UFO phenomenon, which is in these declassified and released AF files. The BB files have been available to the public since 1976 but languish in obscurity.

Somewhere among your many pages of criticism of my work surely you could have found some space to deal with these ongoing projects of mine. It seems unfair to criticize me for personally rejecting the Vallee and Story-Greenwell lists when you ignore the elephant in the room -- my efforts at producing a much better selection and compilation of Best UFO Evidence.



And in all these chapters of this huge book you are compiling, are you going to include Dick Hall's UFO Evidence? Condon Report's Unexplained Sightings list?

>Brad Sparks has:

>(3) Suggested that skeptics have failed to address these lists.  
>For example, Brad Sparks has said that: "It is incumbent on  
>skeptics to tackle the unexplained best UFO cases on these lists  
>published by the pre-eminent Jacques Vallee in 1966 and by Ron  
>Story and Richard Greenwell in 1981" (see Footnote 5.01).

Here you are clearly confused. I didn't say the skeptics "failed to address" the Vallee and Story-Greenwell lists, I said the skeptics failed to "tackle" these best unexplained UFO case lists that they have complained did not exist. Total difference between "address" and "tackle."

To "tackle" means in this context to work on and explain the cases, not just mention that the lists exist. This is where the fuzzy purpose of your work is most evident. Why do all this wonderful work if you miss the whole point? The whole point is that the skeptics claim the "believers" refuse to give them best-case lists for them to tackle and solve. If your work is to have some substance then one would hope you are aiming to fix this problem, not just to assign blame or rack up debater points.

I pointed out repeatedly that such lists had already been published by Vallee in 1966 and Story-Greenwell in 1981. I didn't say those lists were perfect. Neither did I say I was quoting the entire published surveys verbatim. But the skeptics are obligated to deal with the lists when they complain that there are no such lists. If those lists are unsatisfactory then the skeptics need to explain why, and they need to have valid reasoning, not excuse-making.

The skeptics claim that all UFO cases can be explained as IFO's, but that there are too many thousands of cases for them to be able to solve. So they want the UFO proponents to do them a huge favor and select a few for them to solve and thus prove the UFO advocates wrong. But since when is science -- if there is to be any pretense of scientific activity here -- so limited that it can't deal with "thousands" of data points? Skeptics seem to be trying to elevate this big favor they are asking of proponents into some kind of universal scientific principle.

This does not relieve proponents of the obligation to prove their case scientifically. But skeptics (really debunkers) have no right to boast of their supposed ability to explain everything and then find excuses to evade proving their alleged talents when these lists are brought up.

>Brad Sparks is to be congratulated for at least attempting to  
>address the complaints raised by various skeptics and thus  
>distinguishing himself from most ufologists. Unfortunately his  
>claims are misleading (particularly in relation to the Ronald  
>Story poll) and could easily be addressed by any skeptic that  
>bothered to look at the actual publications that Brad Sparks  
>relied upon.

I dispute this, that my "claims" about these UFO best evidence surveys are "misleading" and easily refuted. See below. In fact, you were disputing even the existence of the "Ronald Story poll," which you now concede without addressing your previous erroneous disputations with me over its existence.

>(It is noteworthy, however, that despite Brad  
>Sparks making the above claims on several different occasions in  
>online debates, none of the various skeptics participating in  
>those debates appear to have bothered looking at the  
>publications he cited and then correcting his claims. Neither  
>side of the debate is exactly covered with glory).

Your "corrections" need correcting. See below.

>The actual details of the relevant poll by Vallee, and the list  
>of cases that he compiled as a result, can be found in Appendix  
>5 of "Challenge to Science : The UFO Enigma" (1966) by Jacques

>Vallee and Janine Vallee. Those details are summarised below.

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>Brad Sparks has referred to referred to the relevant survey as  
>being "of 29 U.S. UFO organizations (about 13 responding)" (see  
>Footnote 5.01). In fact, as indicated above, in fact the  
>relevant survey was of 217 groups, with 29 active groups  
>responding (mentioning 13 different cases that were referred to  
>more than once, and an additional 13 different cases receiving a  
>single vote each).

This is classic nitpicking. You omitted the fact that the 217  
UFO groups were all U.S. groups. As I understood it, many of  
the 217 groups may never have received Vallee's survey because  
they had gone out of existence and/or the addresses are wrong.  
Did you not wonder why Vallee discussed the address lists and  
the ephemeral nature of the UFO organizations, how he says "many  
... die almost as soon as created"?

Vallee states further "A majority of our questionnaires missed  
their targets, either because groups had dissolved or because  
their addresses had been changed."

I question then whether there were actually "217 groups" that  
were "surveyed." This is not the same thing as surveys where it  
is known that the surveys were received but recipients simply  
declined to respond.

Moreover, had I cited this UFO case list as the result of a  
survey of "217 groups" no doubt you or someone else would have  
jumped all over me for "exaggerating" the large numbers. I think  
that given the uncertainties involved and the impracticality of  
quoting Vallee's entire survey just to get every nitpicking  
point exactly right, when the UFO case list was only one part of  
the survey, that I was quite justified in describing this  
roughly as a best-case list compiled from inputs by "29 U.S. UFO  
organizations (about 13 responding)."

As for the "about 13 responding" on the best UFO case list, that  
is a very rough estimate based on Vallee's "strong restriction"  
that groups could only list 5 sightings. I infer from that that  
Vallee did not get many groups who named less than their full  
quota of 5 best UFO sightings, since by making the "restriction"  
comment he implies they were bumping up against the limit of  
only 5 cases. Since there were only 63 responses on this  
question, and apparently most groups used up all 5 allowed best-  
sightings they could list, that means about  $13 \times 5 = 65$   
responses. Maybe then two groups named only 4 sightings, so we  
get a total of 63.

So I really doubt that all 29 groups responded and that they  
named an average of only about 2 sightings listed by each. In  
that case Vallee would not have had to point out how restrictive  
the limit of 5 sightings had been. To get that low average that  
would mean there were 26 UFO groups that only named 2 sightings  
each and then APRO and NICAP named 5 each (the only groups  
Vallee specified number of cases supplied) and finally one group  
would have had to name just one sighting, to make a total of 63  
responses.

>It is noteworthy that the annotated list of cases put  
>forward by Brad Sparks:

>(a) Does not mention the number of votes received by each of the  
>entries in the list. In particular, this has the effect of  
>disguising the fact that about half the entries in the list only  
>received 1 vote each despite the fact that the questionnaire was  
>sent to 217 groups.

Now you are being misleading by suggesting the Vallee poll  
represented in some way the responses from "217 groups" and  
that I am guilty of "disguising" the supposedly low number of  
votes for many UFO cases when there were so many "217  
groups" involved and could have voted. You can't insinuate  
that "217 groups" actually received the Vallee survey and had  
so little interest they deliberately failed to respond. As I pointed  
out above, Vallee indicates that many just never got his survey  
in the mail or the groups did not even exist to answer it.

Again, why should I have had to repeat everything verbatim in

Vallee's survey? I was presenting a UFO case list and a brief explanation. Anyone wanting more details would then go to the literature. This is why we cite literature.

>(b) Only includes 21 items. Thus, it omits several of the  
>sightings included in the publication of the relevant result in  
>Vallee's book. In particular, Brad Sparks omitted any reference  
>to "Adamski's sighting", the "Star of Bethlehem", "Lady of  
>Fatima" and "Angel Moroni". While these may be viewed as not  
>really "UFO" sightings, or weak cases, the fact remains that  
>these sightings received the same number of votes as many of the  
>other cases that appear in the list (i.e. one vote).

Incredible nitpicking from someone throwing stones in a glass house! You also omitted any reference to "Personal sightings" -- which came from 3 respondents. Why didn't you include the votes for "Personal sightings"??

This could be at least 3 alleged UFO sightings or more, since a group may have multiple members and a person could have multiple personal sightings. So the total number of best-case sightings listed might have been well over 28, not your 26.

Furthermore, I had no basis on which to decide or even guess at which one of Adamski's many "sightings" were intended. And as for the "Star of Bethlehem", "Lady of Fatima" and "Angel Moroni" these date so far back in time that skeptics would not be able to interview any witnesses, they would all be long dead. I put the polling lists together to answer the skeptics' charges about the nonexistence of such lists, not to present a perfect record of the entire Vallee survey.

>In relation to complaints by Brad Sparks that Vallee's list is  
>one that "the skeptics all but ignore" (see Footnote 5.02) and a  
>list that "skeptics have evaded" (see Footnote 5.03), it is  
>noteworthy that the relevant list has virtually been ignored by  
>ufologists, not just by skeptics. Suggestions that skeptics have  
>"evaded" the list therefore appear to be unwarranted.

This doesn't even make any sense. Why should UFO researchers have to pay attention to these best-case UFO sighting lists based on surveys already done of UFO researchers? Didn't the UFO researchers (in a collective sense) already give their input at the time of the survey?

My point was that skeptics falsely claimed there were no such lists in existence and yet here are these lists! Or the very few like Phil Klass who acknowledged the Vallee list did not then proceed to explain each one of the cases standing as a challenge to the skeptics' proud boasting of being able to solve them all (and Phil was forced to acknowledge the Vallee list because I had pointedly argued with him in numerous letters when he would complain bitterly about no one giving him a list for him to work on).

>Suggestions by Brad Sparks that Jacques Vallee's list is a  
>"consensus list" that skeptics have "evaded" are particularly  
>unfair given the disparaging comments made by Jacques Vallee  
>himself about the results of the relevant poll in his book  
>"Challenge to Science : The UFO Enigma".

No, your criticism is what is unfair here. My point concerns the proud bragging of skeptics that they can solve every UFO case if only a reasonably small list of best cases can be supplied. My point is not about skeptics talking about the lists (unless they are denying even the existence of such lists). My point is about their alleged ability to solve all the cases on the lists.

You don't fairly represent Vallee either, see below.

>Jacques Vallee commented upon the results as follows: "The  
>sightings are ranked practically in the order of the publicity  
>they have received, regardless of their intrinsic value or their  
>convincing character. The sentimental attachment for such cases  
>as the dramatic Mantell accident or the 'Lubbock Lights' is very  
>evident. Clearly, the group take it for granted that the most  
>publicized cases are the most convincing, when even a small  
>amount of research would have brought to light an entirely  
>different type of reports" (see Footnote 5.11).

>The comments by Jacques Vallee hardly suggest that he

>considered that the results of his poll should be taken as a list  
>of the "best" cases.

You selectively quote Vallee. He also writes that "the careful selection of the groups mentioned here from a vast amount of original data makes this sample a good indication of present trends in civilian UFO organizations in the United States."

You also treat Vallee's personal criticism of the reasons and motivations of the UFO groups' choices of UFO cases as if he thereby negates the fact they do reflect the intentions of the UFO groups. I too criticize and even reject such lists as being poorly selected but I don't refuse to acknowledge that this is what the UFO groups were putting forward.

>It is noteworthy that whilst Brad Sparks has  
>suggested that "It is incumbent on skeptics to tackle the  
>unexplained best UFO cases on" Jacques Vallee's list, Brad  
>Sparks has himself indicated that "I do not personally endorse  
>these lists" (see Footnote 5.01).

Cheap shot in view of my many years of work on the Comprehensive Catalog of BB Unknowns and the BB Archives website for the specific purpose of developing a much more rigorous Best UFO Evidence list, as previously discussed.

>Finally, one point that might be considered somewhat pedantic.  
>Ronald Story refers to Vallee's list as being "based on surveys  
>of UFO organizations and researchers". That it true. However,  
>this does not result in a "consensus" list. I consider such  
>lists to be valuable in that they give some indication of the  
>views of a number of ufologists, but they do not seek agreement  
>between those ufologists. Votes are simply tallied and an  
>indication given of which cases got the most votes. We would  
>not refer to, say, President Bush as representing the individual  
>elected as a result of a consensus of the American people.

You are treating "consensus" to mean an explicit, negotiated, unanimous agreement, in this case, among UFO researchers.

But "consensus" means only a general agreement, not necessarily explicit or openly arrived at by agreements, and not unanimous. That is how I meant it and how it is defined in the dictionary and by usage and context.

>PART 6: Consensus lists : Ronald Story's poll

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>However, contrary to the statements by Brad Sparks, the list  
>published by Ronald Story was not a "consensus list". Ronald  
>Story himself made it perfectly clear in his book that the  
>relevant cases were selected by him personally. He stated that  
>the cases were selected by him personally since they "to me  
>represent the strongest UFO evidence on record" (see Footnote  
>6.07).

No, I'm sorry that is not correct. You insinuate rather misleadingly that Story arbitrarily "selected" his list of best UFO cases solely from his own mind and thought, when in actuality Story "selected" his best cases list from the best UFO cases listed for him in his and Greenwell's worldwide survey of 90 "leading" UFO researchers. It may not be a complete best-case list from the 90 surveyed, it may not be a perfectly representative "vote," but as I read Story he did make his selection from what the 90 provided him. See below, as you selectively string out your quotes of Story to attenuate this fact.

>It is true that Ronald Story planned to publish a consensus list  
>based on a survey of ufologists. He carried out such a survey  
>with this aim, but he was disappointed by the results of his  
>poll. Ronald Story stated the following in his book:

But Story still used the survey results. He didn't discard it.

>"I recently (in October 1979) distributed a form letter to about  
>90 leading 'Ufologists' requesting their 'votes' for the one  
>case (or more if no single case should be chosen) which to them  
>represented 'the strongest UFO evidence on record' " (see  
>Footnote 6.08).

What is ironic, is that at long last, after heated exchanges on UFO UpDates where you vehemently disputed the existence of any such survey of 90 UFO researchers for their best UFO cases, polled by Story and Greenwell in October 1979, after I had tried my best to point you to the publication, finally you uncover the October 1979 survey only now, but with no mea culpa on your part.

>The results were said to be "disappointing in some ways", with >Story stating:

Disappointing is not the same thing as discarding.

>(a) "I was rather amazed that nearly three-fourths (or seventy >per cent) of those contacted refused to take a stand with regard >to any particular cases which to them might constitute the >strongest evidence on record" (see Footnote 6.09),

Well then that means that about 27 leading UFO researchers \_did\_ provide their best UFO cases, "the strongest UFO evidence on record." That means Story had perhaps around 15-20 such UFO cases from which to make his "selection" of 13 cases, assuming that several of the 27 responses coincided with several others - which we know for a fact did happen since Story names several cases that received at least "several" votes (see below).

Story says below there was a "lack of any consensus" (= lack of any general agreement), but does \_not\_ say there was a \_total\_ lack or a \_complete\_ lack of any agreement at all. We know that \_some\_ UFO cases got "several" votes each from the 27 UFO researchers who responded with cases.

>(b) "And I was equally amazed by the lack of any consensus by >those that did accept the challenge" (see Footnote 6.10).

>Story commented that "in the absence of a clear consensus on >behalf of the 'experts', I was forced to make my own >selection.". He therefore offered a list "of ten 'best' >cases" which "to me represent the strongest UFO evidence on >record" (see Footnote 6.11).

As I read this, Story took his list of 10 or 13 best UFO cases from the roughly 15-20 cases named by the survey respondents.

>Fortunately, Story does give some indication of the actual >results of his poll. He reported the following:

>"One case was mentioned more often than any other: the sighting >by Reverend William Booth Gill at the Boianai Mission Station, >Papua, New Guinea on 26-27 June, 1959. In addition, the >photographs taken at McMinnville, Oregon (11 May 1950), Trindade >Island, Brazil (16 January 1958), and Wellington/Kaikoura, New >Zealand (31 December 1978) received several endorsements, as did >the alleged close encounter of Barney and Betty Hill" (see >Footnote 6.12).

Note above that Story says these 5 cases each received "several endorsements" from the 27 responding UFO researchers. Why was that not a fair "consensus"?

>In addition to chapters devoted to each of the above 10 cases, >Ronald Story's book contains further chapters devoted to >discussing various issues. A chapter entitled "UFO photographs" >(see Footnote 6.13) identifies 4 photographic cases which Story >states "I have chosen as the 'best', in terms of their combined >strangeness and reliability". Those cases are:

- >1. Wellington/Kaikoura, New Zealand, 31 December 1978 ("the > most puzzling picture sequence of all");
- >2. McMinnville, Oregon, 11 May 1950 (Trent case photos);
- >3. Great Falls, Mont, 5 or 15 August 1950 (Mariana film);
- >4. Trindade Island, Brazil, 16 January 1958 (IGY photos).

Story chose as his best photo cases 3 of the 4 cases that his UFO survey respondents had fairly highly ranked with multiple votes, and the 4th case may well have been voted for by one or more respondents (he doesn't say one way or another).

>The two lists above can be compared with the following list of >cases posted online by Brad Sparks at least twice (see Footnote

>6.03 and Footnote 6.04), which he described as being a consensus  
>list based on an October 1979 Survey of 90 leading UFO  
>researchers by Ronald Story and J Richard Greenwell of the  
>strongest UFO evidence on record

Yeah, I said the list was "based on" the October 1979 Story-  
Greenwell survey published in 1981. That does not mean my  
rendition of the list was a perfect and complete result of the  
survey. "Based on" implies a loose relationship not intending to  
be a verbatim perfect report. I had to use the information that  
was given and which could be reasonably inferred.

>It appears, therefore, that Brad Sparks combined Ronald Story's  
>personal selections of the 10 best cases and the 4 best  
>photographic cases and posted these as supposedly representing a  
>consensus list based to the poll conducted by Ronald Story.  
>That description is simply erroneous.

No, your representation is incorrect as I have shown above. You  
say it was Story's "personal" selections of cases as if  
completely unrelated to the survey results of the 90  
researchers. But we know of 5 cases that Story explicitly states  
were among the top picks of the 90 surveyed. And Story implies  
that he made his "selection" from the remaining cases in the  
survey. If Story did not use any of the cases from the survey of  
the 90 then why the heck did he bother to discuss the survey at  
all? The whole book is about the results of the survey! Story  
simply did not want to be rigidly constrained by exact numbers  
of votes in the polling.

>In relation to complaints by Brad Sparks that this list is one  
>that "the skeptics all but ignore" (see Footnote 6.04) and that  
>"skeptics have evaded" (see Footnote 6.05) it is noteworthy that  
>one of the most detailed published considerations of Ronald  
>Story's list to date has been by a leading skeptic, Philip J  
>Klass.

Where is Klass' detailed explanations for each of the cases  
in the Story-Greenwell list? I know of only about half the list  
where Klass has attempted detailed explanations, some of which  
are implausible or absurd or factually false. But for the other  
half of the list I know of no detailed solutions by Klass.

>Isabel Davis wrote a review of Ronald Story's "UFOs and the  
>limits of science" for The MUFON UFO Journal (July 1981 edition,  
>see Footnote 6.20). In relation to Story's amazement at the lack  
>of consensus among ufologists regarding the ten best cases which  
>obliged him to select his own ten best,

Story didn't ask for 10 best cases from each UFO researcher, but  
preferably only one case each.

>Thus, any criticism of sceptics for virtually ignored Ronald  
>Story's list can be directed with equal, if not greater force,  
>at ufologists.

Do UFO researchers claim they can solve each UFO case on such a  
list?

Brad Sparks

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>I appreciate Isacc's great work here in assembling and comparing  
>these lists of 'best cases'... or at least 'interesting cases'  
>and his discussion of the complaint by skeptics that 'pro'  
>ufologists never - or hardly ever - narrow down the 'proof'  
>cases to a tractable number that could be investigated. This  
>reminds me of discussions I had years ago (30 years ago!) with  
>former guru of UFOskepticism, Philip J. Klass. He complained  
>that no matter how many cases he tackled and explained, there  
>were always others coming along. He wanted a listing of the  
>cases which ufologists would rest their case upon so he would  
>have only a finite number to spend his valuable time on.  
Hello Bruce, List, All -

I too had this discussion with Philip a number of times and yes he complained that he'd solve one case only to have another brought up to replace it... There was, however, a flaw in Philip's thinking and that was he would explain the case. I suppose you could say he offered a solution but that isn't quite the same thing.

In the McMinnville case he decided that shadows under the eaves of the garage proved that the sighting had not taken place as the Trents claimed, that the shadows proved that the pictures were not taken in the order the Trents claimed and that proved the case to be a hoax... except the shadows weren't necessarily proof of a hoax as Klass claimed and that there really was no explanation for the case. So, Klass, knowing that UFOs don't exist and anything showing one had to be faked, was satisfied that he explained the case.

Klass said that he learned that the Socorro landing took place on land owned (or near land owned) by the mayor and that the mayor had plans of opening a museum there to spark tourism, and to add financially to the mayor's bank account. Zamora was in on the hoax. Klass has explained the case, but, of course, the explanation is laughable.

So, Klass wanted a finite number, but he wasn't willing to engage in a disinterested investigation. He wanted a list that he could point to and say, "See, I investigated these cases and I found explanations for them." He didn't care if the explanations were correct, only that he could say that.

Which is why so many skeptics (and debunkers) have grabbed onto the ridiculous Mogul theory for Roswell. It offers an



explanation that seems reasonable to anyone who is willing to believe that Marcel and all those others couldn't recognize a weather balloon when they saw it. Mogul was classified and therefore they wouldn't have known about it, except that Charles Moore and his cohorts went to Roswell to explain the project and ask for help, that NOTAMS were posted to tell of launches, and there was no reason for anyone to mistake a weather balloon, or an array of them for anything except what they were.

Klass just wanted a list so he could end the debate by claiming he had investigated and found nothing. He was not interested in finding answers.

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PART 10 Consensus lists : National Enquirer Panel

Many UFO researchers have complained about ridicule of UFO witnesses, arguing that a fear of ridicule has resulted in many UFO witnesses failing to report their sightings.

What if, partially in an attempt to overcome that fear and obtain further reports, a company were prepared to offer a reward of \$1,000,000 for proof that UFOs come from outer space and are not natural phenomena?

What if the same company were prepared to offer \$10,000 for the best report submitted each year, even though not the proof required for the \$1,000,000 reward?

Anyone involved with UFO research for a few years must have wondered how much more progress would be made but for the constant bickering between researchers and UFO groups.

What if the company that was prepared to offer a million dollars had also managed to persuade the heads of the three most influential UFO groups (say, NICAP, APRO and MUFON) to put aside long standing feuds to work together, and join forces in screening reports submitted for the \$1,000,000 prize?

What if the same company were prepared to provide funds to investigate reports screened by those two groups and/or provide financial rewards for investigators for performing thorough investigations of interesting cases?

What if the same company managed to get several of the most respected scientists involved in UFO research, individuals such as Dr J Allen Hynek, to agree to look at the best reports selected as a result of that screening? If those scientists were put in a room together and asked to agree on the top UFO cases, which cases would be nominated? This would involve researchers reaching agreement on the relevant list of cases (i.e. producing a true "consensus" list), and thus can be contrasted to the approach of taking a poll of UFO researchers (as to which see Parts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9).

For good measure, what if the same company also managed to

persuade to persuade several highly respectable members of the legal establishment (such as a former Supreme Court Justice and former Attorney General, and a former New York Court of Appeals Judge) to review any cases considered by the panel of scientists to be a UFO that is not a natural phenomenon and came from outer space?

A pipe dream?

No. It has already happened.

It's just a shame that the relevant company was "The National Enquirer".

All this happened in the 1970s, when the National Enquirer established a "blue-ribbon panel" to consider UFO reports. The questions about "what would happen if.?" can be considered in the light of that experience. Unfortunately, the answer in that case was:

(1) The Panel has largely been forgotten by UFO researchers.

(2) Disappointingly little happened as a result of the Panel.

Given the resources available to the Panel, and the individuals associated with it, this may be viewed by many ufologists as serious cause for concern. Most efforts within ufology have far, far less support than the Panel. It is possible, however, that the National Enquirer's reputation was a disadvantage which drastically affected the efforts of the Panel.

Given the diversity of cases included within the lists of the "best" cases produced by various researchers (see Part 3 of this article), it might be considered a fairly obvious step to attempt to get UFO proponents to agree between themselves on a list of the "best" cases to be put before sceptics. The National Enquirer's Panel was one of very few such attempts.

The involvement of the National Enquirer in an effort that, prima facie, involved committing significant financial resources and obtaining the assistance of high calibre individuals (both from inside and outside the UFO community) is surprising given the perception of that publication. That perception is reflected in comments made by several sceptics and by pro-UFO authors:

(a) Skeptic Philip J Klass has referred to the National Enquirer as "a sensationalist tabloid newspaper" (see Footnote 10.01);

(b) Terry Hansen, author of "The Missing Times : News Media Complicity in the UFO Cover-Up" (2000), has commented that the National Enquirer is "normally perceived as a just sleazy tabloid." (see Footnote 10.02). Terry Hansen also commented that: "[The National Enquirer has a] reputation for over-the-top sensationalism and dubious veracity . Although the elite news media rarely provides serious, in-depth coverage of the UFO issue, the Enquirer was for many years uniquely eager to publish UFO stories, often under screaming, front-page headlines. The juxtaposition of sensational, even ridiculous Enquirer headlines alongside the more restrained (if not openly contemptuous) coverage of the New York Times or Wall Street Journal, has served to amplify the disreputable public image of UFOs ." (see Footnote 10.03).

Anyone interested in the role of the "The National Enquirer" in ufological history may be interested in the 9 page discussion of that publication by Terry Hansen in his "The Missing Times : News Media Complicity in the UFO Cover-Up" (see Footnote 10.04).

Unfortunately, as with virtually all UFO books, the National Enquirer's Panel is not discussed within those pages. However, that discussion does include a number of interesting assertions, including a quote attributed to Bob Pratt "Issues of the Enquirer that had a UFO story as the lead headline on page one never sold well. Arthritis, celebrities and such always sold much better" (see Footnote 10.05). Most of the relevant discussion within that book is devoted to the provocative, if far from convincing, suggestion that the National Enquirer's UFO coverage was manipulated by the CIA.

The details of that Panel do not appear, to put it mildly, to be

very well known within the UFO community.

The Panel is rarely referred to in pro-UFO books.

Also, while there are a number of references to the Panel online, most of the references to the Panel on pro-UFO websites are generally in the context of discussing a specific case and merely refer to the fact that the relevant case was selected by the Panel as the best case of a specific year.

Disappointingly, a book on UFOs published by the National Enquirer itself ("UFO Report", 1985) based on articles previously published in the National Enquirer does not refer to the Panel. Instead, it is a rather sensationalist publication containing section titles which include the following:

- (1) "Attack by Space Robots" (pages 16-18)
- (2) "Eisenhower met Space Aliens" (pages 43-45)
- (3) "Skeleton Found on Beach May Be Space Alien Child" (pages 82-85)
- (4) "Russians say they found live Alien Baby" (pages 85-87)
- (5) "Damaged Alien Spacecraft Orbits Earth" (pages 100-104)
- (6) "Housewife says she visited Alien Planets" (pages 104-106)
- (7) "Aliens Beamed To Earth" (pages 107-108)
- (8) "Brazilian Says He's Father of Alien's Baby" (pages 147-150)
- (9) " 'Vampires From Space' " (pages 160-165)
- (10) "Did Space Aliens Teach the Chinese Acupuncture?" (pages 173-174)
- (11) "Vietnam Vet Meets Invisible Alien" (pages 205-206)

Somewhat ironically, the most detailed accounts of the Panel that I've seen in print have been written by UFO sceptics such as Philip J Klass and Robert Sheaffer (see below). With the notable exception of the website operated by UFO researcher Jerry Cohen, discussion of the Panel online is fairly limited and/or inaccurate. Jerry Cohen has commented on the difficulty in obtaining accurate information regarding the Enquirer's Panel, commenting that "you really can't find it anywhere" (Footnote 10.52).

Indeed, in one online debate on the UFO Updates forum, one leading UFO historian (Wendy Connors) attacked claims made by sceptics about the Panel and:

(1) initially denied that the Panel existed, stating that claims made about its existence were "bogus", that "It does not exist" and that "None of these people [on the 'blue ribbon panel'] are ever named by the CSICOP cult because this blue ribbon panel does not exist" (see Footnote 10.06); then

(2) after being challenged, she accepted that the Panel existed, but claimed that "but it was not composed of top-notch scientists as claimed by CSICOP. The reasoning is quite simple. No legitimate scientist would align themselves with a gossip tabloid because it would endanger their credibility and possible cause for loss of research funding. The 'blue ribbon panel' is the typical sham..." (see Footnote 10.07).

Fortunately, due to very generous assistance from the AFU (an organisation which is undervalued by many within ufology, possibly because it keeps a relatively low profile), I have been able to review copies of various relevant articles from the National Enquirer.

As detailed below, contrary to the views expressed by Wendy Connors:

- (1) The Panel did exist;
- (2) The National Enquirer somehow managed to attract some of the top names from within ufology, and some impressive names from outside ufology. The Panel involved participation by Dr J Allen Hynek and representatives of APRO, NICAP and MUFON. It even involved a former Attorney General of the USA.

On 12 March 1972, the National Enquirer featured an article entitled "Enquirer Offers \$50,000 Reward for UFO Proof" (see

Footnote 10.08). That article stated that a reward of \$50,000 would be paid by the National Enquirer to "the first person who can prove that an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) came from outer space and is not a natural phenomenon".

That article also gave the first details of the National Enquirer's UFO Panel. It reported that "Five of the country's top scientists have been named to a special ENQUIRER investigate panel which will examine the UFO evidence submitted by our readers".

That article indicated that "the editors" would screen the evidence and "the best ones" would be presented to The Enquirer's "investigative panel composed of five of the country's top scientists". \$50,000 would be awarded to a person submitting evidence if "it is the unanimous agreement of the panel that the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) came from outer space and it not a natural phenomenon". The article stated that all evidence had to be in the hands of the editors before 1 January 1973 to qualify for the reward.

While referring to the relevant individuals as five of "the country's top scientists" may have involved a degree of hyperbole, they were certainly five of the country's top scientists active in UFO research. They were:

- (1) Dr J Allen Hynek;
- (2) Dr R Leo Sprinkle;
- (3) Dr Frank B Salisbury;
- (4) Dr James Harder;
- (5) Dr Robert F Creegan.

Dr Creegan is probably the only individual on the Panel that may not be instantly familiar to most UFO researchers. He was a professor of philosophy at the State University of New York at Albany.

Philip J Klass' second book on UFOs contained several references to the Panel. He noted that all five members of the panel were university professors - all with Ph. D.'s. Four of the members of the Panel were "long-time technical advisors to APRO". (The fifth panel member was Dr J Allen Hynek). Klass commented that it was "not, therefore, surprising that the National Enquirer characterized this illustrious group of UFologists as a 'blue-ribbon panel' " (see Footnote 10.09). Robert Sheaffer, the skeptical author of "The UFO Verdict" (1980), has commented that the Panel was "dominated by APRO consultants" (see Footnote 10.10 and Footnote 10.11).

The launch of the Enquirer offer of a reward for UFO proof was briefly reported in the April 1972 issue of NICAP's "UFO Investigator" (see Footnote 10.12). The relevant article referred to a panel "of scientists associated with the Aerial Phenomena Organization (APRO)" and stated that to win \$50,000 "all you have to do" is prove that a UFO came from outer space and is not a natural phenomenon.

On 23 April 1972, the National Enquirer reported that the reward system had been expanded. It reported that the Enquirer had "agreed to the panel's suggestion at a recent meeting in Palm Beach, Fla., to make an additional award of \$5,000 to the person who presents new evidence which, in the panel's opinion, is the most scientifically valuable, although it not considered conclusive enough to win the \$50,000" (see Footnote 10.13).

On 28 May 1972, the National Enquirer featured an article indicating that the Enquirer's "blue-ribbon UFO investigative panel" was considering the Delphos Ring incident, following a preliminary study conducted by APRO at the request of the Enquirer. Relevant soil samples were reportedly "baffling scientists" (see Footnote 10.14).

On 17 September 1972, the blue-ribbon Panel hit the front page of the National Enquirer, with the headline "Enquirer Blue-Ribbon Panel Investigating UFOs Reveals. 5 AMAZING UFO SIGHTINGS". The accompanying article referred to a meeting of the members of the panel in San Francisco and gave details of five "promising reports selected by the panel for further investigation". The relevant reports included an incident involving "two pilots and 21 passengers" over Labrador, Canada in May 1953 and a case from September 1944 involving "a German

soldier in World War 2 who hit a UFO with an armor-piercing bullet fired at point-blank range" (see Footnote 10.15).

On 25 January 1973 the National Enquirer published an article with the somewhat optimistic title of "UFO Riddle May Be Solved Soon, Says Enquirer Team of Experts" (see Footnote 10.16). Jim Lorenzen of APRO was referred to as "the consultant to the panel" and featured in a photograph of the five members of the Panel. Despite the optimistic title of the article, and various statements by members of the Panel about the value of the reports obtained, the article did not indicate that any of the members considered at that point that any of the reports satisfied the requirement for the main reward of \$50,000. Instead, the article reported that this issue (and the awarding of the \$5,000 reward for "the claimant who has supplied the most scientifically valuable evidence on UFOs") would be determined at a further meeting again "early this year". The same article included an announcement that the Panel had agreed to extend its research through 1973. "When appropriate" the Panel would send "experienced researchers to probe the sightings on the spot". The Panel would decide on the distribution of \$1,000 to informants that provided information on "outstanding cases" (see Footnote 10.16).

On 23 March 1973, the Panel met in Tucson, Arizona to consider the reports that had been submitted prior to the deadline of 1 January 1973. The results of the Panel's deliberations were reported in the National Enquirer on 27 May 1973 in an article entitled "Enquirer Awards Kansas Family \$5,000 for Supplying the Most Scientifically Valuable UFO Evidence in 1972". That article reported that the Panel "agreed unanimously that none of the claims merited the \$50,000". However, four of the five members voted in favour of awarding the \$5,000 award to the Johnson family for their report of the Delphos Ring incident because "the case did supply 'the most scientifically valuable evidence' - even though it did NOT prove that UFOs are extraterrestrial vehicles". Dr Robert Creegan abstained from the vote "for technical reasons". The National Enquirer announced in the same article that it would continue its offer of the \$50,000 reward for "the first person who can prove that an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) came from outer space and is not a natural phenomenon". The deadline for submissions was extended to 1 January 1974. The article also repeated that the Panel could distribute award money of \$1,000 between those judged by the Panel "to have supplied scientifically valuable evidence of recent UFO sightings" (see Footnote 10.17). This award has been referred to by various ufologists, and has also been given as a reason by several UFO skeptics for their consideration of the case. See, for example, the references to the award by Philip J Klass (see Footnote 10.18) and Robert Sheaffer (see Footnote 10.19 and Footnote 10.20).

The award to the Johnson family was reported in two separate articles in the June 1973 edition of MUFON's "Skylook" journal. An article by Norma Short Norma Short commented that investigative reports by Ted Phillips were used by the Panel in making its decision, but that he did not share in the prize money "which doesn't seem right" and that the Enquirer "did not even have the courtesy to give him credit for the investigation in their announcement of the award" (see Footnote 10.21). In very similar comments in the same edition of MUFON's Skylook journal, Lucius Farish referred to the 27 May 1973 edition of National Enquirer commented that "It seems to me that a portion of the prize money should have gone to Ted Phillips. At any rate, I suppose this proves that it can be profitable to have a UFO land in your back yard!" (see Footnote 10.22).

A couple of articles followed about physical evidence being considered by the Panel, including a "mysterious" steel sphere found at Terry Matthews near Jacksonville, Florida. (see Footnote 10.23) and a "mysterious" piece of "metal-like material" found by carpenters Harry Sjoberg and Stig Ekberg near Stockholm, Sweden in 1958 (see Footnote 10.24).

At about this point in time, NICAP appears to have become actively involved in selecting cases for the Panel. The January 1974 issue of NICAP's "UFO Investigator" briefly mentions that NICAP "is presently evaluating cases for the Panel" (see Footnote 10.25). Further detail was given in the following month's issue of the same publication (see Footnote 10.26). According to that article, decision makers from the National

Enquirer met with APRO's director (Jim Lorenzen) and NICAP's President (John Acuff) at the Enquirer's offices in Lantana, Florida to review UFO reports for possible submission to the Enquirer's UFO panel. In addition to selecting various cases, the NICAP article indicates that:

(1) it was agreed that cases which were submitted for the Enquirer's UFO panel evaluation would "now receive funding from the National Enquirer to insure complete analysis";

(2) somewhat surprisingly given the number of references in the ufological literature to the long-standing feud between NICAP and APRO (particularly between Donald Keyhoe and Coral Lorenzen), the NICAP article states that "Of equal importance is the resolve by both Mr. Lorenzen and Mr. Acuff to continue to seek means for mutual cooperation between NICAP and APRO".

Perhaps the National Enquirer should not receive too much credit for getting APRO and NICAP to agree to work together, since the two groups had in fact previously indicated an intention to attempt to improve relations, as reported in the June 1972 edition of NICAP's "UFO Investigator" (see Footnote 10.27).

The Panel met on 20 April 1974, in New Orleans, to consider "five claims, out of hundreds submitted to The ENQUIRER". Once again, the panel members "agreed unanimously that none of the claims merited the \$50,000 award". However, the National Enquirer article dated 23 June 1974 reporting the relevant Panel meeting indicates that the Panel members "all voted in favour" of awarding \$5,000 to the four-man US Army helicopter crew, including pilot Major Larry Coyne, involved in a UFO incident on 19 October 1973. The article indicated that the \$50,000 award and award of up to \$5,000 would continue to be offered (see Footnote 10.28). This award was briefly mentioned in the July 1973 edition of MUFON's Skylook journal (see Footnote 10.29) and has subsequently been referred to briefly by several researchers, including by Philip J Klass. Klass referred to the award as being a reason for giving relatively lengthy consideration to this case in his book "UFOs Explained" (1974) - see Footnote 10.30.

The same 23 June 1974 Enquirer article also indicated that reports would be screened by the Enquirer's editors, Jim Lorenzen (international director of APRO) and Jack Acuff (president of NICAP) and that the "best ones" would be forwarded to the five members of the Panel (see Footnote 10.28).

On 8 March 1975, the members of the screening committee (including NICAP's President, John Acuff) submitted five cases for the Panel to review (see Footnote 10.31). Those cases were: (1) A sighting on 30 October 1974 over Jay, Oklahoma involving 6 police officers and more than 50 other witnesses, (2) a sighting on 21 October 1974 in western New York involving several police officers, (3) a sighting on 12 August 1974 in central New Hampshire involving several police officers, (4) a sighting involving several pilots and others on 23 October 1974 over the San Antonio International Airport, Texas, and (5) a sighting on 20 August 1974 over Albany, New York, involving several police officers and others.

In the summer of 1975, the \$50,000 reward for "positive proof" that UFOs come from outer space and are not natural phenomena was doubled to "a whopping" \$100,000. An article published in the 3 June 1975 edition of the National Enquirer publicised the increase in the award. The same article referred to the fact that the Panel had met in Los Angeles "recently" and had considered "five claims screened by our editors from the hundreds submitted". (The article indicates that claims continued to be screened by National Enquirer editors, Jim Lorenzen of APRO and by Jack Acuff of NICAP.) At that meeting, the five members of the panel "agreed unanimously that none of the cases merited the full reward". However, the Panel voted to award \$500 to each of four witnesses to a "spectacular" UFO sighting over San Antonio near San Antonio International Airport, Texas (namely to Eastern Airline pilots Jerry Noyes and Chuck Nickerson, security officer Chester Blanchard and air traffic controller Jim Stevens). The article quotes Hynes as stating that the sighting was best of those which came before the panel and that it "confirmed the existence of the UFO phenomena beyond doubt" (see Footnote 10.32).

(I note in passing that this incident, in contrast to several of the earlier cases that receiving awards from the Panel, is rarely mentioned in UFO books).

The increase in the reward from \$50,000 to \$100,000 was reported in the July 1975 edition of MUFON's Skylook journal. Lucius Farish commented, "So, if you have any crashed saucers in your backyard and you can prove (ah, there's the rub!) they came from outer space, you can be \$100,000 richer" (see Footnote 10.33).

There was an even more dramatic increase in the main reward in 1976. The reward was increased from \$100,000 to the "enormous sum" of \$1,000,000. An article in the National Enquirer on 13 June 1976 reported this ten-fold increase. It also reported on a meeting of the Panel on 18/19 May 1976 in Palm Beach, Florida to consider five cases for the top award. The Panel "felt that none of the case merited" the top award. However, the Panel awarded the \$5,000 award to those involved in the Travis Walton abduction incident. Travis Walton was awarded \$2,500 while the six others that reportedly saw the incident shared the other \$2,500 (see Footnote 10.34). This award has been briefly referred to by several ufologists, and also mentioned by skeptic Robert Sheaffer (see Footnote 10.35 and Footnote 10.36).

In addition to announcing the dramatic increase in the main reward to \$1,000,000 the same article also announced two other developments.

Firstly, any claims unanimously viewed by the Panel as being a UFO that was not a natural phenomenon and came from outer space would be submitted to a Judicial Review Board for "final judgment". The \$1,000,000 reward would be awarded if "the two judges agreed that the award recommended by the Blue Ribbon Panel is correct".

The calibre of individual that the National Enquirer managed to persuade to agree to participate in the "Judicial Review Board" may be considered rather surprising. The article stated that the relevant two judges were:

(1) Tom C. Clark : Justice Clark "was an Associate Justice on the U. S. Supreme Court from 1949 to 1967 and Attorney General of the U. S. from 1945 to 1949". [For the wikipedia entry on Tom Campbell Clark see Footnote 10.37].

(2) Francis Bergan : Justice Bergan "was Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, that state's highest court, from 1963 to 1972, with a long and distinguished career before his retirement". [For a brief biography of Justice Bergan see Footnote 10.38].

Secondly, the National Enquirer doubled the award for the "most scientifically valuable evidence on UFOs" (though not qualifying for the main reward) submitted each year, from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

A further article in the National Enquirer, dated 19 October 1976, reported on the Mona Stafford, Kentucky abduction incident. That article indicated that the \$1,000,000 reward was still available and that the offer was "good until" 30 June 1977 (see Footnote 10.39).

The National Enquirer achieved yet another surprising coup in 1977. It had already succeeded in getting APRO and NICAP to cooperate in assessing the "best" UFO cases (despite the long-standing feud between the leaders of APRO and NICAP) and in 1977 it managed to add representatives of MUFON to the selection process (despite the feud between the leaders of APRO and MUFON).

In the May 1977 issue of the MUFON Journal, Dennis Hauck reported upon the expansion of the National Enquirer Panel to include MUFON representatives (see Footnote 10.40). Dr John L Warren (MUFON State Director for New Mexico and a consultant in Physics) joined the National Enquirer's Panel. Also, John F Schuessler (Deputy Director of MUFON and a mechanical engineer) joined the mini-panel that screened cases for the Blue Ribbon Panel, along with representatives of APRO, NICAP and the National Enquirer. These appointments were reported to have been the result of "many months of consultation between Bob Pratt, John Cathcart, and Brian Wells of the Enquirer Staff and



Walt Andrus, International Director of MUFON". Bob Pratt has stated that John Schuessler represented MUFON instead of Walt Andrus because "Walt and Jim Lorenzen despised each other" (see Footnote 10.45).

Interestingly, Dennis Hauck commented that these appointments "rectify a sensitive situation and give full recognition to the Mutual UFO Network, Inc as one of the major UFO organisations in the world" (see Footnote 10.40). That comment may imply that some within MUFON viewed the previous lack of involvement of MUFON to have been some sort of snub.

The first prize after MUFON representatives began participating in the Panel deliberations was made in relation to the Tehran jet intercept case of September 1976. An article in the National Enquirer reported that the Panel had awarded \$5,000 to six (unnamed) Iranians in relation to this sighting, for the most scientifically valuable UFO case "reported in 1977". The reference to "1977" appears to have been an error, since the Tehran case was in fact reported in 1976 and the Panel's prize for the best case in 1977 was in fact reported in a subsequent edition of the National Enquirer (dated 13 June 1978). Unfortunately for the relevant Iranian individuals, they were not permitted to accept the cash award which was instead awarded to an Iranian charity similar to the Red Cross. The relevant cheque was accepted on behalf of that charity by Iran's ambassador to the USA (Ardeشير Zahedi) at the Iranian Embassy in Washington. The 6 Iranians had to accept the consolation prize of an engraved plaque.

The same article in the National Enquirer reported that former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark had died, creating a vacancy on the National Enquirer's "Judicial Review Board" which had been filled by another "outstanding jurist" - Emilio Nunez "retired Associate Justice in the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court" who reportedly had "had a long and distinguished career in law". The article once again summarised the procedure in relation to the Panel's deliberations, indicating that all evidence sent in would be screened by the editors and the "more promising entries" would be sent to Jim Lorenzen (international director of APRO), Jack Acuff (president of NICAP) and John Schuessler (deputy director of MUFON). The claims with "the best evidence" would be submitted to the Panel, and if the Panel recommended payment of the \$1 million award then they would pass the case on to the Judicial Review Board "for final judgment" which would determine if the Panel's award "is correct".

On 13 June 1978, the National Enquirer reported (see Footnote 10.41) that a prize of \$7,500 for the most scientifically valuable evidence of 1977 had been awarded to five policemen in Memphis, Tennessee, who reportedly observed a large triangular UFO over that city on 17 May 1977.

On 29 May 1979, the National Enquirer reported (see Footnote 10.42) on awards totalling \$9,500 for the UFO cases which provided the most scientifically valuable evidence of 1978.

On 27 May 1980, the National Enquirer reported (see Footnote 10.43) that an award of \$2,000 for the best UFO case of 1979 was shared between UFO research Allan Hendry and Minnesota deputy sheriff Val Johnson. An award of an additional \$2,000 was presented to Dr Bruce Maccabee for his investigation into the New Zealand UFO film.

What happened to the Panel after May 1980? Emails to John Schuessler (one of the individuals that had been on the Panel and is still alive) and MUFON have, about a year on, not resulted in further information. UFO researcher Jerry Cohen has, however, made available some information from Bob Pratt, one of the National Enquirer reporters involved in reporting UFO sightings, in relation to Pratt's knowledge of the Panel from "late 1975" onwards (see Footnote 10.45).

Comments by Bob Pratt in relation to the continued existence of the Panel after 1976 include the following:

(1) The Panel continued until "1980 or 1981", when "the Enquirer formally abandoned the reward offer and disbanded the Blue Ribbon panel and the mini-panel";

(2) The meetings to screen the reports to be submitted to the Panel consisted "of representatives of the three main UFO organizations, would meet once or twice a year with me and my editor to help select those cases that would be considered by the big panel. No one got paid anything but the Enquirer took care of all arrangements and all expenses for visits to south Florida or wherever the panel would meet -- such places as New York, Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, and even Mexico City)".

(3) Dr Hynek quit the Panel "after he became convinced that the Enquirer wasn't too interested in funding research". Although NICAP had reported that the Enquirer had agreed to provide funds for investigations, Pratt has commented "If such agreements had been made, they were no longer in effect when I got involved in late 1975". Pratt has stated that Hynek asked Pratt's advice "on whether he should stay on the panel. I told him I didn't think the Enquirer was serious about funding any research and he quit the panel. He had agreed to participate in the beginning in the hope that the Enquirer would provide some research funds. It certainly could have afforded to do so (it would spend great gobs of money to get stories of all kinds) but the publisher, Gene Pope, wasn't all that interested".

It should be noted that if Hynek quit the Panel because the Enquirer would not fund research, his timing may have been poor because the Enquirer eventually started paying some of its financial award to investigators (see discussion above of the 27 May 1980 edition of the National Enquirer and the financial awards for 1979 cases).

One of the longest discussions of the National Enquirer in the MUFON Journal appeared in the February 1984 issue, in an article by Walt Andrus entitled "The Enquirer and MUFON" (see Footnote 10.46). The article acknowledged that the National Enquirer's Panel no longer existed, but did not state when it was disbanded. The article was about other actual and potential cooperation between MUFON and the National Enquirer. For the first time in the MUFON Journal, the article had a very cautious, even defensive, tone regarding co-operation with the National Enquirer. The article stated that "Since Bob Pratt left the National Enquirer, some of us have had serious doubts about the authenticity and integrity of some of the UFO stories that have been published under various reporters names". However, despite those "serious doubts", Walt Andrus indicated that MUFON would be co-operating with a National Enquirer reporter by providing documentation on the "four best current cases that MUFON members had investigated but which had not been previously published in the Enquirer". Walt Andrus stated that the four cases selected had all been published in the MUFON UFO Journal "over the past few years" and gave the following titles: "Mother and Child Abducted in Texas", "Pilot Encounters Ringed UFO", "Missouri Landing Trace Case", and "Repeated Sighting of Domed Disc in Michigan". Due to the "serious doubts" regarding the National Enquirer, MUFON imposed several conditions upon this cooperation. Firstly, Walt Andrus required that nothing could be published until "every word was cleared with him" to ensure the accuracy of the article. Secondly, to expand the membership/subscription base of MUFON, Walt Andrus required that the article include the complete address of MUFON (including a code added to the zip code, to track the number of responses). Andrus stated that "the number of new and competent field investigators joining the MUFON team will be the ultimate criterion". He went on to state that members of the MUFON Executive Committee "recognize that there is a gamble in cooperating with the National Enquirer" but expressed the view that "the integrity of the tabloid and its management is also at stake in the eyes of the UFO community" and that "my experience to date has been very positive and congenial". (The anticipated article subsequently appeared in the 10 April 1984 edition of the National Enquirer, see Footnote 10.47).

Andrus ended his article in the MUFON Journal with a paragraph calling for views from readers of the MUFON Journal concerning future cooperation with the National Enquirer. Several responses were published in subsequent issues of the MUFON Journal.

Although not directly relevant to a consideration of the National Enquirer Blue Ribbon Panel (since that Panel had

disbanded by this point), I think that the contents of two of those responses are worth noting since they indicate the diversity of views regarding cooperation with the National Enquirer.

Firstly, a letter to the editor from Joe Kirk Thomas of Los Angeles, California opposing cooperation with the National Enquirer was published in the May-June 1984 edition of the MUFON Journal (see Footnote 10.48). In an articulate and well-argued letter, Mr Thomas expressed the view that "the wrong audience was targeted" and asked "why would we court a relatively undereducated audience?". He suggested the readers of the National Enquirer were largely "middle aged or older housewives of fairly low educational background" and "a rather credulous lot". Given these characteristics, "while such a population could increase Journal circulation, it is unlikely that it would provide us with new, serious ufologists". Mr Thomas went on to state "I can guarantee that academics do not place the Enquirer very high on their readings lists!".

Mr Thomas contended as follows: "Like most of the supermarket tabloids, the National Enquirer has a reputation for sensationalism and fabrication. It may be unfortunate, but it is true that 'you are known by the company you keep'. Mixing UFOs with such circus favourities as Jackie Onassis and Princess Di can only trivialize ufology, and reinforce the sceptical attitudes of many citizens. It is a poor vehicle for public education of any type".

Mr Thomas concluded that MUFON should "diligently pursue" publication of articles in magazines, but that even if MUFON could find no national publications willing to present MUFON material "I think it is a very serious error to cooperate in any way with the tabloids. It is the wrong type of publicity and can only cause embarrassment and division within our organization".

Secondly, in the October 1984 issue of the MUFON Journal, a view supporting the MUFON directors was expressed. Cliff Henderson of Sunnyvale, California, did not take issue with Mr Thomas' characterisation of the National Enquirer's readership. Instead, Mr Henderson relied upon the large circulation of the National Enquirer and stated that the relevant housewives could write to their Senate and House members, providing the Journal with an increased "clout" (see Footnote 10.49).

The conflicting views expressed in those two letters to the MUFON Journal give some indication of the range of potential strategies that could be adopted for promoting ufology (although such matters are rarely discussed in the UFO literature).

## CONCLUSION

The National Enquirer's Blue Ribbon Panel is rarely mentioned in modern discussions of ufology, even when (as happens fairly often) sceptics allege that ufologists are never/rarely prepared to list the best cases.

There appear to be two main possibilities to explain this fact.

Most ufologists are either:

(1) unaware of the work done by National Enquirer's Blue Ribbon Panel and those associated with it (including the considerable collaborative work by APRO, NICAP, MUFON and several leading ufologists); or

(2) would prefer not to mention the National Enquirer, due to its image.

The former possibility is questionable given the number of references to the Panel (including express reference to the dates of some of the relevant editions of the National Enquirer) to be found in Philip J Klass' 1974 book "UFOs Explained" (see Footnote 10.01, Footnote 10.09, Footnote 10.18, Footnote 10.30, and Footnote 10.44), and repeated by Robert Sheaffer in his books (see Footnote 10.10, Footnote 10.11, Footnote 10.19, Footnote 10.20, Footnote 10.35, and Footnote 10.36). However, it should be noted that at least one leading UFO historian (Wendy Connors) appears to have been unaware of the existence of the National Enquirer's Panel (see Footnote 10.06 and Footnote

10.07). The first possibility therefore raises questions about the familiarity of many ufologists with the most influential sceptical literature.

Several skeptics, including Philip J Klass, should be given due credit for seeking out details of a process by which involving several leading ufologists selected the "best cases", and for seeking to address those cases. They generally have not received due credit. It is far more common to find allegations in the ufological literature that Klass and other skeptics have only attempted to address weak cases and have ignored the "best" cases.

The second of the two possibility outlined above raises questions about the wisdom of the strategies adopted in the past (and currently) by leading UFO groups. If the image of the National Enquirer's image is such that most ufologists find it unpalatable to refer to work done in association with that publication, then one may suggest that all the relevant collaborative work done in relation to the Blue Ribbon Panel by APRO, NICAP, MUFON and others was basically a waste of everyone's time and effort.

In a decade or two, will current efforts within ufology similarly appear to involve an unwise allocation of very limited resources and highly questionable strategic judgments?

One of the few ufologists to have previously written about the National Enquirer's Blue Ribbon Panel is Jerry Cohen. He kindly provided the following views:

(a) ".the big problem was, where it was taking place. I believe the reason little happened is because of the fact it all occurred at the Enquirer, which mainstream scientists, or most other educated people for that matter, could not possibly take seriously, no matter who was involved. Knowing the type publication it was, people could never trust the paper. Therefore, the fact they were published in that paper carried with it a virtual guarantee everyone's efforts would be totally ignored and forgotten as more silliness from the Enquirer" (see Footnote 10.51).

(b) "We can easily see why skeptics would want to avoid [discussion of the Enquirer's Panel], but what about the pro-UFO people? I'm a little surprised here. Again, it may have something to do with people's personal agendas, or just that people missed the importance of it (because we get so focused on our own thing, we can't see the overview), or perhaps other research might have been done that tended to diminish its importance, but I am not aware of this . They most likely didn't focus on it because it was information from a tabloid paper which most people thought were probably entirely dubious. Pro-UFO people probably didn't want people remembering Hynek associated with the Enquirer, for fear it would compromise the rest of his excellent research by association." (see Footnote 10.51).

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 09:57:52 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 16:47:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 10:11:31 -0600  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>My only clues to it's fakery is the way the surgeon seems to go  
>out of his/her way to make it look real. Squeezing it, moving  
>the body around, shifting the head etc. All this without  
>actually examining it.

>I could be wrong but if we did have an alien corpse, wouldn't we  
>be more curious about the brain than the viscera?

>Terry

That positioning and repositioning is odd, but it does look like  
the surgeon is checking for glands part of that time, lending,  
to my mind, more to credibility than otherwise.

The video, or what part we're shown, is focused exclusively in  
incising the mid-torso but what if it's only a part and that it  
is done cautiously in stages? This video could be only one stage  
of the whole.

In fact, the video ignores the reproductive organs, if there are  
any, and that would, it seems, be another significant absence

This surgeon, if this is real, would be only part of a team...  
one would think of specialists. What we see might just be this  
particular area of one specialist's specialty.

What's important to keep in consideration, is that someone is  
operating the UFOs. Someone with a bio-organic manifestation...  
it would be safe to assume. To bank on such evidence as this  
actually existing might not be near as far-fetched as some  
seemingly would like to think.

JCH

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From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 13:23:06 -0600  
Archived: Wed, 02 Apr 2008 06:55:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 13:47:57 -0300  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 10:11:31 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>>From: John Greenewald <[john.nul](mailto:john.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2008 16:12:32 -0700  
>>>Subject: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>>The Black Vault Newsletter  
>>>March 31, 2008

>>>I am sending out this special newsletter, to tell you about a  
>>>new case file that has been added to the Black Vault  
>>>Encyclopedia Project.

>>><http://tinyurl.com/34wssx>

>>>At the end of last week, I was e-mailed a link to an alleged,  
>>>new, 'alien autopsy' video that was supposedly put online, then  
>>>quickly taken down. It was then added to YouTube recently, and  
>>>I have archived it on The Black Vault for safekeeping and  
>>>investigation.

>><snip>

>>>Please note, there is no evidence to this - my opinion only.  
>>>Not making Allegations! :)

>>>Also make sure you click on the discuss link, and let us know  
>>>your thoughts on the video!

>>My only clues to it's fakery is the way the surgeon seems to go  
>>out of his/her way to make it look real. Squeezing it, moving  
>>the body around, shifting the head etc. All this without  
>>actually examining it.

>>I could be wrong but if we did have an alien corpse, wouldn't  
>>we be more curious about the brain than the viscera?

>I'm on dial-up and don't even try anymore to download videos but  
>I did see some stills.

>What I saw looked like an old man, perhaps in his late 80s. The  
>cuts didn't look right. Standard is a "Y" cut both collarbones  
>to sternum and strnum to pelvic. If I were John, I'd dump the  
>thing. We don't want to get started on another AA type waste of  
>download time.

Don,

I'm guessing the stills don't show the surgeon's hands. By  
comparison my guess is the skull is about 5 inches wide. It

didn't appear to be any wider than the length of the curved  
needle-nose pliers the surgeon was using.

All in all I don't think this 'alien' was more than 3 feet tall.

Terry

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## Artist Didn't Create UFO Pics - Who Did?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2008 07:00:47 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 02 Apr 2008 07:00:47 -0400  
Subject: Artist Didn't Create UFO Pics - Who Did?

Source: io9 - San Francisco, California, USA

<http://io9.com/374831/cgi-artist-did-not-create-ufo-pics-+-who-did>

Tue Apr 1 2008

CGI Artist Did Not Create UFO Pics - Who Did?  
Annalee Newitz

On Friday, I posted about a series of mysterious UFO pictures that have been circulating on the internet, suggesting they were part of a viral marketing campaign. Many commenters said the UFOs were the work of one Kris Avery, a 3D graphic artist who made a music video for Drone filled with images of the spiny ships. So I wrote to Avery to get to the bottom of the mystery, but his response only made the images more mysterious. Apparently, he did do the music video but he did not create the pictures of the UFOs. He based his video on images he'd seen online in UFO enthusiast forums. He actually made the video to prove to "believers" that the original images could have been faked with CGI. And now he's been accused of creating them as a viral marketing campaign. Here's his weird story.

Avery writes:

"The videos I created, which eventually culminated into the music video for 'Drone' the musician are all inspired by the original photos. I myself am totally unsure as to the origin of the images beyond what I already know.. i.e. anonymous witnesses . . .

Since then, I have been accused of being the originator of the whole drone saga, and the photos were in fact just a viral campaign to promote the eventual video. This is definitely NOT the truth. In a way, I wish it had been, because that would make me some kind of viral genius, and I'd be in completely the wrong job lol.

I was involved in the discussions on OMF, Alien casebook, and other places for months, and the whole thing just reached a real frustrating deadlock between the believers and the non believers.. or real/hoax argument. I'd made my point until I was blue in the face, and was met by people telling me that the CG I had created was no where near as good as what was being shown in the photos. So I knuckled down and set out to create a video and images that would shut them up. So really, it is the very people who refused to believe CG was capable of creating the images that pushed me on . . .

It is bizarre really. I'm not sure what people think I am, but honestly, I am just a normal guy who does 3D graphics for a living. I pay my bills, have a girlfriend, a dog, and am currently looking at doing a bit of decorating around the house."

So now we know that Avery didn't make the original images, and that he wishes that he was as good a viral marketer as the person was who actually did create them. And, by the way, he's working on another Drone music video =97 this time, without UFOs!

This leaves us with the still-burning question: Whose viral marketing campaign is this? And what are they trying to sell us?

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## Re: Best UFO Cases - Experts' Short Lists

From: John Harney <[magonia.nul](mailto:magonia.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2008 00:54:58 +0100  
Archived: Wed, 02 Apr 2008 07:02:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Best UFO Cases - Experts' Short Lists

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 01:29:45 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Best UFO Cases - Experts' Short Lists

>>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2008 21:10:23 +0100  
>>Subject: Best UFO Cases - Experts' Short Lists

>>My article below can be found with additional links at:

>><http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread335287/pg1>

>My response to the skeptic request for 'ten best cases' or  
>whatever number you want is the article at my web site  
>entitled Prosaic Explanations: the Failure of UFO Skepticism

><http://www.brumac.8k.com/prosaic1.html>

>Therein you will find, for example, Klass' explanation of the  
>Val Johnson Police Officer Car Damage Case (Aug, 1980; Warren  
>Minnesota). Phil has stated in articles and public speeches that  
>he never found a case for which he could not offer a 'prosaic  
>explanation.'

>In the Val Johnson case he has argued quite clearly that it was  
>either ET's that damaged the police car, or Johnson himself.  
>And what evidence is there that Johnson would damage his own car  
>and then make up a story about a bright light that zoomed by (read  
>the article)? Well, Johnson was a 'practical joker' , like, he  
>might hide someone's coffee cup, or something like that.

>HMMMMMM.....

>OK. But, is this explanation convincing? Big jump from hiding  
>a coffee cup to damaging a police car.

Surely there are more than two possible explanations. Klass  
asserted that either ETs damaged the police car or Johnson  
damaged it (for reasons unknown). Another obvious possibility is  
that someone else damaged it. There is apparently no doubt that  
it was damaged, and, from the descriptions Johnson gave of the  
incident, he was not in a state to be sure of what was happening  
to him. A possible interpretation of his testimony is that  
someone intercepted his car, attacked him and did the damage.

This, of course, is little more than speculation, but then so  
are the other suggested explanations, particularly the notion of  
flying saucers swooping down and mindlessly vandalising police  
cars.

In view of the lack of other witnesses to the incident, I  
suggest that we should agree that there is insufficient  
information to come to any conclusions as to what actually  
happened.

John Harney

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## Re: Estimate Of The Situation Found?

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 20:02:03 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 02 Apr 2008 08:05:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Estimate Of The Situation Found?

>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 00:13:48 +0100  
>Subject: Estimate Of The Situation Found?

>Below is a press release supplied by Andy Miller, a British  
>Ufologist, which I pass on without comment.

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>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Document proves UFO exist!

>Aerial Phenomena Research and Investigation League, April 2008

>The chairman of the Aerial Phenomena Research and Investigation  
>League will shortly be publishing a book which includes a  
>startling Top Secret document written by members of the US Air  
>Force's UFO project in 1948.

>Persistent research by Andy Miller has resulted in a copy of a  
>document entitled "Estimate of the Situation" being located in  
>the attic of the son of one of the authors of the document. In  
>that document, Air Force personnel set out the evidence in  
>detail for concluding that flying saucers are real and come from  
>outer space!

This document had better have impeccable "credentials" and  
provable provenance or it will end up in the trash heap.  
Already the story of this document indicates it contains  
information that goes beyond what would be consistent with  
everything already known about the document.

And, I wonder about a Top Secret (still? ) document smuggled out  
of a secure area and stored in an attic.

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## Re: Estimate Of The Situation Found?

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>Subject: Estimate Of The Situation Found?

>Below is a press release supplied by Andy Miller, a British  
>Ufologist, which I pass on without comment.

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>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Document proves UFO exist!

>Aerial Phenomena Research and Investigation League, April 2008

>The chairman of the Aerial Phenomena Research and Investigation  
>League will shortly be publishing a book which includes a  
>startling Top Secret document written by members of the US Air  
>Force's UFO project in 1948.

>Persistent research by Andy Miller has resulted in a copy of a  
>document entitled "Estimate of the Situation" being located in  
>the attic of the son of one of the authors of the document. In  
>that document, Air Force personnel set out the evidence in  
>detail for concluding that flying saucers are real and come from  
>outer space!

I expect that Andy Miller will be arrested and in jail by the  
end of April 1, 2008 for smuggling out this document.

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## Re: Best Cases - National Enquirer Panel

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>Subject: Best Cases - National Enquirer Panel

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>PART 10 Consensus lists : National Enquirer Panel

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>What if the same company [the National Enquirer] managed  
>to get several of the most respected scientists involved in  
>UFO research, individuals such as Dr J Allen Hynek, to  
>agree to look at the best reports selected as a result of that  
>screening? If those scientists were put in a room together  
>and asked to agree on the top UFO cases, which cases  
>would be nominated? This would involve researchers  
>reaching agreement on the relevant list of cases (i.e.  
>producing a true "consensus" list), and thus can be  
>contrasted to the approach of taking a poll of UFO researchers  
>(as to which see Parts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9).

There is no real comparison between the National Enquirer Panel  
UFO case contest and the efforts to compile a UFO best-case  
list, such as that of Vallee's in 1965-6 and Story-Greenwell in  
1979-81.

The big NE prize was for an outside contestant to submit "proof"  
that a UFO or UFO's "came from outer space" and (to eliminate  
meteorites etc.) were not a natural phenomenon. This was not a  
"best case" but absurdly asking for the ultimate proof of the  
greatest discovery of all time.

Obviously it was a publicity gimmick and grandstand play where  
no one seriously expected that anyone with "proof" of such ET  
reality would wait silently and patiently until quite  
unexpectedly the National Enquirer came along to offer them a  
pitting \$50,000 or a more substantial \$1 million for such  
earthshattering "proof."

If a scientist had somehow come up with such ET "proof" he would  
have already submitted it through scientific review channels for  
recognition in peer-reviewed scientific publications. If a  
layperson stumbled upon such ET "proof" what on earth (or not  
earth) could possibly constitute proof that something non-  
natural "came from outer space"??

Obviously, about the only thing a layman could come up with  
would have had to be a gawddamn spaceship with plates reading  
"Made on Zeta Retuculi 2 Alpha" and sufficient sci fi type  
technology on board that anyone would be convinced. No one in  
their right mind would think that an ordinary person could find  
and recover such an ET spacecraft and somehow the military would  
refrain from seizing it in the name of "national security." It's  
ridiculous. The National Enquirer's \$1 million was quite safe

from any such impossible scenario and the NE knew it. All sorts of nutballs and cranks submitted all manner of lunatic "proofs" that had nothing to do with even UFO sightings.

The NE Panel itself and the NE-APRO (and later also NICAP and MUFON) reviewers were not allowed to enter the contest themselves. Thus they could not compile any best-case UFO list and submit it to the Panel for the big prize.

APRO Director Jim Lorenzen told me that because of the restrictive conditions on the big prize which had been recognized from the start, and which actually encouraged the submission of bundles of non-UFO crackpot literature as "proofs," he and the Panel urged the NE to put up a smaller prize for the most scientifically valuable UFO cases. This would at least attempt to return attention to the UFO phenomenon.

And if I recall correctly one of the purposes of broadening the rules for the smaller awards was to allow the Panel and APRO, et al., to make their own submissions of "scientifically valuable" UFO cases, eventually becoming the most scientifically valuable cases of the year awards. However the Panel-APRO-NICAP- MUFON would be disqualified from receiving the money awards for such submissions. This is what caused the perverse situation where Ted Phillips received nothing for his landing trace investigation of the Delphos case that received the first small NE prize in 1973, because he was an APRO and MUFON representative.

But this smaller NE prize was limited to only the current year UFO cases. APRO et al. were not allowed to go back through the files or back through UFO history and compile the best-case UFO sightings of all time. I asked Jim Lorenzen why they had this tight and limiting restriction. He said he personally had brought it up but the NE would not budge, would not broaden the rules any further on the issue of the date range allowed for UFO cases. The NE had a "contest rules" mentality with regard to the big prize and the little prizes, maybe motivated by legal concerns.

Only by avoiding completely the big and little prizes could some NE funding be obtained for UFO research purposes on an ad hoc basis. Jim Lorenzen was able to get the NE to put up some funds for microfilming the APRO files in the early 70's, but NE changed its mind midway through and only the early APRO files were ever microfilmed. I recall that Lorenzen said that when other NE execs found out about the microfilming they scotched it on the grounds that the old UFO files could not be entered into the NE prize so they deemed it pointless from NE's perspective to spend money on microfilming them.

In short, there were pragmatic and realistic grounds for discounting the NE prizes that had nothing to do with NE's later bad reputation. Bob Pratt told me that he was suddenly let go in early 1981 when the NE abruptly decided it was cheaper and easier to just fabricate their UFO stories. The era of the late 70's was the heyday of investigative journalism, Woodward and Bernstein were seen as having brought down the US President, and everyone in the newspaper business aspired to higher journalistic standards, including the NE tabloid.

It was then, in the late 70's that pursuant to NE's policy of adhering to higher journalistic standards, Pratt compiled stacks of investigative reports and transcript for every little UFO story to be published, and many times the stories were deemed too dull (too documented) and were not published at all. But from 1981 to date NE has pursued a publishing policy of printing outlandishly false stories of all types and that reputation is projected back in time to the NE in the 70's when that was not the case.

Brad Sparks

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## Klass Vs. Johnson [was: Best UFO Cases - Experts']

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>Subject: Re: Best UFO Cases - Experts' Short Lists

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>>>Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2008 21:10:23 +0100  
>>>Subject: Best UFO Cases - Experts' Short Lists

>>>My article below can be found with additional links at:

>>><http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread335287/pg1>

>>My response to the skeptic request for 'ten best cases' or  
>>whatever number you want is the article at my web site  
>>entitled Prosaic Explanations: the Failure of UFO Skepticism

>><http://www.brumac.8k.com/prosaic1.html>

>>Therein you will find, for example, Klass' explanation of the  
>>Val Johnson Police Officer Car Damage Case (Aug, 1980; Warren  
>>Minnesota). Phil has stated in articles and public speeches that  
>>he never found a case for which he could not offer a 'prosaic  
>>explanation.'

>>In the Val Johnson case he has argued quite clearly that it was  
>>either ET's that damaged the police car, or Johnson himself.  
>>And what evidence is there that Johnson would damage his own car  
>>and then make up a story about a bright light that zoomed by (read  
>>the article)? Well, Johnson was a 'practical joker', like, he  
>>might hide someone's coffee cup, or something like that.

>>HMMMMMM.....

>>OK. But, is this explanation convincing? Big jump from hiding  
>>a coffee cup to damaging a police car.

>>Surely there are more than two possible explanations. Klass  
>>asserted that either ETs damaged the police car or Johnson  
>>damaged it (for reasons unknown). Another obvious possibility is  
>>that someone else damaged it. There is apparently no doubt that  
>>it was damaged, and, from the descriptions Johnson gave of the  
>>incident, he was not in a state to be sure of what was happening  
>>to him. A possible interpretation of his testimony is that  
>>someone intercepted his car, attacked him and did the damage.

>>This, of course, is little more than speculation, but then so  
>>are the other suggested explanations, particularly the notion of  
>>flying saucers swooping down and mindlessly vandalising police  
>>cars.

>>In view of the lack of other witnesses to the incident, I  
>>suggest that we should agree that there is insufficient

>information to come to any conclusions as to what actually  
>happened.

Wow! Poor old Phil must be turning over in his grave!

A skeptic is - implicitly, if not explicitly - criticizing him over his explanation of a UFO sighting, where U stands for unidentified. Phil no doubt considered the "somebody (human) must have done it" hypothesis with the corollary that if Johnson didn't do it, some other human did. But he apparently couldn't figure out who the other human might have been who had a reason to:

a) break several of the lights on the police car (headlight, light bar on the top)

b) set Johnson's watch and his car clock back by about 14 minutes c) cause Johnson to stop his car so suddenly it skidded a considerable distance, perhaps by throwing a burning white flare at the car and

d) bend two very stiff wire antennas without disturbing the "bug tar" on the antenna (a human has to grasp the antenna and exert considerable force to bend it; this force can rub off the bug tar)

I would agree that we can't determine exactly what happened. But I would assert that, irrespective of the lack of completely definitive information about the event, it remains unexplained.

Since it occurred in the 'UFO context' - a light initially seen at a distance, rapidly approached the car causing Johnson to slam on the brakes to avoid what he thought was an impending collision; apparently he bumped his head on the windshield as a result and this knocked him out for a short time - we cannot discount some version of the ET hypothesis, although Phil's version of the ET "attack" does sound silly - anyone who hasn't got Phil's book can read it my "Prosaic" article.

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## The Top 100 UFO Cases

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The article below can be found with considerably more links and information at:

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Top 100 UFO Cases  
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PART 13: List of the Top 100 UFO cases

Given the problems with the various lists covered in Parts 3 to 12, I thought that it might be interesting to find out which UFO cases are most frequently discussed in books about ufos and SETI.

If ufologists wrote books solely with the objective of presenting the best available evidence, then the most frequently discussed cases would be the ones that the most authors regarded as the best cases.

I therefore set out to prepare a list of the UFO incidents most frequently discussed in a reasonably large sample of UFO and SETI books.

Over four years and 963 books later, I have prepared a "Top 100" list of UFO cases based on the frequency of discussion within these books.

The results may be compared to a "Top 100" music chart based on the number of sales of a CD.

Each of the 963 books (and each of the references to the discussion of each of the "Top 100" cases) are listed in a document I refer to as Koi Chrono Core ("KCC") which I have made available free of charge on the Internet (see Footnote 13.01)

Clearly this method of compiling a list of the "top" cases is biased in favour of older cases. The older the case, the more books have been published since that case. Thus, an incident in 1947 discussed in 20% of UFO books published since that date will rank higher than an incident in, say, 1999 which has been discussed in 100% of the relevant sample of UFO books published since that date. Also, since my sample of UFO/SETI books is limited to those in English, there is a strong bias in favour of books by authors from the USA and the United Kingdom (who, in turn, appear to have a strong bias in favour of writing about cases from the USA and the United Kingdom).

In decreasing order of the numbers of references (abbreviated to "refs") the Top 100 UFO cases were:

1. Kenneth Arnold's first sighting (see KCC 1947.0624) 359 refs
2. Betty and Barney Hill abduction (see KCC 1961.0919) 292 refs
3. George Adamski encounters (see KCC 1953.0000) 231 refs
4. Roswell (see KCC 1947.0708) 228 refs

5. Socorro sighting by Lonnie Zamora (see KCC 1964.0424) 180 refs
6. Thomas F Mantell incident (see KCC 1948.0107) 179 refs
7. Antonio Villas-Boas abduction (see KCC 1957.1016) 174 refs
8. Washington National sightings (see KCC 1952.0700) 171 refs
9. Pascagoula abduction (see KCC 1973.1011) 142 refs
10. Chiles and Whitted sighting (see KCC 1948.0724) 115 refs
11. Travis Walton abduction (see KCC 1975.1105) 114 refs
12. Maury Island incident (see KCC 1947.0621) 99 refs
13. Tunguska event (see KCC 1908.0630) 95 refs
14. Kelly-Hopkinsville incident (see KCC 1955.0821) 92 refs
15. Reverend W B Gill sightings (see KCC 1959.0626) 92 refs
16. Levelland, Texas incident (see KCC 1957.1102) 91 refs
17. McMinnville photographs (see KCC 1950.0511) 90 refs
18. Rendlesham Forest incident (see KCC 1980.1226) 89 refs
19. Andreasson abduction (see KCC 1967.0125) 87 refs
20. Herbert Schirmer abduction (see KCC 1967.1203) 87 refs
21. Lakenheath episode (see KCC 1956.0813) 83 refs
22. Valensole incident (see KCC 1965.0701) 76 refs
23. Gulf Breeze encounter (see KCC 1987.1111) 76 refs
24. Alexander Hamilton airship (see KCC 1897.0419) 74 refs
25. Coyne helicopter sighting (see KCC 1973.1018) 73 refs
26. Trindade Island photographs (see KCC 1958.0116) 72 refs
27. Gemini 4 sighting (see KCC 1965.0604) 71 refs
28. Ubatuba incident (see KCC 1957.0914) 69 refs
29. Incident at Exeter (see KCC 1965.0903) 68 refs
30. Cash/Landrum incident (see KCC 1980.1229) 68 refs
31. Lubbock Lights sightings (see KCC 1951.0825) 66 refs
32. Jimmy Carter sighting (see KCC 1969.0106) 65 refs
33. Gorman "dogfight" near Fargo (see KCC 1948.1001) 64 refs
34. Tremonton, Utah film (see KCC 1952.0702) 64 refs
35. Valentich disappearance (see KCC 1978.1021) 62 refs
36. Truman Bethurum contact (see KCC 1954.0000) 62 refs
37. Fatima apparition (see KCC 1917.1013) 61 refs
38. Flatwoods incident (see KCC 1952.0912) 61 refs
39. Desvergers (scoutmaster) sighting (see KCC 1952.0819) 59 refs
40. Belgium radar/visual sightings (see KCC 1989.1129) 59 refs
41. Great Falls, Montana film (see KCC 1950.0815) 58 refs
42. Day family abduction (see KCC 1974.1027) 58 refs
43. Clyde Tombaugh sighting (see KCC 1949.0820) 57 refs
44. Nash and Fortenberry sighting (see KCC 1952.0714) 57 refs
45. Eagle River encounter (see KCC 1961.0418) 57 refs
46. BOAC stratocruiser sighting (see KCC 1954.0629) 55 refs
47. Jet chase near Tehran, Iran (see KCC 1976.0919) 55 refs
48. Flight 19 incident (see KCC 1945.1205) 54 refs
49. "Lady" animal mutilation (see KCC 1966.0915) 54 refs
50. Steven Michalak encounter (see KCC 1967.0520) 54 refs
51. Aurora, Texas airship crash (see KCC 1897.0417) 53 refs
52. Greenhaw encounter (see KCC 1973.1017) 53 refs
53. "Linda Cortile" abduction (see KCC 1989.1130) 53 refs
54. Kinross incident (see KCC 1953.1123) 52 refs
55. Apollo 11 sightings (see KCC 1969.0720) 52 refs
56. Alan Godfrey encounter (see KCC 1980.1128) 51 refs
57. Wellington/Kaikoura incident (see KCC 1978.1231) 50 refs
58. John Martin sighting (see KCC 1878.0124) 49 refs
59. Orfeo Angelucci encounter (see KCC 1955.0000) 49 refs
60. Delphos Ring incident (see KCC 1971.1102) 49 refs
61. The Northeast Blackout (see KCC 1965.1109) 47 refs
62. Rex Heflin photographs (see KCC 1965.0803) 46 refs
63. RB-47 radar/visual incident (see KCC 1957.0717) 45 refs
64. Carl Higdon contact (see KCC 1974.1025) 45 refs
65. Trans-en-Provence encounter (see KCC 1981.0108) 45 refs
66. Charles B Moore sighting (see KCC 1949.0424) 44 refs
67. E J Smith sighting (see KCC 1947.0704) 43 refs
68. Stanford, Kentucky abduction (see KCC 1976.0106) 43 refs
69. Fred M Johnson sighting (see KCC 1947.0624) 41 refs
70. Fort Itaipu, Brazil sighting (see KCC 1957.1104) 40 refs
71. Muroc Field sightings (see KCC 1947.0708) 39 refs
72. Gary Wilcox encounter (see KCC 1964.0424) 39 refs



73. Spaur/Neff Ravenna sighting (see KCC 1966.0417) 39 refs
74. Cedric Allingham encounter (see KCC 1954.0000) 39 refs
75. Salem, Massachusetts photograph (see KCC 1952.0716) 38 refs
76. Reinhold Schmidt encounter (see KCC 1957.1105) 38 refs
77. "Doctor X" UFO encounter (see KCC 1968.1102) 38 refs
78. Maureen Puddy encounter (see KCC 1973.0222) 38 refs
79. Gordon Cooper sightings (see KCC 1963.0516) 35 refs
80. Cisco Grove incident (see KCC 1964.0904) 35 refs
81. Topcliffe incident (see KCC 1952.0919) 34 refs
82. Gemini 7 sighting (see KCC 1965.1204) 34 refs
83. Voronezh, Russia landing (see KCC 1989.0927) 34 refs
84. Cynthia Appleton encounter (see KCC 1957.1118) 33 refs
85. Claude Vorilhon contact (see KCC 1973.1213) 33 refs
86. Livingston incident (see KCC 1979.1109) 33 refs
87. Jose A y Bonilla photograph (see KCC 1883.0812) 32 refs
88. Ummo photographs (see KCC 1967.0601) 32 refs
89. JAL 1628 sighting over Alaska (see KCC 1986.1117) 32 refs
90. Operation Mainbrace sightings (see KCC 1952.0919) 31 refs
91. Stephen Darbishire photograph (see KCC 1954.0215) 31 refs
92. Walesville Incident (see KCC 1954.0702) 30 refs
93. Red Bluff sighting (see KCC 1960.0813) 30 refs
94. Charles L Moody abduction (see KCC 1975.0813) 30 refs
95. "Battle of Los Angeles" (see KCC 1942.0225) 29 refs
96. Larson abduction near Fargo (see KCC 1975.0826) 29 refs
97. Farmington sightings (see KCC 1950.0317) 28 refs
98. Oloron "Angel Hair" incident (see KCC 1952.1017) 28 refs
99. Tully "saucer nest" incident (see KCC 1966.0119) 28 refs
100. Loch Raven Dam incident (see KCC 1958.1026) 27 refs

It should be noted that I am not suggesting that UFO books are in fact written solely with the objective of presenting the best available evidence.

The objectives of authors of ufologists are not in fact limited to presenting the best case in support of an argument. Entertaining stories are included in book after book, almost regardless of their evidential value. Furthermore, some authors appear to be lazy and others are ignorant of the range of cases - thus, discussions of cases in the few books some of them have read (particularly Ruppelt, Keyhoe and Condon) get recycled endlessly - sometimes almost verbatim.

The contents of the list of the most frequently discussed UFO cases indicate to me that the authors of most UFO books are not primarily concerned with highlighting the best cases and/or are unaware of the best cases.

The list above of the "Top 100" cases therefore has about as much connection to a list of the "Best 100" cases as the weekly "Top 10" popular music charts have to a list of the "best music". The weekly "Top 10" music charts are lists of the music with the most sales. This is arguably not the same as the best music. Music charts frequently include items that would cause a music connoisseur to shudder (e.g. "The Birdie Song" by The Tweets , Black Lace's "Agadoo", the Macarena, and anything by certain heavy-metal bands (see Footnote 13.02 and Footnote 13.03). Similarly, the fact that Adamski's sighting is in the list of the Top 100 at all (let alone as the Number 3 case) may cause some shudders.

On the positive side, it makes sense for authors to illustrate their points by reference to cases that readers may be familiar with (i.e. the "classics") so that basic details can be assumed rather than having to have everything spelt out in detail. It is notable that when various ufologists have advanced lists of the "best" UFO cases, generally the only ones that are referred to in subsequent discussions are ones which are included within the "Top 100" list above.

If a ufologist mentions during an online debate his list of the "best" cases and (as happens fairly frequently) includes one or more cases which are not within the "Top 100" list above, the cases not within the "Top 100" are generally ignored in any subsequent discussion. When ufologists do give a list of the

"best" cases, they rarely provide references to material relating to these cases. If a case within such a list is not well known, rather than ask for relevant references most readers appear to simply ignore that case. Any ufologist or group preparing a list of the "best" cases may wish to keep this point in mind and include relevant references to any less well known cases.

It is notable that the above list has a considerable degree of overlap with some of the polls of ufologists discussed in Parts 5 to 9 of this article, particularly those polls which involved the largest number of researchers. I would highlight in particular the oldest poll, i.e. Vallee's poll discussed in Part 5 - the results of which were published in 1966. Jacques Vallee himself commented that the sightings nominated in his survey were "ranked practically in the order of the publicity they have received, regardless of their intrinsic value or their convincing character". Clearly, the group take it for granted that the most publicized cases are the most convincing, when even a small amount of research would have brought to light an entirely different type of reports" (see Footnote 13.04).

Skeptics have frequently complained that ufologists have failed to nominate the "best" cases (see Part 2) and in the absence of any response which points them at the best available evidence have tended, not unreasonably, have tended to focus upon those cases which are most frequently discussed.

However, various authors have commented on the apparent confusion between the "best" cases and those which are merely the "best publicized". For example, Hilary Evans has written that he tends to agree with the comment of Belgian ufologist Jacques Scornaux that "The refutability of a case is directly proportional to the publicity it receives" (see Footnote 13.05). In a comment similar to the remarks made by Hilary Evans and Jacques Scornaux, Jacques Vallee has suggested that "The cases that receive a high level of media publicity are especially suspect" (see Footnote 13.06).

Jacques Vallee has suggested that Dr Menzel concentrated on the most publicized cases, rather than the best cases. He has commented that ". very few of the cases [Dr Menzel] studies would be worthy of consideration in an objective system of analysis where weights are distributed according to well-defined criteria, and not according to the amount of publicity the case has received in 'enthusiast' circles obviously unconcerned with scientific analysis" (see Footnote 13.07). Similarly, Vallee has suggested that "[UFO] reports are analyzed one at a time, with an amount of energy directly proportional to the publicity that they have received in specialist 'enthusiast' reviews or in the press, radio and television. A side effect of this process is that the most interesting reports are completely unknown to the public and to civilian scientists who might, otherwise, have a very different attitude towards the subject. The more widely discussed cases, such as Washington in 1952, are rather poor and, in our files, would be considered second rate" (see Footnote 13.08).

Given the number of complaints that skeptics do not address the "best" cases but merely weak cases (even if well publicized), it is very surprising that ufologists have not been more active in preparing lists of the "best" cases. In the few instances where ufologists have sat in a room together to draw up an agreed list of the "best" cases, they have subsequently done a rather poor job of drawing attention to those lists (see, for example, Part 10 and Part 11 of this article in relation to the National Enquirer's Blue Ribbon Panel and the Rockefeller Briefing Document respectively).

In these circumstances, skeptics can hardly be blamed for having concentrated on the cases most frequently discussed in the UFO literature.

If your favourite case is not included within the "Top 100" list above, all I can say is:

- (1) Blame the authors of the relevant books. They selected which cases to discuss the most, not me. The list of the "Top" 100 cases certainly does not represent my personal "Best" 100 cases.
- (2) Feel free to conduct a similar exercise yourself or draw up your own list on the basis of your own (preferably expressly

stated) criteria. Various possible qualitative and quantitative criteria are discussed in the final parts of this article (i.e. Part 15-29).

The next time you hear someone refer a skeptic or scientist to the UFO literature generally (or are tempted to do so yourself), pause for a moment and remember the content of the above list of the Top 100 UFO Cases. These are the sightings they will come across most frequently.

Is that what you want? If not, you will need to be more helpful than merely suggesting they read "the literature".

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as a 1.6 Mb zipped file: <http://tinyurl.com/re7ae>

as a 9.1 Mb unzipped file: <http://tinyurl.com/oahe7>

Also, a PDF version is available at the end of the page below:

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/news/ufochronology.shtml>

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<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/848510.stm>

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## Re: Best Cases - National Enquirer Panel

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2008 19:38:15 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 06:17:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Best Cases - National Enquirer Panel

>From: Brad Sparks <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2008 06:04:31 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Best Cases - National Enquirer Panel

>If a scientist had somehow come up with such ET "proof" he would  
>have already submitted it through scientific review channels for  
>recognition in peer-reviewed scientific publications.

Hi Brad,

Maybe the situation was more like that around 1600, where, behind  
all the discussion, ultimate authority was determined to 'burn at  
the stake' (Bruno) or threaten (Galileo) anyone who endangered  
the status quo.

That would mean the 'science establishment' would ignore or deny  
any real proof, no matter how compelling. Like those officials  
who refused to look through Galileo's telescope so they could  
continue to deny visible facts.

<http://csep10.phys.utk.edu/astr161/lect/history/galileo.html>

The history of science is littered with similar denials of proof;  
sometimes lasting for generations.

>It was then, in the late 70's that pursuant to NE's policy of  
>adhering to higher journalistic standards, Pratt compiled stacks  
>of investigative reports and transcript for every little UFO  
>story to be published, and many times the stories were deemed  
>too dull (too documented) and were not published at all. But  
>from 1981 to date NE has pursued a publishing policy of printing  
>outlandishly false stories of all types and that reputation is  
>projected back in time to the NE in the 70's when  
>that was not the case.

Thankfully, many of Bob's cases are archived and available:

[http://www.mufon.com/bob\\_pratt/index.html](http://www.mufon.com/bob_pratt/index.html)

and thankfully again maybe, most of us outside the US aren't  
familiar with the N.E past or present so we don't worry about it  
- we're reading Bob's stories.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Best Cases - Vallee's Poll Of UFO Groups

From: Paul Kimball <[TheRobieShark.nul](mailto:TheRobieShark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 2 Apr 2008 15:08:10 EDT  
Archived: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 06:23:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: Best Cases - Vallee's Poll Of UFO Groups

>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 07:36:17 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Best Cases - Vallee's Poll Of UFO Groups

>>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2008 21:16:45 +0100  
>>Subject: Best Cases - Vallee's Poll Of UFO Groups

<snip>

>I have been publishing 'best evidence' cases all my adult life,  
>and agree with Brad Sparks 100%. The skeptics seldom if ever  
>bother to look at hardcore UFO cases, and when some demand to  
>know the '10 best' or similar, I say how about the 100 (or  
>1,000) best.

>These debunkers who have usurped the honorable term of 'skeptic'  
>are mendacious and intellectually dishonest just as they have  
>been all along with the phony argument about the Air Force  
>having explained 95% of all cases in the U.S.

Dick:

Indeed. However, I would argue that just as bad have been those ufologists who have uncritically accepted the most outlandish cases as having some merit, or who continue to tout hoaxes as real, or who have made Roswell the defining case of the UFO phenomenon.

>I still challenge them to read The UFO Evidence, Volume II, if  
>they really want to study the best evidence, in full context.  
>Although I disagree with the consensus arrived at in Paul  
>Kimball's film, it would be another good place to start. The  
>point being that there are many hundreds of solid cases  
>available for study if the debunkers really wanted to do that.

Thanks. I agree about the UFO Evidence as well.

Several months ago, a young woman in her early 20s e-mailed me and said she was interested in UFOs, and exopolitics, and asked me where I thought she should start her research. Apropos of the above, I told her to ignore exopolitics, and start by trying to find, or buying, The UFO Evidence Vol. II (I prefer it to one, but that's a personal taste thing), Jerry Clark's UFO Encyclopedia, Jacques Vallee's Challenge to Science and Passport to Magonia, J. Allen Hynek's The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry, Greg Bishop's Project Beta, and Peter Sturrock's The UFO Enigma. I tell everyone who asks me the same thing.

Of course, I also told her to read Jim Moseley's Shockingly Close To The Truth, which I've found to be the best overview of ufology's weird and wacky history - always an important thing to know as well, and an interesting and entertaining bit of the overall picture.

In my experience, people will listen if you can get them one-on-one for even a few minutes, and know where to send them.

By the way - the young woman's name is Brittany Babakioff, she's from British Columbia, and she has a column in the next issue of Stuart Miller's Alien World's Magazine - always good to remember that new blood, and new perspectives, are important.

Best regards,

Paul

[www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com](http://www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com)  
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## Keyhoe And Hynek Family Contacts?

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Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2008 15:09:17 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 07:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Keyhoe And Hynek Family Contacts?

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

Listers,

PRG has two awards in archive for J. Allen Hynek and Donald E. Keyhoe.

I would very much like to present those awards to an appropriate member of their family.

Any assistance you can provide in connecting with a member of the Keyhoe and Hynek family would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,  
Steve Bassett

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## PRG Press Release - 4/3/08 - X-Conference 2008

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Subject: PRG Press Release - 4/3/08 - X-Conference 2008

Paradigm Research Group

April 3, 2008

Press Release  
X-Conference 2008 Documentaries

Washington, DC - PRG's upcoming X-Conference scheduled for April 18-20 at the Hilton Hotel in Gaithersburg, MD will feature four exceptional documentaries which have been nominated for or won numerous awards. Full conference information is available at: [www.x-conference.com](http://www.x-conference.com).

Three of these documentaries deal with the two most significant and challenging exopolitical issues which government must address sooner or later: 1) the continuing intrusion into the nation's airspace by craft of unknown origin for which the government offers no appropriate explanation, and 2) tens of thousands of detailed reports from citizens who claim direct interaction with non-human entities, assumed to be extraterrestrial, both welcome and unwelcome. The number of citizens in this circumstance is not known, but has been estimated to be large.

Relating to the first issue is the documentary *The Phoenix Lights* which recounts the collaborative effort between Lynne D. Kitei, M.D. (executive producer/director, author & a key witness) and it is based on the bestselling book, *The Phoenix Lights... A Skeptic's Discovery That We Are Not Alone*, in which 30 credible eyewitnesses, children, scientists, military, pilots and experts give compelling testimony to the reality of these mysterious global visitations.

Two documentaries address the second issue. Springing from the work of Dr. John Mack *Touched* is the personal exploration by Laurel Chiten into the lives and minds of alleged abductees, or experiencers, around the world, and of her path through skepticism, fear, insomnia, fascination, confusion that led to many questions. What happens when the unexplained intrudes into our lives, and how do lives and relationships respond when credulity is strained to a breaking point? This is the leading question she set out to explore. This is a film about the human experience about longing for connection and fear of separation.

*Odyssey* chronicles the intense personal journey of Santa Fean Joyce Libutti, an "ordinary" wife and mother whose profound and startling encounters with benevolent alien beings have transformed her life and motivated her to risk telling her story - and theirs - to the world.

The fourth documentary, *Staya Erusa*, is a challenging tour around the outer perimeter of human understanding. It is a road map to the territory outside the box of consensus thinking where the leaders of nations will have to go if they wish to understand the basis for the new realities that lie on the other side of Disclosure.

Media passes are available for reporters and documentarists. Two media rooms have been reserved.

There will be a post-event press conference on Monday, April 21 at 10 am in the Lisagor Room at the National Press Club, 13th Floor, 14th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC. Stephen Bassett along with other conference speakers will make a number of announcements. It is open to the public.

The Phoenix Lights - [www.thephoenixlights.net](http://www.thephoenixlights.net)  
Touched - [www.blinddogfilms.com](http://www.blinddogfilms.com)  
Odyssey - <http://joycelibutti.com>  
Staya Erusa - [www.stayaerusa.org](http://www.stayaerusa.org)

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 00:25:47 -0300  
Archived: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 07:29:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 13:23:06 -0600  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 13:47:57 -0300  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 10:11:31 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>>>From: John Greenewald <[john.nul](mailto:john.nul)>  
>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Mon, 31 Mar 2008 16:12:32 -0700  
>>>>Subject: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>>>The Black Vault Newsletter  
>>>>March 31, 2008

>>>>I am sending out this special newsletter, to tell you about a  
>>>>new case file that has been added to the Black Vault  
>>>>Encyclopedia Project.

>>>><http://tinyurl.com/34wssx>

>>>>At the end of last week, I was e-mailed a link to an alleged,  
>>>>new, 'alien autopsy' video that was supposedly put online, then  
>>>>quickly taken down. It was then added to YouTube recently, and  
>>>>I have archived it on The Black Vault for safekeeping and  
>>>>investigation.

>>><snip>

>>>>Please note, there is no evidence to this - my opinion only.  
>>>>Not making Allegations! :)

>>>>Also make sure you click on the discuss link, and let us know  
>>>>your thoughts on the video!

<snip>

>>I'm on dial-up and don't even try anymore to download videos but  
>>I did see some stills.

>>What I saw looked like an old man, perhaps in his late 80s. The  
>>cuts didn't look right. Standard is a "Y" cut both collarbones  
>>to sternum and strnum to pelvic. If I were John, I'd dump the  
>>thing. We don't want to get started on another AA type waste of  
>>download time.

>Don,

>I'm guessing the stills don't show the surgeon's hands. By  
>comparison my guess is the skull is about 5 inches wide. It

>didn't appear to be any wider then the length of the curved  
>needle-nose pliers the surgeon was using.

>All in all I don't think this 'alien' was more than 3 feet tall.

>Terry

You may be right Terry. I saw another still today that showed more of the body. However I'm not convinced this isn't some degenerate human body suffering from some debilitating disease, possibly a child suffering from progeria in its advanced stages. Perhaps it is just a hoax.

Don Ledger

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: Richard Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 17:18:14 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 08:05:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 09:57:52 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 10:11:31 -0600  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>My only clues to it's fakery is the way the surgeon seems to go  
>>out of his/her way to make it look real. Squeezing it, moving  
>>the body around, shifting the head etc. All this without  
>>actually examining it.

>>I could be wrong but if we did have an alien corpse, wouldn't we  
>>be more curious about the brain than the viscera?

>That positioning and repositioning is odd, but it does look like  
>the surgeon is checking for glands part of that time, lending,  
>to my mind, more to credibility than otherwise.

>The video, or what part we're shown, is focused exclusively in  
>incising the mid-torso but what if it's only a part and that it  
>is done cautiously in stages? This video could be only one stage  
>of the whole.

>In fact, the video ignores the reproductive organs, if there are  
>any, and that would, it seems, be another significant absence

>This surgeon, if this is real, would be only part of a team...  
>one would think of specialists. What we see might just be this  
>particular area of one specialist's specialty.

>What's important to keep in consideration, is that someone is  
>operating the UFOs. Someone with a bio-organic manifestation...  
>it would be safe to assume. To bank on such evidence as this  
>actually existing might not be near as far-fetched as some  
>seemingly would like to think.

This is an absolutely idiotic, utter waste of time and energy  
unless and until an identified and credible witness comes forth,  
reveals his background and credentials, and offers some modicum  
of evidence or documentation. Otherwise, I see no reason to waste  
even 30 seconds on this (which I have just done).

Dick

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## UFO Sighting 'No Hoax' Experts Say

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 09:05:00 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 09:05:00 -0400  
Subject: UFO Sighting 'No Hoax' Experts Say

Source: The Neighborhood Star - Tinley Park, Illinois, USA

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

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UFO Sighting 'No Hoax' Experts Say  
By Jason Freeman Correspondent

To this day, no one can say with any certainty what they were or where they were going.

Sure, there are theories.

The wing lights of a commercial airliner, flares tied to balloons, mistaken planets and even mass hallucination have been suggested as possible explanations for the sightings of three unidentified red lights that passed over the skies of Tinley Park in a rough V formation on the nights of Aug 21 and Oct 31 in 2004.

But Sam Maranto, state director for the Illinois Mutual UFO Network, doesn't put much credence into those theories.

"We're pretty well convinced that they were not hoaxes," he said. "It was something definitively unusual. We're not saying they were from outer space, but they certainly were non-conventional."

Maranto, along with UFO author Don Schmitt and Dr. Mark Rodeghier, director of the Center for UFO Studies, talked about the "Tinley Lights" phenomena as well as other local and national UFO cases this weekend in Tinley Park during a nine-hour UFO Symposium.

During Maranto's presentation, he played a video of the 2004 Tinley sighting that was shot by Crestwood resident T.J. Japcon.

"It was a perfectly clear night," he said. "The sky was crystal clear; not a cloud in the sky, and people were out in droves having block parties. On weekends, when people are out on nice days, you're going to have higher incidents of sightings."

Maranto fully rejects the theory that the lights were merely road flares tied to balloons.

"A 30-minute flare weighs a pound," he said. "Do you know how many balloons you'd need to take that thing off? Quite a bit - 32 regular balloons. Also, a flare burns at 3,000 degrees. What kind of moron would put an incendiary device in the sky? We would have found evidence of it."

"You would have been able to see smoke, but you don't see any in the footage," he added.

Most witnesses claim the three lights moved silently across the night sky in a V formation before suddenly winking out of sight,



said Maranto.

"This very well may be one craft," he said. "Very large, triangular, V-shaped craft, many miles long, have been reported. We're talking miles long. The interesting thing about (the Tinley Lights) is that they never break that configuration. They maintain that signature, at least that's what we've seen in the footage we've reviewed."

Participant Guy Richards, of Rockford, Ill., said many people who report seeing UFOs are regular people who have nothing to gain by going public.

"In the 30,000 documented observations of things in the sky, most people (who report them) are not foolish or trying to con you," he said. "They're ordinary people who have seen something, and they'd like to have somebody tell them it's OK or explain it to them. They're just looking for some closure."

Many symposium attendees, like one man who wished to remain anonymous, said the information discussed during the event was, at the very least, something to consider.

"It's different, that's for sure," he said. "I'm not sure what to make of all this. Most of that footage, I've never seen before."

Maranto said the Tinley Park case, which also included a sighting in 2005, will eventually become legendary in the UFO community.

"It takes a long time to compile all this stuff, but by the time we get done, the Tinley Park case will be one of the best documented mass sighting cases of all time, thanks to people in the community," he said.

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 05:11:13 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 09:05:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

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The face is symmetrical in feature. Brow ridges and chin are all well in proportion. Deformation is not that evenly distributed. I believe the subject to be "normal" to its supposed species... if it isn't a hoax. Where did you see the still?

JCH

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From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 08:12:26 EDT  
Archived: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 09:07:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Richard Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 17:18:14 -0500  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 09:57:52 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 10:11:31 -0600  
>>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>>My only clues to it's fakery is the way the surgeon seems to go  
>>>out of his/her way to make it look real. Squeezing it, moving  
>>>the body around, shifting the head etc. All this without  
>>>actually examining it.

>>>I could be wrong but if we did have an alien corpse, wouldn't we  
>>>be more curious about the brain than the viscera?

>>That positioning and repositioning is odd, but it does look like  
>>the surgeon is checking for glands part of that time, lending,  
>>to my mind, more to credibility than otherwise.

>>The video, or what part we're shown, is focused exclusively in  
>>incising the mid-torso but what if it's only a part and that it  
>>is done cautiously in stages? This video could be only one stage  
>>of the whole.

>>In fact, the video ignores the reproductive organs, if there are  
>>any, and that would, it seems, be another significant absence

>>This surgeon, if this is real, would be only part of a team...  
>>one would think of specialists. What we see might just be this  
>>particular area of one specialist's specialty.

>>What's important to keep in consideration, is that someone is  
>>operating the UFOs. Someone with a bio-organic manifestation...  
>>it would be safe to assume. To bank on such evidence as this  
>>actually existing might not be near as far-fetched as some  
>>seemingly would like to think.

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>Dick

Right on!

I, for one, wouldn't even waste my time waiting for a credible

witness.

This video looks like it was produced by 'Grasping At Straws Studios'.

The first bogus alien autopsy video made such an impact and money others have been chomping at the bit to come up with a gag as good. One thing you have to admit, the original Alien Autopsy vid was a marketing coup. Big ratings, big sales, and as one who studied to be a special effects producer, my hats off to the ingenuity.

Let's not let this get into another diversion from data and cases that we should be focusing our attention on.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 13:37:38 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 13:56:22 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Richard Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
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Good Afternoon All

I am in shock, I actually agree with something that Dick Hall has said!!

Without any kind of providence I put this down to a prank by students. Its been done before and no doubt it will be done again.

Regards

Sean  
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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.  
Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 08:47:56 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 14:00:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Richard Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 17:18:14 -0500  
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<snip>

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I agree, entirely. But the UFO community (whatever that really means) then divorces itself from information presented on the Internet that it doesn't validate or reject, which leaves it up to the global masses to reach their own conclusions. Santilli's AA "film" was ignored by most researchers and it is today one of the most recognizable images connected to the field, even though it has finally been shown to be a hoax.

There is precious little in the way of resources to investigate cases and perform historical research, but volunteers in the field continue to work at it, and there's no time to spend trying to debunk a lot of the nonsense on the Internet. But I also worry about the 'noise' level on the Internet and the point at which it becomes a factor in how research funds are allocated by the Entertainment industry, which currently funds most programming and keeps the subject near the surface.

There aren't any easy answers, I'm afraid. But simply ignoring the nonsense on the Internet, and promoted for whatever reason, may allow others to gain control of what ufology means to a vast majority of lurkers, and I think a number of "old school" researchers are already becoming separated from those who are addicted to the subject on the Internet.

Steve

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From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 05:54:19 -0700  
Archived: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 14:19:15 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 00:25:47 -0300  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2008 13:23:06 -0600  
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>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>possibly a child suffering from progeria in its advanced stages.  
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Hi, Don/List---

This is a hoax. Well done, but I was waiting for the "alien," about half way through this amusing little fraud to open its eyes suddenly, sit up, and calmly ask the "surgeon," "Hey, man! Just what the hell do you think you are you doing?"

Followed by a writhing cacophony of eerie, ear-splitting screams!  
(Well, one can hope, can't they?)

April Fools, I would guess. It sure would scare the heck out of small children, though, so I suggest these weird things be mass manufactured in China, and then marketed at Wal-Mart for Halloween fun!

Aaaaaggggh!!! ;^)

---Steve

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## Re: Keyhoe And Hynek Family Contacts?

From: **Stephen Peter Resta** <[SPR100.nul](mailto:SPR100.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 12:22:01 EDT  
Archived: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 06:49:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Keyhoe And Hynek Family Contacts?

>From: Stephen G. Bassett <[PRG.nul](mailto:PRG.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 02 Apr 2008 15:09:17 -0400  
>Subject: Keyhoe And Hynek Family Contacts?

>PRG  
>Paradigm Research Group

>PRG has two awards in archive for J. Allen Hynek and Donald E.  
>Keyhoe.

>I would very much like to present those awards to an appropriate  
>member of their family.

>Any assistance you can provide in connecting with a member of the  
>Keyhoe and Hynek family would be greatly appreciated.

Dr. James E. Lewis, psychologist knows the family well. While he, himself, would probably not participate, he may know of someone who will.

As I recall, Maj. Keyhoe, was Dr. Lewis' Great Uncle. It would be best if I provide his information directly to Stephen.

Stephen: Please contact me @ [spr100.nul](mailto:spr100.nul) if interested or call me @ 410-544-4927 X 8.

Stephen Peter Resta

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 14:17:58 -0300  
Archived: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 06:58:48 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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One of Victor Martinez's posts.

Don Ledger

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 14:13:47 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 07:01:32 -0400  
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>Without any kind of providence I put this down to a prank by  
>students. Its been done before and no doubt it will be done  
>again.

I trust that Sean meant "provenance", rather than "providence",  
unless we're taking this to a biblical level. <G>

From American Heritage Dictionary -

Provenance- 1) The history of the ownership of an object,  
especially when documented or authenticated. Used of artworks,  
antiques, and books.

2) The records or documents authenticating such an  
object or the history of its ownership.

Steve

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## Roswell UFO Festival July 3-6 2008

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 08:02:00 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 08:02:00 -0400  
Subject: Roswell UFO Festival July 3-6 2008

Source: PRNewswire - New York, New York, USA

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

03 Apr 2008

The Amazing Roswell UFO Festival is Scheduled for July 3-6, 2008

ROSWELL, N.M., April 3, 2008 /PRNewswire/ -- Uncover the mystery and help discover the truth at The Amazing Roswell UFO Festival. The City of Roswell invites UFO enthusiasts and skeptics alike to join in the celebration of one of the most debated incidents in history this July 3-6, 2008. The four-day event will feature guest speakers, authors, live entertainment, and family-friendly activities.

This year, the City of Roswell will be coordinating the annual festival, Roswell Mayor Sam LaGrone and the UFO Festival Committee are working to organize an event everyone can participate in: "This year, we want the festival to be all-inclusive. We invite everyone with an interest in UFOs, aliens and outer space to be a part of the festival as a presenter, a guest, or both," Mayor LaGrone said.

The City is expecting thousands of visitors during the festival and guests are encouraged to make travel arrangements early. Links to accommodations, an event schedule and more in-depth information about the festival can be found at the new festival website.

In early July, 1947, a mysterious object crashed on a ranch 30 miles north of Roswell. The Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) issued a statement claiming to have recovered a crashed "flying disk." An article ran on the front page of the Roswell Daily Record and the next day, RAAF changed its statement to say that the object was a weather balloon, not a flying disk as they previously reported. This revised statement sparked immediate controversy and has continued to be a topic of debate more than 60 years later.

During The Amazing Roswell UFO Festival, guests can visit alien attractions, attend lectures, book signings and help uncover the truth about one of the most infamous cover-ups in history. Those interested in participating in the festival as an official sponsor, presenter or vendor, please contact Renee Roach at 1-888-ROS-FEST. For more information about the festival, visit:

<http://www.UFOfestivalRoswell.com>

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From: Franklin D. Fields, Jr. Esq. <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 20:02:27 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 08:02:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

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>This is a hoax. Well done, but I was waiting for the 'alien',  
>about half way through this amusing little fraud...

It has been said before so I will let their words speak for me.

Those who have an excessive faith in their theories or in their  
ideas are not only poorly disposed to make discoveries, but they  
also make very poor observations."

-- Claude Bernard (1813-78) French physiologist, 1865

It is a popular delusion that the scientific enquirer is under  
an obligation not to go beyond generalization of observed  
facts... but anyone who is practically acquainted with  
scientific work is aware that those who refuse to go beyond the  
facts, rarely get as far.

--Thomas Henry Huxley (1825-95) English biologist

We see only what we know.



--Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832) German poet, dramatist

Research is to see what everybody else has seen, and to think  
what nobody else has thought.

--Albert Szent-Gy=F6rgi (1893-1986) U. S. biochemist

Please let us learn from history and not shut down something  
before it is fully examined.

Frank

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## UFO Could Be Top Secret Plane

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 08:06:43 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 08:06:43 -0400  
Subject: UFO Could Be Top Secret Plane

Source: The Grantham Journal - Lincolnshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/32ns9u>

19 March 2008

[Image]

UFO Could Be Top Secret Plane  
By Bob Hart

A new theory has emerged to explain strange lights seen over Great Gonerby - it could be a top secret American spyplane that might not even exist.

Last week the Journal reported on a UFO sighting over Saskatchewan, Canada, that was eerily similar to other sightings by Allan Spick, who lives in Great Gonerby.

Mike Repin was inspired to get in touch after seeing a drawing by Allan which was just like what he saw.

Now Luton man John Pacey has got in touch to let us know he thinks what was seen was a mysterious spyplane which officially does not even exist.

Spotters claim the triangular Aurora aircraft was built by the US Air Force to replace the aging Blackbird surveillance plane.

It is believed to be capable of speeds massively in excess of the sound barrier.

\*Have you seen mysterious lights in the sky? Do you think it's a mysterious spyplane that might not even exist? Contact us:

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[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 12:36:31 +0100  
Archived: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 09:05:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 14:13:47 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>I trust that Sean meant "provenance", rather than "providence",  
>unless we're taking this to a biblical level. <G>

Afternoon Steve, All

I am useless at spelling so when my email package suggests an  
alternative to a wrongly spelt word....

Well that's my excuse and I'm sticking to it <g>

Regards

Sean  
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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible  
Sean Jones  
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From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 08:41:17 EDT  
Archived: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 09:06:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 08:47:56 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Richard Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2008 17:18:14 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

<snip>

>>This is an absolutely idiotic, utter waste of time and energy  
>>unless and until an identified and credible witness comes forth,  
>>reveals his background and credentials, and offers some modicum  
>>of evidence or documentation. Otherwise, I see no reason to waste  
>>even 30 seconds on this (which I have just done).

>I agree, entirely. But the UFO community (whatever that really  
>means) then divorces itself from information presented on the  
>Internet that it doesn't validate or reject, which leaves it up  
>to the global masses to reach their own conclusions. Santilli's  
>AA 'film' was ignored by most researchers and it is today one of  
>the most recognizable images connected to the field, even though  
>it has finally been shown to be a hoax.

Hello Steven, List, All -

It is not true that Santilli's AA was ignored. When first  
presented to the public, there was a great deal of discussion  
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KRandle

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 06:29:31 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 10:10:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 08:41:17 EDT  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>The point is that discussion was held in many forums,  
>conclusions were drawn, and we then moved on.

Point well taken, Mr. Randle. But to base these condemnatory  
opinions of this video purely on that of the other is spurious.

It is like baselessly concluding there are no UFOs because of  
Adamski's incredible claims of them.

Of course, I'm certain there are those here that secretly would  
like to do just that.

JCH

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: Paul Imball <[therobieshark.nul](mailto:therobieshark.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 09:53:22 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 10:16:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
<Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 08:41:17 EDT  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

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>In my 1997 book, The Randle Report I explain why I concluded the  
>film was a fake way back then.

Kevin:

Indeed. Another example can be seen in Stan Friedman's book Top  
Secret/Majic, wherein he discussed - and dismissed - the AA film  
at pp. 195 - 208.

Now, if only Stan had been so discerning with MJ-12...

Best regards,

Paul

[www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com](http://www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com)  
[www.bestevidence.blogspot.com](http://www.bestevidence.blogspot.com)  
[www.redstarfilmtv.blogspot.com](http://www.redstarfilmtv.blogspot.com)

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From: Steven Kaeser <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 10:10:42 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 10:24:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 08:41:17 EDT  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

<snip>

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>conclusions were drawn, and we then moved on.

Hi Kevin,

My suggestion yesterday that the AA 'film' was shown to be a  
"hoax" resulted in my getting direct criticism from those who  
still believe in it, so there are still those who carry the  
banner high.

You are correct in that there was investigation at the  
beginning, and without any provenance the entire story fell  
apart and most researchers moved on - except for a few, who  
continued to try and find some factual basis for it. But if you  
go back to the posts following the initial showing in London, on  
May 5th of 1995, the majority of those interviewed when exiting  
the theatre announced it was a fake and pointed to facets in the  
'film', like the clock and coiled cord, and said that these were  
too new. These were knee-jerk reactions that later turned out to  
be wrong, but I found it quite interesting that so many  
conclusions were drawn so quickly with no actual research. There  
were also a number of hard core skeptics that kept the Listserv  
discussions going and for some this entire affair seemed to be a  
game of who can make who look like a fool.

I don't know if you were one of the researchers to get an early  
copy of the Autopsy sequence from Ray. Some groups were sent

promotional copies for their review prior to it airing on the FOX network (but after the May 5th showing), but without provenance there was little to be researched from their perspective.

I'm not aware of many US researchers who attended the London showing, but I'm sure there were a few.

Steve

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: **Joseph Girard** <[Lunarmoonbase2.nul](mailto:Lunarmoonbase2.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 11:35:44 EDT  
Archived: Sat, 05 Apr 2008 09:00:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

Members of this List seem to have a wide variety of opinons concerning this video. One member pointed out that until someone comes forward to provide more information about the origins of this footage, it should be ignored and discounted. I fully understand the logic behind that statement.

However, if this was footage that was smuggled out from some secret facility, revealing the source might cost the smuggler his life. I think most of us would be reluctant to come forward under such conditions.

The paradox, as it seems to me, is that if this footage is a hoax, then it cost the hoaxer a great deal of money... upwards of \$30K as I read on the site it was originally on. The alien seems skeletally correct and the detail is amazing.

What hoaxer is going to spend that much money on a practical joke and then not take credit for an outstanding fakerey? I've never even seen this much detail in the movies. This faker could be making millions in the special effects business and yet we have no idea who it is? Something doesn't smell quite right about that scenario.

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: **Michael Tarbell** <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 10:06:18 -0700  
Archived: Sat, 05 Apr 2008 09:03:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Franklin D. Fields, Jr. Esq. <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 20:02:27 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 05:54:19 -0700  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

<snip>

>>This is a hoax. Well done, but I was waiting for the 'alien',  
>>about half way through this amusing little fraud...

<snip>

>Please let us learn from history and not shut down something  
>before it is fully examined.

Frank,

This is a commendable sentiment, but do you seriously propose an in-depth investigation of every anonymous image and video submitted to the internet? That would completely overwhelm whatever resources are available for productive research. I think you would agree it is much easier to generate a hoax than to expose one.

Perhaps "hoax" is presumptuous at this point... a more appropriate label might be, Not Worth Chasing.

Mike

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: Joachim Koch <[lists.nul](mailto:lists.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 18:51:13 +0200  
Archived: Sat, 05 Apr 2008 09:15:36 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 08:41:17 EDT  
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>discussion about it among the researchers.

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Hello Kevin, List, All,

Many researchers paid much attention to the AA footage from the beginning and Kent Jeffrey was one of the first. He attended the initial presentation of the film in London.

I would like to remind you all of the International Roswell Initiative. It was founded by Joachim Koch (me), the late Hans-Juergen Kyborg and Kent Jeffrey. Hans and I had the idea to create an international declaration to release all information about UFOs held by governments. We met Kent, by chance, in Berlin, at that time he was a pilot for Delta Airlines.

We met in the lobby of the Berlin Hilton Hotel and after two hours of discussion the idea of the Roswell Declaration was born which later became one of the most successful grassroots efforts in Ufology. Kent was the one who wrote the words and opened the initiative in the US with all the connections he had. Finally it was signed by more than 20,000 individuals from everywhere, including two Apollo-Astronauts, many Scientists and people from every level of education. For the first time ever a document was signed by the three leading UFO organisations - CUFOS, FUFOR and MUFON. It was a time of excitement all over the world.

And just at the height of this initiative and its success - do you remember? - under pressure from so much public interest, the USAF issued its two "Case-Closed" reports after more than 30 years of absolute silence about the Roswell Case. And then the AA film was launched simultaneously - only to fool and to ridicule us all.

This is all history. As the International Roswell Initiative stated from the beginning when Kent returned home that Santilli's AA film was a hoax. Now it is a proven hoax. I did some research and issued a paper dealing with hexadactylism and the related syndromes which did not include the Progeria Syndrome. This was introduced by the so-called MUFON-CES group in Germany because they could not live with the fact that I was

first to issue a medical analysis. So the 'Patriarch' of this group, Mr. Illobrand von Ludwiger, asked a doctor from Munich University to write something about this very rare disease Progeria whose sufferers look completely different from the body in the film. Well...

When I updated my website recently I became aware of how many different 'AA Films' are to be found on YouTube. And then I became aware of the latest piece in this genre on April 1st - which some of you are wasting your time on.

First I thought: "Nice puppet!" and intended not to waste any words about it on this List, because it was so obviously a hoax. Being a surgeon myself, nothing in the video is professionally done except the puppet: the sloppy gloves, the total unprofessional handling of the puppet, the non-medical instruments - in fact these are do-it-yourself-instruments - the cruelly incompetent cutting of of the plasticine tissue - it is worth big laughter.

If you look around how the world is today - the truth about UFOs and their intelligent background will not be offered by humans to us, but from the alien intelligences themselves - some day.

Joachim Koch

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## Re: Roswell UFO Festival July 3-6 2008

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 20:15:54 +0000  
Archived: Sat, 05 Apr 2008 10:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Roswell UFO Festival July 3-6 2008

>Source: PRNewswire - New York, New York, USA

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

>03 Apr 2008

>The Amazing Roswell UFO Festival is Scheduled for July 3-6, 2008

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Wow! The City of Roswell has created a very neat website for this year's festival. Check it out. Be patient, it takes a while for the entire intro to run its course.

KK

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## ETs & Martyn Stubbs' Research

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 21:42:39 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 05 Apr 2008 10:20:00 -0400  
Subject: ETs & Martyn Stubbs' Research

Hello List,

I feel a bit slow, like a kid who's missed a few classes and is trying to catch up.

Reason is - have finally got round to seeing the complete 'Smoking Gun' video presentation by Martyn Stubbs.

Martyn Stubbs has changed everything.

The original is 90 minutes and has a long preamble (maybe why I hadn't got to it) but was so impressed that have traced YouTube versions (plus Netherlands just in case) so you can have 9 min shorts to choose from:

[www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#yu-tu](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#yu-tu)

So have had revise my opinions drastically, to add another entity to the two or three that we have to consider and to ponder deeply (but uselessly) on the 'dimensionality' of an entity that I'd thought was almost mundane - though extra-terrestrial.

Now have two urgent questions for anyone - preferably Mr Stubbs:

i) what significance do we attach to the fact that the largest entity (some miles across - a notched circle, with a distinctive motion) always seems to present a 'full-face' to the viewer? If it's true it might indicate a 'dimensional' extension (into our dimensions);

ii) are there any further clues about the real shape or materiality of the ultra-fast third kind of entity? (when they hang around to have a good look at a space capsule it seems they might tarry for as long as 1/60th of a second).

That's another reason I feel a bit slow.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Old Fallacies Are Hard To Break

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 05 Apr 2008 10:20:00 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 05 Apr 2008 10:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Old Fallacies Are Hard To Break

Source: The Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/56q8ul>

Friday, April 4, 2008

Old Fallacies Are Hard To Break  
Billy Cox

In 1969, one of journalism's leading lights, New York Times science editor Walter Sullivan, wrote an introduction to a UFO study that came to be known as the Condon Committee, or the University of Colorado Report. Endorsed by the National Academies of Science, it was trumpeted as an oracular pronouncement declaring that whatever UFOs were, they had nothing to do with extraterrestrials and no longer warranted serious study.

From the summit of the Fourth Estate, Sullivan acknowledged the forbidding nature of this 963-page tome. "There are sections here and there that most readers will find are technical and difficult to follow," he wrote. "They are easily skipped." No doubt Sullivan was confident that Dr. Edward Condon, who stated from the outset that he thought the project was bunk, had accurately portrayed the "easily skipped" technical material.

"Some people," Sullivan went on, correctly anticipating public resistance, "are suspicious of 'The Establishment', or resentful of what seems to them arrogant disregard by scientists of 'evidence' for the existence of UFOs."

Sullivan, who swallowed The Establishment version hook, line, and sinker, wanted to reassure readers that UFO incidents that couldn't be ascribed to hoaxes were mere marvels of the mind: "Anyone who reads this study will, I believe, lay it down with a new perspective on human values and limitations."

Thirty years later, somebody actually got around to reading the Colorado Report in its entirety, and it wasn't a journalist. It was Dr. Peter Sturrock, an award-winning astrophysicist and former director of the Center for Space Science and Astrophysics at Stanford.

Sturrock's reassessment of the Colorado Report was sponsored by Laurance Rockefeller, the billionaire philanthropist whose interest in UFOs prompted him to seek - and obtain - an audience with Bill and Hillary Clinton in 1995. Sturrock's team of scientists discovered that Condon's dismissive chapter summaries ignored, underplayed or outright misrepresented some of the most baffling aspects of the raw UFO data. Curious.

The panel's findings were published in 1999, in *The UFO Enigma: A New Review of the Physical Evidence*. But it wasn't just Sturrock's people who noticed the discrepancies. As early as 1970, the UFO Subcommittee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics warned that "not all conclusions

contained in the Report itself are fully reflected in Condon's summary."

The only reason for bringing this up now is that another very bright mind at The New York Times last week identified "belief" in UFOs as more proof that the "dumbing down of discourse" in America is producing a nation of paranoid dingbats and mouth-breathers. Columnist Nicholas Kristof, whose groundbreaking reporting from Darfur forced the world to confront yet another horrific spasm of African genocide, went on an otherwise well-reasoned rant about our poisoned intellectual climate.

Kristof alluded to this country's conspiracy-addled, anti-science epidemic before introducing an analogy increasingly strained by the weight of recent events. "Then there's this embarrassing fact about the United States in the 21st century: Americans are as likely to believe in flying saucers as in evolution. Depending on how the questions are asked, roughly 30 to 40 percent of Americans believe in each."

Why restrict that "embarrassing fact" to these shores? In 1999, the year Sturrock's analysis of the Condon whitewash was published, a team of French officials who once served with its Institute of Advanced Studies for National Defense produced a 90-page UFO review that came to be known as the COMETA Report.

COMETA concluded UFOs were likely under intelligent control, and it advocated an organized, strategic response - particularly with the United States - as future developments warranted.

And of course, last November in Washington, commercial and ex-military pilots joined aviation officials from Iran, the U.K., France, Belgium, Chile and Peru to lobby for a serious study into the phenomenon. Yet another embarrassing sailing along under international flags.

De Void can unwind this spool from now 'til sundown, like about how embarrassing it was for the military to send 10 jet fighters in pursuit of a UFO in January as it neared the Bush ranch in Texas. But it will do no good.

Ridiculing UFOs and people who "believe" in them is easy. Applying true skepticism - i.e., rigorously submitting one's own belief system to a set of conflicting facts - is hard work. And, in an age whose chaos screams for immediate transfusions of justice, there's not much time for re-adjusting a worldview.

But, in teeing off on the many gullibilities of the American people, it would be refreshing to see the commentariat employ less facile analogies than UFOs. For a change.

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## A Deeper Shade Of Black

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 19:15:56 -0500  
Archived: Sat, 05 Apr 2008 11:25:00 -0400  
Subject: A Deeper Shade Of Black

Hello Listers:

I wanted to let you know about a new article I published on my Web site about an - until now - 'unknown' military patch that an abductee named Linda Murphy saw during an abduction experience.

The title of the article is: 'A Deeper Shade of Black'

If you're interested, please click on the URL below:

[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats\\_New/Whats\\_new.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats_New/Whats_new.html)

Also, there is a brief mention of Errol and the UpDates List in that article as well as in the AMP piece at:

[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Resources/Monitoring\\_Study.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Resources/Monitoring_Study.html)

And, while I'm at it, my book review of Bruce Maccabee's 'Abduction In My Life' - for the MUFON Journal, a while back - is published at:

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Reviews/Reviews.html>

Scroll toward the bottom of that page to read it.

Thanks, and a good weekend to all -

Katharina  
[www.alienjigsaw.com](http://www.alienjigsaw.com)

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2008 09:26:14 EDT  
Archived: Sat, 05 Apr 2008 11:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Joseph Girard <[Lunarmoonbase2.nul](mailto:Lunarmoonbase2.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 11:35:44 EDT  
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\$30k? You're kidding right? You could have done this special effect for under \$100 in your own garage or bedroom. It's apparent to me that the public at large is so unfamiliar with the hobbyist in model making and special effects dabbling. Heck I've seen better detail in toy kits that were produced based on my own comic books. I've been in the licensing and toy industry for well over 20 years now and have seen sculptors of astounding quality do jobs on their kitchen tables in a matter of hours that rivaled Hollywood's best.

Matter of fact if you want to see some of Hollywood's best just follow the career of the master Rick Baker. I've forgotten how many awards he's received. He's won 6 Academy Awards for make up. He's been fooling audiences for over 30 years. You did hear of "The Exorcist" and "Men in Black"? Baker has given tips and classes to students for decades. Friends of mine in comics and film share their projects with me all the time. When companies option our comics for toy or film development they take our sketches or we do sketches that are turned into prototypes or full versions via sculptors of incredible talent. I get over 50 projects to review from colleagues every year. Some sculptors are still in high school and some live in near poverty in foreign countries trying to get a break in the larger industry. Silicone, injection molds, resin, even paper mache' are readily available to the special effects enthusiast for pennies on the dollar.

The modelling and special effects community of enthusiasts is huge. The work being done is brilliant and has been for the 30 years or more I've been involved in. As I write this I have a table full of models and sculpting material I'm futzing with

right now. Matter of fact I'm backlogged a half a year for design sketches and prototypes and I don't even do this full time. I'm a creator of properties and I usually hire or a company hires people to do this but I like to help ahead of time so I get what I want. Heck, the late sculptor Jim Faulks did a spectacular job on a ufo based comic book series of mine called The Monster Posse and he did four figures in a matter of days and won an award and he sold out of the model kits ( [www.monsterposse.com](http://www.monsterposse.com) ). The comic book series just got picked up again for film development and again more sculptors will be needed. He could have sculpted this with one arm tied behind his back.

The sheer volume of sculptors needed today has overwhelmed the industry. We have message boards aplenty and I'm proud to say that the neophyte sculptor has a great chance of making a good chunk of change if he or she has the talent! There are entire huge conventions of makeup and special effect professionals and enthusiasts and if I'm not mistaken several ufologists selling books and CDs used to attend these gatherings to sell their goods.

Friends and colleagues have been holding these types of conventions for decades and they're massive events nowadays. Often in the new realm of cosplay ( combination of costume and play ) people make their own costumes based on fictional or historical characters and show them off at conventions where thousands attend and these costumes are made at home by kids and parents and they are often of remarkable ingenuity to the point the costumers actually sign autographs and have fan clubs.

If you think it's big here you should see Japan. A friend of mine was so successful at developing his own conventions the government built him his own stadium to contain the weekend visitors to his shows featuring special effects, monsters, sci-fi. Talk 5 million convention goers a weekend and you can see why.

There is an entire global fandom of special effects and sci fi and it's easy and cheap for a neophyte to do a spectacular job at illusion.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2008 06:33:37 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Sat, 05 Apr 2008 12:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Joseph Girard <[Lunarmoonbase2.nul](mailto:Lunarmoonbase2.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>have no idea who it is? Something doesn't smell quite right  
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Higly astute surmise, Mr. Girard.

If I may, I would like to extend this to something that touches upon Mr. Hall's admirable work with the Rhendlesham Forest sightings. Mr. Hall, had the government/military expended early on the resources and asset usually brought to bear in similar cases and brought them to bear on personnel under security mandates, do you think you might have had the same impetus to investigate?

Such points as this, and the attempts needed to justify their closure (if obtainable) are important to knowing more about the conspiracy we know is there to hide the truth.

I believe a pattern is present in what is allowed out. I, for one believe determining that pattern means something.

It was in this spirit and with this intention I once asked here the question, if Bob Lazar had lied and misrepresented himself in his claims to have worked at the Groom Lake facility, why had he not been charged with forging false government documents when he produced that pay stub?

Not because I was a believer, but because this might touch on a black ops operation behind Lazar in ways reflecting back on such a "pattern".

I tried to make that clear but it still brought the house down.

In the same way, this possible hoax, because of its intricacy

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(as you describe,) begs of importance to determine what's behind it.

Innocent prank? I don't think so.

JCH

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## Re: Old Fallacies Are Hard To Break

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2008 08:18:39 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 08:36:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: Old Fallacies Are Hard To Break

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Date: Saturday, April 5, 2008 9:20:00 AM  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Old Fallacies Are Hard To Break

>Source: The Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/56q8ul>

>Friday, April 4, 2008

>Old Fallacies Are Hard To Break  
>Billy Cox

>In 1969, one of journalism's leading lights, New York Times  
>science editor Walter Sullivan, wrote an introduction to a UFO  
>study that came to be known as the Condon Committee, or the  
>University of Colorado Report. Endorsed by the National  
>Academies of Science, it was trumpeted as an oracular  
>pronouncement declaring that whatever UFOs were, they had  
>nothing to do with extraterrestrials and no longer warranted  
>serious study.

<snip>

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>and sinker, wanted to reassure readers that UFO incidents that  
>couldn't be ascribed to hoaxes were mere marvels of the mind:  
>"Anyone who reads this study will, I believe, lay it down with a  
>new perspective on human values and limitations."

Perhaps he did, Mr. Cox, but that would be oddly at variance  
with Mr. Sullivan's statements in his, We Are Not Alone, as to  
probabilities of contact and innate factors to ascribe to ET.

But that, around so many other unusual factors regarding this  
man (like how he could write an obit for James A. Van Allen who  
died on August 9, 2006 when he himself died, reputed in the same  
article in 1996) is just a few of the many pieces that don't fit  
quite together around both the Condon Report and those behind  
it... even those just writing its introductions.

I will say this about what I have learned of Walter Sullivan, a  
man who made excellent quality articles for his science readers  
out of manytimes confusing and overwritten technobabble, he  
would have been an unwilling accomplice to the outcome of what  
the Condon Report came to represent.

JCH

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2008 08:39:53 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 08:41:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 18:23:48 -0300  
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><http://www.stantonfriedman.com>

>for 5 years

>Lots of people don't want to be bothered with the facts.

Indeed, like a multiple amputee, deluded to being a star runner, pitcher and hitter for major league baseball, to escape acknowledging they can't be a good base.

JCH

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From: Sean Jones <[tedric.nul](mailto:tedric.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2008 17:02:14 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 08:41:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

Good Afternoon All

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Exactly the same has been said of the original AA <g>

Thirteen years on, it still stinks!

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.  
Sean Jones  
<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: **Franklin D. Fields, Jr.** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2008 14:45:49 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 09:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Michael Tarbell <[mtarbell.nul](mailto:mtarbell.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 10:06:18 -0700  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Franklin D. Fields, Jr. Esq. <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 20:02:27 -0400 (EDT)  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>>Date: Thu, 3 Apr 2008 05:54:19 -0700  
>>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

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>>>This is a hoax. Well done, but I was waiting for the 'alien',  
>>>about half way through this amusing little fraud...

><snip>

>>Please let us learn from history and not shut down something  
>>before it is fully examined.

>Frank,

>This is a commendable sentiment, but do you seriously propose an  
>in-depth investigation of every anonymous image and video  
>submitted to the internet? That would completely overwhelm  
>whatever resources are available for productive research. I  
>think you would agree it is much easier to generate a hoax than  
>to expose one.

>Perhaps "hoax" is presumptuous at this point... a more  
>appropriate label might be, Not Worth Chasing.

I like that categorization much better. It may not be worth  
chasing for you or others and that is okay.

However, let us not play the role of debunker and give it a  
"hoax" label before those interested in pursuing the matter  
develop additional information for analysis.

As Mr. Horak mentioned, this may be part of a "black operation"  
or part of some kind of Psyop. The film most certainly has  
relevance in that regard .

On another point, Mr. Koch's comments of "sloppy gloves", "the  
non-medical instruments", "do-it-your-self-instruments" and  
other similar points should be considered evidence of a hoax.

However, like all evidence it can be interpreted in more than  
one way. For example, it could be that whoever was performing  
the procedure was not a surgeon. The being/puppet was dead.

Was the "surgeon" a black operative who considered the being to  
be no more than an animal? Was it a low level science facility

worker who was just making a movie to get the story out? Hoax, Psyop, or real, at this point we just don't know. Some opinions are more creditable than others but still just opinions at this point.

Truly yours,

Frank

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Like, why would an autopsy on anything as extremely rare and important as an alien body be, apparently, carried out at room temperature? I would expect the room to be kept just above the freezing point, with a little breath showing from the surgeon, at least.

Eleanor White

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Source: PRWeb - Lanham, Maryland, USA

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2008/04/prweb831534.htm>

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Conference director Margie Kay said, "As a paranormal researcher, I am surprised at the number of UFO sightings and ghost activity reports that are coming in. It is almost like the movie Ghost Busters!" Kay gets reports on a daily basis now, compared to only a few per month just a year ago. This is what prompted Margie to hold the conference here since there is nothing similar that is convenient for KC area residents to get to. "It is time Kansas City had its own UFO and Paranormal event, and hopefully it will continue to grow each year. People need to know that this stuff is real and that more serious study is needed," she said.

Keynote speaker, nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman's topic is "Debunking UFO Debunkers." Friedman is an internationally known UFO researcher and was the first to write about the Roswell incident. Stanton has appeared on Larry King Live, the Discovery Channel, and the History Channel among others. Friedman will autograph books during the conference.

Lecturers include author, paranormal and UFO researcher and radio talk show host Margie Kay, authors Jason Offutt and Bill Hamilton, along with paranormal researcher Chris Brethwaite and UFO researcher Vince White. Topics include ghost hunting, strange stuff in the Midwest, near death experiences, extraterrestrial biological entities, and NASA's agenda with Mars.

A trade show will feature books, periodicals, and merchandise for shoppers.

Registrations must be made in advance due to limited seating. The cost is \$59 by May 1, and \$69 after May 1.



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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

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Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 02:21:20 +0000  
Archived: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 10:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2008 06:33:37 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Joseph Girard <[Lunarmoonbase2.nul](mailto:Lunarmoonbase2.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 4 Apr 2008 11:35:44 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

<snip>

>>The paradox, as it seems to me, is that if this footage is a  
>>hoax, then it cost the hoaxer a great deal of money... upwards  
>>of \$30K as I read on the site it was originally on. The alien  
>>seems skeletally correct and the detail is amazing.

>>What hoaxer is going to spend that much money on a practical  
>>oke and then not take credit for an outstanding fakerey? I've  
>>never even seen this much detail in the movies. This faker could  
>>be making millions in the special effects business and yet we  
>>have no idea who it is? Something doesn't smell quite right  
>>about that scenario.

>Higly astute surmise, Mr. Girard.

<snip>

>Innocent prank? I don't think so.

>JCH

Dear List:

What is really interesting about this discussion is that nobody  
seems to have read Phil Mantle's book. Some of the points  
raised in this List would be clarified in doing so.

KK

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## Evolution Of The Fortean Sourcebooks

From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 00:00:06 - 0700 (GMT - 07:00)  
Archived: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 10:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Evolution Of The Fortean Sourcebooks

'Pursuit' date unknown - between 1973 - 77?

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Evolution Of The Fortean Sourcebooks  
by William R. Corliss

Hopefully, most readers of Pursuit are already familiar with Strange Phenomena and the other Fortean sourcebooks I have published recently. I term these sourcebooks Fortean because in many ways they are extensions of Fort's work. They differ from Fort's books in that the original sources are usually reprinted completely and are categorized and indexed. Thus, although they lack Fort's humor and philosophy, the sourcebooks should be better research tools.

The Fortean sourcebooks espouse no cause; there are no attempts to prove the existence of UFOs, ancient astronauts, the Biblical Deluge, sea monsters, or anything else. One might think this would make the sourcebooks dull reading, but I believe the contrary is true. The original accounts of atmospheric phenomena, geological conundrums, and the discoveries of inexplicable artifacts of ancient man are intrinsically exciting because the eyewitnesses were often astounded or at least highly intrigued by what they saw.

The Making of a Fortean

For all these comparisons with Fort's efforts, it is rather ironical that my own Fortean proclivities (and therefore the sourcebooks themselves) did not begin with Charles Fort. Rather, the American geologist George McCreey Prince was the initial stimulus. One day in 1951, while browsing through a table of second - hand books in Berkeley, California, I came upon his Evolutionary Geology And The New Catastrophism. This was my first encounter with 'outlaw - science'; that is, systematic investigations that are ignored or rejected out of hand by organized science of the moment. Price had collected many facts that he claimed undermined conventional geology and supported catastrophic hypotheses such as the Biblical Deluge. Price and his small following worked contrary to the geological and biological philosophies set in motion by Lyell and Darwin.

Once my mind was adjusted to the heresy of it all, I quickly discovered the Crehore atom, the Drayson theory, and finally, in 1953, on a bookshelf at the University of Colorado library, the works of Charles Fort. It was all rather fortuitous. One has to be in the right place at the right time, because theories contrary to prevailing dogma rarely hit the mainstream of literature. It has always been this way - it is human nature - and it does not annoy me nearly as much as it does most Forteans. I believe that inertia and skepticism play important roles in science. Furthermore, it has been my experience that Forteans have sacred cows, too.

The foregoing aside has a purpose, for it betrays the fact that the sourcebooks have a different genesis than most Fortean literature.

To continue with the account of my discovery of the Fortean world, which I suspect is similar in emotional impact to that experienced by initiates in Rosicrucianism, Atlantism, etc.; I will testify that my first contacts with Fort were identical in psychic content to my first heady encounters with idealized Baconian science. It took but a short while for me to realize that honest science and honest Forteanism are one and the same.

Should not the true Fortean, who dogmatically warns Science that its dogmas will be replaced ultimately, also admit that even Forteanism may be but an ephemeral vision? Perhaps Forteanism's "suspended judgment" is a poor way to approach the real world. Dedication and conviction of individuals may play important roles in the way things work. To illustrate, Tennyson had the wounded Arthur say: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Such were my thoughts as I began to accumulate books and papers on the borderland of science during the 1960s. It was a Fortean collection in many respects, but it should be obvious by now that I cannot subscribe to the Fortean approach as the final solution. My collecting made a fine avocation, but I was led to the conclusion that something 'different' had to be done if any of the enigmas being regurgitated ad nauseum in the literature were ever to be understood. Almost everything, particularly the books, in my collection advocated one hypothesis or another. Many were the syntheses of carefully collected data. Each author saw the universe through his own particular set of glasses. It all made good reading but it was not getting us anywhere fast.

#### Setting Some Goals

Over and above all of the isms and dogmas are the data - the supreme arbiters, the facts that do not fit prevailing theories. The data is there all right. If there is one thing Fort did not get across well, it was an appreciation of the true extent of the anomalous data, the reat bulk of which still ticks away like a time bomb amidst dusty library shelves. Fortean data may represent only 0.001% of all nonfictional literature, but summed over the centuries this is still a great deal. My experience has been that Fort merely skimmed off some of the cream and not all of that either. Non only is the foreign literature largely untapped, but little has been done with the last 50 years of anomalies excepting for extensive files of newspaper clippings dealing mainly with UFOs and monsters. Truly revolutionary data that Fort never imagined may come from radio astronomy, the cell nucleus, and the offices of psychologists.

By 1972 I had decided that three things must be done if Fort's work was not to be in vain (I'm sure he didn't care if it was in vain or not):

1. The scope of the Fortean approach had to be broadened to include all areas of knowledge, in particular the life sciences.
2. The scientific community must be brought in, for only scientists are likely to come up with more answers than questions.
3. The older Fortean data had to be rescued quickly and organized into useful form for it was suffering attrition in the libraries. In addition, the post - Fort data (the last 50 years) had to be collected. (Due to the exponential growth of the literature, the last 50 years of Fortean data may far exceed all previous data, even though it is of lower concentration.)

Items 2 and 3 deserve some elaboration. One of my contentions is that Forteans by themselves may stimulate but cannot by themselves carry through scientific revolutions. Even individuals such as Velikovsky, van Daniken, and Wilhelm Reich have barely perturbed Science. I do not want to imply that the three gentlemen just mentioned are Forteans. Indeed, their advocacy makes them distinctly anti - Fortean. I merely wish to point out that even exciting hypotheses backed by some data will make little impression. Such challenges from without may even be counterproductive.

The third item in the list was stimulated by my observations in several large library systems. All data, particularly those from

the Nineteenth Century and earlier, are sinking rapidly out of sight. Not that the data are being destroyed outright, as were the writings in the Library of Alexandria and the temples of pre - Columbian America. They are just becoming unavailable. Libraries are increasingly expensive to operate, and the older books and journals are too expensive to place in modern information retrieval systems. In some libraries, books more than 10 years old are sold or stored somewhere where they are not available to the casual researcher. Soon, I am afraid, the only readily available data will be those that conventional wisdom has deemed worthy of indexing, cataloging, and computerizing. Is this not as effective as fire?

### The Sourcebook Idea

With the objectives presented above and the constraint that anything I did had to be financially self - sufficient, I could have done several useful things with the material at hand and in the large libraries within 75 miles of my office. Fortean data could have been collected and manipulated to create one or more of the following:

1. A comprehensive Fortean encyclopedia
2. A series of books written in a philosophical, stream - of - consciousness style, taking up where Fort left off
3. A large annotated bibliography
4. Regurgitations of the data in popular books
5. A Fortean handbook, organized by category rather than alphabetically, as in the encyclopedia approach
6. Sourcebooks that reproduced, organized, and indexed the essential Fortean literature.

I immediately eliminated possibilities 2 and 4 on the basis that they would be unlikely to influence the scientific community. The annotated bibliography held promise but was discarded because it would not provide researchers with raw material but only with annotations based on my personal prejudices. The encyclopedia idea was especially intriguing for I worked on McGraw - Hill's Encyclopedia of Science And Technology for many years. But who would provide the authoritative articles - on mistpouffers, say? In addition, a comprehensive encyclopedia would entail many volumes and would present a risky investment for a publisher. The handbook was discarded for identical reasons. (I believe that some day a handbook and/or encyclopedia of Forteana will be economically viable.) This process of elimination left me with the sourcebook approach.

It was a good choice. It was financially acceptable because I could start with a limited field, such as geophysics, and, with the ring - binder and categorized format, take a modest bite of that field. With some modicum of market success, additional volumes could be published and combined category - by - category with preceding material. Since most sourcebook material came from scientifically reputable sources, scientists could not object strenuously no matter how anomalous the data. (As it turned out, both Nature and Science recommended Strange Phenomena highly.) Perhaps most important of all, the sourcebook approach rescues and preserves those tidbits that Fort considered forever "damned".

The relatively favorable reception of Strange Phenomena across the entire spectrum from serious science to the occult suggests that Fortean data may not be damned forever. I hope that the sourcebooks will be a common denominator. In any event, the sourcebooks are fun to research and produce. And if I read Fort correctly, he enjoyed his researches, too. In fact, I am coming to believe that if you take Fort, the sourcebooks, or even organized science too seriously, their real import may vanish into thin air like the UFO and Loch Ness monster.

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Terry W. Colvin  
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## Re: A Deeper Shade Of Black

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 08:35:45 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 10:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: A Deeper Shade Of Black

>From: Katharina Wilson <[K\\_Wilson.nul](mailto:K_Wilson.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 19:15:56 -0500  
>Subject: A Deeper Shade Of Black

>I wanted to let you know about a new article I published on my  
>Web site about an - until now - 'unknown' military patch that an  
>abductee named Linda Murphy saw during an abduction experience.

>The title of the article is: 'A Deeper Shade of Black'

>If you're interested, please click on the URL below:

>[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats\\_New/Whats\\_new.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats_New/Whats_new.html)

>Also, there is a brief mention of Errol and the UpDates List in  
>that article as well as in the AMP piece at:

>[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Resources/Monitoring\\_Study.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Resources/Monitoring_Study.html)

>And, while I'm at it, my book review of Bruce Maccabee's  
>'Abduction In My Life' - for the MUFON Journal, a while back -  
>is published at:

><http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Reviews/Reviews.html>

>Scroll toward the bottom of that page to read it.

Thanks for publishing your review of my book. Few people have  
read it because most aren't even aware of it.

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## SDI #456 - Twenty Questions

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 08:48:53 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 12:12:12 -0400  
Subject: SDI #456 - Twenty Questions

SDI #456 - Twenty Questions

20 Questions plucked from hoary history and in glad redux, addressed. Things are now as they were then except that along with Errol Bruce-Knapp, Dave Furlotte, Nancy Talbot, Bill Chalker and Alfred Lehmborg, you are there:

1. Et tu, Edith Jensen? With the dodgy provenance of a "filler piece" about any paranormal phenomenon? A clueless tool?
2. Can the appellation "buff" be anything other than a condescension and an insult?
3. Does the term "CropCircle" deserve "sneer quotes" in an article regarding "buffs" of same?
4. What might Nancy Talbot's suggestion to Edith Jensen be if Ms. Jensen called Ms. Talbot a "CropCircle buff"?
5. Michael Pelani shows a genuinely sincere interest in Arizona CropCircles to be then ridiculed in the mainstream press for his sincerity?
6. Can the persons who hoax CropCircles remotely call themselves "artists"?
7. Are even the most complicated of the true CropCircles a result of a "natural" or unthinking phenomenon? Say, a result of the use of commercial fertilizer vis a vis a crop circle in a form related to a ...suggestion... of this type.
8. With regard to CropCircle investigators, does Dave Furlotte think Nancy Talbot employs the proper methodology? Does she incorporate the rules of science assiduously? Does he believe she distances herself from any "personal passions" regarding CropCircles?
9. Is there any 'there' there with regard to CropCircles?
10. Does the CropCircle research demonstrate a definite ufological component.
11. Does Ms. Nancy Talbot see that the research into CropCircles gets into peer reviewed journals? What are the assessments of those peers?
12. Are some CropCircles plants bronzed, glazed, or chromed with metallic meteor dust?
13. Does one measured CropCircle factor, of many, many, factors actually decrease the amount of the fallen meteor dust usually detected towards the center of the circle? Do the factors alluded to entirely rule out human involvement for some circles? Doesn't it take just one... and our pustule of ignorance is burst?
14. What heats meteor dust to a degree hot enough to liquefy it but doesn't burn the plants?

15. How can 10 micron iron spheres be taken for iron filings scattered by a debunker replete with getting a lettered scientist to admit he can't tell the difference, either? Science is shamed again.

16. What is the history of CropCircles?

17. How much science is really done in CropCircle research?

18. Has an entirely new type of energy been intimated by the CropCircle?

19. Does the soil in a CropCircle grow a more robust plant subsequently?

20. Are CropCircles letters under our door from conscious planet Earth?

Wow! 60 minutes remain of, quite simply, the finest UFO podcast on the planet, if I do say so myself. Nancy Talbot continues her startling update of validity not discredited over the long haul. Bill Chalker remains to discuss the analysis of some rather salaciously acquired DNA peculiar enough to be apart from anything on this planet, reader! Music from Tuuvaluu. Ironic rape. Fluid extraction. Big strong gals. Nipples bitten off! Not as weird as it sounds. No... weirder than it sounds.

Winding the show to its inexorable conclusion, Alfred Lehmborg achieves new levels of excessiveness with regard to the usual histrionics and ready exuberance! Repair to the toad all non-believers!

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## Brazilian Witness Did A Great Job

From: Milton Frank <[mfrank.nul](mailto:mfrank.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 12:28:11 -0300 (BRT)  
Archived: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 12:26:56 -0400  
Subject: Brazilian Witness Did A Great Job

Dear All,

This happened in Ilha Solteira in Brazil.

The witness, Diego Raphael, did a great job.

He wrote a report with several details and the place where he saw the lights.

He took several pictures of the lights and shot footage of the lights.

Now we have to study to figure out what those lights were.

Please check all the pictures and a 15 min video at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6fwxrg>

This is the Brazilian Ufology Center's web site and is safe.

All the best,

Milton Frank

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From: Paul Kimball <[therobieshark.nul](mailto:therobieshark.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 11:51:44 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 12:33:23 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Franklin D. Fields, Jr.<[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2008 14:45:49 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

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>As Mr. Horak mentioned, this may be part of a "black operation"  
>or part of some kind of Psyop. The film most certainly has  
>relevance in that regard .

This is one of the biggest problems with ufology - something comes along that is clearly a hoax, and rather than quickly consigning it to the dustbin and moving on to more productive (although usually less sensational) cases, some folks start speculating that, "well, yes, maybe it's not real, but it could be a black op" or a "psyop" or some such nonsense.

If that sentiment makes me a debunker, then it's a label I shall from hereon in wear with pride.  
Best regards,

Paul Kimball

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
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Archived: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 13:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>seems to have read Phil Mantle's book. Some of the points  
>raised in this List would be clarified in doing so.

Hi Kathy,

I'm not sure what has been said 'officially', and a book is due out later this summer with details, but Philip's current thoughts on the AA 'film' can be found at:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0308/game-over.html>

As this is Philip's story, I'm hesitant in posting the text, and I believe that Philip may have forwarded a notice of his article at the beginning of March.

Steve

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## Area Woman Garners Fame Since Reporting UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 13:32:00 -0400  
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Source: The News Reporter - Abilene, Texas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/4fq568>

Friday, April 4, 2008

Area Woman Garners Fame Since Seeing UFO

By Jane Pratt  
Reporter-News Correspondent

STEPHENVILLE -- Garnering international attention was the last thing on Angelia Joiner's mind when she interviewed Steve Allen on Jan. 8 and reported on UFO sightings in Erath County in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune.

But today, she still receives 30 to 40 e-mails daily from all over the world about the sightings, and she will be the guest speaker at two conferences on UFO's during the month of April.

Joiner will join eight other speakers during the 20th Annual Ozark UFO Conference that meets April 11-13 in Eureka Springs, Ark. Then, the next week, she will fly to Washington, D.C., where she will make a presentation during the Paradigm Research Group's conference from April 18-20.

The Ozark UFO Conference is an independent activity not affiliated with any local or national UFO organization that promotes information on UFO-related topics.

The Paradigm Research Group was established in 1996 by Stephen Bennett, a political activist and consultant. The group's Web site states that the purpose of the group is to promote ways to stop the government-imposed embargo on facts "surrounding extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race."

The title of Joiner's presentation is "The Good, The Bad And The Ugly Of UFO Reporting."

Joiner said the "good" part of UFO reporting is the number of new people she has met and old friendships that have been renewed when people she had lost touch with contacted her after seeing her on national television or reading about her in newspapers or on the Internet.

She said an artist who has designed T-shirts and special edition art cards is going to Washington to meet with her and television producer and journalist Linda Moulton Howe. She said some of the "bad" is simply trying to answer all the e-mail she receives.

She did not elaborate on the "ugly".

Steve Allen had started a Web site about the local UFO sightings but stepped up his efforts after Joiner left the local paper.

"He wanted me to have a place to write," Joiner said. "The first

day Stephenville Lights went on line was Feb. 10."

The site, [www.stephenvillelights.com](http://www.stephenvillelights.com), carries stories from Joiner and other writers who have an interest in UFO sightings. It also advertises T-shirts and special edition art cards designed by artist Mark Medford of Maine.

"This has been a real education," Joiner said. "Before I was pretty passive about UFOs. If I saw something on TV, I would think it was interesting, but I really didn't pay much attention. Now I have the UFO bug."

She does not know what the future holds for her. "Who knows? I may write a book," she said.

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 18:44:06 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 13:50:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Paul Kimball <[therobieshark.nul](mailto:therobieshark.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 11:51:44 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Franklin D. Fields, Jr.<[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 5 Apr 2008 14:45:49 -0400 (EDT)  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

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Stuart Miller  
Alien Worlds magazine  
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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: **Franklin D. Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 15:22:22 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Mon, 07 Apr 2008 07:03:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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Stuart,

I don't buy the argument that we don't have enough bandwidth to  
discuss this issue. If someone does not want to discuss or even  
read the traffic, a simple push on the delete key works.

I am not sure if you are familiar with Psyops but they are a  
reality and are used extensively by the military, governments,  
and even special interest groups. I am not or never have been an  
employee of a US intelligence service. I have been a US Military  
Officer and understand the workings of psychological operations.  
I might be a bit deluded but at least I am honest.

If this recent autopsy video is a fake, there are many reasons  
that it could have been created and if it is used to change  
opinion or somehow divide UFO researchers it may be part of a  
Psyop.

All I am after is the truth. I don't think personal attacks or  
ridicule are needed.

What you are doing by attempting to shut down or censor a  
healthy discussion is more akin to being deluded or on a  
payroll.

Best,

Frank

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: Paul Kimball <[therobieshark.nul](mailto:therobieshark.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 15:24:49 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 07 Apr 2008 07:06:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

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Stuart,

If this were a nail, you would have just hit it on the head. But in a 'field' where cases that were long thought buried continued to be bandied about by more than a few people, and any time that one looks shaky a charge of a government cover-up is levelled, is it any surprise to you? I participate from time to time on a message board where a raging debate is underway about the Billy Meier 'case'.

Billy Frakkin' Meier!

One of his supporters actually buys his explanation that all of his lies over the years are the work of the MIB!

In that kind of world, where people can actually believe something like that, any kind of stupidity is possible.

Paul

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## Hypnotherapy Sessions?

From: Diane Frola <[aufor06.nul](mailto:aufor06.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 07:38:44 +1000  
Archived: Mon, 07 Apr 2008 07:09:27 -0400  
Subject: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

Hi List

I know a few of you have placed Experiencers/Abductees under hypnosis to help them recount past memories of an event.

I am interested to know what is an acceptable time frame a person should be kept under hypnosis? 1-3, 8-10, 10-16 hours?

What are your thoughts on an 8 hour hypnotherapy session? How reliable would the information collected be after being under hypnosis for such a long time?

Warmest Regards,

Diane Frola

National Director  
The Australian UFO Research Network  
<http://www.aufor.com>  
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## 1954 Sightings?

From: David Iadevaia <[api.nul](mailto:api.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 16:37:55 -0700  
Archived: Mon, 07 Apr 2008 08:10:00 -0400  
Subject: 1954 Sightings?

Hi All,

Does anyone have any information regarding UFO sightings in the Lake Michigan area anytime during 1954?

Thanks,

David Iadevaia

Of Stranger Things  
<http://www.ofstrangerthings.com>  
<http://www.authorhouse.com/bookstore/ItemDetail.aspx?bookid=47835>

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2008 01:11:24 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Mon, 07 Apr 2008 08:15:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

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Amen to that Stuart Miller.

<snip>

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>years, we should not even be discussing this.

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I have been distantly following this thread and I am amazed -  
appalled - by the amount of bandwidth this has produced.

Even with the best supportive evidence, this thing should be  
handled with leaded asbestos equipment. Instead, ufologists  
stand naked on their knees waiting for the bitch dressed in  
leather to whip their behinds, murmuring: "I don't want to be a  
debunker."

I have slapped myself a couple of times in reading the posts,



thinking I was dreaming. Unfortunately, it was all too real.

My question: are we so much a bunch of losers?

<snip>

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Being one of the few interested in what could (have) be(en) the  
story of the year, I feel being called upon.

As the UN affair unfolded, I couldn't help but ask myself why it  
was creating so few ripples among ufologists.

The funny thing about it is that it was almost immediately  
rejected by the community without a second thought. The facts  
became soon twisted, history edited as we witnessed it. There  
was no court of appeal as faulty logic became the norm.

Just consider this:

1. A Source (unknown) reveals there has been a secret meeting on  
UFOS at the UN, hinting at the possibility of alien contact  
within the next decade. Reaction of the vast majority:  
skepticism. That was OK as skepticism is generally the way of  
sanity in this line of work.

2. Then comes this French guy who says, in essence: "I was not  
at this first meeting, but I got to this meeting the second day  
and it did not talk about aliens revealing themselves within a  
decade, but rather the main powers recognizing the reality of  
the UFO phenomenon within two years.

Most jumped to the conclusion that 2 denied 1, which it does not  
per se. And if 1 generated skepticism, belief became fashion for  
2. But, who cares, and for one of the few times since Lafayette,  
we saluted the French and their expeditive handling of an  
obvious hoax.

A couple of days later: the French guy is a patented BS-er and  
all this UN thing is forgotten in this last whisper: "I told you  
this was all BS."

But, wait a minute, if 2 denied 1 and 2 is now false, logic  
dictates that 1 might be true or that, at least, we are back to  
square one ! again, not on square 4!

I was expecting at least some ripples, considering the  
possibilities.

Never happened.

A credible ufologist came to me with the argument: "I should  
mention that I spoke with the Canadian representative at the  
Peaceful Uses of Space Meetings in Vienna in February. UFOs were  
not discussed there and she knew of no such meetings in New  
York."

My reply "Did you ask the Canadian representative if she has  
ever heard (in her career) of any UFO discussion at the UN?" was  
never answered.

This is not a criticism of this ufologist whom I have the  
highest respect for. I bring this to illustrate that we are all  
humans and that, if we tend to scratch where it itches, we also  
tend to flee when it stings or simply go away when there is  
nothing of interest to us.

My surprise was the general lack of interest, if not curiosity, for a case where things obviously didn't exactly add up.

Many question should have been asked:

- Who is this French guy really? Where does he come from? Why does he place himself in a situation where he will be obviously and very soon discredited?
- If the French guy discredits a story but happens to be a con man, shouldn't we reconsider the story?
- Who was the Source?
- Is it not possible that this whole affair could be a preemptive operation to fix all leaks in a future scheduled UN meeting on UFOs?

And so many other questions.

I was willing to explain the general lack of interest with some fatigue.

Considering the enthusiasm towards this #\$\$\$% alleged alien autopsy, I understand I was wrong.

If the UN story was a psyop operation and it failed, this alien autopsy seems to have hit the right buttons: leather, laces, steamy underwear and whips.

Vincent Boudreau

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## Ball Lightning References

From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 23:37:46 -0700 (GMT-07:00)  
Archived: Mon, 07 Apr 2008 08:15:00 -0400  
Subject: Ball Lightning References

I pulled these reference together in 1995.

Another not-well-understood natural phenomenon that contributes to the chaos and confusion of reported UFOs.

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After rummaging through books, magazines, clippings, etc. I've found a few more ball lightning references. These vary from the academic to the anecdotal.

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The creation of ball lightning by man-made devices is discussed in:

15. Ball Lightning and Plasmoids, Paul A. Silberg: Journal of Geophysical Research, vol. 67, p. 4941, 1962. Ball lightning as burning hydrocarbon is discussed in:

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The supposition in Nature is that it was ball lightning, but Flammarion, Thunder and Lightning, p. 68, says that it was enormous. Details in the American Meteorological Journal, 6-443 - Nov. 12, 1887 - British steamer Siberian - that the object had moved against the wind before retreating - that Captain Moore said that at about the same place he had seen such appearances before. Report of the British Association, 1861- 30: That, upon June 18, 1845, according to the Malta Times, from the brig \*Victoria\*, about 900 miles east of Adalia, Asia Minor (36 degrees, 40 minutes, 56 seconds, N. Lat.: 13 degrees, 44 minutes, 36 seconds E. Long.), three luminous bodies were seen to issue from the sea, at about half a mile from the vessel. They were visible about ten minutes.

2. As to what ball lightning is, we have not yet begun to make intelligent guesses. (\*Monthly Weather Review\*, 34-17.) In general, it seems to me that when we encounter the opposition [to] ball lightning we should pay little attention, but confine ourselves to guesses that are at least intelligent, that stand phantom-like in our way. We note here that in some of our acceptances upon intelligence we should more clearly have pointed out that they were upon the intelligent as opposed to the instinctive. In the Monthly Weather Review, 33-409, there is an account of ball lightning that struck a tree. It made a dent such as a falling object would make. Some other time I shall collect instances of ball lightning, to express that they are instances of objects that have fallen from the sky, luminously, exploding terrifically. So bewildered is the old orthodoxy by these phenomena that many scientists have either denied ball lightning or have considered it very doubtful. I refer to Dr. Sestier's list of one hundred and fifty instances, which he considered authentic.

[5] Flying Saucer Review, London, United Kingdom. 1. Vol. 10, No. 5, September-October 1964, pp. 14-15, A Note on Fireballs. 2. Vol. 14, No. 4, July-August 1968, p. 35, All Fireballs?. 3. Vol. 15, No. 1, January-February 1969, pp. 25-26, UFOs And Ball Lightning. 4. Vol. 18, No. 3, May-June 1972, pp. 23-24, Some thoughts on 'Thinking Globes'. I quote from the introductory paragraph of item [5]1.: Readers of Dr. Menzel's latest book, The World of Flying Saucers will recall that the author attempted to explain one mystery (UFOs) in terms of another (fireballs). It would seem that the latter subject has attracted as little scientific attention as the former. Indeed, if one takes a close look at the history of fireballs one is almost persuaded that their behaviour resembles that of the Foo Fighters of the 1939-1945 war. Even Dr. Menzel had to admit that scientists knew very little about fireballs, though he was prepared to invoke them as conventionalisations for flying saucers. The saucer student could equally well reverse the process and claim that what was known as a fireball in the past was in fact the flying saucer of today.

The 21 references in [3] above are the more academic while all else is anecdotal. While not exhaustive these references are some of the more unknown to most students of ball lightning. I'm sure other references exist in the specialty (a.k.a. fringe science) magazines; however, little to no indexing makes it difficult to find ball lightning stuff when mixed in with luminous, atmospheric, meteorological, and UFO phenomena. That will be the focus of my next search.

Addendum:

The International Fortean Organization (INFO) Journal, Winter 1995, Ball Lightning in the Wider Context by Hilary Evans, and Ball Lightning Reports: Percolation Vs. Interaction by Ron Westrum.

Three references were found in Pursuit, Journal of SITU [Society for the Investigation of The Unexplained], Vol 14, No 3, Whole 55, Third Quarter 1981, TESLA'S SECRET and the Soviet Tesla Weapons by Thomas E. Bearden (c), pp. 115 \* 118:

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Pursuit, SITU, Vol 17, No 2, Whole No 66, Second Quarter 1984, pp. 78 & 79. Solving The Mystery of Ball Lightning - a Military/Scientific Imperative by Harry Lebelson.

On 17 Sep 1995, TLC [The Learning Channel] broadcast an investigation of lightning called Electric Skies. About 5 to 7 minutes were given to ball lightning, including Robert K. Golka and his bank of submarine batteries. He succeeded in making many luminous balls during contact arcing with an upper size of a pea and perhaps lasting 4 to 5 seconds. Another fellow out[-]standing in a field with lightning all about stated BL and UFOs are often mistaken identities.

Terry

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 08:07:29 EDT  
Archived: Mon, 07 Apr 2008 09:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 15:22:22 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 18:44:06 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

><snip>

>>I can't take this anymore.

>>You're not supposed to be able to reach the end of a bottomless  
>>pit, but I think we may be doing it with this. And what a waste  
>>of bandwidth.

>>After everything that has happened in Ufology over the last 60  
>>years, we should not even be discussing this.

>>But ironically, there may be some merit in the "psyop" or black  
>>Os argument after all. Over the last few months since Vince  
>>White, James Horrack and Franklin Fields have started to speak  
>>out, I have been unable to discern the difference between their  
>>mumbo jumbo and the drivel offered by Victor Martinez, Linda  
>>Moulton Howe and Rick Doty. There are therefore just two  
>>possibilities; these three gentlemen are either utterly deluded  
>>or are paid employees of the US intelligence services.

>>It's probably the former but either way, I am losing the will to  
>>live.

>>BTW - How's that UN thing going for you guys?

>Stuart,

>I don't buy the argument that we don't have enough bandwidth to  
>discuss this issue. If someone does not want to discuss or even  
>read the traffic, a simple push on the delete key works.

>I am not sure if you are familiar with Psyops but they are a  
>reality and are used extensively by the military, governments,  
>and even special interest groups. I am not or never have been an  
>employee of a US intelligence service. I have been a US Military  
>Officer and understand the workings of psychological operations.  
>I might be a bit deluded but at least I am honest.

>If this recent autopsy video is a fake, there are many reasons  
>that it could have been created and if it is used to change  
>opinion or somehow divide UFO researchers it may be part of a  
>Psyop.

>All I am after is the truth. I don't think personal attacks or  
>ridicule are needed.

>What you are doing by attempting to shut down or censor a  
>healthy discussion is more akin to being deluded or on a

>payroll.

Like the joke goes, I went to a fight and a UFO discussion broke out.

Seriously, the main point about these alien autopsy and other such items is how easily it is to convince or fool the average human being. Illusion is a science and art form. As a kid I got so mad at being afraid of the classic "The Blob" I hit every book I could to study special effects and magic tricks. That led to studies in hypnosis, psychology, and other sciences of the mind and perception. I learned early on that we humans are natural born suckers and we just don't pay enough attention to things in order to avoid being scammed.

One's imagination is one's worse enemy if untrained. Add to that illiteracy and drugs and alcohol and worse, superstition and you've got a recipe for deception. All life forms use deception for defense, mating, predation. Camouflage being the most amazing. Squid, octopi, cuttlefish display remarkable abilities and even our best technologies can't match what Mother Nature gave these creatures.

From slight of hand to mind control we humans are catching up very fast. We've always participated in lying and conniving and forced beliefs via the threat of pain, death or ostracizing. Ask yourselves, do you believe the religion you do or the political and social views you have because you discovered them on your own or because you'd be kicked out of your group or beaten up if you didn't toe the line?

Fear of humiliation, ridicule are the most powerful of tools for animals but we're more than just animals. However, when you don't keep your levels of awareness above the crotch line you will fall for any nonsense.

The present technologies of deception and what we call magic are astounding to say the least. It behooves one to take some time and go to professional magic shop or special effects shop or website and see how the technologies involved are employed. Know your mind altering drugs not by ingesting them like a fool but their effects. Know the antidotes too.

Deception and control have and are big business. Audio deception is very powerful. Radio and TV use this tactic. I'm sure many of you are familiar with the term Subliminal Seduction. That's just one controversial technique.

Believe you me, there are far more and every day some smart guy comes up with something else.

Bottom line is, study the arts and sciences of deception or you end up being the effect of them as we can see throughout the history of Ufology.

The scariest fact is that 90+% of the people on this planet are under some measurement of behavior and mind control. Booze and dope don't help any and gossipy irresponsible journalism is the worst.

Best,

Greg  
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Subject: Re: Ball Lightning References

>From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 23:37:46 -0700 (GMT-07:00)  
>Subject: Ball Lightning References

>I pulled these reference together in 1995.

>Another not-well-understood natural phenomenon that contributes  
>to the chaos and confusion of reported UFOs.

<snip>

Wow! What a resource! Hats off to Terry Colvin!

I was just about to mention ball lightning but wanted to do some additional research on it and voila! Thanks again Terry!

In upstate NY, the Hudson Valley area, ball lightning is famous. It almost killed me twice and there are many a story regarding it.

When I was a wee lad about 4 years old ball lightning tore apart a tree in our front yard. Quite the spectacle and my mom who was generally fearless often spoke in hushes about the incident.

Later, in my mid 20's on a perfectly clear night ball lightning hit me dead in my face and neck area. I had just left a friend's house and this thing just manifested itself right before me in front of a witness mind you and it scared him more than me. It felt like it went through me and I went unconscious for a few seconds. I felt lighter and kept on going home. Too bad we didn't have doctors for that kind of thing because what it eventually did to me was created a disability I carried for years. I'd grown up listening to ball lightning stories and whatever I could dig up on it was sketchy and even the science volumes spoke in dread. Once, two pals of mine, toughest guys you'd ever want to meet got chased by ball lightning. Not only did they get chased the ball lightning returned to a perch in a tree! They tried to take pictures but no luck and the thing chased them again! Later the same spot a UFO incident was reported. Big cover up happened but I got there after some items were destroyed by the ball lightning and took some samples. Even had one of those MIB incidents occur. The cover up was that it was a transformer explosion but the head of the electric company was a friend of mine and he took me to the location and told me it wasn't a transformer. He told me this while some MIB types stood there and bald face lied to us not realizing the official they were supposed to get the story from was standing right there!

Lightning is no joke. Ball lightning is a phenom I think that comprises several things. They may appear to be intelligent but it could be nothing more than any number of electrical phenomena, however, the stories are quite amazing and it's a frequent nuisance where I grew up.

Best,

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### New Alien Autopsy Video And Will To Believe

From: Edward J O'Connell <[ejayo.nul](mailto:ejayo.nul)>  
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Archived: Mon, 07 Apr 2008 09:25:00 -0400  
Subject: New Alien Autopsy Video And Will To Believe

So I finally had to go and watch the video, and again, I'm almost struck dumb at the idea that anyone could think this was a real autopsy of a real alien. If we're going with the idea of humanoid aliens that look pretty much exactly like drawings from 40s pulps, then this one would have a brain the size of a chip monk.

Hard to see how a chip monk could develop a faster than light drive, but we'll let that go.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but this gelatinous sculpture is being cut up with an exacto knife? I may have the brand wrong, but it definitely looks like a hobbyist knife.

I can see paint, or airbrushing or some sort of wash on the face to help define the facial features - when you make these small sculptures out of lighter colored materials it's amazingly hard to see the details unless you paint the surface somehow.

When the guy manipulates the head, sort of opening the mouth, you can see that the head itself is a single piece of cast material; the jaw isn't articulated; the mouth distorts but doesn't open.

What would impress me? Peel back it's lips, tug open it's jaw, pull out it's tongue; remove the skin of it's face to reveal the criss-crossed bands of the dozens of muscles that create facial expression. What would this prove? Nothing. But it would have taken more work.

What would really impress me? Something that looked genuinely alien. Why anyone thinks a true alien would share our arrangement of facial features is beyond me.

I'm reminded of the first time I watched a Billy Meir video. I confess I'd been enamored of his beautiful photos. (So lovely to see so much detail and such focus in a UFO photo.) In it one can plainly see that a model is being swung about like a pendulum on some sort of fishing line. The defense of this video by Meir's supporters was flabbergasting.

Example video of small object being swung from a fishing pole in a circular path.

<http://tinyurl.com/6c7jos>

UTube, looking for footage, looking for photos, and I guess, that behavior of mine is why such images exist. We want to see these things. So people create the images. It's that simple. It's an attention economy. How many views can you get.

Afterward, show the video, the hits, and your working set-up as you try to get a job in Hollywood.

Or you could do it just for laughs. I have a friend who carefully photoshopped a photo of Martin Landau for hours, adding a pair of vulcan ears, crafting a story that the actor had been offered the role of Spock in the original Star Trek series and turned it down. Within days, geeks were arguing about

the photo, it's origin, with some fans concluding it could have happened, it might be possible.

After all who would go to the trouble of doing all that photoshop work?

This film is not psy ops. This is a troll. Modern UFO hoaxes don't come from the military industrial complex anymore; they come from the hollywood entertainment complex. They're CGI demo reels. Like Al Qaida, the US military started the work, but now talented amateurs carry on the tradition unstoppably. Forever.

Images and video without witnesses standing by them are as useful a form a proof as saying that a Hollywood film, 'really happened', and the director was in on it and filmed everything.

Cloverfield? That happened. The MIB erased everyones memories afterwards. Actually, this is the real explanation of 911. What, you fell for the 'terrorists' thing? It was Cthulu. Yeah, he's real too. Fiction? Lovecraft just translated the necronomicon? What, thats fake too?

Then why have so many people written about it?

You dupes of The Conspiracy.

Jay O'Connell

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## Re: 1954 Sightings?

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Subject: Re: 1954 Sightings?

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>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 16:37:55 -0700  
>Subject: 1954 Sightings?

>Does anyone have any information regarding UFO sightings in the  
>Lake Michigan area anytime during 1954?

Would a photographic case in Glen Lake, Michigan qualify?

July 15, 1954, 21:00 hours.

Regards,

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>supporters was flabbergasting.

Jay,

You may not be aware that Bruce Maccabee made an interesting finding from the video of that movie film segment. If it was a model UFO being swung back and forth over a tiny tree or model tree, the tree had to be some 50 ft away from the camera. This finding is at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/Meier/MeierPendulum.html>

scroll some 65% down.

When I repeated the exercise, I found that any such baby tree had to be approx. 38 ft away. Either way, the problems for any two-armed hoaxer to manage a model dangling from a 50ft. fishing pole seem insurmountable. It is a worthwhile exercise to construct a mere 20-ft pole and dangle a 1ft. wide object from it and see the problems involved in managing it, including getting it to stay absolutely still for 10 seconds; then extrapolate these problems to a 50ft. pole.

Hence, one needs to look at other aspects of that film also, one of which Bruce pointed out being that on one of the craft's maneuvers it passed just over the top of the tree, causing the uppermost 15% or so of the tree to suddenly swerve to the right and then just as quickly recover.

Should such 'details' simply be ignored?

If not, then in examining this and other of Meier's filmed events from the wider perspective, one may find the need to assume that his contacting aliens are intelligent enough and clever enough to be able to outsmart misguided ufologists while leaving something behind for negative skeptics to grasp hold of. Is this an assumption that's OK to discuss here? I believe most of us already understand that UFOs are capable of executing pendular motions as well falling-leaf type motions, etc.

Jim

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## Apparitions Accompany Argentine Saucer Waves

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Date: 04/06/08

<http://tinyurl.com/6eveq5>

Communities visited by strange entities in human shape

Strange Apparitions Accompany Saucer Waves  
By Sebastian Aranguren

In Valcheta, Rio Negro Province, between Bajos del Gualicho and Somuncur=El, there are those who claim to have seen an inexplicable light in the immensity of the desert, belonging to a lost city that emerges and vanishes, according to Luis Burgos.

The vast number of UFO cases recorded in Argentina, totaling 110 sightings since the start of the year, has opened the door to a singular number of ET- related phenomena which include, for example, strange characters that vanish and evaporate in the loneliness of the towns of the interior.

Ufological studies of these mysterious manifestations of "strange people=94, as defined by the locals who experience them, suggest that these fantastic manifestations of the UFO phenomenon are closely tied to the latest extraterrestrial developments.

Specialists who deal in these cases believe that the manifestations are usually contained within the small communities in which they occur, and therefore do not yield even larger case histories within a field that nonetheless acknowledges the presence of ghostly figures ascribed to alien entities.

Luis Burgos, director of the Fundacion Argentina de Ovnilogia (FAO), stresses that the subject isn=92t an easy one, as involvement in these cases implies crossing the swampy terrain that lies on the border between ufology and parapsychology. Burgos cautiously took on the challenge of stating the specifics of these manifestations, which always occur at lonely locations with few witnesses. The final result is a unique experience that may have various interpretations.

=94The explanation one can give these cases is that the fit into a collateral manifestation of the UFO phenomenon,=94 says Burgos, convinced that in order to venture into these cases "it is necessary to have the proper balance, as poorly grounded individuals could go off the deep end.=94

=46rom FAO=92s perspective, one of the most valuable cases consigned in local records and involving fantastic events that cannot be rationally explained, could be taking place right now in any town of the interior.

Burgos recalled that some 8 years ago, in the vicinity of Estancia La Esperanza, Gobernador Galvez, Province of Buenos Aires a young woman witnessed one of these cases: two alleged

teenagers, dressed in early 20th century farming clothes, crossed her path in an empty field.

Carolina, the protagonist of this story, gave FAO a detailed account when researchers delved into the case. She explained that the two teenagers =96 a male and a female =96 whom she was seeing for the first time, greeted her by name. When she turned around to ask where they knew her from, they had already vanished.

"There are many cases in ufology that involved contacts with humanlike entities clothed in archaic dress, as though they belonged to another time,=94 explains Burgos, not dismissing the possibility that this situation could be the result of a "breach in time.=94 The specialist does not dismiss the possibility of a "dimensional doorway=94, but adds that the known cases of "oddball humans=94 always occur within the framework of UFO manifestations. Therefore, it is "very feasible=94 that the current UFO flap will yield some of these experiences.

The 110 sightings catalogued by FAO in 2008 stress the possibility that fantastic experiences, such as Carolina=92s, may occur. To this day she still talks about the day that she crossed paths on her way to La Esperanza with "oddball people=94 having nothing to do with the town and probably not to the world as we know it.

#### Humanoids And Mysterious Cases

Ufology acknowledges several sidelines of the UFO phenomenon that somehow mark the presence of humanoid contact with Earth dwellers. These give rise to such bizarre events as the animal mutilations ascribed to the Chupacabras, imp-like beings similar to the ones from the SUPE neighborhood in Berisso, and even ghosts.

One of the stranger cases involves animal mutilations in the pastures of the heartland by a specimen still uncatalogued by human science or rather, by an entity that still remains unknown, aside from its red eyes glaring in the dark of the night, generally near the carcass of an eviscerated bovine.

#### The Nuns of Berisso and Suicide Dogs

When it comes to marking strange events linked to the UFO phenomenon, the FAO=92s records hold some unique cases that exemplify this connection rather well, such as the enigmatic presence of the so-called "Nuns=94 of Berisso, who caused surprise and shock to infrequent witnesses.

FAO=92s files make reference to them during an investigation performed in 1991, in after some workers in the Naval Workshop area of that community, located south of La Plata, allegedly saw entities clad in hooded garments =96 hence their description as "nuns=94 =96 moved around, causing wonder and fear of the unknown.

At that same site, and within the framework of this investigation, another "high-strangeness=94 characteristic ascribed to UFOs emerged. Three operators of the old electric power station facing the port of La Plata claimed seeing a strange creature running between the sheds. It stood no taller than 40 centimeters, but was robust and clad in green, military-type garments.

Prior to the manifestations of the "Nuns=94 and the creatures of the old power station in the SUPE neighborhood, FAO also recorded an intense UFO presence over the area which gave rise to a terrible situation: dozens of dogs leaped into the void from terraces and balconies, inexplicably committing suicide.

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## Re: Hoax Or Not?

From: Jim Deardorff <[deardorj.nul](mailto:deardorj.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 10:41:03 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 07:31:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hoax Or Not?

>From: Paul Kimball <[therobieshark.nul](mailto:therobieshark.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 06 Apr 2008 15:24:49 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 18:44:06 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>Stuart,

>If this were a nail, you would have just hit it on the head. But  
>in a 'field' where cases that were long thought buried continued  
>to be bandied about by more than a few people, and any time that  
>one looks shaky a charge of a government cover-up is levelled, is  
>it any surprise to you? I participate from time to time on a  
>message board where a raging debate is underway about the Billy  
>Meier 'case'.

>Billy Frakkin' Meier!

>One of his supporters actually buys his explanation that all of  
>his lies over the years are the work of the MIB!

>In that kind of world, where people can actually believe  
>something like that, any kind of stupidity is possible.

>Paul

Paul,

I wouldn't waste time on such a message board, as there are a lot of shrill voices there who apparently get all upset over all the supportive evidence favoring the reality of Meier's experiences. Michael Horn can have a field day with them if he's allowed on their list.

Concerning those "lies," as anyone knows who's looked into the case, Meier was told by a chief contactor (Ptaah) in the 1990's I believe it was, that some or all of his photos from his 5-day (1-day in our time) space trip back in July of 1975 had been subject to doctoring, in collaboration with some MIBs, by the fellow he had given the film to for developing. Meier believes Ptaah, of course, and so quickly disavowed those photos. However, you and I need not necessarily believe Ptaah. Is an ET obligated to tell a human the truth? Meier appears to have been very angry at the time that Ptaah had not informed him earlier. Well, all that and a lot more is in Meier's voluminous Contact Reports.

I trust I don't need to refer here to all the web sites that discuss Meier's photo and other evidence in detail, including my own. But email me if you'd be interested in viewing them. I find it very informative to study a list of 87 eye-witnesses who observed, and wrote about or were interviewed about, detailed events that indicate Meier is definitely a UFO contactee. Many of them know/knew Meier quite well and could vouch for his honesty and credibility. A witness's testimony is worth a lot

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more than that of a non-witness.

Jim Deardorff

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## Alleged Meteorite Crash In Colonia Baylina

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 13:08:54 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 08:15:00 -0400  
Subject: Alleged Meteorite Crash In Colonia Baylina

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Source: Diario AP Noticias - Villaguay, Entre Rios, Argentina

Date: 04/07/08

No Information Regarding the Alleged Meteorite Crash

Meteorite Fell in Colonia Baylina and was Seen Throughout the Region

Rumors have so far led to the belief that the "meteorite that fell in Colonia Baylina, Dept. of Colon, is located in the vicinity of the La Paulina ranch" but silence or denial have kept further information about this event from emerging.

Eyewitnesses to the extraordinary phenomenon have added details about what crossed the skies of Villaguay and the region. Aside from describing it as an immense red fireball underneath and sky blue on top, with a trail of small shiny particles like a tail, residents of the department have described smelling an odor resembling burnt wiring as the object went overhead.

One witness, Miguel Amoroto, currently president of the La Rocka Moto Club, described the event thus: "Last night we were traveling from San Salvador to Villaguay in a group of 13 people.

Shortly after 22:00 hours, we were passing the entrance to Villa Clara and at that time, the sky literally turned to daylight. We could see the continuation of the road, the fields, even some chicken coops in the horizon, right in the middle of the night. The phenomenon didn't last more than four seconds. [The sky] went from midnight blue and turned to sky blue (almost white) and then turned red for an instant, in the same way as some sunsets do, and suddenly turned off.

After this, we pulled over to the curb to discuss the experience we'd been through. Most of believe that this phenomenon took place east-southeast with regard to our position. We regretted not having traveled in the opposite direction, since this would have allowed us to see the events more clearly. After having discussed the occurrence for more than 4 minutes, and as we nearly got ready to resume the journey, a powerful explosion was felt in the atmosphere and on the surface. This enabled us to deduce that some meteorite was involved."

Some people confessed to feeling afraid and the majority was amazed at being able to witness something unknown that they may never see again in their lifetimes, given the distance at which it took place and the magnitude of the extraordinary phenomenon.

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## Strange Object Falls From Entre Rios Argentina Sky

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 13:27:20 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 08:15:00 -0400  
Subject: Strange Object Falls From Entre Rios Argentina Sky

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

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Source: C.E.I Enigmas =96 Parana, Argentina

Date: 04/07/08

Argentina: Strange Object Falls From The Sky in Entre Rios

On Sunday night, April 6, 2008 at around 22:00 hours (Argentinean time) a strange object fell near the center of the province of Entre Rios near the communities known as Villaguay and San Salvador.

According to locals, a powerful light was seen in the clear night skies, leaving in its wake a reddish-orange tail. A powerful explosion that caused the earth to shake was subsequently heard, and it even caused some windows to shatter.

The news media immediately stated that an immense meteorite was involved. This fact has not yet been confirmed.

The Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones Enigmas sent three of its researchers (a professional aviator among them) to fly over the San Salvador area, the region with the greatest likelihood of having been impacted by a significant chunk of the (still unidentified) object that fell from the sky.

Meanwhile, Raul Avellaneda, Director of the Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones Enigmas, told local and national media that "our Center remains cautious about stating the nature of the object, as there is still no physical evidence that would allow us to ascertain that it was indeed a meteorite."

He also added that there are other possibilities beyond the meteorite, adding: "While the greatest likelihood involves a meteorite, we are leaving a margin for the possibility of space junk being involved, similar to what fell recently in Goi=Elis, Brazil."

When consulted about the possibility that [the object] could be a spacecraft, he downplayed the possibility, while not discarding it. "For the moment we are dealing with an unidentified flying object (UFO) which is not synonymous with alien spacecraft, and in such a case we would be speaking in terms of a VED (Spanish for Guided Extrahuman Vehicle). For now it is a UFO, an unidentified object that has not even been located. Our Center prefers not to put forth any hypotheses until more specific elements are at hand."

This information shall be broadened in the Enigmas radio show on Tuesday as of 22:00 hours (Argentinean time) on FM 91.7 La Radio de Paran=El and also online at its website:

[www.losenigmas.com.ar](http://www.losenigmas.com.ar)



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## Re: A Deeper Shade Of Black

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2008 13:39:03 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 09:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: A Deeper Shade Of Black

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 08:35:45 -0400  
>Subject: Re: A Deeper Shade Of Black

>>From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 04 Apr 2008 19:15:56 -0500  
>>Subject: A Deeper Shade Of Black

>>I wanted to let you know about a new article I published on my  
>>Web site about an - until now - 'unknown' military patch that an  
>>abductee named Linda Murphy saw during an abduction experience.

>>The title of the article is: 'A Deeper Shade of Black'

>>If you're interested, please click on the URL below:

>>[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats\\_New/Whats\\_new.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats_New/Whats_new.html)

>>Also, there is a brief mention of Errol and the UpDates List in  
>>that article as well as in the AMP piece at:

>>[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Resources/Monitoring\\_Study.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Resources/Monitoring_Study.html)

>>And, while I'm at it, my book review of Bruce Maccabee's  
>>'Abduction In My Life' - for the MUFON Journal, a while back -  
>>is published at:

>><http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Reviews/Reviews.html>

>>Scroll toward the bottom of that page to read it.

>Thanks for publishing your review of my book. Few people have  
>read it because most aren't even aware of it.

Hi Bruce:

I'm happy to publish it on my site - I only wish I had done it a  
long time ago, but rebuilding the site was quite a job. I  
actually had to combine two sites into one.

I hope the review sparks more interest in your book. It is  
certainly worth having in one's library and as I said in the  
review, it is (still) a good book to give to people/friends  
who are on the fence about the UFO phenomenon in general.  
There's lots of great information in it.

Katharina

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## Questions On AA Investigations

From: **Franklin D. Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 14:59:06 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 09:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Questions On AA Investigations

A few questions to start may save bandwidth.

1. Do you believe UFOs may be real? If not delete this message now and save your limited brain bandwidth.
2. Do you believe UFOs may be controlled or flown by non-earth based entities or beings? If not delete this message now.
3. Do you believe that it is possible that the US Government or other groups/agencys have or may retrieve a crashed disc/craft? If not delete this message now.
4. Do you think an autopsy would be performed on beings that have or may be retrieved from a crashed disk? If not delete this message now.

If you have not deleted and are still reading, it would seem that it is prudent to examine and or discuss alleged or purported AA videos.

It is important not too become deluded and think every video is real. It is equally important not to become jaded or cynical and not watch or discuss those that become available.

The recent AA video is likely to be a fake or hoax. However, a serious investigator would want to examine all videos carefully in the event a real one comes out. The fact that fakes have surfaced does not preclude a real one.

A serious AA investigator would want to become knowledgeable about special effects and autopsy procedures. Watching and discussing fakes or hoaxes is a good way to understand and learn. Watching real autopsies is another way. Of course there are many other areas to study.

For those interested in starting the process, the link below is to a real human autopsy. Notice the "sloppy" blue gloves and the "non-medical" tree shear instrument used to cut the rib cage. Notice how the skin is quickly removed from the ribs. Warning it is hard on the stomach.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRAh3Qse-Us&feature=related>

Regards,

Frank

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## Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 07 Apr 2008 14:39:45 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 09:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>From: Diane Frola <[auforn06.nul](mailto:auforn06.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 07:38:44 +1000  
>Subject: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>Hi List

>I know a few of you have placed Experiencers/Abductees under  
>hypnosis to help them recount past memories of an event.

>I am interested to know what is an acceptable time frame a  
>person should be kept under hypnosis? 1-3, 8-10, 10-16 hours?

>What are your thoughts on an 8 hour hypnotherapy session? How  
>reliable would the information collected be after being under  
>hypnosis for such a long time?

Diane and List:

Although it has been 20 years since I underwent 'voluntary'  
hypnosis - see my on-line book - I remember how stressful it was  
and I have also seen how stressful it is for the person  
performing the hypnosis. I think an appropriate amount of time  
- from the choices you gave above - would be 1-3 hours.

I think any longer than this would probably leave the hypnotist  
or hypnotherapist open to mistakes, suggestions, or repeating  
questions to the point where the abductee might feel as though  
they didn't say what the therapist wanted to hear perhaps? 8-10  
or more hours is totally unacceptable, in my opinion.

Since we are on the subject, is there anyone - a medical doctor  
would probably be the only person legally qualified - but, is  
there anyone performing narco-hypnosis on abductees? That would  
be other than the MILAB people <smiles>

Katharina Wilson  
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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: **Stuart Miller** <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 20:56:39 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 10:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 15:22:22 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 18:44:06 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

><snip>

>>I can't take this anymore.

>>You're not supposed to be able to reach the end of a bottomless  
>>pit, but I think we may be doing it with this. And what a waste  
>>of bandwidth.

>>After everything that has happened in Ufology over the last 60  
>>years, we should not even be discussing this.

>>But ironically, there may be some merit in the "psyop" or black  
>>Os argument after all. Over the last few months since Vince  
>>White, James Horrack and Franklin Fields have started to speak  
>>out, I have been unable to discern the difference between their  
>>mumbo jumbo and the drivel offered by Victor Martinez, Linda  
>>Moulton Howe and Rick Doty. There are therefore just two  
>>possibilities; these three gentlemen are either utterly deluded  
>>or are paid employees of the US intelligence services.

>>It's probably the former but either way, I am losing the will to  
>>live.

>>BTW - How's that UN thing going for you guys?

>I don't buy the argument that we don't have enough bandwidth to  
>discuss this issue. If someone does not want to discuss or even  
>read the traffic, a simple push on the delete key works.

>I am not sure if you are familiar with Psyops but they are a  
>reality and are used extensively by the military, governments,  
>and even special interest groups. I am not or never have been an  
>employee of a US intelligence service. I have been a US Military  
>Officer and understand the workings of psychological operations.  
>I might be a bit deluded but at least I am honest.

>If this recent autopsy video is a fake, there are many reasons  
>that it could have been created and if it is used to change  
>opinion or somehow divide UFO researchers it may be part of a  
>Psyop.

>All I am after is the truth. I don't think personal attacks or  
>ridicule are needed.

>What you are doing by attempting to shut down or censor a  
>healthy discussion is more akin to being deluded or on a  
>payroll.



Hello Franklin

You did actually give me pause for thought here. I recall that on more than one occasion I have criticised List members who have aggressively shot down the thoughts and opinions of others, so arguably this makes me a bit of a hypocrite. However, on the last occasion this occurred, and I'm thinking of Mac Tonnies here, it involved someone who had intelligently reasoned and put together an alternative argument to the standard ufological fare and who in response was told that he was so open minded that his brains fell out through the holes.

I think that this scenario is a bit different to the situation you and your colleagues are in. You are not stepping forward with anything new at all. Indeed, the fact that you are proffering this kind of material suggests that you have either leaned nothing from the past or aren't aware of it.

Of course we all know here about the shenanigans of the US intelligence services but if this latest video is an example of their work, then it is of absolutely no interest to this List. For we have been subjected to this kind of garbage for decades and all it does is get in the way of the real issues, of getting to the resolution of what UFOs are, and while there may be some cultural or academic curiosity about the video, it isn't relevant to anything that really matters.

Furthermore, and if you know your recent history then you will understand, that material like this causes division and diversion. The fact that I alluded to the possibility that you might be gainfully employed by your government wasn't actually meant as an insult or a flippant observation; you are promoting interest in something that takes people's attention away from what really matters. As you are knowledgeable about disinformation tactics, then you will see where I'm coming from. At the very least Franklin, you are doing their work for them.

I'm sorry that I exploded as I did but the fact is that you and your friends have virtually had this List to yourselves for some time and if you had any insight, then you might have asked yourself why so few people are engaging with you. I commend my colleagues on this List for their inertia. I might have been better served following their example.

Stuart Miller  
Alien Worlds magazine  
<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

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## Re: 1954 Sightings?

From: David Iadevaia <[api.nul](mailto:api.nul)> <[api@dakotacom.net](mailto:api@dakotacom.net)>  
Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2008 08:16:58 -0700  
Archived: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 11:47:44 -0400  
Subject: Re: 1954 Sightings?

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 15:36:36 +0200 (CEST)  
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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 16:37:55 -0700  
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>Would a photographic case in Glen Lake, Michigan qualify?

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Yes it would.

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Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2008 18:33:11 +0200 (CEST)  
Archived: Wed, 09 Apr 2008 07:37:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: 1954 Sightings?

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Hi, Mr. Iadevaia and List:

There is some information on this case in the CRIFO Newsletter,  
No. 11, February 4, 1955, page 5. A slide was taken by a Jerry  
Leimenstoll.

If you live in the area or have contacts there perhaps you can  
follow it up, as I feel a fresh inquiry is required. If you  
cannot find this source locally, please write to me privately.

Best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos  
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## Re: Ball Lightning References

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2008 14:01:30 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 09 Apr 2008 07:38:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning References

>From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 23:37:46 -0700 (GMT-07:00)  
>Subject: Ball Lightning References

>I pulled these reference together in 1995.

>Another not-well-understood natural phenomenon that contributes  
>to the chaos and confusion of reported UFOs.

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>After rummaging through books, magazines, clippings, etc. I've  
>found a few more ball lightning references. These vary from the  
>academic to the anecdotal.

[1] Space-Time Transients and Unusual Events, 1977, by Michael  
snip

>20. Eyewitness Accounts of Kugelblitz, Edmond M. Dewan: CRD-25,  
>(Air Force

>Cambridge Research Laboratories) March, 1964. Account 4 concerns  
>a photograph taken by Robert J. Childerhose of the RCAF. The  
>description is found in the book by Klass, which is cited below.  
>The strange case in St. Petersburg, Florida is discussed in: 21.  
>Theory of the Lightning Balls and Its Application to the  
>Atmospheric Phenomenon Called Flying Saucers, Carl Benedicks:  
>Arkiv for Geofysik (Sweden), vol. 2, p. 1, 1954.

The Childerhose photo is shown along with analysis at:

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

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## Re: Questions On AA Investigations

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 15:32:24 -0300  
Archived: Wed, 09 Apr 2008 07:49:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Questions On AA Investigations

>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 14:59:06 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Questions On AA Investigations

>A few questions to start may save bandwidth.

>1. Do you believe UFOs may be real?

Real what, Frank? It ranks right up there with, 'Do you believe in UFOs?'

You are asking if a acronym which represents a group of words - Unidentified Flying Object - is real. Obviously it is because you can see it right here in my email. Here it is again UFOs. You should have, perhaps, started with question number two. Until you get straight with your use of the term UFO you will not get serious consideration on my part.

>If not delete this message now and save your limited brain >bandwidth.

Leading. Example: Are you still beating your wife?

>2. Do you believe [think some] UFOs may be controlled or flown >by non-earth based entities or beings? If not delete this >message now.

I suspect some might be. This means some [note I added the "think some" in question 2.] meaning that those UFOs that aren't later researched and identified [then IFOs] could qualify after all else has been eliminated as the prosaic and also including these few:

1) Secret government experimental non-conventional aircraft that they don't want anyone knowing about but go about flaunting them daily all over the world.

2) Religious incarnations

3) Cryptolizard human beings living in parrallel with us for thousands/millions of years.

I included the last three for those that buy into those scenarios.

>3. Do you believe that it is possible that the US Government or >other groups/agencys have or may retrieve a crashed disc/craft? >If not delete this message now.

>4. Do you think an autopsy would be performed on beings that >have or may be retrieved from a crashed disc?

Why a disc?

>If not delete this message now.

>If you have not deleted and are still reading, it would seem >that it is prudent to examine and or discuss alleged or >purported AA videos.

Why? Annoymous posts on YouTube are worthless. No backup, names or supporting structure. The only value that might derive from such and investigation and the attention of many to the video would be the advantage to some budding special effects student looking for a job in the movies.

>It is important not too become deluded and think every video is  
>real. It is equally important not to become jaded or cynical  
>and not watch or discuss those that become available.

You are mixing apples and oranges. AA videos and UFO reports.

>The recent AA video is likely to be a fake or hoax. However, a  
>serious investigator would want to examine all videos carefully  
>in the event a real one comes out.

Well I'm not serious about them for reasons of space right now. The 'experienced' [not serious - you can be serious and still be insane] investigator operates on that experience and gut feelings as well. They don't have time to chase every silly video that shows up on YouTube. As a researcher of the UFO phenomenon I just don't have time for this field. The heading on this List by the way is UFO UpDates not AA research.

>The fact that fakes have surfaced does not preclude a real one.

If experienced researchers rushed to view these fakes everytime they popped up there would be very little credibility in the field. Those willing to explore each one showing up on YouTube indicates only one who is a junkie for entertainment

>A serious AA investigator would want to become knowledgeable  
>about special effects and autopsy procedures.

Why? In this day and age even if one were genuine, who would believe it with the current state of the video and cinemattography arts and computer imagery?

No if it were to happen then it would have to be as a government press release, supporting documents with experts standing by and a sound explanation as to why it had been withheld if indeed it had been withheld. And that doesn't mean it has to be in the United States.

>Watching and discussing fakes or hoaxes is a good way to  
>understand and learn.

<snip>

Have you considered that many of us have learned over the last 20, 30 or 40 years-plus?

Lately many of us - even this List - have been taking flack because we don't kneejerk to the latest discovery on YouTube or some pronouncement of some secret meeting or evidence of some yet to happen disclosure. Much of this is New-Age stuff mixed in with Exopolitics with a penchant to accept any Wow-Factor announcement that comes down the pipe without reservation or investigation. To my mind it drives those who might be able to shed light on this phenomenon deeper into the background.

It gets tiresome re-inventing the wheel every two years or so whenever a new crop of gee-whiz kids shows up with the 'answers'.

Don Ledger

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## PRG Update - April 8, 2008

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <[PRG.nul](mailto:PRG.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 21:30:33 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 09 Apr 2008 08:22:18 -0400  
Subject: PRG Update - April 8, 2008

PRG  
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - April 8, 2008

X-Conference 2008  
[www.x-conference.com](http://www.x-conference.com)

The April 18-20 conference program is set:

Special Presentation: George Noory

Keynotes: Dr. Edgar Mitchell (main), Paul Hellyer (short),  
George Noory (short)

Speakers: Dr. Jesse Marcel; Dr. Tom Valone; Dr. John Alexander  
(Aviary); Dr. Bruce Maccabee (Aviary); Dr. C. B. "Scott" Jones  
(Aviary); Angelia Joiner; Robert Emenegger; Stephen Bassett;  
Grant Cameron; Richard Dolan; Victor Viggiani; Mike Bird; Rob  
Simone; and Terry Hansen.

Host: Cheryl Jones

Special Guests: Joseph Buchman (Utah 1st Congressional District  
candidate), Connie Fogal (Leader of the Canadian Action Party)

Artists: D. J. Bachman, Sonny Hale, Mark Medford, Betty Plummer  
and Melissa Reed.

Documentaries: "Touched" (Laurel Chiten), "Odyssey" (Joyce  
Libutti), "The Phoenix Lights" (Dr. Lynne Kitei), "Staya Erusa"  
(Uri Geller, et al.)

Press Conference: Monday, 10 am, April 21, National Press Club,  
Lisagor Room, 13th Floor, 14th and F Streets, NW, Washington,  
DC. Public welcome.

Info Tables at the X-Conference

There will be ample table space at the X-Conference for  
brochures and flyers. If you have some materials you would like  
set out, please mail them ASAP to: PRG, 4938 Hampden  
Lane, #161, Bethesda, MD 20814

Exopolitics World Network (EWN)  
[www.exopoliticsworld.net](http://www.exopoliticsworld.net)

The EWN is ready to formally launch. The announcement will be  
made at the April 21 NPC press conference. There are twelve  
active country sites with three pending. Webmasters, preferably  
in country, are being sought for the following nations:  
Argentina, Brazil, People's Republic of China, Egypt, Greece,  
India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands,  
Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, South Korea, Taiwan and  
Ukraine. The goal is to have 30 sites in the Network by the end  
of 2008.

The EWN is a group of sites, one per country, which focus on networking and covering exopolitical developments in that country.

PRG Speaking Schedule (Bassett)

[www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/speaking&eventschedule.html](http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/speaking&eventschedule.html)

Gaithersburg, MD - April 18-20

Bordentown, NJ - May 3-4

Roswell, NM - June 3-6

Montreal, Canada - July 11-20

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2008 10:59:47 +0200  
Archived: Wed, 09 Apr 2008 08:26:32 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 15:22:22 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 18:44:06 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

><snip>

>>I can't take this anymore.

>>You're not supposed to be able to reach the end of a bottomless  
>>pit, but I think we may be doing it with this. And what a waste  
>>of bandwidth.

>>After everything that has happened in Ufology over the last 60  
>>years, we should not even be discussing this.

>>But ironically, there may be some merit in the "psyop" or black  
>>Os argument after all. Over the last few months since Vince  
>>White, James Horrack and Franklin Fields have started to speak  
>>out, I have been unable to discern the difference between their  
>>mumbo jumbo and the drivel offered by Victor Martinez, Linda  
>>Moulton Howe and Rick Doty. There are therefore just two  
>>possibilities; these three gentlemen are either utterly deluded  
>>or are paid employees of the US intelligence services.

>>It's probably the former but either way, I am losing the will  
>>to live.

>>BTW - How's that UN thing going for you guys?

>I don't buy the argument that we don't have enough bandwidth to  
>discuss this issue. If someone does not want to discuss or even  
>read the traffic, a simple push on the delete key works.

>I am not sure if you are familiar with Psyops but they are a  
>reality and are used extensively by the military, governments,  
>and even special interest groups. I am not or never have been an  
>employee of a US intelligence service. I have been a US Military  
>Officer and understand the workings of psychological operations.  
>I might be a bit deluded but at least I am honest.

>If this recent autopsy video is a fake, there are many reasons  
>that it could have been created and if it is used to change  
>opinion or somehow divide UFO researchers it may be part of a  
>Psyop.

>All I am after is the truth. I don't think personal attacks or  
>ridicule are needed.

>What you are doing by attempting to shut down or censor a  
>healthy discussion is more akin to being deluded or on a  
>payroll.

Franklin,

I am among those who have remained silent in this debate, but I want at least to say that I am shocked by these insinuations made by Stuart Miller.

It's really too much!

That new film is an obvious fake, but questions remain: who made it, and for what purpose? It does not seem absurd to raise the possibility of yet another bad trick of disinformation.

BTW, I am still waiting for a beginning of proof by Santilli, Melaris and the sculptor Humphries that they shot the alien autopsy film of 1995.

A couple of well staged pictures, with them around the table and the body on it, would do. But I bet that we will never see that.

It does not mean either that the autopsy film is authentic, it just means that the origin of the film, and the real nature of the body, remain undecided. And, yes, the film jeopardized the Roswell initiative, and more than that: the GAO report; published shortly after, which was neglected in the process.

In France, sociologist Pierre Lagrange had the nerve to write in his articles that the GAO had approved the balloon explanation of the Air Force. And last year he had a new book, UFOs: What They Don't Want You To Know, which explains that the real debunkers are those who claim that there are UFO secrets!

My comment is that debunking is still alive and well. But there is a mounting trend around the world to ask for the end of secrecy.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: 1954 Sightings?

From: Peter Davenport <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2008 12:54:39 -0700  
Archived: Wed, 09 Apr 2008 08:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: 1954 Sightings?

>From: David Iadevaia <[api.nul](mailto:api.nul)> <[api.nul](mailto:api.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2008 08:16:58 -0700  
>Subject: Re: 1954 Sightings?

>>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 15:36:36 +0200 (CEST)  
>>Subject: Re: 1954 Sightings?

>>>From: David Iadevaia <[api.nul](mailto:api.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 16:37:55 -0700  
>>>Subject: 1954 Sightings?

>>>Does anyone have any information regarding UFO sightings in the  
>>>Lake Michigan area anytime during 1954?

>>Would a photographic case in Glen Lake, Michigan qualify?

>>July 15, 1954, 21:00 hours.

>Yes it would.

David,

May I ask what your interest is in the sightings from that month  
and year? Are you seeking information for a publication, please,  
or is there some other reason for your request?

I may be able to help.

Peter  
NUFORC

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 23:23:00 +0100  
Archived: Wed, 09 Apr 2008 08:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 20:56:39 +0100  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

<snip>

Hello Stuart, List,

>I'm sorry that I exploded as I did but the fact is that you and  
>your friends have virtually had this List to yourselves for some  
>time and if you had any insight, then you might have asked  
>yourself why so few people are engaging with you. I commend my  
>colleagues on this List for their inertia. I might have been  
>better served following their example.

I think Stuart's eloquent post said nearly everything that needs to be said on this subject. I would only add in amplification of his paragraph above that there is little, if any discussion about this on any other forum that I regularly browse (and some of them are well known for their high level of cranial exposure). Even some of the most ardent believers of the unbelievable have actually rejected it as a distraction.

Cheers,

Joe

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## Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 23:47:57 +0100  
Archived: Wed, 09 Apr 2008 08:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>From: Diane Frola <[aufor06.nul](mailto:aufor06.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 07:38:44 +1000  
>Subject: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

<snip>

>I am interested to know what is an acceptable time frame a  
>person should be kept under hypnosis? 1-3, 8-10, 10-16 hours?

My view is that unless there is an unambiguous clinical benefit  
for the patient, which can be satisfied under proper medical  
supervision, the answer is '\_zero\_'.

It seems to me that the use of regression on witnesses has  
become a form of entertainment, and is more likely to aggravate  
rather than help the witness/patient. It's about time ufologists  
concerned themselves more with witness welfare than gaining  
notoriety as 'abduction experts'. This view isn't new, and has  
been debated on-list in the past, I am simply responding to the  
question and not attempting to revitalise the debate.

Cheers,

Joe

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## UFO Spotted Above Alice

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 09 Apr 2008 08:54:25 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 09 Apr 2008 08:54:25 -0400  
Subject: UFO Spotted Above Alice

Source: KIII-TV - Corpus Christi, Texas, USA

<http://www.kiiity.com/home/17402674.html>

Apr 8, 2008

UFO Spotted Above Alice  
Manuel De La Rosa

ALICE--One lady says she saw something very unusual in the sky last night near her home. The woman believes it was a UFO, so she called Three News to investigate it.

We have received several calls about UFO's ever since we aired a special report in February. This woman said she was a non-believer, but after last night's encounter, she's now a believer.

Here in the Rancho Allegre neighborhood in Alice located off of State Highway 281 and 44, an Alice resident said she saw something in the sky, while doing her laundry on Monday night. So she grabbed a camera phone and took a picture.

She said this is what came out. On the horizon, she saw this bright light hovering with what seemed to be a reflection below it. Seconds later, she said it disappeared totally.

The woman wants to remain anonymous, but believes it may have been something other than just a bright light.

"It's possible it could be," said the woman. Off camera: could be? It could be a UFO. We don't know."

The woman said people who have spoken with her present two theories. Either it's a full-moon or an airplane flying over the area, but there was no full-moon Monday night.

"I don't think that's possible for either one of those," the woman said. "It's definitely something, I don't what it is myself."

When this woman went to work, she said it was the talk around the water cooler.

"Some are still not believers, though," the woman said. "Some think it's light, but they don't think it's a UFO."

This 3 News viewer said she's definitely curious over what she saw over the sky here in Rancho Allegre. She wants someone to investigate this sighting to see if it was, in fact, a UFO.

'Well, I would like someone to investigate it definitely because now I'm curious," said the woman. "I want to know."

So she plans to call one of the groups to find out if this was something out of this world.

--Manuel De La Rosa  
Area 3 News  
[mdelarsoa.nul](mailto:mdelarsoa.nul)

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## UFOs Are Real Lecturer Claims

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 06:57:10 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 06:57:10 -0400  
Subject: UFOs Are Real Lecturer Claims

Source: The Hays Daily News - Kansas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/6bz7pt>

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UFOs Are Real Lecturer Claims  
By Will Manly  
[will.nul](mailto:will.nul)

A guest lecturer in town this week intends to confirm beyond any reasonable doubt that unidentified flying objects do, in fact, exist.

They take a particular interest in nuclear missile sites, Robert Hastings says.

Hastings is a speaker who says he will use interviews with highly credible former military personnel and declassified government documents obtained via the Freedom of Information Act to prove the existence of UFOs.

"UFOs are real. Their technology is better than ours," Hastings said, quite bluntly, in an interview. "We're dealing with visitations from somebody."

Those visitations, Hastings said, occur near nuclear missile launch sites at an alarmingly frequent rate.

And he said he's visited with multiple retired Air Force personnel who related to him a chillingly similar tale: That of a flying saucer appearing over nuclear launch sites, hovering for several moments, and then, mysteriously, the launch site's missiles activating without authorization from authorities. In each case, the missiles were immediately powered down by military personnel.

"If you have 100 former launch officers who are saying, 'There are flying saucers that have hovered over our nukes,' That obviously is a front-page story," Hastings said. "You have to ask yourself why 100 people who had their finger on the button are suddenly going crazy."

"Long story short, there's some very strange and spooky things going on at the missile sites," Hastings said.

The interviews he's conducted and the documents he's reviewed will be presented at Hastings' lecture in Hays, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Cody Commons of Fort Hays State University's Memorial Union. The event is free to the public.

Hastings began UFO research after an incident in 1967. His dad was in the Air Force, stationed at Malmstrom Air Base, near Great Falls, Mont. And Hastings was a kid working a part-time job as a janitor at the base when, one night while he was

sweeping up in an air traffic control tower, he witnessed something that made the controller extremely nervous.

Five UFOs were tracked on radar for several minutes, Hastings said. Air Force interceptor jets were scrambled to meet them. As the jets closed in, the UFOs skeedadled -- at a rate so fast they could not have possibly been of this world.

Since, Hastings said, he has researched constantly. He has conducted interviews, reviewed documents, and shared his findings in more than 500 lectures. And he says he tries not to persuade audiences of anything he can't back up with evidence.

"I'm very nuts and bolts in my approach. I just let the documents and the retired Air Force personnel do the talking," Hastings said.

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## Would We Know If Contact Happened?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 07:10:32 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 07:10:32 -0400  
Subject: Would We Know If Contact Happened?

Source: SETI.Com Blog - USA

<http://www.seti.com/blog/contact>

Friday, April 04

Contact: Would We Know If It Happened?  
by Mac Tonnies

Forgive my cynicism, but I have to ask: If we received an irrefutable ET signal, would the public ever know?

Suppose it happened tomorrow: Radio astronomers detect an intelligently crafted burst of data lurking in the interstellar noise. According to international SETI protocol, the receipt of such a signal, once verified, would be disseminated among the astronomical community and made public. Indeed, international cooperation might be necessary in order to distinguish a legitimate alien signal from any number of phenomena capable of generating false alarms.

SETI's disclosure scenario only makes sense if the signal in question is of no strategic importance. But, in reality, we have no way of anticipating what an alien intelligence might choose to send us. While many scientists find the prospects of interstellar hate mail slim, we can't immediately rule out the existence of malevolent ETs or cosmic "spam."

A transmitting civilization wouldn't even have to be hostile to pose grave threats to SETI's promise of prompt dissemination. For example, a radio-frequency communique might contain data pertaining to a relatively near-term celestial threat such as an impending supernova. In effect, our first signal might prove to be a warning from a galactic emergency broadcast system. While the motive behind the message might be perfectly benign, the effect on our society could prove debilitating.

Which begs the question: How do we distinguish between the sort of lofty, abstract dialogue immortalized by Carl Sagan and less palatable alternatives? More pressingly, how do we make such a determination within a reasonable time-frame?

The arrival of an extraterrestrial signal would almost certainly be fraught with some degree of bureaucratic interference, and it would be the height of naivety to expect the national security establishment to content itself with idle observation of the proceedings. At some point during the decryption of a candidate signal someone is bound to intervene. If the message seems at all intriguing, I can't help but envision the discovery going underground at least until sufficiently analyzed. (One naturally wonders if the public announcement of an ET transmission would represent the whole signal or a "sanitized" remix.)

Lest my concerns seem like so much X-Files paranoia, it's worth considering some of the reasons an ET intelligence might

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send us a message in the first place. Perhaps, as noted, we're due to experience an unforeseen "existential threat" via gamma radiation or the close approach of an uncharted black hole. Or we may be in the line of fire of someone else's war. More extravagantly, we might discover that our section of the galaxy is scheduled for demolition in order to make room for an astro-engineering project -- in which case our stellar landlords could be sending out a most unwelcome eviction notice (albeit one we can postpone heeding for a few thousand years).

The threats above may seem reassuringly distant to citizens of the West, but the governments of less-developed regions might see things quite differently. While our ET neighbors might be able to take a long-range view, we can scarcely say the same for our own species.

Ultimately, would nation states elect to gamble with their respective economies and socio-political agendas for the sake of imparting knowledge of no apparent practical consequence?

I think the answer is no.

[Several comments follow Mac's post--ebk]

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## If ET Calls Would We Be Told?

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Archived: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 07:16:04 -0400  
Subject: If ET Calls Would We Be Told?

Source: Universe Today - Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/6lpk2m>

April 7th, 2008

If ET Calls, Would We Be Told?  
by Nancy Atkinson

If a verified message from aliens is ever received, would the public be told about it? SETI =96 the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence - does have an international protocol that if an alien signal is ever received, it would be disseminated among the astronomical community and made public. And of course, says Mac Tonnies at the SETI Blog, "international cooperation might be necessary in order to distinguish a legitimate alien signal from any number of phenomena capable of generating false alarms." But what if the signal is more than just extra-terrestrials saying hello? Tonnies believes SETI's plans for full disclosure only makes sense if the message is fairly benign. If the signal was a notice of impending doom from a black hole, supernova, or alien invasion =96 something we on Earth had little power to do anything about =96 Tonnies questions whether governments would choose to make such information public. But could something of this magnitude really be kept under wraps?

Frankly, I hadn't really considered this scenario. When I think about SETI and the possibility of communication with an alien species, I envision, perhaps naively, what Tonnies calls the "lofty, abstract dialogue immortalized by Carl Sagan." But of course, we have no idea of what any alien intelligence would like to say to us. If it was bad news, would governments of the world elect to withhold the information from the public?

Intrigued by Tonnies' blog post, I contacted him to ask that question.

"I think it's a very real possibility that generally goes unspoken," said Tonnies, an author, essayist and blogger. "In the event of a bona fide signal, the public may only be made privy to part of it. It depends on the content and context of the message."

Tonnies questions whether governments would elect to gamble with their respective economies and socio-political agendas for the sake of imparting knowledge that might only cause mayhem.

But wouldn't governments want the people of the world to know so that intellectual resources could be pooled to try to find a solution to the problem? And what about the concept of an alien message bringing the world together?

"I think uniting the people of the world is the last thing governments want," said Tonnies. "A rush to counter some cosmic threat is likely to have a war-time character, at least among

scientists. And this is assuming that the threat we're being warned about is something that can be acted upon with the technology available to us. If we happen across a generic warning, there's no promise we'll have the savvy to do anything about it given our level of development. If that's the case, why would we expect prompt disclosure?"

Logically, however, it seems unlikely that aliens would call just to tell us we're doomed. "It's pretty foolish to expect aliens to conform to our definition of altruism =97 although I'm drawn to the idea of a Galactic Emergency Broadcast System," said Tonnie. "Maybe ETs feel compelled to give less advanced civilizations a "heads up" in the event on some interstellar crisis because we might make for meaningful companionship a few million years from now."

Maybe I've watched too many movies, but I'm still doubtful that an alien message, whether good news or bad, could be withheld from public knowledge. It would be too big, too transformational, too altering an experience not to be shared.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2008 15:26:14 EDT  
Archived: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 07:26:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 23:47:57 +0100  
>Subject: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>>From: Diane Frola <[auforn06.nul](mailto:auforn06.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 07:38:44 +1000  
>>Subject: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

<snip>

>>I am interested to know what is an acceptable time frame a  
>>person should be kept under hypnosis? 1-3, 8-10, 10-16 hours?

>My view is that unless there is an unambiguous clinical benefit  
>for the patient, which can be satisfied under proper medical  
>supervision, the answer is '\_zero\_'.

>It seems to me that the use of regression on witnesses has  
>become a form of entertainment, and is more likely to aggravate  
>rather than help the witness/patient. It's about time ufologists  
>concerned themselves more with witness welfare than gaining  
>notoriety as 'abduction experts'. This view isn't new, and has  
>been debated on-list in the past, I am simply responding to the  
>question and not attempting to revitalise the debate.

Hello List, All,

I figured it was time to once again offend many people and  
thought this might be the place to do it. When I studied  
Psychology, I was taught that you needed to decide if you wanted  
to be a researcher or a therapist. You could do one or the other  
well but you couldn't do both. The thinking was that as some  
point a conflict between the goals would develop so that you  
needed to make a decision about what you wanted to do.

This conflict isn't something that has been discussed much but  
it makes some sense if you think about it. I'm not advocating a  
position here about which is the best course, only that the  
conflict could develop. I wonder if it isn't something that we  
should discuss and if it isn't something that researchers should  
think about before they begin probing with hypnotic regression.

KRandle

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## Roswell UFO Theme Park Plan Crashes?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 07:33:04 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 07:33:04 -0400  
Subject: Roswell UFO Theme Park Plan Crashes?

Source: Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080409/APN/804092418>

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Future Unclear For Proposed UFO Theme Park In Roswell

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. -- For now, plans for a proposed UFO-themed amusement park in Roswell have been sucked into a black hole.

The project pushed by a Florida man is going nowhere after state officials withdrew a \$245,000 legislative appropriation intended for initial planning, saying that the outlay would have violated New Mexico's anti-donation clause.

Under state law, New Mexico cannot donate to private individuals or entities.

The money had been designated for Roswell city government. But because city officials never intended to run the park, the state Department of Finance and Administration determined the appropriation was illegal.

"We were headed down the road and DFA told us we couldn't go there," City Manager John Capps said Wednesday. "The money is not necessarily lost, but as appropriated it could not be used for the purpose we intended."

Capps said the city might ask lawmakers for another appropriation next year, but that decision would have to be made by city councilors.

City officials have been looking for ways to boost tourism from the town's ties to the Roswell Incident, a supposed UFO crash on an area ranch in 1947. Military officials later said recovered debris came from a weather balloon.

Mayor Sam LaGrone said city officials still support the UFO theme park, but Capps said it cannot move forward unless a private investor such as an amusement park company shows interest.

"We hope to demonstrate the feasibility of the project and use that to entice private investment," he said.

A Florida man who initially pitched the UFO amusement park concept to city leaders three years ago said he plans to pursue the project through private financing as well.

Bryan Temmer of Land O' Lakes, Fla., said he hopes private investors will surface.

"I have prospects but it's like knocking on doors, selling insurance," he said. "It depends on what their mood is. I just know I'm not going to quit."

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## Hand Held Lie Detector

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2008 09:21:51 EDT  
Archived: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 08:15:00 -0400  
Subject: Hand Held Lie Detector

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/23926278>

[Images & Video @ site]

Wow! Wouldn't this be a neat tool to have while out in the field investigating UFOs!

I've always said the one piece of technology that would end the world as we know it would be a reliable new lie detection technology. It would end or boost marriages, ruin the business of politics, make kids behave, just about destroy all we hold dear.

Although this technology isn't 100% fool proof it's a glimpse at things to come.

Best,

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

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## Re: Questions On AA Investigations

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 09 Apr 2008 18:39:01 +0000  
Archived: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 08:17:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Questions On AA Investigations

>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 14:59:06 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Questions On AA Investigations

>A few questions to start may save bandwidth.  
>The recent AA video is likely to be a fake or hoax. However, a  
>serious investigator would want to examine all videos carefully  
>in the event a real one comes out. The fact that fakes have  
>surfaced does not preclude a real one.

>A serious AA investigator would want to become knowledgeable  
>about special effects and autopsy procedures. Watching and  
>discussing fakes or hoaxes is a good way to understand and  
>learn. Watching real autopsies is another way. Of course there  
>are many other areas to study.

>For those interested in starting the process, the link below is  
>to a real human autopsy. Notice the "sloppy" blue gloves and  
>the "non-medical" tree shear instrument used to cut the rib  
>cage. Notice how the skin is quickly removed from the ribs.  
>Warning it is hard on the stomach.

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRAh3Qse-Us&feature=related>

Thanks, Frank, for providing images of what a real autopsy looks like. As for skin removal? I remember seeing a very obese male on the table, once he was opened up, you should have seen...

When the first AA came out, I shared downloaded photos with Doctors in UCLA's Dept. of Pathology. They wondered who was producing snuff films using pregnant teenage girls. It was immediately apparent to them that they were looking at something somebody thought would represent an autopsy.

It has been my contention that for a lot of experts the focus is in one area. As soon as the expert steps out of their area of expertise they have no idea what they are looking at or talking about. It must be the same for 'UFO experts'.

KK

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## Re: Ball Lightning References

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2008 19:54:50 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 08:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Ball Lightning References

>From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 8 Apr 2008 14:01:30 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Ball Lightning References

>>From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 23:37:46 -0700 (GMT-07:00)  
>>Subject: Ball Lightning References

>>I pulled these reference together in 1995.

<snip>

>The Childerhose photo is shown along with analysis at:  
><http://brumac.8k.com/RJC/RJC.html>

Hello Bruce, Terry

Photographer Ern Mainka has a good ball lightning page at:

[www.ernmphotography.com/Pages/Ball\\_Lightning/BL\\_Info\\_10.html](http://www.ernmphotography.com/Pages/Ball_Lightning/BL_Info_10.html)

which gives many links, including Amasci.com

I've got volume I of the 3rd (1968) edition of Frank W Lane's 1945 book *The Elements Rage*, written when most scientists were in denial of ball lightning's existence. It features pictures taken by the brave Professor J C Jensen.

Lane adds, on page 114 - "A minor legend in American folklore concerns the stools supplied to forest-fire watchtowers. The stools stand high off the ground to provide a refuge for the fire-warden if attacked by a ball of lightning. The theory is that the ball will snap around the legs like a terrier and then, frustrated, depart through a door or window!"

Cheers

Ray

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## UFOs Over Dakota County?

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Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 09:21:00 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 09:21:00 -0400  
Subject: UFOs Over Dakota County?

Source: Dakota County Tribune - Burnsville, Minnesota, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/3le8zw>

Wednesday, 09 April 2008

UFOs Over Dakota County?  
by Andrew Miller  
Thisweek Newspapers

As a field investigator with the Mutual UFO Network, Bill McNeff has collected data at the scenes of more than 50 UFO sightings.

In at least 30 of those cases, the witnesses reported seeing intelligent beings of some kind, he said.

McNeff, a Burnsville resident and retired electrician, is assistant director of the Minnesota chapter of MUFON, a Denver-based nonprofit dedicated to scientifically resolving the enigma of UFOs.

According to MUFON's database, Dakota County has seen its share of anomalous aerial phenomena over the years.

One report filed with MUFON recounts an August 1953 UFO sighting just northwest of Highway 13 and Lyndale Avenue in Burnsville.

A couple parked in seclusion beside an old woodframed schoolhouse near the Minnesota River at about 10:30 p.m. saw a large disc-shaped craft about 300 feet away, hovering about 12 feet off the ground.

The female witness reported that three beings were visible inside the craft, "handling levers connected to cylindrical devices." After a few minutes, the object accelerated off into the sky.

More recently, a night janitor at a medical clinic in Hastings reported in June 2000 that he witnessed eight spherical lights that seemed to rotate in a circular pattern in the sky for more than 20 minutes.

And in May 2006, a UFO was reported in the sky above UMore Park in Rosemount.

A couple driving through UMore Park at about 11:30 p.m. saw a large black craft with red and orange lights about 100 feet off the ground.

According to the eyewitness account, "We kind of stared in awe at first and it started towards us. Suddenly we heard very loud noises all around us, sort of like gunfire, rapid gunfire =85 I kind of lost it and started driving fast out of the woods =85 About five minutes down the road, I heard the noises again =85 After that, the object disappeared in the sky."

McNeff, who personally investigated the Rosemount sighting, ruled out commercial and military aircraft and concluded in his report, "These objects must be considered unidentified."

#### Eyes on the sky

McNeff's interest in UFOs was triggered in 1947, when he read accounts of the Kenneth Arnold incident, the first widely reported UFO sighting in the United States.

Arnold, a pilot, reported seeing nine crescent-shaped objects flying near Mount Rainier in Washington. The term "flying saucer" was coined in connection with this incident.

McNeff later joined the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, one of the first national UFO organizations. He joined MUFON-MN in the mid-1980s.

He said his background in electrical engineering has proven useful in the course of his investigations.

"There are a number of cases where it appears these craft are emitting radio waves, microwaves, forms of electrical interference," he said.

And McNeff's research has helped him form an opinion on the existence of extraterrestrials.

"I think the probability is extremely high," McNeff said. "There are a lot of planets out there that can support life, and then we have all these witnesses telling about beings."

#### Investigations

On average, MUFON-MN receives a few dozen UFO reports each year. Reports come by word of mouth, through newspaper accounts and via the MUFON Web site.

Others are forwarded to MUFON by the National UFO Reporting Center, a nonprofit clearinghouse and 24-hour hotline for UFO sightings, operated from an old nuclear missile bunker in rural Washington.

Of MUFON-Minnesota's 60 members, about a half dozen are trained as field investigators.

Before an investigation is launched, the reports are vetted for legitimacy.

"Some of them are clumsy hoaxes - just a few," McNeff said.

But, he added, the majority of the reports are worth checking out.

Here's how an investigation unfolds:

A MUFON field investigator will phone or e-mail the witness to get further details about the sighting, and to get a lock on the person's credibility and observational skills.

During these initial interviews, "sometimes you'll find out that an on-site visit is going to be helpful," McNeff said.

If that's the case, a field investigator will visit the site to gather additional testimony, obtain a sketch of the craft from the witness and search for physical evidence.

If any sort of "extraneous material" or debris is found, samples are taken for lab analysis.

"Each case is different," McNeff said. "You do anything you can to throw as much scientific light as possible on what happened."

After the investigation winds down, the information gathered is entered into MUFON's case-report database. Witnesses' names are deleted from reports made public.

"MUFON has an ironclad policy: We do not release the names of witnesses," McNeff said.

"There has been an atmosphere of ridicule. People with spectacular cases have often gotten a multitude of crank phone calls."

Far from resembling the lurid prose of pulp science fiction, field reports compiled by MUFON investigators are straightforward accounts, couched in scientific terminology, that read like the pages of a police blotter.

The hope of MUFON investigators is that the compiled reports are like pieces of a puzzle. Taken together, they give a better view of a phenomenon that's been a bane to orthodox science since the late 1940s.

"We think it's important to gather all the data that we can so that good minds can try to determine what's happening," McNeff said.

"We feel that the UFO mystery is of potentially great importance to humans. If we are being visited by intelligent beings from other places, there's a concern about their motivations and purposes."

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## Re: Would We Know If Contact Happened?

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Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 06:48:54 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 05:37:59 -0400  
Subject: Re: Would We Know If Contact Happened?

>Source: SETI.Com Blog - USA

><http://www.seti.com/blog/contact>

>Friday, April 04

>Contact: Would We Know If It Happened?  
>by Mac Tonnies

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>irrefutable ET signal, would the public ever know?

<snip>

>Ultimately, would nation states elect to gamble with their  
>respective economies and socio-political agendas for the sake of  
>imparting knowledge of no apparent practical consequence?

>I think the answer is no.

>[Several comments follow Mac's post--ebk]

Michio Kaku agrees with Mr. Tonnies. He says "no" on C2C with  
Art Bell last week... and actually chuckled that there would be  
any forthcomingness at all, eh? Dr. Shostak, on the other hand,  
is really so much hammered bovine fecal matter on this subject.

To say that there will be forthcomingness on this and other  
issues of criticality is an embarrassing insult to rationality  
to start, and then it is the penultimate naivete to accept when  
proffered.

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: **John Rimmer** <[j.rimmer.nul](mailto:j.rimmer.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 12:57:14 +0100  
Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 05:40:16 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 6 Apr 2008 15:22:22 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>If this recent autopsy video is a fake, there are many reasons  
>that it could have been created and if it is used to change  
>opinion or somehow divide UFO researchers it may be part of a  
>Psyop.

Which means "I am so smart that it takes the resources of a whole  
government to fool me"

>All I am after is the truth. I don't think personal attacks or  
>ridicule are needed.  
>  
>What you are doing by attempting to shut down or censor a  
>healthy discussion is more akin to being deluded or on a  
>payroll.

First of all, I doubt that this is a healthy discussion. Then  
I note the invariable reaction from some ufologists whose  
opinions are being challenged - that their opponent has to be on  
someone's payroll.

I should be so lucky.

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

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## Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 09:24:31 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 05:42:56 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2008 15:26:14 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>I figured it was time to once again offend many people and  
>thought this might be the place to do it. When I studied  
>Psychology, I was taught that you needed to decide if you wanted  
>to be a researcher or a therapist. You could do one or the other  
>well but you couldn't do both. The thinking was that as some  
>point a conflict between the goals would develop so that you  
>needed to make a decision about what you wanted to do.

>This conflict isn't something that has been discussed much but  
>it makes some sense if you think about it. I'm not advocating a  
>position here about which is the best course, only that the  
>conflict could develop. I wonder if it isn't something that we  
>should discuss and if it isn't something that researchers should  
>think about before they begin probing with hypnotic regression.

Kevin makes a good point here. As someone who has had a lot of hands-on experience with abductees and collaboration with other researchers, such conflicts definitely develop on many levels. I have witnessed and had confirmed to me by professional psychologists with whom I worked, well-meaning and even commendable researchers who, in their zeal, over-worked abductees via hypnosis bringing out bad memories that the hypnotists, not being trained psychologists, were not equipped to deal with and even sometimes failed to recognize the stressful situation they had created for their client.

Although I never used hypnosis, I had times when there was a conflict for me between obtaining information about what was happening to the person and concern about what effects my research might have on their well-being. That is why I always tried to work with professional psychologists and psychaitrists. I am not unsophisticated about psychology having been an editor of the literature for many years, but I am not a trained or licensed therapist. And almost all of the abductees I worked with had deeply troubling fragmentary memories.

Dick

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## Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

From: Diane Frola <[aufor06.nul](mailto:aufor06.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 00:20:47 +1000  
Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 06:45:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2008 15:26:14 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 08 Apr 2008 23:47:57 +0100  
>>Subject: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>>>From: Diane Frola <[aufor06.nul](mailto:aufor06.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 7 Apr 2008 07:38:44 +1000  
>>>Subject: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

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>>>I am interested to know what is an acceptable time frame a  
>>>person should be kept under hypnosis? 1-3, 8-10, 10-16 hours?

>>My view is that unless there is an unambiguous clinical benefit  
>>for the patient, which can be satisfied under proper medical  
>>supervision, the answer is '\_zero\_'.

>>It seems to me that the use of regression on witnesses has  
>>become a form of entertainment, and is more likely to aggravate  
>>rather than help the witness/patient. It's about time ufologists  
>>concerned themselves more with witness welfare than gaining  
>>notoriety as 'abduction experts'. This view isn't new, and has  
>>been debated on-list in the past, I am simply responding to the  
>>question and not attempting to revitalise the debate.

>I figured it was time to once again offend many people and  
>thought this might be the place to do it. When I studied  
>Psychology, I was taught that you needed to decide if you wanted  
>to be a researcher or a therapist. You could do one or the other  
>well but you couldn't do both. The thinking was that as some  
>point a conflict between the goals would develop so that you  
>needed to make a decision about what you wanted to do.

Hi List and thank you Joe, Katharina, Kevin, for your thoughts.

I knew when I posted my question it would stir many different  
opinions.

Kevin, so you're saying you're either a therapist or a  
researcher and neither should mix, why?

I understand why Joe sees regression sessions as a form of  
entertainment as I have watched snippets of regression sessions  
presented in lectures many times over. I remember one poor guy  
screaming his head off, it was most disturbing to watch.

>This conflict isn't something that has been discussed much but  
>it makes some sense if you think about it.

How many researchers have encountered a conflict of interest  
being an abductees/experiencer researcher and therapist?

>I'm not advocating a position here about which is the best course,  
>only that the conflict could develop.

>I wonder if it isn't something that we should discuss and if it isn't  
>something that researchers should think about before they begin  
>probing with hypnotic regression.

This is a really good question to ask Kevin.

Diane Frola

National Director  
The Australian UFO Research Network  
<http://www.aufor.com>

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## New Posts To FOTOCAT Blog April 2008

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 18:52:28 +0200 (CEST)  
Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 06:46:00 -0400  
Subject: New Posts To FOTOCAT Blog April 2008

Dear friends:

At:

<http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

you can find the latest update of Project FOTOCAT's blog.

Nice reading.

Sincerely,

Vicente-Juan Ballester  
FOTOCAT Blog <http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

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## Re: Hand Held Lie Detector

From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 13:09:09 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 06:47:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hand Held Lie Detector

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2008 09:21:51 EDT  
>Subject: Hand Held Lie Detector

><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/23926278>

>[Images & Video @ site]

>Wow! Wouldn't this be a neat tool to have while out in the field  
>investigating UFOs!

>I've always said the one piece of technology that would end the  
>world as we know it would be a reliable new lie detection  
>technology. It would end or boost marriages, ruin the business  
>of politics, make kids behave, just about destroy all we hold  
>dear.

>Although this technology isn't 100% fool proof it's a glimpse at  
>things to come.

Ahh, but the key word here is "reliable". It seems that through  
a FOIA request MSNBC obtained the Pentagon's PowerPoint  
presentation claiming the PCASS was 82 to 90% accurate but what  
is not revealed in these stats is that they exclude all the  
"inconclusive" results. When these are included the accuracy  
falls dramatically to 63 to 79%.. This is an average drop of 15%

Hell that might still be good enough for Government work.

Terry

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## Beyond Reason?

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Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 07:50:00 -0400  
Subject: Beyond Reason?

Source: The Lake Oswego Review - Oregon, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/27jo4r>

09 Apr 2008

UFOs: Beyond Reason?

Will the world ever know the truth about UFOs? A West Linn ufologist, Keith Rowell, hopes so =96 he=92d also like to know

By Nicole DeCosta  
The West Linn Tidings

It was a sunny day in 2006.

No clouds.

A light wind peaked at 10 mph.

West Linn resident Keith Rowell stepped outside his house to find a strange luminescent blue, white and red spherical object drifting through the sky. Sensing that this cluster wasn't just an escapee batch of party balloons, he ran inside to grab his video camera, zoomed in and hit "record." Six seconds later, the battery died.

Ten years prior, Rowell witnessed golden yellow and cobalt blue spheres in the sky above him while visiting a friend in Lake Oswego.

UFOs?

Rowell is an investigator of sorts - a ufologist, boots on the ground, visiting people's houses, asking questions and taking measurements.

"I've always had an interest in mysteries of the real world - not so much interested in the fictional mysteries," Rowell said.

But that was before discovering books on unidentified flying objects while working for Portland Public Schools in 1974.

"I was an open-minded skeptic," Rowell said.

So, he started reading.

Three decades later, Rowell's basement is out of this world - in size and subject matter.

Hundreds of books about UFOs, sorted by author, line the perimeter of the room, with overflow space and alien memorabilia in the adjoining den, where he updates his Web site for MUFON - Mutual UFO Network, Inc. Rowell serves as the assistant state director for Oregon MUFON. He retired from technical writing

about three years ago.

"I wrote computer manuals that everybody hates to read," he said.

Now, he updates the Oregon MUFON Web site, "to give people a reasoned voice of how to look into and study UFOs. It's a jungle out there," he said.

When asked about the recent UFO sightings in Texas which the Texas chapter of MUFON is investigating, Rowell just shrugged his shoulders.

MUFON is a national organization with an emphasis on scientific investigation and analysis of UFO events, while promoting knowledge for the public about what is currently known about UFOs, according Rowell. Rowell is certified to investigate these phenomena that both mesmerize and scare the public.

Rowell said that the subjects of UFOs is controversial and emotional. When investigating paranormal activity - crop circles, cattle mutilations, UFO claims and other bizarre happenings - he said many people don't understand what happened but want an answer. And many feel relieved to hear it may be a meteor that caught their eye in the sky.

Hoaxes happen every so often with the increase of Internet use and ability to quickly report things, he said.

"The 'keystroke hoax' is common now in Oregon because we have one person who is doing this from downstate Oregon," he said, meaning someone is repeatedly reporting false UFO sightings.

But debunkers, Rowell said, are destructive.

"Alternative medicine, UFOs, religious beliefs - this kind of person never accepts any amount of evidence," he said.

Rowell earned a degree in philosophy and librarianship. He now acts like a live history reporter, speaking nonchalantly in public and private about Project Blue book - the Air Force's official investigation of UFOs in the 1950s and 1960s.

He suggests that others read about John Mack, M.D., a psychiatrist and professor at Harvard who is considered to be a leading authority on the transformational effects of alleged alien encounter experiences.

Rowell said that there are two obstacles holding the public from understanding UFOs - national security and the paranormal world.

"We live in a national security state since 1947 when the National Security Act created the CIA," he said.

U.S. Government forces protect the interests of its people. Thus, the UFO subject is very hush, hush, he said.

"The fear of public panic about the reality of little alien bodies on ice and parts of saucers in storage gives our national security state pause about revealing the truth about UFOs," Rowell said.

He continued, "They are also trying to 'back engineer' the artifacts that they have to turn these engineering insights into human designed military weapons."

The Roswell UFO incident - involving the recovery of materials near Roswell, N.M. in 1947 - is still under speculation. Were the remains really that of an alien craft or a secret research balloon, such as the U.S. military said?

Small, round flying objects referred to as Foo Fighters followed allied bombers over Germany during WWII. Sometimes they would appear in clusters. Witnesses often assume that they were weapons employed by the enemy. Later it was found out that neither side had anything to do with them and the case remains unexplained, according to Wikipedia.org.

Delving further back in time, the 1939 fictional adaptation of the science fiction novel "The War of the Worlds" radio broadcast fooled listeners of a Martian invasion on earth and

caused mass panic.

"UFOs are bound up with the paranormal world - psychic stuff: ghosts, telepathy, near death experiences, Big Foot, the Lock Ness Monster," Rowell said.

He said that those at MUFON hope to help others deepen their understanding of UFOs by working through the various sides of, "the UFO question."

Rowell said that sophisticated business people and common folk have reported seeing UFOs.

According to the UFOCAT Web site and Rowell, more than 1,000 potential UFO sightings occurred in Oregon between 1947 and 1980.

MUFON operates off donations, from people like Rowell who donate \$50 a year.

"You cannot get funds from foundations, the U.S. government and other sources of ordinary funding because it's a 'non-subject,' meaning 'not real' so it doesn't get time, money or expertise," he said. "It's frustrating."

Rowell hopes that someday MUFON gets some serious money to aid with investigations and informing the public.

"Millions and millions of dollars," he said. "We just want to get the word out. =85 It concerns me that our society as a whole doesn't know what I believe to be the truth."

The Oregon MUFON Web site invites opinions because opinions are, "stronger than an impression and less strong than positive knowledge."

Rowell's wife, Jan Rowell, seems to have a typical American viewpoint on the concept of UFOs.

"Who knows," she said. "It's just one of those things. Ask Keith, he's the expert."

Rowell said that sometime he'd like the public to lighten their grip dubbing UFOs as a crazy idea and irrelevant and have the government reveal their secrets.

"Right now I," Rowell said, "unfortunately, am your expert."

For more information about Keith Rowell and MUFON, visit:

<http://oregonmufon.com>

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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>When I studied Psychology, I was taught that you needed to  
>decide if you wanted to be a researcher or a therapist. You  
>could do one or the other well but you couldn't do both.

Right Kevin, and we can see the results of that clash all around us - in failures of science, of 'intelligence' and even basic policing and local government.

As an example, the order for Project Sign was 'to collect, collate, evaluate and distribute ... all information' - a mishmash of conflicting duties which guaranteed it would fail.

I.e. - if the 'collector' gets to make any subjective decisions about validity - then he fails to collect all the information. And so on down the line.

Separately, I think it's been fairly well established that true hypnosis is not a tool of 'enquiry'. That is, it's a trance condition where the subject basically wants to agree with the hypnotist, with unspoken cues, even those supplied by repetition of questions. That's maybe interesting for judging 'character' or 'emotion' - but it's no basis for the gathering of facts.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Hairy Creature Attacks Sheep In Pustunich Mexico

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 06:05:24 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 11:20:26 -0400  
Subject: Hairy Creature Attacks Sheep In Pustunich Mexico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
April 11, 2008

Source: Fundacion Cosmos A.C. and [www.yucatan.com.mx](http://www.yucatan.com.mx)  
Date: April 11, 2008

Mexico: Hairy Creature Attacks Sheep In Pustunich

PUSTUNICH, Ticul, 8 April - The bizarre deaths of four sheep in a small ranch of this community has caused trepidation among local residents, as there are those who claim that the Chupacabras is to blame.

Some locals claim having seen "a hairy animal standing nearly 2 meters tall" in the dark of night.

This situation has caused the town's habitual repose to be interrupted, especially that of the ranch's owner, who has even decided not to breed any more animals to avoid attracting the strange entity.

According to the facts, the strange deaths of four sheep occurred only a few days ago on the property of Ligia Couoh, on Calle 27 between 16 and 18.

"The animals showed no signs of being tortured, they only had two deep holes in the neck. There wasn't even any blood spilled on the soil. On that day the animal attacked the three sheep and must've filled itself with blood, as the [fourth sheep] only had a scratch on it. However, on the next day, that last animal turned up dead. That was my last sheep, and that creature came back in the night to kill it."

"I told the police and a veterinarian came to inspect the animal. She said that the holes were deep and made by fangs that are curved, rather than straight."

Mrs. Couoh says that the animal that killed her sheep must fly, as she saw blood spattered in different locations.

"Perhaps it's the Chupacabras, as my neighbors have heard the screams of strange animals at night - and seen them - since my sheep were killed. That day I was overcome with fear. I was even paralyzed by the way in which my animals were killed. I've been living here for 47 years and had never seen or heard of animals being slain like this."

Ligia Couoh says that the several families have seen a strange entity standing two meters tall in the night, and they say it's like a bear.

Other residents of the locality say that ducks and turkeys have also been drained of blood.

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## Crews of 5 Mexican Airliners Report UFO Activity

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 06:23:59 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 11:22:36 -0400  
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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
April 11, 2008

Source: [www.analuisacid.com](http://www.analuisacid.com)  
Date: April 10, 2008

Ana Luisa Cid writes: On March 23, 2008, between 20:00 and 20:40 hours, five airliner crews reported UFO sightings over Mexico.

All witnesses agreed on the traffic being intensely brilliant, with lights resembling airliner strobes (white and intermittent). The objects were described as brilliant spheres that were also surrounded by lights.

One of the pilots, the one who flew closest to the UFOs, added that they had a pentagon-shaped base. The objects went up and down, making movements that could not be matched by an airliner. At that time they were flying at 25,000 feet, 70 miles northwest of Guadalajara (Jalisco).

The airliners followed different routes and according to the triangulation between pilots and air traffic controllers, the UFOs should have been at the center of the triangle formed by Guadalajara - Aguascalientes - Bajio.

Aircraft involved:  
ATR42, Aeromar  
Boeing 737-800, Aerom=E9xico  
Boeing 737-200, Aviacsa  
Focker 100, Click de Mexicana  
Airbus A320, Mexicana de Aviaci=F3n  
Communication frequencies employed:  
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123.9 MHz

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## Chupacabras Seen Up Close In Pustunich Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 07:01:06 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 11:25:25 -0400  
Subject: Chupacabras Seen Up Close In Pustunich Mexico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
April 11, 2008

Source: Fundacion Cosmos AC and [www.yucatan.com.mx](http://www.yucatan.com.mx)  
Date: April 11, 2008

Mexico: Pustunich Resident Sees Chupacabras in her Own Home

"It drinks water with a long tongue, but not like a dog."

PUSTUNICH, Ticul -- After the death of four sheep, local residents claimed having seen a strange being in the night and insist that it is the Chupacabras.

One resident who requested anonymity says that she also saw the strange entity in her backyard.

"Shortly after the sheep were killed, around 12:30 pm., my niece was feeling sick and she was given a medication to calm her down. We suddenly heard a growl, such as dogs make when food is taken away from them, only louder.

"That creature was drinking water from a bucket that we placed under a water tank, but it drank as though it had a long tongue, as if absorbing the water, not like dogs do.

"As I was idle and near the window, I stood up and stuck my face against the glass. I was able to see a hairy form with heavy footsteps. The noise I made when I approached the window caused it to scare and disappear. Perhaps it flew away.

"My son, who lives next door, also heard the noise. The creature even banged itself twice against the wall. Other residents have heard noises since that time."

The rumor spread throughout the community that Delio Beh, after hearing strange sounds, tried to go out at night with shotguns to hunt down the alleged "Chupacabras" but fear got the better of him.

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## Robbie Williams Set To Engage With Aliens

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 12:30:00 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 12:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Robbie Williams Set To Engage With Aliens

Source: GigWise.Com - UK

<http://tinyurl.com/692gs3>

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For special radio documentary...  
by Jason Gregory

Robbie Williams Set To Engage With Aliens

Robbie Williams is to recall his close alien encounters =96  
perhaps with Gary Barlow =96 on a special Radio 4 documentary next  
month.

Williams will co-host the programme, which was recorded in his  
adopted home of Los Angeles earlier this year, alongside Jon  
Ronson.

According to the BBC, Williams initially approached them about  
making the show, which also saw the pair travel to a UFO  
conference in Laughlin, Nevada.

Robbie Williams and Jon Ronson=92s =91Journey to the Other Side=92  
airs on BBC Radio 4 on May 6th.

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## Greer Now 'Leader In Consciousness Science'!

From: **Disclosure Project** <[updates.nul](mailto:updates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 19:34:02 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 12:35:00 -0400  
Subject: Greer Now 'Leader In Consciousness Science'!

New Meditation CD Now Available!

Cosmic Consciousness: A course in advanced mantra meditation. Steven M. Greer MD, widely regarded as one of the true leaders in the science of consciousness, has shared in these two CDs the complete understanding of how to attain higher states of awareness through meditation. Read more at:

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## Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 12:53:50 -0300  
Archived: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 12:40:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 21:51:13 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2008 15:26:14 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

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>>When I studied Psychology, I was taught that you needed to  
>>decide if you wanted to be a researcher or a therapist. You  
>>could do one or the other well but you couldn't do both.

>Right Kevin, and we can see the results of that clash all around  
>us - in failures of science, of 'intelligence' and even basic  
>policing and local government.

>As an example, the order for Project Sign was 'to collect,  
>collate, evaluate and distribute ... all information' - a  
>mishmash of conflicting duties which guaranteed it would fail.

>I.e. - if the 'collector' gets to make any subjective decisions  
>about validity - then he fails to collect all the information.  
>And so on down the line.

>Separately, I think it's been fairly well established that true  
>hypnosis is not a tool of 'enquiry'. That is, it's a trance  
>condition where the subject basically wants to agree with the  
>hypnotist, with unspoken cues, even those supplied by repetition  
>of questions. That's maybe interesting for judging 'character'  
>or 'emotion' - but it's no basis for the gathering of facts.

Sorry Ray, but Dr. Simon's work with Shell Shock war veterans  
- guys with post traumatic Stress Syndrome - and with the Betty  
and Barney Hill case, clearly indicates that information which  
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## Hand Held Lie Detector

From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 10:41:48 -0700  
Archived: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 06:10:24 -0400  
Subject: Hand Held Lie Detector

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 13:09:09 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Hand Held Lie Detector

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2008 09:21:51 EDT  
>>Subject: Hand Held Lie Detector

>><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/23926278>

>>[Images & Video @ site]

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>is not revealed in these stats is that they exclude all the  
>"inconclusive" results. When these are included the accuracy  
>falls dramatically to 63 to 79%.. This is an average drop of 15%

>Hell that might still be good enough for Government work.

Terry, List,

The main problem with the methods used to validate any "lie  
detector" reliability is that they can never capture the fear  
and anxiety of the actual real-life lying situation. This  
affects the testing results and makes the polygraph look less  
reliable than it actually is.

In situations where the lies matter, and follow up questions can  
be asked, testers will report 100% accuracy.

The military polygraphists will soon, through practice, become  
very good at finding deception. They also become very good at  
spotting folks trying to compromise the test, also proof of  
deception.

Police officers in California are tested by polygraph during the  
job application process. Even though polygraphs can't be used in  
court, they are a regularly used investigative tool and police  
view the refusal to take a polygraph an admission of guilt.

Wasn't Betty Hill given a polygraph during an old TV program? I  
think it was To Tell the Truth? I know she passed and didn't  
show any deception.

Ed

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## Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 22:07:14 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 06:12:54 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 12:53:50 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

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>Of course hypnosis can be misused. So can penicillin. Let us not  
>toss out the baby with the bathwater.

You might be right Stanton,

My distrust of it comes from a demonstration by a psychologist -  
on BBC TV long ago - of the planting of false memories by  
asking questions during hypnosis. It went something like this:

He first established that his secretary or nurse had slept  
soundly the night before, he then put her under and asked if  
she'd heard a noise during the night about 1 am. She said no. He  
then told her to forget the session - as he did for the later  
sessions.

During the next two days or so he hypnotized her two more times;  
second time she said "Yes - I was woken at one o'clock, by a  
noise I think" and he then asked her if it was a sharp noise,  
like a pistol-shot. The last time she claimed that she'd been  
woken by a gunshot on the night in question, and retained that  
'memory' after the sessions ended.

I think the program was warning against the use of hypnosis in  
evidence for criminal trials and it must've been more than  
twenty years ago. So you don't find me going on-stage  
volunteering to be hypnotized - not while I have a bank account  
anyway.

Cheers

Ray

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## Re: Hand Held Lie Detector

From: **Brad Sparks** <[RB47x.nul](mailto:RB47x.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 17:33:49 EDT  
Archived: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 06:15:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hand Held Lie Detector

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>>Wow! Wouldn't this be a neat tool to have while out in the field  
>>investigating UFOs!

Uh, if most witnesses were liars, then yeah it might be a "neat"  
tool.

>>I've always said the one piece of technology that would end the  
>>world as we know it would be a reliable new lie detection  
>>technology. It would end or boost marriages, ruin the business  
>>of politics, make kids behave, just about destroy all we hold  
>>dear.

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>>things to come.

>Ahh, but the key word here is "reliable". It seems that through  
>a FOIA request MSNBC obtained the Pentagon's PowerPoint  
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>is not revealed in these stats is that they exclude all the  
>"inconclusive" results. When these are included the accuracy  
>falls dramatically to 63 to 79%.. This is an average drop of 15%

I don't agree that "inconclusive" is "inaccurate." It isn't  
wrong info, just no info. This seems to be an effort by the  
press to invent a statistical 'gotcha' where there is none. No  
number of hostile 'experts' quoted will change the fact that  
"inconclusive" is not wrong info it's just no info.

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## Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

From: Julia Denton <[ybr2.nul](mailto:ybr2.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 17:39:09 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 07:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 09:24:31 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2008 15:26:14 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>>I figured it was time to once again offend many people and  
>>thought this might be the place to do it. When I studied  
>>Psychology, I was taught that you needed to decide if you wanted  
>>to be a researcher or a therapist. You could do one or the other  
>>well but you couldn't do both. The thinking was that as some  
>>point a conflict between the goals would develop so that you  
>>needed to make a decision about what you wanted to do.

>>This conflict isn't something that has been discussed much but  
>>it makes some sense if you think about it. I'm not advocating a  
>>position here about which is the best course, only that the  
>>conflict could develop. I wonder if it isn't something that we  
>>should discuss and if it isn't something that researchers should  
>>think about before they begin probing with hypnotic regression.

>Kevin makes a good point here. As someone who has had a lot of  
>hands-on experience with abductees and collaboration with other  
>researchers, such conflicts definitely develop on many levels. I  
>have witnessed and had confirmed to me by professional  
>psychologists with whom I worked, well-meaning and even  
>commendable researchers who, in their zeal, over-worked  
>abductees via hypnosis bringing out bad memories that the  
>hypnotists, not being trained psychologists, were not equipped  
>to deal with and even sometimes failed to recognize the  
>stressful situation they had created for their client.

>Although I never used hypnosis, I had times when there was a  
>conflict for me between obtaining information about what was  
>happening to the person and concern about what effects my  
>research might have on their well-being. That is why I always  
>tried to work with professional psychologists and psychaitrists.  
>I am not unsophisticated about psychology having been an editor  
>of the literature for many years, but I am not a trained or  
>licensed therapist. And almost all of the abductees I worked  
>with had deeply troubling fragmentary memories.

Hello Everyone,

This thread caught my interest. I am 49 years old and a lifelong  
abductee.

I've never been hypnotised. I remember clearly many experiences  
on my own.

There is one experience that happened about 14 years ago that  
stands out far above the rest, and I've some questions about it  
that I don't think can be resolved without hypnosis.

For instance: I can describe the surroundings but not where it was located. I can describe what happened to me but not who (or what) the definitely-not-human-male was - or who was the very human male accompanying him. How did I get there? Who or what was the non-human male Dr and where was he from? What were the instruments he used, technically how did they work?

This incident had nothing to do with reproductive organs, but with a 3 year long illness I had at the time. Why was I treated for it by this non-human doctor accompanied by a human male? And what am I to them (whoever they are) that they should fix me?

To remember so much of the incident but not these and other little niggling questions is just irritating. I've long considered hypnotism \_just\_ for this particular episode, but have never really trusted that whatever hypnotist I'd find wouldn't 'lead' me in some way - even if unintentionally. I don't want that. So I've refrained from being hypnotised all these years.

I don't mean to sound so cynical or paranoid about hypnosis. I'm just from Nebraska. <G> Very down to earth, non-woo-woo-ish.

So... I think that there are people who could benefit from hypnosis - people like me who already have intact memories of an incident but need some questions answered about it. As opposed to someone who wants to go on a deep search going back to childhood to try to dredge up experiences that may or may not have actually happened.

What do you all think? Do you agree that there are some instances (like this) in which hypnosis could be helpful? Or are you more inclined to just dismiss hypnosis altogether no matter what? If so, what methods does that leave for people like me as far as being able to get those little niggling questions answered alongside an otherwise well remembered incident?

Julia - now in Virginia

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## Betty Barney & Hypnotherapy

From: Joe Merrell <[joe.nul](mailto:joe.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 20:10:57 -0700 (PDT)  
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Subject: Betty Barney & Hypnotherapy

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>Stan Friedman

Thought someone might want to mention that Wendy Connors has  
excerpts of the Hill hypnosis sessions on this disc:

<http://www.fadeddiscs.com/ceiv.html>

Hearing the trauma in their voices convinced me that Betty and  
Barney weren't dreaming.

Uncomfortable but fascinating listening.

Joe Merrell  
Los Angeles

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## UFO 'Gave Me The Heebie-Jeebies'

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Source: The Fenland Citizen - Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6kde38>

11 April 2008

UFO 'Gave Me The Heebie-Jeebies'

A RING'S End man has described how a strange light in the sky gave him the 'heebie-jeebies' on Thursday night.

Andrew Warren and his son, Stephen Whitrod, spotted a series of lights in the sky over their March Road home at around 11pm as they were checking on their chickens.

Mr Warren said he initially thought the lights were from the police helicopter, but then realised there was no noise.

"It was low enough and near enough for there to be noise, but there wasn't much. There was a slight engine noise, but nothing you could really identify," said Mr Warren.

He said initially there was a diamond pattern of lights, which were like nothing you would normally associate with an aeroplane, and again the lack of noise made him dismiss it as being a military aircraft.

Then a second and third set of lights appeared from different directions and these were different to the first set. One set was in a V-shape.

Mr Warren said they seemed to hover before moving off and disappearing.

He said the lights were red, and also a blue-white colour and certainly did not fit the patterns normally seen in the skies when there are jets doing flying exercises.

"We have a lot of jets and other military aircraft flying over here, so I know what they look like and I also know there is a lot of noise, and this was just not normal.

"Whatever it was it gave me the heebie-jeebies. I tried looking at the lights through binoculars but I still couldn't see very well," said Mr Warren.

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## Some Mysteries Never Die Or Fade Away

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Saturday, April 12, 2008

Some Mysteries Never Die Or Even Fade Away

Isabel Wolseley Torrey  
Contributing Writer

Every so often, a once-buried news story will resurface causing another flurry of interest, then return to its crypt like feeding sparrows that fly off, then settle down until disturbed again.

Two mysterious, recently-resurrected accounts particularly intrigue me: Unidentified Flying Object sightings and D.B. Cooper findings. These stories occurred primarily on the West Coast, where I lived at the time, but both captured irresistible speculation nationwide.

First, the UFO subject: Although strange objects in the sky have been reported throughout history, a spate of sightings occurred especially in the mid-1950s. As expected, most viewings proved groundless. There was no logical, conventional explanation for such apparitions; however, investigators were unable to explain some of them in terms of known phenomena.

Even so, I and many others thought those claiming to have seen "flying saucers" were a bit daft. At least, that was my thinking until I, too, saw "something" one day in mid-summer.

It was ripe-pear season in Oregon and our neighbors, who owned such an orchard, had invited a few friends to glean any fruit left after the professional pickers finished.

Our pastor, his wife, two others and I were in the group enjoying a social time outdoors, shouting such helpful tips as, "There's a fat one above you to your right" plus expressing gratitude for our hosts' generous offer.

While reaching for a choice, just out-of-reach pear, an object in the sky caught my attention. It appeared as an almost-indefinable, oval-shaped "something", rather like a shell-less egg with a red light instead of a yolk. The red light didn't flash or turn; it pulsated, as does the red dot on an answering machine or on Caller-ID.

I immediately pointed to the object and asked the one nearest me, "What is that?" We stared at the object streaking in a straight line from right to left about 30-degrees above the horizon until disappearing from sight all in the space of probably five seconds. Neither the pastor nor I subsequently discussed it with anyone else, fearing we might be considered of unsound mind.



But, when the UFO story surfaced again recently, I told Lawrence my long-ago experience. He intently asked, "What year did this happen?"

"About 1954 or 1955. Why?"

He then said he'd been a volunteer, government "spotter", identifying/reporting what planes he saw, where and when. During one night, he'd also seen a pulsating red object, but it remained stationary before suddenly shooting off. In comparing notes, his sighting occurred during the same time period as mine!

And now the "D.B. Cooper" account is again circulating. Back in November, 1971, a man identified by that name hijacked a jet in Seattle, released its passengers in exchange for \$200,000 cash and parachutes, then jumped out somewhere near the Oregon border.

It seemed everyone in the Pacific Northwest began looking for Cooper. In 1971 our six acres of rural, wooded property was directly below the conjectured spot where Cooper supposedly exited.

I still recall trudging through a waist-high acre of nearly-impenetrable salal, then trekking our primordial, moss-covered woods, peering into timber tops for Cooper clues.

A recently-discovered parachute - erroneously thought to be D.B.'s - has revived his story but whatever happened to him no one knows.

The question, "Exactly what is a UFO?" also remains a mystery. Probably no one is more curious than me to know the answers.

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## Re: Hand Held Lie Detector

From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 07:58:28 -0300  
Archived: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 08:26:00 -0400  
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>From: Ed Gehrman <[egehrman.nul](mailto:egehrman.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 10:41:48 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Hand Held Lie Detector

>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 13:09:09 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Hand Held Lie Detector

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2008 09:21:51 EDT  
>>>Subject: Hand Held Lie Detector

>>><http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/23926278>

>>>[Images & Video @ site]

><snip>

>>>Although this technology isn't 100% fool proof it's a glimpse at  
>>>things to come.

>>Ahh, but the key word here is "reliable". It seems that through  
>>a FOIA request MSNBC obtained the Pentagon's PowerPoint  
>>presentation claiming the PCASS was 82 to 90% accurate but what  
>>is not revealed in these stats is that they exclude all the  
>>"inconclusive" results. When these are included the accuracy  
>>falls dramatically to 63 to 79%.. This is an average drop of 15%

>>Hell that might still be good enough for Government work.

>The main problem with the methods used to validate any "lie  
>detector" reliability is that they can never capture the fear  
>and anxiety of the actual real-life lying situation. This  
>affects the testing results and makes the polygraph look less  
>reliable than it actually is.

>In situations where the lies matter, and follow up questions can  
>be asked, testers will report 100% accuracy.

>The military polygraphists will soon, through practice, become  
>very good at finding deception. They also become very good at  
>spotting folks trying to compromise the test, also proof of  
>deception.

>Police officers in California are tested by polygraph during the  
>job application process. Even though polygraphs can't be used in  
>court, they are a regularly used investigative tool and police  
>view the refusal to take a polygraph an admission of guilt.

>Wasn't Betty Hill given a polygraph during an old TV program? I  
>think it was To Tell the Truth? I know she passed and didn't  
>show any deception.

Right on, Ed. It was hosted by F. Lee Bailey on May 23,1982. It  
is included in an impressive disc available from Wendy Connors

Re: Hand Held Lie Detector

FadedDiscs.com

Stanton Friedman

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From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 05:44:42 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 09:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hand Held Lie Detector

How about a way to not only determine veracity, but what is the truth, at the same time?

Just like in divining, not just a way to locate, but how far down, the extent, and what else may be present.

Reverse speech (vastly more than installed background) will also give you correction of what the truth is.

A divining pendulum will answer questions that can be satisfied with direction and yes and no.

Is there a connection between the way these two devices operate and what is behind their operation?

Well, gee, I don't know... no one has ever asked.

JCH

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## Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 08:47:16 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 09:32:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>From: Julia Denton <[ybr2.nul](mailto:ybr2.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 17:39:09 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Thu, 10 Apr 2008 09:24:31 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2008 15:26:14 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>>>I figured it was time to once again offend many people and  
>>>thought this might be the place to do it. When I studied  
>>>Psychology, I was taught that you needed to decide if you wanted  
>>>to be a researcher or a therapist. You could do one or the other  
>>>well but you couldn't do both. The thinking was that as some  
>>>point a conflict between the goals would develop so that you  
>>>needed to make a decision about what you wanted to do.

<snip>

>>Kevin makes a good point here. As someone who has had a lot of  
>>hands-on experience with abductees and collaboration with other  
>>researchers, such conflicts definitely develop on many levels. I  
>>have witnessed and had confirmed to me by professional  
>>psychologists with whom I worked, well-meaning and even  
>>commendable researchers who, in their zeal, over-worked  
>>abductees via hypnosis bringing out bad memories that the  
>>hypnotists, not being trained psychologists, were not equipped  
>>to deal with and even sometimes failed to recognize the  
>>stressful situation they had created for their client.

><snip>

>This thread caught my interest. I am 49 years old and a lifelong  
>abductee.

>I've never been hypnotised. I remember clearly many experiences  
>on my own.

>There is one experience that happened about 14 years ago that  
>stands out far above the rest, and I've some questions about it  
>that I don't think can be resolved without hypnosis.

<snip>

>Julia - now in Virginia

Julia,

Thanks for sharing your experiences with us. I think that  
hypnosis, under carefully controlled conditions and conducted by  
or under the supervision of professional psychologists or  
psychiatrists can be helpful in recalling additional details

and, to some extent, in assessing their objective reality.

But it seems doubtful that it would supply the ultimate answers you (and others) seek to the far more than "niggling questions" as to who these beings are and what their game is. It is not a magic road to ultimate truth.

Depending on where you live in Virginia, I might be able to recommend a well-qualified hypnotist since most of the abductees I worked with - note past tense - were in Virginia and Maryland. Contact me off-line if you wish and I might be able to make some recommendations and send you some appropriate literature.

Dick Hall

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## Alien Worlds Magazine Issue 2

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Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 15:40:47 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 11:17:30 -0400  
Subject: Alien Worlds Magazine Issue 2

Issue 2 of Alien Worlds magazine is now out on news stands.

You can find it at a large number of retail outlets in the UK, a few across Europe, and in the Barnes and Noble chain in the States. Alternatively, you can purchase the current issue or a subscription at:

[http://alienworldsmag.com/index.php?option=3Dcom\\_wrapper&Itemid=3D101](http://alienworldsmag.com/index.php?option=3Dcom_wrapper&Itemid=3D101)

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<http://www.mmccavailability.co.uk/?p=3D986A>

Some of the articles, features and interviews that appear in issue 2:

### Beyond UFOs

Dr. Jeffrey Bennett is a NASA associated scientist, a B.A. in Biophysics from the University of California and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Astrophysics from the University of Colorado. So why would he be interested in UFOs? Because he recognises that for most people, the subject of extraterrestrial life starts with flying saucers, and so he does too. We talk at length about the probability that someone has already discovered us, how far ahead of us they might be, the relationship between the science community and UFOs, what UFO witnesses might be seeing, how life started here and finding it elsewhere, the critical point that Mankind is currently at, why we should send humans into space, the important role that science plays in our lives, and even global warming. We almost put the world to rights, nearly.

### Mirage Man

John Lundberg is an artist, crop circle maker and film producer. Fascinated by how myths and belief systems are created and passed into the human conscience, he has been adorning the British countryside with beautiful patterns for over a decade. More recently, he has made a film about Rick Doty, the intelligence maverick of the UFO world and one of my most favourite people. John tells us about his adventures in Laughlin and Albuquerque chasing after Rick, how he got access to him and why he came to think of him as the best thing since sliced bread. We also delve into the machinations of the CIA and why you should never go walking on Hampstead Heath.

### SETA SETV SETI

Besides pointing telescopes out to the great beyond, some people seek evidence of extraterrestrials by looking for things they may have left behind. In all likelihood, this planet may well have been discovered ages ago by another species who might have left a probe behind to keep an eye us. Where could such a probe be? Eminent British astronomer Dr. David Darling explains the mechanics of the search for extraterrestrial visitation and artefacts.

### The Inconvenient Man

Paul Devereux first came up with his theory that some UFO sightings were earthlights as far back as the early 80s. Unfortunately, as it suggested a terrestrial origin, his ideas didn't go down too well with many in UFOlogy and some people were even quite rude about it. He explains a bit more about the phenomenon and also how our view of reality and our planet is cosseted in safety while the truth is probably quite disturbing. An engrossing interview.

Still on the Trail of the Saucer Spies Nick Redfern updates us on how he let the UFO community down yet again with his book Saucer Spies and how the spooks spy on Ufologists but not because of UFO secrets. You can't rely on Nick any more these days; he's more interested in the facts and has become a bit of a spoil sport.

Will Someone Have A Word With God Because This Should Not Have Happened (apparently)

A large, extraterrestrial lump of rock crashed through Earth's atmosphere on September 15th last year and hit the ground hard at Caranacas in the Peruvian Andes. Shortly after, the locals started making claims of headaches, vomiting and nausea after inhaling gases coming from the crater. B movie stuff and all that was missing was for the meteorite to split open and an eight legged flesh eating alien to crawl out.

### Through a Fractured Glass

A brilliant analysis, in words you can understand, of the writings and personality of Whitley Strieber, written by Aeolus Kephas. Of course that's not his real name and no, I don't know what it is either. Good article though. I've never read a Strieber book in my life and now I'm going to have to.

Neanderthals might have been partially wiped out due to cannibalism. Our naughty anthropological neighbours may have come a cropper through eating each other. Roasted or slightly braised?

Oldest hominid discovered is 7 million years old  
Another fossil, another theory.

### UFO Hunters

American TV on a suicide mission as two series start on separate channels with the same name. Frank Warren untangles the mess for us and reviews both programmes.

### Planetary terrestrial Mining

Professor Jim Jordan of Lamar University in Texas explains what might draw us into taking up our picks and shovels and going off to the moon in search of treasure. Unfortunately, there are perils that await...

### SETI -- A British Perspective

Part 2 of our interview with Dr. Ian Morison, head of Jodrell Bank

### Above and Beyond

Paul Kimball reasons how and why the UFO crowd have managed to back themselves into a mental dead end when it comes to the question of unidentified flying objects and what we have to do to free ourselves from our self imposed shackles. He is absolutely right, but is it a futile request?

### Joe McGonagle

Have you laughed at court cases when the defendant has claimed "the aliens made me do it?" I know I have. Regretfully, when you examine the detail, it stops being amusing. Joe casts his eye over some of the more high profile and tragic cases of recent years.



Rob Bignall

When you hear an astronomer or astrobiologist saying, "There are millions of other intelligent species out there" have you ever asked yourself, "How do you know?" Just exactly what is that vague figure based on? Rob runs us through the Drake equation and explains its plusses and minuses.

Brittany Babakioff - The Younger generation

Youth has a voice! Just what is the attraction for younger people in a serious interest in ET? How difficult is it to get started in a subject that is swathed in controversy and widely differing opinion? Who do you trust, who do you read? Brittany articulately explains the daunting task facing someone starting out.

Readers Articles, letters, book reviews, Spot the UFO competition, Ask an Astrobiologist, An astronomer's guide to contacting aliens, plus so much more, I find it overwhelming even thinking about it all.

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## What The Nurse Saw

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<http://tinyurl.com/5fkyym>

10 April 2008

UFO: What The Nurse Saw  
By Natalie Jones

The nurse who witnessed the UFO crash near Bala 34 years ago has spoken exclusively about her experience.

Last week the Free Press revealed that confidential Ministry of Defence files on Unidentified Flying Objects are set to be made public in the coming weeks.

Among these declassified papers is expected to be evidence of the suspected UFO crash on Cader Berwyn on January 23, 1974. Dozens of witnesses across Lancashire and Cheshire phoned the police earlier that evening after seeing a strange formation of green lights flying erratically over the skies.

At 8.38pm something impacted into the Berwyn mountains and the resulting tremor - which measured 4.5 on the Richter Scale - was felt in Wrexham, Chester, Liverpool and some areas of Manchester.

Reports at the time said a nurse who lived near the scene of the impact said a flying saucer 'the size of the Albert Hall' had smashed into a mountain, throwing debris and bodies for over a mile.

Now 34 years later the nurse puts the record straight in an exclusive interview with the Free Press.

"We heard this almighty tremor, the house shook, we thought an aircraft had crashed, and being a nurse thought we could help."

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## Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 11:29:05 EDT  
Archived: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 11:37:26 -0400  
Subject: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

I've just seen an episode of "UFO Hunters" where a chap with a piece of physical evidence that was expelled from a UFO was highlighted. Here, this fellow not only had a good sized chunk of metal but according to the show it corresponded with a similar chunk from a government verified UFO incident decades ago.

I had to chuckle because it seems no matter what is presented to the scientific community, the press, the government, it suddenly becomes nullified and invalidated yet we can send people to the prison for murder and also death on far less evidence.

Heck, we can bomb entire countries on far less evidence.

Yet if one looks at the volume of credible witnesses, whistleblowers, documents, physical evidence, regarding UFOs you still get these attacks, not on scientific grounds where they count, but these personal attacks against the victims, witnesses etc. are unending and it's a shame they're still being employed because in the longitudinal it's obvious it's a disinformation ploy.

We've seen generals, doctors, heads of state, some the highest in their fields come forth, and their credibility is deemed unreliable? Yet these same people are sure called on when money for government projects or some poor sap is to be taken over the rails. Suddenly they become credible when suppressing other people is involved.

Someone should put out a book called "Lame Ass UFO Excuses".

Best,  
Greg  
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## Alien Themes

From: Jay Nelson <[jnelson.nul](mailto:jnelson.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 10:28:32 -0700  
Archived: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 12:57:35 -0400  
Subject: Alien Themes

Dear Listarians,

Last night while doing laundry, I found myself watching Killers From Space. This has got to be the worst of the worst alien invasion movies ever IMHO, starring Peter Graves as a scientist killed in a plane crash during an atom bomb test resurrected by evil aliens who want to take over the world.

However, I couldn't take my eyes off this stinking piece of cheez because this 1954 flick (with pictures of Ike, bald as an alien himself, on the walls in every office) had so many themes and plot devices we've come to know so well:

- scientist has missing time, mysterious scars
- subjected to hypnotic mind control
- repressed memories & waking flashbacks
- big-eyed aliens (round instead of elongated but still...)
- their race is dying
- they have an underground base

Now this turkey was made in 1954 - a year before This Island Earth, and 2 years before the much better Earth Vs. The Flying Saucers with its similar material (and even more Grey-like aliens) - and most importantly, 7 years before Betty and Barney Hill's amazing adventure, a full decade or so before it became widely known.

So what happened, did the Pentagon find out about abductions in the early 50s and held a briefing for the worst scriptwriters in Hollywood \_first\_ to make the horrible truth seem even more ridiculous?

Or could these films have somehow influenced the Hills' experience? Well, there's no indication I've found so far in Stanton and Betty's niece's excellent book to indicate the Hills had any interest in bad - or even good - sci-fi. Rather to the contrary.

So if it's not contamination, maybe there is a deliberate covert disclosure plan after all. Through absurdity to the truth?

Or could something profoundly weirder and even more archetypal and mythic be going on?

I suppose we'll never know until somebody discovers a MJ-12 paystub in 'Myles Wilder' or some other Hollywood hack's desk. And probably not even then.

Keep Watching the Skies!

Jay

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"Only puny secrets need protection. Big discoveries are protected by public incredulity." --Marshall McLuhan

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>Last night while doing laundry, I found myself watching Killers  
>>From Space. This has got to be the worst of the worst alien  
>invasion movies ever IMHO, starring Peter Graves as a scientist  
>killed in a plane crash during an atom bomb test resurrected by  
>evil aliens who want to take over the world.

<snip>

What? I missed this? Oh I'm ordering it now via Amazon or Ebay!

Nothing like a great 50's B-movie and with Peter Graves or James  
Arness in it, it has to be good! Wish the two brothers had made  
a sci-fi flick together as they've starred in the best!

Best,

Greg  
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>>>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

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>>>When I studied Psychology, I was taught that you needed to  
>>>decide if you wanted to be a researcher or a therapist. You  
>>>could do one or the other well but you couldn't do both.

>>Right Kevin, and we can see the results of that clash all around  
>>us - in failures of science, of 'intelligence' and even basic  
>>policing and local government.

>>As an example, the order for Project Sign was 'to collect,  
>>collate, evaluate and distribute ... all information' - a  
>>mishmash of conflicting duties which guaranteed it would fail.

>>I.e. - if the 'collector' gets to make any subjective decisions  
>>about validity - then he fails to collect all the information.  
>>And so on down the line.

>>Separately, I think it's been fairly well established that true  
>>hypnosis is not a tool of 'enquiry'. That is, it's a trance  
>>condition where the subject basically wants to agree with the  
>>hypnotist, with unspoken cues, even those supplied by repetition  
>>of questions. That's maybe interesting for judging 'character'  
>>or 'emotion' - but it's no basis for the gathering of facts.

>Sorry Ray, but Dr. Simon's work with Shell Shock war veterans  
>- guys with post traumatic Stress Syndrome - and with the Betty  
>and Barney Hill case, clearly indicates that information which  
>turns out to be true can be elicited even though the hypnotist  
>knows nothing about it that he could have put in.

>Simon constantly tried to convince Barney that he has just  
>picked up on Betty's dreams. As Kathleen Marden showed in our  
>Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience, that simply  
>wasn't true.

>Of course hypnosis can be misused. So can penicillin. Let us not  
>toss out the baby with the bathwater.

Stan, Ray, List, All -

Can't let this pass without a comment, especially about this  
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which is a theory developed by  
therapists at the VA to explain some of the horrific dreams and

other troubles that combat soldiers experience... that is, anti-war activists who used their 'treatment' of soldiers to further their theories... but I digress.

Too many of those used in the studies turned out not to be soldiers with combat experience, or soldiers who had served in a combat environment or people who had not even been in the military so that their PTSD was the results of seeing combat on the nightly news or in the movies. Once again I point to the book *Stolen Valor* as exposing much of this, which means, simply, referring to PTSD in no way validates your argument.

Studies of hypnosis have shown that those placed in a trace do, in fact, confabulate, invent, and misunderstand. Hypnotic regression is not a path to the truth... and we should accept testimony recovered under hypnosis as we do any testimony... when it is corroborated.

So, do those under the influence of hypnosis tell the truth? Yes. Do they sometimes remember events more clearly, adding important detail? Yes. Can they be easily influenced by those asking the questions of them? Yes. Can they go off on tangents that are irrelevant and untrue? Yes. Can they draw on all their memories, including those of movies, books and magazines? Yes.

Hypnosis should be one tool of many used. It should be used in conjunction with many other tools, and the information recovered should be verified by other sources of information.

KRandle

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>>>>Subject: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

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>>>>I am interested to know what is an acceptable time frame a  
>>>>person should be kept under hypnosis? 1-3, 8-10, 10-16 hours?

>>>>My view is that unless there is an unambiguous clinical benefit  
>>>>for the patient, which can be satisfied under proper medical  
>>>>supervision, the answer is '\_zero\_'.

>>>>It seems to me that the use of regression on witnesses has  
>>>>become a form of entertainment, and is more likely to aggravate  
>>>>rather than help the witness/patient. It's about time ufologists  
>>>>concerned themselves more with witness welfare than gaining  
>>>>notoriety as 'abduction experts'. This view isn't new, and has  
>>>>been debated on-list in the past, I am simply responding to the  
>>>>question and not attempting to revitalise the debate.

>>>>I figured it was time to once again offend many people and  
>>>>thought this might be the place to do it. When I studied  
>>>>Psychology, I was taught that you needed to decide if you wanted  
>>>>to be a researcher or a therapist. You could do one or the other  
>>>>well but you couldn't do both. The thinking was that as some  
>>>>point a conflict between the goals would develop so that you  
>>>>needed to make a decision about what you wanted to do.

>Hi List and thank you Joe, Katharina, Kevin, for your thoughts.

>I knew when I posted my question it would stir many different  
>opinions.

>Kevin, so you're saying you're either a therapist or a  
>researcher and neither should mix, why?

Hello Diane, List All -

Because there could become a time when the therapist must engage  
in therapy which could contaminate the research process. Or the  
researcher realizes that the experiencer needs some sort of  
psychological help which might conflict with the research being

conducted.

I'm saying that there is always the possibility of conflict and if the researcher engages in therapy, then the research could suffer from contamination because the therapist might have to reject his or her research protocols to help the experiencer.

I'm not saying that this will happen, but it sets up a potential for a conflict of interest. It is easier to do one or the other and then these conflicts won't arise.

>I understand why Joe sees regression sessions as a form of  
>entertainment as I have watched snippets of regression sessions  
>presented in lectures many times over. I remember one poor guy  
>screaming his head off, it was most disturbing to watch.

>>This conflict isn't something that has been discussed much but  
>>it makes some sense if you think about it.

>How many researchers have encountered a conflict of interest  
>being an abductees/experiencer researcher and therapist?

Take, as a single example, Richard Boylan. He was a psychologist first, but when two of his patients entered therapy believing they might have been victims of Satanic Ritual Abuse, his therapy techniques disregarded this, pushing them toward a belief in abduction, though neither thought of that prior to Boylan's suggestion. This would be an example of the researcher and the therapist in conflict. He refused to set side his belief structure for the benefit of his patients.

>>I'm not advocating a position here about which is the best course,  
>>only that the conflict could develop.

>>I wonder if it isn't something that we should discuss and if it isn't  
>>something that researchers should think about before they begin  
>>probing with hypnotic regression.

>This is a really good question to ask Kevin.

Of course we should discuss this... in fact, we should talk about setting up research protocols so that those individuals who need therapy get it rather than having their personal needs neglected so that the researcher can get one more case study of abduction. I believe that too many of those engaging in abduction research have too little experience with the psychological problems that can arise by poorly trained hypnotists who lack an understanding of the problems of the human mind.

One simple solution is when a researcher realizes that an individual requires some psychological assistance, then he or she sees that the individual receives it from a disinterested third party. But the original research must realize that at that point, the research might be contaminated, but the needs of the individual come first. Probing a human mind, especially one that might be fragile, is something that we must do very carefully. The last thing we all want is to create additional damage or trauma.

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A Shadow of Ourselves

By Douglas Vakoch  
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As the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) enters a new phase, with the recent start of observations for radio signals from other worlds with the SETI Institute's Allen Telescope Array, the international scientific community has begun preparing all the more earnestly for the cascade of events that would follow the detection of an alien civilization. Among the most important questions humankind will ponder on that day is whether we should reply, and if so, what we should say.

If such a signal from the stars bears a readily intelligible message, some of our choices may be laid out for us. Perhaps, some have argued, a message from extraterrestrials will include their suggestions for a reply. After all, the reasoning goes, they will probably have made contact with many other civilizations before us, so they will be well versed in the productive first steps in interspecies communication.

Personally, I am skeptical that we will be able to decode a message from another world with ease. But whether we know what they are saying, or whether we only have evidence that intelligence exists beyond Earth, if we choose to reply, we will need to decide what we should say about ourselves.

Older neighbors

But what could we say that would be of interest to extraterrestrials?

Before we answer that question, we must acknowledge that any extraterrestrials we make contact with may well be thousands or millions of years more advanced than we are. Why do SETI scientists assume this? Because for our search to succeed, it needs to be true.

If the galaxy is populated only by young civilizations that have the capacity for interstellar communication for only a few decades before they destroy themselves or simply lose interest in making contact with other worlds, then we will effectively be isolated, alone in the universe. If other civilizations transmit evidence of their existence for only a few decades =96 the length of time that humans have been capable of interstellar communication =96 and then they lose the interest or ability to make contact, it's extremely unlikely that the precise time they are transmitting and the time that we are listening will



coincide. On a galactic scale, where time is measured in billions of years, it is extremely unlikely that these two "blips" would happen at the same time. This would be as unlikely as two fireflies each lighting up once, at exactly the same time, during the course of a long, dark night. The chance that both would flash on simultaneously is virtually zero; it's more likely their flashes would be separated by minutes or hours. So too is it unlikely that two short-lived civilizations that had evolved independently of one another would come into being at almost precisely the same time in the fourteen billion year history of our galaxy.

If we hear from a distant civilization, on purely statistical grounds it's very likely they will be our elders.

#### Images of light and darkness

The most detailed messages thus far sent to another civilization were the recordings borne by two Voyager spacecraft, which will continue to drift between the stars for millions of years after having completed their primary mission of planetary exploration within our solar system.

Perhaps the most striking commonality of the more than a hundred pictures and drawings on the Voyager recordings is that their depictions of humankind are universally positive. The photographs abound with images of family and cooperation. But nowhere in these images do we see direct evidence of humanity's darker side. Absent are any images of poverty or war, of environmental degradation or genocide.

Presenting the positive side of life on Earth in the Voyager recordings was a natural attempt to put our best foot forward. But, I would argue, perhaps the most important contribution we could make in an interstellar conversation would be to acknowledge those parts of ourselves that we are least proud of.

If another civilization is much older than we are, it will have made its way through the bottleneck of technological adolescence, where a civilization's self-destructive capacity outweighs its social maturity. We may be in a poor position to advise another civilization about how to be more wise. But we are quite well-suited to provide a reminder of what life is like for a civilization that does not have the confidence that it will continue to exist into the coming centuries and millennia. Our greatest contribution to an interstellar dialogue may come, not by emphasizing our accomplishments and virtues, but by recognizing our foibles and frailties. And in the process, we may learn important lessons about ourselves.

#### Acknowledging our shadow

The psychoanalyst Carl Gustav Jung believed that maturity depends on an ability to connect with our "shadow" side: those aspects of ourselves we normally try to hide from. "Unfortunately, there can be no doubt that man is, on the whole, less good than he imagines himself or wants to be," Jung wrote. And the consequences of not facing our shadow side are ominous. "Everyone carries a shadow," Jung continued, "and the less it is embodied in the individual's conscious life, the blacker and darker it is. If an inferiority is conscious, one always has a chance to correct it .... But if it is repressed and isolated from consciousness, it never gets corrected."

We might well imagine a more comprehensive message than the Voyager recordings that gave additional details about our cultures but failed to highlight the current threats to our environment, the costs of war, or the strife between nations and ethnicities. But might not such an attempt to put the best face on our current situation unintentionally reveal a potentially far more dangerous fault of humankind: a tendency to hide from our own problems and to avoid these threats to our very existence?

Some have suggested that the greatest value of contacting other civilizations may be a chance to glimpse into our future. If we learn that other civilizations have been able to survive through their technological adolescence, we would have new reason to hope that our own civilization will survive as well.

But even if we never make contact with another world, the

process of preparing for contact may help us become better, more integrated humans. By reflecting on how we would portray ourselves to other worlds, we also have an opportunity to grow in our own self-understanding. And part of that increased self-understanding can come about through a recognition of those aspects of ourselves that we would rather not be true, but that are a part of ourselves.

In a sense, the composition of messages to other worlds becomes a process not merely of being in touch with alien worlds beyond, but of unknown worlds within. And such an exploration into our souls requires as much fortitude as does building and sustaining telescopes that will search the stars for decades and centuries, seeking evidence of life beyond Earth. As we look within, let's not forget to look at those parts of ourselves that we would rather look away from. As Jung reminded us, "no one can become conscious of the shadow without considerable moral effort. To become conscious of it involves recognizing the dark aspects of the personality as present and real. This act is the essential condition for any kind of self-knowledge."

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UFO Conference Goes Beyond  
Crop Circle Expert Talbott Breaks New Paranormal Ground  
By Sara Sullivan  
The Morning News

Nancy Talbott has been presenting information on crop circles to Ozark UFO Conference participants for years. "I've gone through the science lecture a lot," explaining plant and soil test results and her research experiences, she says. "They know and understand the science."

That's why at this year's conference, starting today in Eureka Springs, she plans to share something new and unsettling by any estimate, including her own.

Talbott, who held jobs throughout her higher education doing research work in psychology and anthropology, didn't intend to get involved in studying crop circles, she says. "It just sort of happened."

In 1991, Talbott heard about crop circles for the first time and was intrigued. "I had some money at the time" from a lucrative career as a music producer, she says, and she decided to travel to England to see some first hand.

While there, she heard about an American biophysicist named W.C. Levengood, who was studying samples from the formations. "It's so seldom that professional scientists even show any real interest in these things," she decided to visit him in Michigan to see his work. "This was a very sensible, sort of basic research," and she was impressed.

She wound up joining forces with Levengood and a New York businessman named John Burke to form the BLT Research Team Inc. in 1992. \*

Their organization has come under criticism from the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, formerly the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, (which has come under criticism itself) as being biased, though Talbott asserts that the team takes great pains to hire independent researchers and statisticians.

Their work, researching anomalies in plants and soil found inside crop circles, indicates that the cause of crop circles, "whatever it is, is emitting heat of some sort, unusual electrical impulses and magnetic fields."

BLT Research can't say that UFOs are causing crop circles, she says. "We can say that it is not planks and boards. We're very

curious to figure out what the answers might be."

But the topic for her lecture, which takes place tonight in Eureka Springs, will address the "anomalies that are associated - apparently - with crop circles."

For years now, Talbott has been spending her summers with a farm family in Holland where crop circles appear regularly and unusual things take place, she says. During her stays, she has witnessed several "dramatic" light displays chronicled on the Web site bltresearch.com.

"I am not given to hyperbole," she says. "I don't know what these things are. I just report them."

But the most "eerie" experience Talbott has encountered involves a young man named Robbert, who has grown up on this farm plagued by crop circles.

Robbert can predict when and where crop circles will happen and even what they will look like, Talbott says. "For him, it's a spiritual phenomenon."

One night, when Talbott was in a small workshop on the farm taking photographs of Robbert to document his ability to make a compass needle spin, the two heard a faint tapping on the door, she says. Robbert asked for Talbott's digital camera and started snapping pictures of the workshop door, where she says she saw nothing. As Robbert kept shooting, she got behind him where she could see the camera's display screen, and she says she very clearly saw the image of another man in the room.

"I mean to tell you, it's enough to make you jump out of your skin," Talbott says.

When a camera is in Robbert's hands, he can capture images of things that no one else sees, she says, like streaks and balls of light and images of people. He feels the presence of something, she says, and points a camera - anyone's camera - toward the energy.

That is what Talbott says happened one August in Holland, about a month after Talbott's brother had died, she recounts. She and Robbert were in a field midday when he asked for her camera and started taking pictures. He took about 70 photos of her dead brother, Talbott says. "I don't know what it means, but it happened. That's simply a fact."

With cameras, Robbert has captured images of grown-ups, children and even a woman opening an umbrella that no one with him at the time was able to see. Some of the people in the images are in black and white, and others are in color, Talbott says. And these are not fuzzy images, she says. "Some of them are so clear that you can easily identify them if you know who they are."

These photos and other occurrences surrounding Robbert and his family will be the topic of her lecture.

"There is a lot of stuff going on around crop circles" that calls for more research. "Hopefully, more scientists will get involved. It is very clear to anybody but a fool that something incredibly amazing is going on."

Talbott's deviation from her scientific research into more unmarked territory is going to stir things up, she believes. Skeptics already have field days disputing the scientific findings supporting crop circles.

"Now in this, I don't know what they're going to do," she says. "They'll probably say I lost my mind," but she doesn't believe she has.

"There's a great deal more going on in the cosmos than any of us are aware."

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## Researchers Versus Investigators

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Researchers verses Investigators

Something I find troubling these days is the dearth of reactors to investigations of the UFO phenomenon. There are many reactors but few actual investigators of fresh cases here, cases where you get a report of an incident then investigate within the limits of your professional ability and experience. A few of these cases can to a limited extent be investigated on a near to second hand basis during a review of the case but with actual interaction or re-review of the witnesses, but the case suffers for it obviously due to the time element.

This List as do others, has many reactors. Some of them are good friends of mine or at least long standing acquaintances. There are others who have spent years in the field and have earned their stripes and now find themselves defending cases against those who weren't there and have little insight into such cases having read and formed an opinion without actually getting [or having gotten] their hands dirty in a case reading only cold documents.

Emotion is left out of the equation. More on this below.

Sometimes you are second on the scene to a case where the witness waits months or years before reporting it to you, but again the case suffers due the time element and the trail going cold even though it might be a good sighting.

As an example: An Air Canada 747 pilot contacted me in August, 5 years ago and related to me his experience in 1988 while flying south of Seoul, Korea of having a large cylindrical object flying at their 10 o'clock, same altitude about a half mile distant. He, the First Officer and the Flight Engineer saw the thing. He called me from overseas one afternoon to tell me about it. He said that he thought about this incident everyday since then and was glad that he finally had someone he could tell about it.

My value then was a shoulder to cry on and a way for the witness to vet himself and not be laughed at, ridiculed or be told he was crazy. For myself it was another pilot report that could be added to an overflowing database.

Witnesses contacting me years after the event has happened to me dozens of times over the last 20 years. Of these I give value to only to the witness who stumbled across my name and laid out his or her experience to me on a personal basis-not seeking publicity. Or if it was on one of the lists the witness again contacted me directly about a case being discussed and revealed details to me but again did not want to be publicly associated with the case.

I see little hands on investigation of cases displayed by many of those who offer opinions on this list. I doubt if 98 percent have ever investigated a case as the second on the scene but rather are a reader of the report. This is a third level [or layer] away from the actual case. This can be healthy mind you as it tends to re-investigate a case but still without the direct input of the witnesses or if they do investigate the

original witness[es] they risk being derided by the 4th level for assigning value to old memories.

Old memories are only valueless when they are of the mundane and the ordinary. I'm not going to get into my reasons for saying this because it is a subject all on its own. But I say so from personal experience.

Blog sites abound that offer little other than opinion [no proof or the lack thereof] which have little value associated with them. Some receive legitimacy that they don't deserve because of their standing in said community but they are in the final analyses, just one person's opinion/impression after having read a report. "I read it on so and so's Blog site." So what? This is akin to saying 'I read it in the paper so it must be true'.

If typewritten reports were considered the final answer to a case then we could cut the cost the legal system. The police could stay in the office and investigate witnesses or suspects via email. We could do away with the witness stand in the court room and have the witnesses interviewed by email. Why is it, do you suppose, that the police go knocking on doors when they are looking for answers? Why is it that they take people downtown and interview them in small rooms? Why do lawyers confront witnesses in front of a room full of people instead of just reading their testimony into the record? Why do they do this if witness testimony is valueless?

I'll tell you why, because each of the above wants to look the witness in the eyes, wants to note body language. In court the lawyers want the jury-and the judge-to see the emotional [there's that word again] reactions of the witness and make a judgement. You can't do that reading a report and then come to a reasoned conclusion of a case. If you could then there would be no need of public court. Legal minds would sit around a table and shift through documents and make a decision of guilt or innocence on the strength of the written evidence without emotion entering into it. That too, of course, would hang to some degree on the writing skills of those writing the reports. But Crimes of Passion would be hard to sort out around a table. Visit court and watch cases where there is a high emotional quotient-rape cases and murder cases, child molestation cases, sexual abuse and wife beatings, etc. Emotion is rampant.

When I presented Shag Harbour in Atlantic City in February, I had the opportunity to listen to a presentation about the book Captured by Stanton T. Friedman and Kathleen Marden. Kathy was presenting. She played tapes of Betty and Barney Hill while they were "under". I had met Betty on several occasions, talked with her. It was hard to believe the raw emotion pouring out of this woman through the sound system in the room with the gentle little creature that I had spoken with. Reading of the events that intruded on her and Barney's life was interesting. Listening to it was disturbing and effective.

\_That's\_ the value of live testimony over cold documents. I've had witnesses break down during an interview, weep or get extremely distraught.\* Taking that out of any CE-2 plus case is to the detriment of the case.

Revisiting old cases and just arguing the merits contained in the documents without the witnesses's emotional impact lessens the value of the document in my estimation.

There are some incidents that have been looked at on this list that have added value to the data to that case. The Heflin case went beyond the documents and revisited shadows, the value of the photos, the lay of the land, Heflin's career and even the possibility of the "object" being a model train wheel. This was a case where more modern methods were employed to examine the photograph [Polaroid] and determine its authenticity. It did not have the luxury of first hand investigation but it had value and was not just one's knee jerk reaction to a document as is often the case and I'm as guilty as the next person in that regard.

If as many people on this list and other lists spent the time in the field investigating new cases as they do researching old documents we might get somewhere. But getting out there takes time and money where sitting in front of a computer is much easier.

I like the older cases as well because the further back you go there tends to be an innocence not seen today, even with those we believe have hindered the process. But I have seen nothing to indicate the slowing down of reports. Local reports still come to me but more go to the high profile sites such as NUFORC and Brian Vike. The latter are difficult to investigate because the witnesses names are withheld.

I've gone on at great length here. But I seldom post these days because much of the subject matter does not interest me so I just keep my trap shut [fingers off the keyboard].

Anyway, indulge me.

Don Ledger  
UFO investigator-still.

\* Lawrence W. Smith was the skipper/fisherman of the first boat out on the night of Shag Harbour Incident. Few people know that he had a disturbing CE 2.5 encounter in 1970. His brother was also present.

The case was written up in a 4 page report by RCMP Constable Ralph Keeping. The report does not reflect Smith's emotional state as later told to me by Ralph. He and Lawrence were friends, they hunted together.

Ralph told me that Lawrence was a respected and fair man and one of the toughest SOB's he'd ever met. Not that night! He was reduced to a quivering mess.

But that only confirmed what I had already witnessed during my own questions to Lawrence during a drive back from Shag Harbour to Yarmouth airport where my plane was tied down. The weather was closing in and the Sightings crew - on location in Shag Harbour - were finishing up their last day of shooting for the TV show. My plane was used as the aerial platform.

When I brought up the subject of his encounter in 1970 he reluctantly started to tell me about it; then it was if the floodgates opened. He pulled off to the side of the road and told me what he'd experienced and began to weep and shiver, his voice shaking as he told me. This was way out of character for him. But it made the event real for me.

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## Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 17:27:20 -0300  
Archived: Sun, 13 Apr 2008 05:08:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 11:29:05 EDT  
>Subject: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>I've just seen an episode of UFO Hunters where a chap with a  
>piece of physical evidence that was expelled from a UFO was  
>highlighted. Here, this fellow not only had a good sized chunk  
>of metal but according to the show it corresponded with a  
>similar chunk from a government verified UFO incident decades  
>ago.

<snip>

Consider this Greg. Why metal?

We are now in an age where aircraft are being constructed of composites-basically plastics [plant material] and carbon fibers. There is now a small UAV that is operational that uses electrically sensitive polymer that flexes when a current is introduced. You can make wings flap or a form to take shape by introducing a current or a pulse. Morphing UFOs?

Leaping ahead a thousand or a million years why not just cohesive atmosphere controlled by some internal influence. By 2030 nanotechnology will radically modify surgery and the way we attack disease.

I've been suspicious of metal for unidentified airborne phenomenon since homebuilt aircraft began to be constructed in the 1970s out of fiberglass then kevlar and carbon-fiber. Burt Rutan lead the way. He can be Googled.

It took about twenty years for the airlines and the military to catch up.

At a library presentation some years back a woman showed me a piece of a UFO she had found. She was a sweet person. It weighed a couple of pounds. In my zeal to be accurate I told her it was a hacksawed off section of a railroad track. She was miffed with me and assured me it was no such thing. I assured her that I had worked as a brakeman on the railroad from 1963 to 1966 and had walked over, tripped over, fallen on and travelled on them. Further more I had a longer piece clamped in a vice at home that I used to hammer out metal parts on.

This woman was probably looking for some attention. She was in her seventies, probably lonely, maybe looking for some attention and here I was busting her bubble so I relented and suggested to her that perhaps this particular UFO had needed to make repairs at some time and used a handy railroad track to do so or copied it at least for their purposes. I noted that UFOs were often reported following trains or off to the side and pointed out one case in the book I had been reading from. I was back in her good graces and she had her self esteem back in order.

Sometimes ya gotta do what ya gotta do.

Don Ledger

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## Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: **Eleanor White** <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
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Archived: Sun, 13 Apr 2008 06:10:00 -0400  
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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 11:29:05 EDT  
>Subject: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

<snip>

>Someone should put out a book called "Lame Ass UFO Excuses".

Such a book would be a good place for you to reveal the secrets you've been holding for a while, for striking contrast against the lame excuses.

We haven't forgotten your claims of inside information a year or two back.

Eleanor White

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## Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 20:09:47 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 13 Apr 2008 06:11:00 -0400  
Subject: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

Hello Everyone,

I would like to draw your attention to two Spirit Rover images from Mars. These images show evidence of sculptures of non-human beings. One sculpture depicted a humanoid female judging from a torso remnant. The other was of a being with a somewhat canine face. Both sculptures were smashed somehow, and some of the remnants are there in the photos.

The evidence is presented at the following addresses.

<http://www.treurniet.ca/artifacts/torso.htm>

<http://www.treurniet.ca/artifacts/marshead.htm>

As far as I know, no one has made these observations yet.

I would be interested to know what you think.

Best regards,

William Treurniet

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## Gathering Facts [was: Hypnotherapy Sessions?]

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 13 Apr 2008 07:24:12 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 13 Apr 2008 06:12:00 -0400  
Subject: Gathering Facts [was: Hypnotherapy Sessions?]

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 14:04:47 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

<snip>

>So, do those under the influence of hypnosis tell the truth?  
>Yes. Do they sometimes remember events more clearly, adding  
>important detail? Yes. Can they be easily influenced by those  
>asking the questions of them? Yes. Can they go off on tangents  
>that are irrelevant and untrue? Yes. Can they draw on all their  
>memories, including those of movies, books and magazines? Yes.

Hello Kevin and All,

Right, go along with that, because I believe in collecting all  
the information without judgment. Because a tool which works for  
me in many forensic matters is statistical analysis: and that  
needs to look at all possible info, without selection or bias.

There's a further psychological problem in Ufology, as with some  
contentious areas of forensic enquiry - media (govt?) are  
continually lying to you about what the facts actually are. The  
history of embarrassing or dangerous events is continually being  
re-written.

Take that figure of "only five percent (or less) of sightings  
are unexplained" - we hear that all the time.

Bryan Appleyard, apparently drawing on statements from Vallee,  
McDonald and Hynek, has this to say - first about the Grudge  
Report (quoting Hynek's figures):

"In fact he had never been quite convinced by the government  
line. His work on the Grudge report, issued in 1949, involved  
analysing 237 of the best sightings. Around 32 per cent could be  
explained astronomically, 12 per cent were balloons and 33 per  
cent were aircraft, hoaxes or too sketchy to evaluate. This left  
23 per cent classified as 'unknown'. As Hynek was later to point  
out, this was a staggering figure, but the press did not pick it  
up."

And Appleyard has even less respect for the Condon Report:

"For a start, one third of the cases covered by Condon remained  
unexplained and, it was clear, the committee wasn't interested  
in trying to explain them. One tricky sighting was said to be  
'almost certainly a natural phenomenon which is so rare that it  
has apparently never been reported before or since'."

So where does "only 5%" come from?

Quotes from page 106 and 104 respectively Of 'Aliens - Why They  
Are Here' - 2005 by Bryan Appleyard

<http://www.bryanappleyard.com/aliens.php>

Before you ask, Bryan seems impartial throughout and examines how the various clashes arise and operate, between deconstructionist (nuts & bolts materialist) forces in govt, science & ufology and those parties on other side of several fences - 'holists', myth readers and various attainers of spiritual maturity, along with folk with thoughts of other dimensions or alternate realities. And his analysis of the dynamics of conspiracy, again carefully and accurately (far as I can tell) seen from all sides, is convincing - and funny.

Cheers

Ray

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## UFO Sighting Over Gran Canaria

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 13 Apr 2008 14:00:08 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 13 Apr 2008 14:00:08 -0400  
Subject: UFO Sighting Over Gran Canaria

Source: Fortnightly Tenerife News - Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain

<http://tinyurl.com/6mbkcp>

Sun, 13 Apr 2008

UFO Sighting Over Gran Canaria

An unidentified flying object was reported to have hovered over southern Gran Canaria early on the morning of March 14 and was seen by dozens of people on their drive to work.

Traffic is said to have slowed down and some vehicles even pulled over as drivers tried to get a better look at the phenomenon.

One eye witness told local daily Canarias 7: =93It was something very large, circular, with lights all round it and from below it gave out a great downward beam of light.=94

The woman, who preferred not to be named, said the UFO hovered stationary for some time over the El =Clguila barranco in San Bartolom=E9 de Tirajana.

She added that the beam lit up one side of the ravine.

A spokesman for the military air base at Gando said none of their planes had been in the area at the time.

The incident remains a mystery.

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## BUFORA On Recent Events

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 07:46:12 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 07:46:12 -0400  
Subject: BUFORA On Recent Events

Source: BUFORA - London, UK

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

[No date for article - but recently]

As Seen From The Chair  
Robert Rosamond  
British UFO Research Association

I'm going to start by sticking my neck on the block and suggest that if the recent excitement generated by such things as the "Texas lights" represents the extent to which ufology has sunk, then let's all pack it in and go chasing after the Loch Ness monster instead!

YouTube (from where this recent celebration of all things anomalous apparently originated) fascinates me, particularly - and not surprisingly perhaps - via its dedicated UFO section. Here we find vestiges of the halcyon days of the subject, living cretafological (a combination of Cretaceous and ufology) fossils embodying all that the halcyon period represented. These are the belief-driven and gullible global massive (massive, a large body of like-minded individuals) who are willing to believe and accept anything and everything containing the most nebulous or tentative links to UFOs and aliens. YouTube has become the place to show your footage and generally strut your ufological stuff, and a good place for wannabee image-manipulation freaks to showcase their talents at the expense of the gullible. The YouTube ufology section has, in my personal opinion, effectively become the home base of the naive and the needy, and consequently the prime hunting ground for those willing to exploit them with alacrity.

It has been drawn to my attention recently that a former BUFORA Director of Investigations has chosen to voice his apparent disappointment - via the pages of 'UFO Data' magazine - over our failure to respond to an enquiry from a witness.

The fact is that when you are dealing with a constant and ongoing flow of enquiries, sighting reports and countless other required communications, it stands to reason that the occasional report or request will slip through the net somewhere along the way (a fact that the witness has since acknowledged and understood when contacted in order to offer our apologies). What annoyed me wasn't the fact that the witness expressed disappointment with us via the pages of a magazine, so much as the 'righteous' comments added afterwards by Philip Mantle. What I find particularly ironic is the fact that these comments were made by a man who was (I am reliably informed by many who served on the council at the same time) quite possibly one of the most inept and generally ineffective individuals to hold the post of Director of Investigations. His most significant contribution was to drag BUFORA into lasting controversy due to his ill-advised and enthusiastic involvement with Ray Santilli and the 'alien autopsy' film hoax. He then went on to distinguish



himself further by directly contravening BUFORA's Code of Practice via the act of furnishing a free-lance writer with witnesses' confidential details, without their knowledge or consent. Following a reprimand for this grossly irresponsible act, Philip Mantle elected to resign from the organisation shortly thereafter. The moral of this little nigggle - never try throwing pseudo-righteous stones from the precarious position of inside a glasshouse.

While I'm in a rare mood to engage in ufological politics, let's touch fleetingly upon the latest round of time-wasting rubbish to impose itself upon our subject, the alleged U.N. debate on UFO disclosure. Basically, if there's at least an element of truth within the material so far released, then it will ultimately begin to manifest itself and we'll contact Nick Redfern for advice on how best to handle attention from the Secret Service! If not, it'll simply become yet another moment of bizarre silliness in the annals of ufology, and we'll proceed, as we do, irrespective.

And finally, for those wondering why it has taken so long to update our Christmas based page, the fact is that an inordinate amount of career and personal issues have taken precedence for the majority of the team of late, which meant, as most of you will no doubt understand, that ufology in general (apart from making time to responding to witness enquiries that is) had to be placed on the back burner for a while, unfortunately.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## UFO Watchers Find Fewer Saucers

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
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Source: The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette - Little Rock, USA

<http://www.nwanews.com/adg/News/222623/>

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Eureka Springs: UFO Watchers Find Fewer Saucers  
By Adam Wallworth  
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EUREKA SPRINGS -- Aliens wear cowboy hats, or at least some of them do.

"I finished it too soon," author Don Ray Walton said about his book that he says needs to be rewritten because beings from outer space gave him new information when they picked him up outside of Stephenville, Texas, earlier this year.

"I'll have to rewrite the 12th chapter," he said of the Coming Human Aliens as hundreds of believers and curiosity seekers wandered by him Saturday during the 20th annual Ozark UFO Conference in Eureka Springs.

Clad in a leather jacket, felt hat and brown cowboy boots, Walton looked like someone from Texas, which he calls home. Originally, he says he is from a little farther out.

"The Orion star system," he said, adding that it's pronounced "Our Ion," as that is where the creator is.

Sitting on the lower floor of the convention center at the Inn of the Ozarks, Walton explained the aliens' most recent message: Our solar system is heading toward a massive black hole.

In the next four years, humans will be offered salvation from representatives of 143, 999 alien races, Walton said.

The ships will only take those that are willing and ready, Walton said. It is up to each person to decide whether to go with the aliens or to stay and be devoured by a black hole.

At this conference, which continues today, he wasn't the only one talking about other-world experiences.

The three-day conference had nine speakers on topics ranging from crop circles to preparing to meet aliens.

There were no tin-foil hats or alien costumes. The crowd in the conference center appeared little different from those window shopping downtown.

Of course, there may have been a heightened sense of questioning authority at the conference, as a sign inside the door read: "All government agents must register at the front desk and must wear name tags at all times NO EXCEPTIONS." Featured speakers included Ted Phillips, a researcher from the Center for Physical

Trace Research in Missouri.

Phillips gave a talk on evidence left by alien visitors, such as skeletons of calves left next to large burned circles on the ground. the traditional flying saucer is less and less common, he said, and aliens now are more likely to travel on powerful light orbs or beams, which would explain the burned circles.

Another of the lectures focused on recent UFO sightings in Texas that gained international attention. Video of scattered lights in the sky above a rural area were shown on CNN and on newscasts before the U. S. Air Force said it had planes conducting drills in the region. At first, the military denied any activity.

The conference attracted people from all of the country, and some who wandered in, such as Skip Lotten from Missouri.

Lotten said that he and his wife, who declined to give her name, were enjoying the event and learning from the speakers, who were helping to fill "the blank spaces in our ideas." Along with the books and lectures were novelty items handmade by Stacia Noteman, who said she had seen a glowing light in the sky as a youth in Ohio. After seeing the lights, she brought her sister Betsy Hass, a UFO book vendor at the conference, out for a look.

"I don't remember seeing anything, butte next day I was sick as a dog," Hass said.

Blocks away in downtown Eureka Springs, many people had heard of the conference.

"In Eureka Springs, anything is pretty much accepted as normal," said Michael Teague, who was walking downtown with his daughter Marley. He would have been interested in attending, but Teague said that his daughter is "scared to death of the subject matter." Saturday's UFO convention waste first for Mike Smith of Springdale. Smith has been interested in UFOs for more than 20 years, he said. Although he doesn't report them, he said that anyone can see them if they look hard enough. "It's an escape of your thoughts of the everyday things," Smith said, of watching for UFOs.

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Subject: Re: Gathering Facts

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 13 Apr 2008 07:24:12 +0100  
>Subject: Gathering Facts [was: Hypnotherapy Sessions?]

>>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 14:04:47 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

><snip>

>>So, do those under the influence of hypnosis tell the truth?  
>>Yes. Do they sometimes remember events more clearly, adding  
>>important detail? Yes. Can they be easily influenced by those  
>>asking the questions of them? Yes. Can they go off on tangents  
>>that are irrelevant and untrue? Yes. Can they draw on all their  
>>memories, including those of movies, books and magazines? Yes.

>Hello Kevin and All,

>Right, go along with that, because I believe in collecting all  
>the information without judgment. Because a tool which works for  
>me in many forensic matters is statistical analysis: and that  
>needs to look at all possible info, without selection or bias.

>There's a further psychological problem in Ufology, as with some  
>contentious areas of forensic enquiry - media (govt?) are  
>continually lying to you about what the facts actually are. The  
>history of embarrassing or dangerous events is continually being  
>re-written.

>Take that figure of "only five percent (or less) of sightings  
>are unexplained" - we hear that all the time.

>Bryan Appleyard, apparently drawing on statements from Vallee,  
>McDonald and Hynek, has this to say - first about the Grudge  
>Report (quoting Hynek's figures):

>"In fact he had never been quite convinced by the government  
>line. His work on the Grudge report, issued in 1949, involved  
>analysing 237 of the best sightings. Around 32 per cent could be  
>explained astronomically, 12 per cent were balloons and 33 per  
>cent were aircraft, hoaxes or too sketchy to evaluate. This left  
>23 per cent classified as 'unknown'. As Hynek was later to point  
>out, this was a staggering figure, but the press did not pick it  
>up."

>And Appleyard has even less respect for the Condon Report:

>"For a start, one third of the cases covered by Condon remained  
>unexplained and, it was clear, the committee wasn't interested  
>in trying to explain them. One tricky sighting was said to be  
>'almost certainly a natural phenomenon which is so rare that it  
>has apparently never been reported before or since'."

>So where does "only 5%" come from?

<snip>

I've taken flak on a couple of the Lists over my stance against this ridiculous figure of 5%. I think of it as ufology's [for the lack fo a better word] foot-in-the-door percentage.

To my mind the people studing, or more importantly, investigating the phenomenon are content with the crumbs the "authorities" have left them. I don't think many realize that that 5 percent is small enough for the claim to be made [and it has] that "There just wasn't enough data available to solve the case as prosaic." Or, "Science hasn't reached that stage yet where they know the underlying reasons for the event." This is pure drivel. I am hard pressed to come up with anything like 5% solved in cases I've personally investigated.

I have leaped from 50 - 55 personally investigated cases [does not include reports-save one(CE-3)-of abductions]in the last 8 months which, I know, is a small number of cases over the last 16 years where I actually went out in the field. The last three are pilot sightings. Out of those ~55 I've only had a handful of lights-in-the-sky reports. Most are more substantial that that and over 50% are right in you face sightings.

Brad Sparks is on record stating that the Blue Book reports are at least 30% unsolved. Even the Condon report as stated has a much higher unsolved rate - Shag Harbour included - certainly above 30%, closer to 40% I believe, yet of course that wasn't enough to make a claim for the reality of the phenomenon because that's not what Condon was being paid for. So my comfortable rate is 30% unsolved but I can easily lean to a bigger number than that.

In my opinion ufology should not lean on that miserly 5%. It is a trap. This very small percentage implies that most people need to have their eyes fixed or their heads examined and discredits 95% of the witnesses out of hand. And that is twaddle.

Don Ledger

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## Malargue Argentina UFO

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 06:31:36 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 09:10:00 -0400  
Subject: Malargue Argentina UFO

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
April 14 2008

Source: Luis Burgos, FAO  
Date: 04.03.08

Argentina: The Malargue UFO

Sighting, Photos and Analysis

Felix Fernandez, Omar Gonzalez and Virgilio Moreno, workers at the Direccion Provincial de Vialidad (Provincial Highway Authority) were returning from La Junta toward the city of Malargue in the south of the province of Mendoza after having worked on some machinery.

As their journey elapsed, Fernandez took pictures of the landscape with his cell phone (of which no data is available to this day). At 18:50 hours, a strange flying object - disk shaped - appeared out of nowhere and maneuvered in front of the sun and the witnesses.

It flew over the area for 15 minutes until standing still for a moment and losing itself toward the west in the El Chacal region. This allowed several photos to be taken of it.

The episode was retold by Fernandez himself on Alvear's Radio 1 and recently reached the media.

Analyses performed by our specialist, Jorge Luis Figueiras, shows a typical solid 'saucer' shape with interesting contours and edges, similar to the ones photographed with cellphones at El Chocon and Santiago del Estero, both in 2008.

[Image at:

<http://tinyurl.com/5ogxlu> ]

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## Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 01:19:25 EDT  
Archived: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 09:15:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 16:34:43 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 11:29:05 EDT  
>>Subject: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

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>>Someone should put out a book called "Lame Ass UFO Excuses".

>Such a book would be a good place for you to reveal the secrets  
>you've been holding for a while, for striking contrast against  
>the lame excuses.

>We haven't forgotten your claims of inside information a year or  
>two back.

>Eleanor White

Thanks Eleanor, I'd love to write a book like that but I'm so swamped with work right now it ain't funny. I believe Mr. Friedman has authored a paper regarding UFOs, government, and lies. I'd say that work sums up the big stuff.

What burns me up is we've got Presidents, top scientists, every type of credible personality you could want in any investigation and long term at that but add UFOs to the mix and suddenly witnesses, physical proof, evidence, credentials go right out the window. It's been going on for so long it's pitiful.

Best,

Greg  
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## Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 01:25:51 EDT  
Archived: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 09:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 17:27:20 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 11:29:05 EDT  
>>Subject: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>>I've just seen an episode of UFO Hunters where a chap with a  
>>piece of physical evidence that was expelled from a UFO was  
>>highlighted. Here, this fellow not only had a good sized chunk  
>>of metal but according to the show it corresponded with a  
>>similar chunk from a government verified UFO incident decades  
>>ago.

><snip>

>Consider this Greg. Why metal?

>We are now in an age where aircraft are being constructed of  
>composites-basically plastics [plant material] and carbon  
>fibers. There is now a small UAV that is operational that uses  
>electrically sensitive polymer that flexes when a current is  
>introduced. You can make wings flap or a form to take shape by  
>introducing a current or a pulse. Morphing UFOs?

<snip>

Don,

The episode didn't say the UFO was made of metal just the  
fragment that the witness said was expelled from the UFO(s).  
Here is the video link:

<http://tinyurl.com/62ldxm>

The witness, Bob White, passed lie detector tests etc. It makes  
my point about the frustration regarding UFOs and one's  
credibility. We've had every type of top credentialed person  
from every field from the military to the clergy to academia to  
politics and then some.

Best,

Greg  
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## Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 10:46:33 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 18:00:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 11:39:38 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>Before discussing details, interpretation, speculation etc. In  
>just about all issues related to this, there is one point that  
>has to be made.

>It seems deeply misguided to posit rubble as 'artefacts' if there  
>isn't a broadly comparable erosion profile with the surrounding  
>terrain. The two have to 'fit' intuitively on inspection for  
>there to be any possibility of the 'artefact' representing any  
>kind of evidence of Martian native activity.

>On that basis alone I would regard William's 'find' as being in  
>the impossible category. Unless that is, somebody has come along  
>and started placing pieces of sculpture in the middle of a dead,  
>eroded and/or damaged landscape.

Hello Gerald!

Your conclusion placing William's finds in the "impossible category" is based on a few very reasonable assumptions that may not be valid ones or true.

For example, last summer I hiked along the Leslie Street Spit, a long peninsula that juts several kilometers into Lake Ontario and arcs around the Toronto islands. This nature reserve which is the home to vast numbers of plants and animals was created with materials collected from demolition sites all over the city. Leslie Street Spit is a garbage landfill site!

The construction waste material such as concrete, iron "rebars" and bricks used to create this nature reserve are not more than a couple hundred years old. I noted that the exposed material along the shoreline of this peninsula is not very eroded even though the boulders, gravel and top soil used to top off this landfill project which was brought from elsewhere is much more eroded though the entire nature reserve was created at the same time.

Toronto, like all still occupied cities in North America, has only been around for only a few centuries. When one walks through open areas around Greece, where I was born, or other countries such as Egypt, Turkey (near the borders with Armenia, Iraq and Iran) and the Asir Mountains of Saudi Arabia near Yemen which I have visited and lived where ancient and even pre-historic civilizations once occupied, you cannot take more than a few steps without finding broken pieces of obviously man-made artefacts or petroglyphs that are many thousands of years old.

Someone who is unbiased and examines things with a critical eye like William will discover many "impossible" artefacts, even on Mars. Could these artefacts be tangible proof of advanced past civilizations on a neighbour planet? William and others have pointed out what looks like very compelling evidence that suggests the answer is, Yes! The onus of proof I think is now on the skeptics, including myself, to show that this is not the case

and that the cultural artifacts that William and many others have pointed out on the surface of Mars are illusions and products of our imaginative and interpretive brains.

Until we go to Mars in person, I don't think the debate over these titilizing images that seem to show artificial objects on other worlds will be resolved one way or the other to the satisfaction of everyone.

Nick Balaskas

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## Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 16:50:55 +0100  
Archived: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 18:28:29 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>From: Julia Denton <[ybr2.nul](mailto:ybr2.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2008 19:55:53 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

<snip>

>What I was really hoping for when I posted though, was a reply  
>from one or more of those who believe that hypnosis should never  
>be used. People such as Joe McG and the others who posted their  
>opinions that hypnosis should never be used as a tool to help  
>abductees recover memories.

>I was hoping one of them would reply with an alternative  
>effective method.

>Since there has been none offered, am I to assume that in those  
>people's opinions there is simply nothing out there that can help  
>a person recover abduction memories at all - even in a case such  
>as mine where quite a lot of the experience is already clearly  
>remembered? I'd think that would be like a leg up, half the work  
>already done there.

Hi Julia,

I'm sorry to disappoint you Julia, but I should firstly clarify  
what I said in my previous post.

I didn't say that hypnosis should never be used as a tool, but  
that it should only be used when there is an expectation that  
such treatment will provide an unambiguous clinical benefit for  
the patient, and it is administered by a health service  
professional.

I am not qualified to offer detailed advice about hypnosis, but  
think that you should take into account of all of the following:

1. What do you hope to achieve by such treatment? Is this expectation realistic? I know of cases when revelations obtained under hypnosis have actually created more doubt, frustration, damage, and confusion in the subject's mind than was there originally. (Just take a look at some of the child abuse cases based on HR for examples).
2. Are you suffering from adverse effects which you feel could be improved by such treatment? If not, why take the risk?
3. If the answer to (2) is yes, are you undergoing any medically recommended treatment or counselling for the problem? If not, why not?
4. If the answer to (3) is yes, what are the views of the practitioner(s) involved in relation to the use of hypnosis? If you disagree with them, have you sought a second opinion?
5. Are you fully aware of both the risks and the limitations associated with hypnotic treatment?

Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

This is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of what anyone considering allowing someone to tamper with their mind needs to consider. As an engineer, I am of the opinion 'if it's working, don't fix it!', and that is based on seeing hundreds of cases of technical disasters caused by unnecessary tampering. The mind is an extremely complex and delicate machine.

Regards,

Joe

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## More Than Fifty Years Of Lies

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 20:15:49 +0100  
Archived: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 18:30:34 -0400  
Subject: More Than Fifty Years Of Lies

Hello List,

Checking short (9 min) videos is giving some correlations, here's one -

In 1952 a Navy officer took photos of large formations of 'self-luminous' silvery spheres in Utah. As Hynek says (in vid) they were judged by Navy experts as not explainable as birds, balloons or anything else conventional. But the Robertson Panel

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robertson\\_Panel#Formal\\_meetings](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robertson_Panel#Formal_meetings)

looked at them and said "They can't be unidentified, therefore they must be birds". Here's the video:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=X8DF0e6tgmo>

And in 2006 Santiago Garza & Jaime Maussan presented several films to conference, taken around Mexico City during mass sightings of exactly the same formations - here's one video:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuUi\\_FjKfrY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuUi_FjKfrY)

Then the 'Smoking Gun' video presents several sequences of the same formations, this time filmed from above - from space - by US and Russian spacecraft. I think some are at the end of this first video and beginning of second -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDBpE00aXg0>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORLl38p2YnU>

What did NASA say? (It's in the video) First they said 'video-fuzz', then, maybe realizing that sounded a bit lame, they later claim the formations are 'ice crystals'!

That's removed any uncertainty I might've had about NASA's honesty, or any other government body's. They don't have any.

Cheers

Ray

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## The Chupacabras Reappears In Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 13:03:09 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 18:36:11 -0400  
Subject: The Chupacabras Reappears In Mexico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology  
April 16, 2008

Sources: El Universal, Vanguardia de Coahuila, Diario de Yucatan  
Date: April 15 2008

Mexico: The Chupacabras Reappears

COAHUILA - The Vanguardia newspaper reported the deaths of 50 sheep in the central Parras de la Fuente region of the state of Coahuila in its 15 April 2008 edition.

Mr. Antonio Davila, the affected party, presumes that the fearsome "Chupacabras" is responsible for the carnage, as his animals displayed signs of torn flesh and small punctures through which blood was possibly extracted.

These events took place on the early morning hours of 6 April at a site located at the crossing of Morelos and Jose de las Fuentes streets.

Mr. Davila says that he looked into his neighbor's back yard and saw a similar situation: 16 dead animals, with the pens drenched in blood.

CAMPECHE - El Universal, 4 April 2008. Mr. Aurelio Tamay saw a strange animal wandering away from his animal pens after having attacked 8 chickens and a turkey, which were left dismembered and without blood.

YUCATAN - Diario de Yucatan, 14 April 2008. Eighteen hens were slain by a strange animal with the appearance of a wolf, dark-colored and of unusual size. The beast further attacked Mario Suarez, who went out to defend his birds. This event occurred in Champoton.

Suarez explained that in early hours of 12 April, he squared off against this bloodthirsty entity and was wounded in the chest, injured by the creature's claws. He added that after hearing some loud noises in the backyard of his house at 00:30 hours, he went out to investigate.

The home of the Suarez family is located on 14th street in Colonia La Cruz, Champoton, in the same municipality where only a few weeks ago a farmer reported that a strange creature killed eight hens and a turkey.

On this occasion, the witness said that due to the darkness, he was unable to clearly see the animal attacking his hens.

Plucking up his courage, he seized a large stick with which he struck the intruder on the back. However, he explained that the stick shattered. "It was like hitting a stone. The animal simply turned against me. Without issuing a growl, it hurt me on the chest with one of its claws and fled."

Suarez says that the manner in which the hens are killed is very strange. It kills silently and vanishes as readily as it appears.

"It kills poultry without eating it. It beheaded two of my hens and tore the leg off another. The others were exsanguinated."

The fence to the backyard of his home in the municipality of Champoton, some 70 km from this city, is nearly 2 meters tall. The creature had no problem getting over it, as though it had wings. "It would be impossible for any other animal to jump over," he added.

His wife, Georgina Fernandez, mentioned that most of her birds sleep high in a tree, and that this unusual beast was able to reach them there. The manner in which it attacks seems "supernatural" to her.

She added that there is fear among the population on account of the chicken slayer or "Chupacabras", as it appears where it is least expected. Two weeks ago it reappeared at Colonia La Playa.

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## Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: Ron Jorgenson <[rjorgens.nul](mailto:rjorgens.nul)>  
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Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 07:57:04 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>From: From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 19:39:12 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 16:23:10 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 01:19:25 EDT  
>>>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>><snip>

>>>What burns me up is we've got Presidents, top scientists, every  
>>>type of credible personality you could want in any investigation  
>>>and long term at that but add UFOs to the mix and suddenly  
>>>witnesses, physical proof, evidence, credentials go right out  
>>>the window. It's been going on for so long it's pitiful.

>>What burns me up is that the media, who always clamor  
>>for "balance", never allow a ufologist the air time or ink  
>>to \_rebut\_ the naysayer. That's the crux of why the ridicule  
>>is so effective.

>Amen to that Eleanor! Another thing is something that has come  
>to mind. We can't do UFO segments anymore. The sheer volume of  
>work done, cases, documents, etc. is so massive doing a 'glance'  
>at the issue is useless. You need hours, maybe even days just to  
>cover the basics. I wish Jerome Clark would put together a  
>volume of basic UFO books with course packs in them and we'd  
>just tell press to do the course or don't bother us with UFOs.

>We know without any shadow of a doubt the press has been  
>compromised and is easily compromised. Off list emails validate  
>that viewpoint.

>I've said it before on this List and in UFO circles, this battle  
>will not be won without a sacrifice play. All major changes in  
>human history are done via sacrifice. That's why the story of  
>Jesus is so important. Nothing else was going to resolve that  
>situation without the ultimate, ultimate sacrifice. Whether  
>folks believe it or not that's what life is about, taking that  
>leap of faith.

>People like Keyhoe, Ruppelt, Barney and Betty Hill, both Jesse  
>Marcel, are just a few of the people who've put their lives on  
>the line. Everyone on this list whose sacrificed had done the  
>couragous as well and then some.

>I'm so riled up it might push my hand a little early.

What's in your hand, Greg? What are you holding? Can you  
substantiate whatever your big revelation is? We are tired of  
being teased.

Ron Jorgenson

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### Area UFO Sighting Under Investigation

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 08:02:35 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 08:02:35 -0400  
Subject: Area UFO Sighting Under Investigation

Source: Chetek Alert - Wisconsin, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/6mjyjn>

April 16, 2008

#### Area UFO Sighting Under Investigation

Local law enforcement officials are investigating several reports from individuals claiming to have observed an unidentified flying object hovering in various locations across Barron County.

According to Barron County Sheriff Tom Richie, the dispatch center received numerous calls from individuals at approximately 10 p.m. Monday reporting a possible UFO. Barron County deputies on duty that night reportedly observed the object.

Kristina Hauser, 20, of Chetek, was traveling with her family near the Rice Lake airport at about 9:40 p.m. when they saw the object. Hauser explained that the object, which initially appeared yellow, was flying toward Rice Lake and was dipping very low and moved very fast, heading back and forth across the road. She stated the object was hovering around their car for about a mile before it headed back to the airport.

Hauser also reported that after she was dropped off in Rice Lake, her family witnessed the object again on the way back to Chetek, hovering about 20 feet above their vehicle. They described it to her as a triangular or teardrop-shaped object with purple and blue lights. They could hear no sound coming from the object, and a red laser like light was shining on one end of it to the ground. The object followed their vehicle another four miles before it just disappeared.

Hauser's father, Glen, also spoke with various local police officers who had gotten calls on the object as well. While working at Wal-Mart, Kristina also spoke with a Rice Lake police officer who had talked with local hospitals and the Federal Aviation Administration. All confirmed helicopters were grounded and there did not appear to be any air traffic in the area.

"By the way it moved, having no sound, and th way it looked, I knew it was not from this planet," said Julie Hauser, Kristina's mother. "It was the scariest thing."

In a brief interview, Rice Lake Air Center Manager Jerry Stites explained that there were employees of the airport in the Rice Lake area who observed what appeared to be aircraft landing between 9-9:30 p.m., but no employees were at the airport when the sightings were reported. After reviewing security tapes, Stites added that to their knowledge, no planes landed at the air center Monday night. The helicopter at the airport also remained grounded until about 3 a.m. He added that he monitored the aviation radio until about 9 p.m., and there was no activity in the vicinity, but explained that did not mean there were no aircraft landing.

Calls to Cumberland Memorial Hospital and Sacred Heart in Eau Claire confirmed there were no airport runs to the Barron or Rice Lake area. Information on helicopter runs from Lakeview Medical Center in Rice Lake, Luther Hospital in Eau Claire, and Luther Midlefort Northland were not available at press time.

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: Edward J O'Connell <[ejayo.nul](mailto:ejayo.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 18:16:01 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 08:18:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

While the materials cost might be a few hundred dollars, the cost in time might be far higher. Maybe 100 hours of work, which, depending on the opportunity cost, might be worth thousands - or might not be worth not much of anything. Say you live in a shack in the middle of nowhere and have no marketplace into which to sell these skills.)

I'm reminded of the UMMO documents, and of the fantastically detailed alien worlds created by psychizoprhenics as detailed by Oliver Sacks in his work. (Was it Sacks?) One of the defenses of their authenticity came from the sheer bulk of content and the amount of work it would require to create said artifacts.

People routinely pour zillions of hours into bizarre creative projects which have no hope of ever making a cent for anyone. Zillions of dollars - that's rare. But zillions of hours? Not rare.

Well. Take a look at an animation film festival sometime, and look at stuff people have put thousands of hours into for the privilege of some small cash award.

I think the reality is that with youtube, the explosion of cheap high-quality 3d software, and a continuous pipe of degree programs churning out 100 times more people than hollywood can absorb, we need to say that without a credible witness willing to stand by a document - any document, photo/video/whatever, said document is for all practical purpose utterly and completely useless to UFOlogy.

Completely and totally and utterly a useless waste of time.

And you'd be lucky if said document was even a psy-op!

Jay O'Connell

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## Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 18:19:13 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 09:13:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 19:31:00 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

<snip>

>That really isn't true. I have done three hour programs on Coast  
>to Coast Radio in debate with Seth Shostak and separately in  
>debate with Michael Shermer.

>I did almost a full show on Nightline with Phil Klass. I was on  
>Larry King for the full show on July 13, 2007, and on about  
>January 18, 2008. There have been loads of other radio shows  
>lasting an hour or more with no opponent on board.

Really glad to hear that, Stan.

Really glad to hear that, Stan.

My post is coloured by my own documentary viewing, which admittedly, is far from extensive. My last documentary would have been viewed around early 2000, as after that, due to loss of good job, I could no longer afford TV. Possibly a good thing.

In the roughly 40 years prior to that, I saw a lot of UFO documentaries - so-called, anyway - which were clearly designed to trivialize the topic.

From hearing discussions of more recent docs, and quasi-news things like Larry King Live, it does seem that much more needs to be done in order to get the quality of coverage other fields receive.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 18:21:19 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 09:14:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 19:39:12 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

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>I'm so riled up it might push my hand a little early.

We're waitin'.

Eleanor White

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## Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 01:28:30 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 09:16:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 10:46:33 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

<Snip>

>Until we go to Mars in person, I don't think the debate over  
>these titilizing images that seem to show artificial objects on  
>other worlds will be resolved one way or the other to the  
>satisfaction of everyone.

I beg to differ Nick. I think that when we go to Mars in person,  
the debate will go into overdrive.

As for 'titilization', I wait in anguished suspense for that  
inevitable moment when the first academic puts forward the view  
that something, either bulbous or cylindrical, represents  
evidence of a Martian fertility cult...

Gerald O'Connell

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## Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: Paul Kimball <[TheRobieShark.nul](mailto:TheRobieShark.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 20:48:52 EDT  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 10:20:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 08:32:56 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

<snip>

>I believe the way to force a reversal of that situation would be  
>for ufologists to demand the chance to rebut all nay-saying  
>comments in a documentary or news item, as a condition for their  
>participation.

And, as I've said before, we producer guys will just laugh and go  
find someone else.

>In a story about UFOs, why shouldn't the ufologist get the last  
>word?

Umm... because they might not be right.

>And in documentaries, limbo lighting and weird music should be  
>gone, and gone forever. Plenty of opportunity to use that stuff  
>in the movies.

Fair enough. But then lets take those cool drawings of alien  
spaceships off of the covers of all UFO-related books. Indeed,  
let's get rid of any bells and whistles altogether - Rich Dolan's  
next book, for example, can come in a plain white cover, with  
just the title and his name.

>I've also recommended very carefully prepared, (I'd recommend  
>single sheet) "best case" summaries to be handed to every  
>producer asking for ufologist participation, along with a  
>condition for participation that at least one of those cases gets  
>substantial air time.

See above about producers and laughter. I know you mean well, but  
I've said it to you here before - you simply don't understand the  
film and television production business.

<snip>

>You need something compact and above all, in hand, to  
>direct the focus of the conversation with the producer.

I don't disagree here - an interview subject can't control what  
the director is going to use, but he/she can control what they  
say.

>The producer isn't going to stop, go read your books, then resume  
>the conversation.

No, of course not, but a good director - and there are some of us  
out there - will have read your book beforehand.

>Once some of those best cases start getting out, and once the  
>naysayers get on-camera rebuttals, this sleazy situation with  
>government secrecy will be subject to increased pressure to end.  
>Popular pressure does work.

Hogwash.

This is one of my bugbears about 'disclosure' advocates - they seem convinced that the government has orchestrated a massive cover-up of the UFO truth, the likes of which has never been seen before, even more successful and super-secret than the A-Bomb... and yet they believe that a plucky little band of UFO researchers are going to crack the story, and shake the world.

Puh-lease.

>But until ufologists start getting proactive and just a bit pushy  
>along \_these\_ lines, nothing will change.

What... like Stephen Bassett and the exopols crowd? They're 'pro-active' and they're certainly 'pushy' - and where has that gotten them in ten years?

Nowhere, because they can't discriminate - or won't - between good cases and bad ones, between good witnesses and bad ones, and between good UFO researchers (Nick Pope, for example) and bad ones (Steven Greer, Michael Salla, Alfred Webre et al).

Best regards,

Paul Kimball

[www.redstarfilmtv.blogspot.com](http://www.redstarfilmtv.blogspot.com)  
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## Mysterious UFO Invades Lounge

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 11:21:31 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 11:21:31 -0400  
Subject: Mysterious UFO Invades Lounge

Source: The Dominion Post - Wellington, New Zealand

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/dominionpost/4485037a6000.html>

Thursday, 17 April 2008

Mysterious UFO Invades Lounge

Mystery today surrounded an unidentified flying object that smashed through the roof of a Hawke's Bay house, landing on the lounge floor yesterday.

The resident of Whakatu, eight kilometres northeast of Hastings, was home but in a different room.

It was first thought a small mechanical part had fallen from a small plane, but the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has discounted that theory.

CAA spokesman Bill Sommers told NZPA an aeronautical engineer studied the part and found it was not from a plane.

"So we don't know what it's from."

The metal object had rust on it, was about 11cm long, 4.5cm wide and weighed about a kilogram, Mr Sommer said.

It would be "impractical" to consider that it had fallen out of the plane somehow, he said.

He also discounted the object coming from outer space.

"It's not the kind of thing you'd want to put into space because it's too heavy," Mr Sommer said.

"So it's a bit mysterious."

Constable Ben Howat of Hastings police said they were investigating what the object was and where it came from.

- NZPA

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## More Stuff In The Sky

From: Edward J O'Connell <[ejayo.nul](mailto:ejayo.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 03:55:55 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 11:21:31 -0400  
Subject: More Stuff In The Sky

<http://tinyurl.com/63k6p4>

Flogos. Floating areogel logo ad thingies.

I recall reading that advertising aircraft, small aircraft with grids of lights like flying billboards, viewed edge-on, generated UFO flaps routinely, and that the companies operating such aircraft enjoyed the extra attention their messages got when people were looking skyward for UFOs.

Here's some footage of an advertising aircraft I dug up. Never actually seen one of these things before.

<http://www.sign-in-sky.com/video.aspx?v=1>

I'm guessing these things will also create confusion, generate UFO reports, and the Flogo people will laugh all the way to the bank.

Jay O'Connell

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## Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: **Joseph Girard** <[Lunarmoonbase2.nul](mailto:Lunarmoonbase2.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 11:11:16 EDT  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 19:57:18 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

The statue argument is somewhat compelling, but not altogether convincing. Leave it to a group of men to find a woman's breast in clouds or rock formations.

If this was indeed a statue, then we can assume a civilized society built it, presumably for the same reasons a statue would be erected on earth. On earth, a statue would typically be built in or around a temple, city square, cemetery, park, ...etc.

The problem is, I see no temple ruins. I see no crumbling walls of buildings. I see no grave markers. Would this lead us to the conclusion that a statue was erected in the middle of nowhere? For what purpose? This seems to be the sticking point in my view.

If this is true, then that one rock formation that resembles a set of breasts is nothing more than an incredible coincidence. I'm sure a natural rock formation like that on earth would bring a nice price on eBay!

Joe Girard

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: Gildas Bourdais <[bourdais.gildas.nul](mailto:bourdais.gildas.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 15:49:02 +0200  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 19:57:19 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Edward J O'Connell <[ejayo.nul](mailto:ejayo.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 18:16:01 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

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>I think the reality is that with youtube, the explosion of cheap  
>high-quality 3d software, and a continuous pipe of degree  
>programs churning out 100 times more people than hollywood can  
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>Completely and totally and utterly a useless waste of time.

>And you'd be lucky if said document was even a psy-op!

I agree that the first information needed is the verified identity of the maker(s) of the documents, photos or films, etc. A very good example of that approach has been given by James Carrion in the April issue of the Mufon UFO Journal., with his long article about the drones and Caret documents. Five alleged witnesses sent pictures, but none has been clearly identified, one year later! That's the first rule, as Carrion puts it: "witness non repudiation". In other words, the need to validate witness identity.

But that may not be enough. You may also have to expose well identified false witnesses!

In the case of the alien autopsy footage of 1995, we are still waiting for a proof from Melaris, Santilli and Humphries that they shot the film.

And here is another twist. In the case of the Ummo letters, the authors of at the photographs of the craft and of at least the first letters have been identified and have confirmed that they were the hoaxers: Jordan Pena and Vicente Ortuno. However, In France, there is a whole school of specialists of the Ummo letters who claim that these two men are liars, and that the letters are authentic documents written by extraterrestrials! It is still a big road block for ufology in France. Sometimes it seems almost impossible to close a case. Especially if it happens to be a kind of psy-op.

Gildas Bourdais

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## Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 05:01:46 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 20:00:47 -0400  
Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 16:50:55 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

<snip>

>I didn't say that hypnosis should never be used as a tool, but  
>that it should only be used when there is an expectation that  
>such treatment will provide an unambiguous clinical benefit for  
>the patient, and it is administered by a health service  
>professional.

Mr. McGonagle, then I will say it. Hypnosis is not a fit tool to use for recovering memory. Its therapeutic use as well is debateable as beneficial. The only time it is justified is when the subject is in great pain and nothing else is available to alleviate it.

Each time a subject is put in trance he becomes more susceptible to suggestion. Even though this may relate more to the person applying it, it may still effect everyday life and dreams.

The trust placed in the therapist has an eroding effect on self-confidence in time and can bring about fears of intimacy later on.

Applied enough, a subject can actually "go in" by accident. Without the reviving cue, they may not come out.

Conscious recovery of memory is a slow process that can come about when a therapist, carefully listening for compelling indicators (like odd fears) deals with a subject by studying their responses to carefully selected questions. By compiling a close record, the therapist can help lead the subject through a course of events they have blocked out until pieces of that recollection start falling into place.

Having the subject keep a dream journal can help.

JCH

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## Is There Anybody Out There?

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Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 10:50:23 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 20:04:05 -0400  
Subject: Is There Anybody Out There?

Source: University of East Anglia - UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3w8b11>

Is There Anybody Out There?

Is there anybody out there? Probably not, according to a scientist from the University of East Anglia. A mathematical model produced by Prof Andrew Watson suggests that the odds of finding new life on other Earth-like planets are low, given the time it has taken for beings such as humans to evolve and the remaining life span of Earth.

Structurally complex and intelligent life evolved late on Earth and it has already been suggested that this process might be governed by a small number of very difficult evolutionary steps.

Prof Watson, from the School of Environmental Sciences, takes this idea further by looking at the probability of each of these critical steps occurring in relation to the life span of Earth, giving an improved mathematical model for the evolution of intelligent life.

According to Prof Watson a limit to evolution is the habitability of Earth, and any other Earth-like planets, which will end as the sun brightens. Solar models predict that the brightness of the sun is increasing, while temperature models suggest that because of this the future life span of Earth will be only about another billion years, a short time compared to the four billion years since life first appeared on the planet.

The Earth's biosphere is now in its old age and this has implications for our understanding of the likelihood of complex life and intelligence arising on any given planet, said Prof Watson.

At present, Earth is the only example we have of a planet with life. If we learned the planet would be habitable for a set period and that we had evolved early in this period, then even with a sample of one, we suspect that evolution from simple to complex and intelligent life was quite likely to occur. By contrast, we now believe that we evolved late in the habitable period, and this suggests that our evolution is rather unlikely. In fact, the timing of events is consistent with it being very rare indeed.

Prof Watson suggests the number of evolutionary steps needed to create intelligent life, in the case of humans, is four. These probably include the emergence of single-celled bacteria, complex cells, specialized cells allowing complex life forms, and intelligent life with an established language.

Complex life is separated from the simplest life forms by several very unlikely steps and therefore will be much less common. Intelligence is one step further, so it is much less common still, said Prof Watson.

His model, published in the journal *Astrobiology*, suggests an upper limit for the probability of each step occurring is 10 per



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cent or less, so the chances of intelligent life emerging is low  
-- less than 0.01 per cent over four billion years.

Each step is independent of the other and can only take place  
after the previous steps in the sequence have occurred. They  
tend to be evenly spaced through Earth's history and this is  
consistent with some of the major transitions identified in the  
evolution of life on Earth.

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From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 08:22:01 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 20:07:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>the impossible category. Unless that is, somebody has come along  
>and started placing pieces of sculpture in the middle of a dead,  
>eroded and/or damaged landscape.

Hi Gerald,

I think you are saying that the anomalous material does not fit  
into the context of the Mars landscape. You might conclude from  
this that the find is "impossible", yet there it is.

I've identified additional anomalies in the image containing the  
apparently human torso. These are now included in the  
presentation at

<http://www.treurniet.ca/artifacts/torso.htm>

It seems obvious to me that there is a very low probability that  
these anomalies have a natural origin. The alternatives are quite  
clear. Either (a) the image was planted in the NASA database, (b)  
someone went to Mars to set up the scene, or (c) there was  
intelligent life on Mars long ago.

William Treurniet

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 10:57:35 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 20:14:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>From: Paul Kimball <[TheRobieShark.nul](mailto:TheRobieShark.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 20:48:52 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 08:32:56 -0400  
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>good cases and bad ones, between good witnesses and bad ones, and  
>between good UFO researchers (Nick Pope, for example) and bad  
>ones (Steven Greer, Michael Salla, Alfred Webre et al).

I agree Paul. There is little understanding of both Government  
operation at the micro level and the function of the media in  
reporting the news or information, and in the end the  
conspiracies take over and stories take on a life of their own.

Eleanor, the media tells a story and rely on the information they  
are given, using 'spokesmen' to actually make points and provide  
information. The credibility of those spokesmen lend whatever  
support they can to the subject at hand and the media choose them  
accordingly. You could provide a list of good cases, with  
information, but that assumes they really want to do a story on  
the subject of old UFO cases and I've found that is almost never  
the case.

The only time that the media is really going to be interested in  
this subject is after an alleged sighting, such as recently seen  
in Texas. IMO, there is no way the media will ever really show  
interest in old cases (regardless of new research or  
information), which calls into question the reason they are the  
subject of so much effort by so many people. But given the  
interest and the lack of good local sightings to investigate,  
most researchers are stuck in the past and recalling "the good  
'ol days" when the media cared.

But for the news media to get involved, the importance of the  
story will have to outweigh the major news events of the day, and  
with the economy and the war in the Middle East, it would take a  
major event to push them off the Front Page. Otherwise, the UFO  
story ends up in the Entertainment section on Sunday (and that,  
more often than not, is the case).

Everything in this field has been changed by the Internet, with  
the ability of the masses to publish their own UFO data and  
become armchair experts. It allows organizations like

Exopolitics to attract the fringe believers that they would otherwise have to identify through direct mail, and Internet rumors can often be taken for real over time and used to their advantage. There's no overall arbiter to validate UFO information on the Internet, so it all has become suspect, and in a field that is grasping at information a vast majority are not very discriminatory. There is no common definition of the field, and certainly no rules of evidence.

The X-Conference this weekend in Gaithersburg, MD will become another 'preaching to the choir' event, with few (if any) local political officials attending, in spite of the hype that this is bringing UFO information to Congressional Leaders.

The sad fact is that the local Newspapers haven't mentioned it, and it doesn't really even rate a 'blip' on the news meter locally. Throw in political beliefs, and distrust for Governments, and you create a real recipe for conspiratorial theories. How many hear believe that the Pentagon wasn't actually hit by a airliner and that it was really a Bush/Cheney conspiracy to promote the invasion of Iraq? Or that the US Government has been secretly building massive compounds to house hundreds of thousands in concentration camp like facilities for use in the enforcement of drug and immigration laws?

Steve

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From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 10:05:10 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 20:16:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 01:28:30 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>>From: Nick Balaskas <[nikolaos.nul](mailto:nikolaos.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 10:46:33 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

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>>Until we go to Mars in person, I don't think the debate over  
>>these titilizing images that seem to show artificial objects on  
>>other worlds will be resolved one way or the other to the  
>>satisfaction of everyone.

>I beg to differ Nick. I think that when we go to Mars in  
>person, the debate will go into overdrive.

>As for 'titilization', I wait in anguished suspense for that  
>inevitable moment when the first academic puts forward the view  
>that something, either bulbous or cylindrical, represents  
>evidence of a Martian fertility cult...

The Spirit image clearly shows representations of a feline head  
and a human female body on Mars. Put them together and you  
approach the likeness of some Egyptian goddesses like Sekhmet or  
Bastet. The academic view might be that the sculpture on Mars  
represents these goddesses. The goddess Bastet apparently did  
symbolize love and fertility, so your tongue-in-cheek prediction  
might actually come to pass. However, her twin sister Sekhmet,  
was the goddess of bravery and courage, and could be pretty  
vicious.

William

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## Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 13:59:44 -0300  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 20:19:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>From: Paul Kimball <[TheRobieShark.nul](mailto:TheRobieShark.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 20:48:52 EDT  
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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 08:32:56 -0400  
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>>I believe the way to force a reversal of that situation would be  
>>for ufologists to demand the chance to rebut all nay-saying  
>>comments in a documentary or news item, as a condition for their  
>>participation.

>And, as I've said before, we producer guys will just laugh and go  
>find someone else.

>>In a story about UFOs, why shouldn't the ufologist get the last  
>>word?

>Umm... because they might not be right.

>>And in documentaries, limbo lighting and weird music should be  
>>gone, and gone forever. Plenty of opportunity to use that stuff  
>>in the movies.

>Fair enough. But then lets take those cool drawings of alien  
>spaceships off of the covers of all UFO-related books. Indeed,  
>let's get rid of any bells and whistles altogether - Rich Dolan's  
>next book, for example, can come in a plain white cover, with  
>just the title and his name.

>>I've also recommended very carefully prepared, (I'd recommend  
>>single sheet) "best case" summaries to be handed to every  
>>producer asking for ufologist participation, along with a  
>>condition for participation that at least one of those cases gets  
>>substantial air time.

>See above about producers and laughter. I know you mean well, but  
>I've said it to you here before - you simply don't understand the  
>film and television production business.

><snip>

>>You need something compact and above all, in hand, to  
>>direct the focus of the conversation with the producer.

>I don't disagree here - an interview subject can't control what  
>the director is going to use, but he/she can control what they  
>say.

>>The producer isn't going to stop, go read your books, then resume  
>>the conversation.

>No, of course not, but a good director - and there are some of us  
>out there - will have read your book beforehand.



>>Once some of those best cases start getting out, and once the  
>>naysayers get on-camera rebuttals, this sleazy situation with  
>>government secrecy will be subject to increased pressure to end.  
>>Popular pressure does work.

>Hogwash.

>This is one of my bugbears about 'disclosure' advocates - they  
>seem convinced that the government has orchestrated a massive  
>cover-up of the UFO truth, the likes of which has never been seen  
>before, even more successful and super-secret than the A-Bomb...  
>and yet they believe that a plucky little band of UFO researchers  
>are going to crack the story, and shake the world.

>Puh-lease.

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>>along \_these\_ lines, nothing will change.

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>ones (Steven Greer, Michael Salla, Alfred Webre et al).

While Paul and I don't always agree, I certainly agree with him  
on this issue. I can only control what I say and how I say it. I  
have absolutely no control over what they use, who else they talk  
to, how much junk they broadcast.

Look at the Peter Jennings mockumentary of Feb. 24, 2005. They  
talked to 150 people of whom 100 didn't make the cut including a  
number of PhDs. They had a huge budget.

There is no shortage of people who want to be interviewed. The  
producers rarely give any info about the slant they are looking  
for. In my view the Exopolitics and Disclosure guys have muddied  
the waters and done very little to truly educate the media or  
the public.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: More Stuff In The Sky

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 14:25:46 -0300  
Archived: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 20:21:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: More Stuff In The Sky

>From: Edward J O'Connell <[ejayo.nul](mailto:ejayo.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 03:55:55 -0400  
>Subject: More Stuff In The Sky

><http://tinyurl.com/63k6p4>

>Flogos. Floating areogel logo ad thingies.

>I recall reading that advertising aircraft, small aircraft with  
>grids of lights like flying billboards, viewed edge-on,  
>generated UFO flaps routinely, and that the companies operating  
>such aircraft enjoyed the extra attention their messages got  
>when people were looking skyward for UFOs.

>Here's some footage of an advertising aircraft I dug up. Never  
>actually seen one of these things before.

><http://www.sign-in-sky.com/video.aspx?v=1>

>I'm guessing these things will also create confusion, generate  
>UFO reports, and the Flogo people will laugh all the way to the  
>bank.

Yeah, these illuminated signs are even rarer than that UFOs they  
are purported to be. I've participated in sign towing so lets not  
start another solve for the phenomenon. The sign won't stay edge-  
on indefinitely. Easy for any investigator - and there are few of  
us - to check out anyway. Call the nearest ATC and ask if there  
was one up. It will be NOTAMED [Notice to Airmen].

Don Ledger

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## Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

From: **Franklin D. Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 08:52:21 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 06:29:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>From: Edward J O'Connell <[ejayo.nul](mailto:ejayo.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 18:16:01 -0400  
>Subject: Re: New Alien Autopsy Video

>While the materials cost might be a few hundred dollars, the cost  
>in time might be far higher. Maybe 100 hours of work, which,  
>depending on the opportunity cost, might be worth thousands - or

><snip>

>People routinely pour zillions of hours into bizarre creative  
>projects which have no hope of ever making a cent for anyone.  
>Zillions of dollars - that's rare. But zillions of hours? Not  
>rare.

>Well. Take a look at an animation film festival sometime, and  
>look at stuff people have put thousands of hours into for the  
>privilege of some small cash award.

>I think the reality is that with youtube, the explosion of cheap  
>high- quality 3d software, and a continuous pipe of degree  
>programs churning out 100 times more people than hollywood can  
>absorb, we need to say thatt without a credible witness willing  
>to stand by a document - any document, photo/video/whatever,  
>said document is for all practical purpose utterly and  
>completely useless to UFOlogy.

>Completely and totally and utterly a useless waste of time.

>And you'd be lucky if said document was even a psy-op!

It is correct that some put a great number of hours into projects  
and do not receive pay. However, most if not all expect or hope  
for recognition that might someday bring fame or fortune.

It would be odd for those putting that much work into a project  
not to want credit for their work. That is one of the purposes of  
film festivals.

Under the same standard of proof, how can we be so sure that it  
is not a psyop or that we would be "lucky"?

A real or psyop film would be the most likely to surface without  
a credible witness willing to come forward.

Best,

Frank

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## Re: Area UFO Sighting Under Investigation

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 20:36:57 +0000  
Archived: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 06:32:41 -0400  
Subject: Re: Area UFO Sighting Under Investigation

>Source: Chetek Alert - Wisconsin, USA  
><http://tinyurl.com/6mjypp>  
>April 16, 2008

>Area UFO Sighting Under Investigation

<snip>

>"By the way it moved, having no sound, and th way it looked, I  
>knew it was not from this planet," said Julie Hauser, Kristina's  
>mother. "It was the scariest thing."

<snip>

This must be required boilerplate for 'UFO sighting' news stories.

Why would somebody make such a claim?

My response would be: "are you serious?"

KK

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Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 08:08:35 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 14 Apr 2008 15:01:53 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>...What about documented records of  
>transient lunar phenomena, volumes and volumes of them, kept for  
>300 years by astronomers all over the world, that are entirely  
>ignored?!

>And when NASA was militarized, the keeping of current reports  
>became classified... and not a stir from anyone! Not even  
>ufologists.

Do you mean that NASA classified its transient lunar phenomena reports or UFO reports (i.e. images/video of "objects" taken from ISS/Shuttle)?

From what I have heard, NASA MSFC has telescopes trained on the dark region of the Moon to observe transient light flashes. The data is not classified.

[http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2007/23jan\\_ltps.htm](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2007/23jan_ltps.htm)

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall/news/lunar/>

<http://tinyurl.com/6nkyom>

You can help them do this too!

[http://www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall/pdf/166651main\\_FAQ2.pdf](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall/pdf/166651main_FAQ2.pdf)

A list of publications:

<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall/news/lunar/Publications>.

and, of course, the ever-mentioned NASA GSFC unclassified publication "Lunar transient phenomena catalog".

As to "classified" UFO reports, almost all NASA video/images from ISS and Shuttle is not classified (some is medically sensitive, some is proprietary/military). Purported UFOs which are frequently shown in the downlinked videos are not "classified", but then NASA does not consider them UFOs since they are assumed to be prosaic dust/debris.

NASA does not involve itself in the general investigation of UFOs, as far as public observations, unless Congress directs them to.

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## Couple Chronicle Close Encounters

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 08:19:45 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 08:19:45 -0400  
Subject: Couple Chronicle Close Encounters

Source: The Redditch Advertiser - Redditch, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6cs8uc>

Friday 18th April 2008

Couple Chronicle Close Encounters  
By Ben Russell

Alvechurch resident has spent the last 10 years researching UFOs.

John Hanson and his partner Dawn Holloway are working on a series of volumes dating from 1940 to 2008 which catalogue a day-by-day account of UFO activity in the UK.

The series, called Haunted Skies, contains an in-depth examination of UFO events as well as illustrations and interviews.

John, who is retired from West Midlands Police, said: "In 1995 I was at home in the depth of my armchair watching, of all things, the X Files, when a colleague of mine told me about a UFO that had been seen over Birmingham.

"My colleague and his partner drove around looking for the object when they came across a massive saucer shaped object with a thin rippling red line running through it, surrounded by a blue haze.

"This was the trigger that raised my curiosity. Surely there was no such thing as UFOs or flying saucers, they didn't exist - or did they?"

Over the next few years John continued to receive information about other sightings which had taken place on that same evening and began to look into the subject of UFOs.

At the same time he began giving talks and lectures on UFOs at local colleges and met his partner Dawn.

After one talk he had his first close encounter.

"A strange thing happened, I was at home getting ready for bed when I looked out of the window and saw a silvery blob of light about the size of a football hanging on the tree opposite the house," he said.

"I picked up a video camera and started filming and then the next thing I know I'm waking up the next day. When I realised what had happened I checked the video and was astonished to see the object again.

"Within a couple of minutes it rushed up into the sky and was gone.

"Like so many others before me and after I went straight to the library and read as much as I could about UFOs."

Feeling uneasy about the way authors had carried out their research, John decided the only way to form his own conclusions as to what this phenomena is was to carry out his own research.

He added: "The majority of the information in the volumes was obtained from literally hundreds of interviews with UFO researchers and the witnesses themselves, defunct 1970s magazines and newspaper appeals.

"It's something people will find very interesting but I think we have to be wary of alienating ourselves against a general public who still remain sceptical of the existence of UFOs and have no comprehension as to how prolific UFO activity was during the middle of the last century.

"There is an abundance of all manner of strange and weird phenomena out there, but one has to see and experience for themselves before they believe it."

For more information about Haunted Skies or if any business would like to help John and Dawn publish the series, call:

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## Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 08:10:16 -0300  
Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 08:22:58 -0400  
Subject: Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: UFO updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 10:50:23 +0100  
>Subject: Low Probability Of Advanced ET Life

>Source: University of East Anglia - UK

><http://tinyurl.com/3w8b1l>

>Is There Anybody Out There?

>Is there anybody out there? Probably not, according to a  
>scientist from the University of East Anglia. A mathematical  
>model produced by Prof Andrew Watson suggests that the odds of  
>finding new life on other Earth-like planets are low, given the  
>time it has taken for beings such as humans to evolve and the  
>remaining life span of Earth.

<snip>

What a splendid example of dart board physics.

Post numbers and throw darts. Ignorance is bliss.

This of course ignores the evidence that Earth is being visited,  
that there may well be colonization and migration, that we are  
blissfully ignorant of possible past civilizations here over the  
past 100 million years. We only figured out that fusion is the  
process that produces the energy in the stars 70 years ago and  
we have the ultimate in knowledge!

Stan Friedman

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## Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: **Steve Sawyer** <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 04:13:18 -0700  
Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 09:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 20:09:47 -0400  
>Subject: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>I would like to draw your attention to two Spirit Rover images  
>from Mars. These images show evidence of sculptures of non-human  
>beings. One sculpture depicted a humanoid female judging from a  
>torso remnant. The other was of a being with a somewhat canine  
>face. Both sculptures were smashed somehow, and some of the  
>remnants are there in the photos.

>The evidence is presented at the following addresses.

><http://www.treurniet.ca/artifacts/torso.htm>

><http://www.treurniet.ca/artifacts/marshead.htm>

>As far as I know, no one has made these observations yet.

>I would be interested to know what you think.

Well, I've been hesitant to say this before now, but since your  
post did generate some supportive response, I will tell you what  
I think:

I see rocks. Odd looking, yes, but just rocks. And a highly  
developed case of pareidolia on your part, Mr. Treurniet.

Steve Sawyer

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## Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 14:27:27 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 09:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>To: UFO updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 10:50:23 +0100  
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>finding new life on other Earth-like planets are low, given the  
>time it has taken for beings such as humans to evolve and the  
>remaining life span of Earth.

<snip>

Hello Joe and All,

That piece, a repetition of many earlier, irritated me enough  
send off a reply to other pals; roughly like so:

"Trouble is, and this applies to all pronouncements on the  
subject (either way), the extrapolation is from only one example  
of life - Earth-life.

Those calculations immediately hit a double buffer - either  
Earth is 'mediocre' and therefore we could expect organic (maybe  
even 'Earth-type') life everywhere that conditions permit, or  
Earth is somehow abnormal (in universal terms) and therefore we  
cannot predict anything."

sig.

"There is no more common error than to assume that, because  
prolonged and accurate mathematical calculations have been made,  
the application of the result to some fact of nature is  
absolutely certain." --A. N. Whitehead

Cheers

Ray

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## Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen.nul](mailto:christensen.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 10:05:54 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 09:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 10:05:10 -0400  
>Subject: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>The Spirit image clearly shows representations of a feline head  
>and a human female body on Mars. Put them together and you  
>approach the likeness of some Egyptian goddesses like Sekhmet or  
>Bastet. The academic view might be that the sculpture on Mars  
>represents these goddesses. The goddess Bastet apparently did  
>symbolize love and fertility, so your tongue-in-cheek prediction  
>might actually come to pass. However, her twin sister Sekhmet,  
>was the goddess of bravery and courage, and could be pretty  
>vicious.

Apropos of this... "Probably the earliest work of human art with  
a feline theme is the Lion Man, a 28 cm. tall mammoth-ivory  
figurine found in a cave at Hohlenstein-Stadel in Baden-  
Wurttemberg, Germany. Over 30,000 years old, it depicts a human  
with a lion's head...

As the Lion Man reveals, feline-human hybrids, so familiar from  
Egyptian art, go back much further:

An ancient red-painted woman-lion figure wearing a crown and  
dubbed The Lion Queen was unearthed in Pech Merle Cave, France.

A site in the Middle East yielded a 5000-year-old marble statue  
of a goddess with a lioness' head - from my article, Cats And  
Humans: An Ancient Bond, published in Cat Fancy magazine.

Purrs,

wac

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## Re: Strange Lights Seen All Over Spain

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 07:09:31 -0400 (GMT-04:00)  
Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 10:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Strange Lights Seen All Over Spain

>From: Scott Corrales <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 15 Apr 2008 12:04:11 -0400 (GMT-04:00)  
>Subject: Strange Lights Seen All Over Spain

<snip>

The matter of the 'peninsula-wide UFO alert' was presented as a serious news item - at first. A correction and the 'Media Hoax' classification were posted immediately by Inexplicata and the details can be read by anyone interested in doing so at:

<http://inexplicata.blogspot.com>

Scott Corrales  
Inexplicata

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## Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 13:20:47 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 10:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>From: James Smith <[lunartravel.nul](mailto:lunartravel.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 09:39:39 -0400 (GMT-04:00)  
>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

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>sensitive, some is proprietary/military). Purported UFOs which  
>are frequently shown in the downlinked videos are not  
>"classified", but then NASA does not consider them UFOs since  
>they are assumed to be prosaic dust/debris.

Hello James,

Here's a quote about the 9 minute video:

"In part 7 Martyn explains how NASA is now chopping-up its  
transmissions (very inefficiently and wastefully) just to stop  
you and me from seeing more of the real-life pictures he got for  
the 'Smoking Gun' vid"

7 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1L4XGuHX1g>

Cheers

Ray

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## Clinton Draws UFO Endorsement

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Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 10:30:00 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 10:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Clinton Draws UFO Endorsement

Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080417/BLOG32/14712974>

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Clinton Draws UFO Endorsement  
Billy Cox

With Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign wheezing, it would be logical to assume the New York Senator would appreciate every endorsement she can get. But it ain't necessarily so.

This weekend in Gaithersburg, Md., just outside the nation's capital, the only registered congressional lobbyist advocating UFO disclosure hearings - Steve Bassett - is staging his annual X-Conference. Its keynote speaker is Apollo astronaut Edgar Mitchell, who has long pressed for declassification of government UFO data and has labeled the enduring cover-up as potentially "a case of criminal culpability."

But undoubtedly the most annoying X-Conference speaker to a Clinton-bashing law firm called Judicial Watch is a guy named Grant Cameron.

JW, which kept President Clinton's lawyers busy in the '90s with bimbo-scandal litigation on behalf of Gennifer Flowers and Paula Jones, is attempting to scour the Clinton Presidential Library for more ammo in case the Senator gets the Democratic nomination. JW is apoplectic over the idea that Cameron (a Canadian!) managed to file Freedom of Information Act requests with the library before it did. Which means JW is having to wait in line behind him. Which is galling because Cameron is digging around for UFO material, not pantyhose skank.

So the conservative outfit whose motto is "Because No One Is Above the Law" has resorted to suing the National Archives, which manages the library records, into changing the rules so it can shove the Winnipeg UFO researcher aside. Last month, a federal judge noted JW's "hyperbolic" tone but allowed its attorneys to forge ahead and make its case.

Cameron, whose research so far has uncovered evidence that President Clinton and the first lady met with at least one big-time UFO disclosure advocate, has been urging readers to support the existing first come first served rules by contacting [clinton.library.nul](mailto:clinton.library.nul) Otherwise, he writes on his

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

Web site, JW's bottomless vendetta "will tie up the archivists at the Clinton Library for years."

Recently, after analyzing the candidates, Cameron endorsed Hillary Clinton as the most likely contender to tackle UFO

disclosure if her hand were ever forced. "She ... would be the most fearless individual to find and take on the secret UFO cabal," he writes, "to swim upstream on a controversial issue such as UFOs, or to fire people until she got to the bottom of the cover-up."

The Senator will thank him publicly just as soon as Mahmoud Ahmadinejad visits Jerusalem. But Cameron's on the Clintons' radar now. And it's safe to say they're paying attention.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## Advice For Interviewed Ufologists & Others

From: Wendy Christensen <[christensen.nul](mailto:christensen.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 09:55:52 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 11:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Advice For Interviewed Ufologists & Others

>From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 13:59:44 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>I certainly agree with him on this issue. I can only control  
>what I say and how I say it. I have absolutely no control over  
>what they use, who else they talk to, how much junk they  
>broadcast.

Yes, interviewees do have control over which of their words are aired.

Many years ago, a professional conference I attended (the international Cat Writers' Association) featured a seminar on Handling The Media.

The speaker was a veterinarian who had worked as a spokesperson for vaccine manufacturers, and thus had dealt with more than his share of hostile interviewers and tricky/leading questions.

His advice was:

- 1) Decide precisely what you want to communicate
- 2) Boil it down to a simple statement
- 3) Repeat it, over and over, as many times as necessary.

He offered this sample dialogue:

Interviewer: So, Doctor, is this new vaccine really a good thing for cats?

Vet: This new vaccine is safe and effective.

I: But what about adjuvants... don't they cause side effects?

V: This vaccine is very safe and effective.

I: Well, we've heard about several cases... and all those vaccine-associated sarcomas... more harm than good?

V: This new vaccine is extraordinarily safe and very effective. ... [more questions]...

I: What day is today?

V: This new vaccine is safe and effective.

I: Aren't those pretty cumulus clouds up there?

V: This new vaccine is very safe and effective.

I: Nice tie... a gift from Giganto Vaccine Corp?

V: The new vaccine is quite safe and very effective.

You get the picture. Each of the interviewer's tacks represents

a dangerous rat-hole for the vet.

My observations indicate that many ufologists seem to be uncommonly susceptible to unproductive, and counterproductive, rodent pursuits.

The speaker pointed out that if you deviate, even a bit, from the information you really want to communicate, or express any reservations, doubts or conditionals whatsoever: "On the other hand...;" "...except in a few unusual cases...;" "... perhaps, but we need more studies..." - your deviation - from message is the only part of your interview that will be used.

So, whatever your message, remember:

It's a sound-bite world that thrives on gotchas and negatives.

If you want to get a message out there, compress and simplify it, and say only what you most want to communicate.

Repeat as necessary.

If you do this, the worst they can do is drop you completely. If they want to use you as a source, they'll pretty much be forced to communicate your message.

When I'm being interviewed, whatever the topic, I always repeat silently, "The vaccine is safe and effective."

My husband also found this advice extraordinarily useful in his political career.

Purrs... wac

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## Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 05:40:14 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 11:30:00 -0400  
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<snip>

>Do you mean that NASA classified its transient lunar phenomena  
>reports or UFO reports (i.e. images/video of "objects" taken  
>from ISS/Shuttle)?

<snip>

No, James, I meant that the compilation of TLP from astronomers around the world is no longer available to the public as it was once. As far as NASA images, all sorts of games are played with their filing methodology and I, frankly, don't trust them.

As far as they are concerned, the agency might have access to TLP comprehensively, just as I think does the Vatican. But, either way, no one is telling.

They are simply not available as they were once, and I call that "classified" regardless of who is responsible.

It may well be the space agencies have all created together a filter and a common PR line to enhance their relationship of sharing data. Whatever has happened has not been to the benefit of their publics.

No surprise there.

JCH

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## Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 05:51:06 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 11:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

>From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 08:10:16 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: UFO updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 10:50:23 +0100  
>>Subject: Low Probability Of Advanced ET Life

>>Source: University of East Anglia - UK

>><http://tinyurl.com/3w8b1l>

>>Is There Anybody Out There?

>>Is there anybody out there? Probably not, according to a  
>>scientist from the University of East Anglia. A mathematical  
>>model produced by Prof Andrew Watson suggests that the odds of  
>>finding new life on other Earth-like planets are low, given the  
>>time it has taken for beings such as humans to evolve and the  
>>remaining life span of Earth.

<snip>

>What a splendid example of dart board physics.

>Post numbers and throw darts. Ignorance is bliss.

>This of course ignores the evidence that Earth is being visited,  
>that there may well be colonization and migration, that we are  
>blissfully ignorant of possible past civilizations here over the  
>past 100 million years. We only figured out that fusion is the  
>process that produces the energy in the stars 70 years ago and  
>we have the ultimate in knowledge!

Mr. Friedman, that's just about the sharpest response I've so far seen to the pussy-footing conventional science has adopted in its approach to qualifying an opinion on the subject.

Very good.

Can I sometimes borrow that phrase, "dart board physics"?

Regards,

JCH

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## Aliens Land UFO On Roundball Hill

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Subject: Aliens Land UFO On Roundball Hill

Source: The Midweek Herald - Clyst Honiton, Devon, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6pjmow>

18 April 2008

Aliens Land UFO On Roundball Hill  
[devon.editorial.nul](mailto:devon.editorial.nul)

Reports are being received of a UFO sighting on the top of Roundball in Honiton, one of the most prominent landmarks in East Devon.

Residents in Willow Walk, on the Battishorne Estate, which lies at the foot of the hill, have told the Herald that an unusual structure appeared on top of Roundball overnight.

"I can see things moving and it's like the aliens have landed," said mother-of-one Carla Salisbury.

Watch this space for an update.

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Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 12:30:00 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 12:30:00 -0400  
Subject: UFOs Head For Our Bright Lights

Source: The Blackpool Gazette - Lancashire, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6oxkb3>

18 April 2008

UFOs Head For Our Bright Lights

Visitors from another world or Blackpool Airport travellers =96  
the truth is out there!

Mystery surrounds the appearance of strange lights in the sky  
over St Annes =96 while a group of alien enthusiasts were  
channeling energy in an attempt to contact beings from another  
world.

It's the latest in a string of mysterious incidents which have  
seen Lancashire =96 and the Fylde in particular =96 earmarked as one  
of the UK's UFO hot spots.

Stephen Morris, 44, claims he spotted a UFO hovering silently in  
the sky on Monday evening at 10:45pm.

Mr Morris spied the grey, triangular object heading towards the  
sea above houses in St.Alban's Road, St.Annes.

He said: "I noticed an object low in the sky, partially obscured  
by a street light. It was lit underneath with red, green and  
white lights and I saw what I thought were windows.

I was totally gobsmacked and nearly crashed my car."

The trio were leaving the community centre in St Alban's Road  
after hearing a speech from David Boyle, who runs Blackpool's Dr  
Who exhibition.

Mr Boyle, 59, believes he can shed some light on the strange  
goings on.

In his talk he was "channeling", which he claims can put him in  
touch with higher beings. It was while he was doing this that he  
said he felt a presence outside.

He said: "I felt energy gathering around us and there outside  
was this UFO. It was confirmation about what we were talking  
about."

Waiting

Mr Morris said he had been waiting all of his life to see  
something like this.

He added: "I pointed it out to my partner and our friend, we all  
saw it and we had not been drinking either!"

The man behind Britain's answer to the X Files, Nick Pope, is

convinced of Lancashire's status as a UFO hot spot.

He said: "People who want to go UFO spotting could do a lot worse."

Many UFO sightings have more earthly explanation =96 a recent report of alien visitors in The Crescent, St Annes, turned out to be railway staff wearing fluorescent jackets.

And there is also an alternative theory for the sighting at St Alban's Road =96 the area is in the flight-path of some planes landing and taking off at Blackpool airport.

A spokesman for the airport said: "There was a flight due from Palma at that time."

THEY'RE among us =96 not (necessarily) little green men, but those who can boast their own close encounter.

- In 1996 tongues were wagging in Warton when strange lights were seen darting through the sky around the village. North Lancashire UFO group pointed the finger at BAE, claiming the aerospace giant was using technology from a crashed spacecraft to develop a top secret warplane. 'Not us' said bosses at the firm =96 and the mystery continues to this day.

- In 1997, callers to a radio phone-in claimed to have seen a huge object with lights underneath in the skies off South Shore. Tim Matthews of the Lancashire UFO Society planned to write to his MP demanding an immediate investigation.

- In 2000, dog walker George Holt was shocked to see a fireball screech across the sky from Blackpool Tower towards Over Wyre and Garstang. From the safety of his vantage point in Singleton he recalled: "I thought I'd seen everything but this was like nothing else. I thought I was seeing things!" Although disappointingly it was more likely to be a piece of space junk rather than visitors from another world.

- Further north, Fleetwood (pictured above) was in the top 20 places in Britain for alien abduction. In 2003, UFO sceptic Alan Joliffe reported seeing seven cigar shaped objects in the north-western sky. A year later, Keith Millington and Tony Sessions were 'astonished' to see strange lights flash over Fleetwood Golf Course.

Sightings have dried up since then =96 perhaps the aliens had found what they were looking for....

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## Kokomo Indiana Truck & Cell Phone Die

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Subject: Kokomo Indiana Truck & Cell Phone Die

Source: Debbie Jordan-Kaublle's Website - DebsHome

<http://www.xgenco.com/debshome/>

April 16, 2008

Kokomo Indiana Truck & Cell Phone Die - Circular Craft Witnessed

United States Reports Posted: January 27, 2008

Date: January 24, 2008 Time: 7:08 p.m.

Location of Sighting: I was at Delphi Electronics in Kokomo  
Indiana.

Number of witnesses: 3+

Number of objects: 3-8 Shape of objects: Circular.

Full Description of event/sighting:

According to the state of Indiana, I am a licensed Detective. However, I work for a Security firm at the Delphi Electronics Headquarters in Kokomo, Indiana as a Professional Security Officer. It started first when I got into the officers truck to pick up another employee who was at one of our buildings across the street. I managed to make it over to where he was, and then as I started to drive across the street I noticed the lights on the truck were dimming at a fairly steady pace. I barely made it back across the street before the lights, all of the gauges stopped working, and the brakes and power steering went out in our company vehicle, and the vehicle completely died. The officer and I radioed to our supervisor to let him know about the truck. I was then given another truck to drive, and I had parked it outside one of our gates long enough to drop off a lunch box that had been left in our now broken down truck only 10 minutes prior. I had been in the guard shack for only probably five minutes before walking outside to see the first orange light.

I quickly pointed to the light and motioned for her to look. Shortly after a Delphi employee walked up behind us and also was able to see the light. After the first light we were able to see multiple amber colored or orange colored lights pulsating. They would come on, and then they would go off, and they were moving in all directions. At times it almost looked like the lights were together creating a bigger circular shape. You could also see what looked like smaller white twinkles behind the orange or amber colored circles. I tried to make a phone call to my parents, however my cell phone was not fully functional due to whatever was going on. It took nearly 20 minutes for me to get in touch with my parents, and my phone was still not working all the way. My parents said that the family cat was acting like something was wrong, and kept looking outside the windows all night almost in a panicking state. My dad went outside with some binoculars and he and my mom looked into the sky to see the same

exact thing we were all seeing at Delphi. (Mind you, this is 20 minutes after the fact). I was only on the phone briefly with my parents, as they said they quickly got off the phone with me after saying they witnessed a multi colored circular object over their neighbors house.

In addition I can say that we had several nitrogen alarms and halo alarms come in within 20 -30 minutes of me seeing these objects.

UFO, I don't know, but I think something was going on. What other explanation could there be for the cell phones not working, and for the alarms to come in, and for the truck. In fact I was told yesterday that they took our truck to the shop, and the people at the shop can't explain the problem with the truck. I heard that it might not be fixable. So you do the math, was it a UFO ?

Thank you to the witness for an excellent sighting report.

Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research and host of the Vike Report UFO Eyewitness radio show. email: [hbccufo.nul](mailto:hbccufo.nul)

Website: <http://www.hbccufo.org>

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April 16, 2008 9:40 PM to 10:24 PM and more.....

=46rom Deb (Jordan) Kauble:

I had my camcorder out and had driven to Jackson Morrow Park to watch for the orange balls of light. I had seen them again yesterday and the weather was such that I thought tonight might be a good night to see them again. I am determined to get these on video tape! Anyway, I got to the park and shut off the lights and my car. The sun had just gone down. I sat there for about 20 minutes and got bored so I called my friend Tim, in Florida. I think we were on the phone for about 10 minutes when the OBOL showed up in the northwestern sky.

It was about 45 degrees from the horizon and it was really bright! it was huge. Like a baby aspirin at arms length.

It was a yellowish amber orange color. And very sparkly. I grabbed for the camcorder and the bastard vanished. Just quickly grew smaller and then vanished. And there was nothing where it had been. No craft or anything. There was enough moonlight that I could have seen a big craft but there was nothing.

This is what sometimes happens so I got the camcorder up for more. They usually start to pop in, one by one till 2 or 3 or more appear and then they pop out the same way. Well, this one was the only one. No more came. Something was up.

Within a few minutes the sky was absolutely filled with what I called "fireflies". They were small jet aircraft. I could hear them. They were flying in double-'V' formations and they were all over the sky where the light has just been.

I watched as they made several sweeps of the area. 3 or 4 would break formation and swing back around toward the south and then make a tight turn back to the north. They did not have their red and green wing lights on but they did have on their strobes, so I could follow them, but it made it harder.

That "firefly" effect was crazy! They were everywhere! More started showing up and I had a hard time counting them or keeping track of all of them! The sky was crawling with aircraft! Unbelievable! After a few minutes they broke away and started moving to the north in small groups.

What a show this was! While this was going on, I called Glenn Means, a MUFON investigator in Peru. I had him on the phone telling him what I was seeing so you can ask him about the freaked out tone in my voice! I figured he would recognize this behavior as he and his wife are both retired Air Force. He did say that the area I was watching was designated military air space.

Glen lives just north of me so he and his wife went outside and

saw some of what I had seen. I had a weird feeling about what I was seeing. Like something was wrong. Something was up. Something BIG. For the record, I was sitting in the parking lot at Jackson Morrow, the lot by the volley ball nets. I was facing the west and scanning the sky from north to south... I was just west of US 31 at Center Road. (300S)

After the jets left and it seemed as if there wasn't going to be any more OBOL tonight, I took my cameras and went home. Once I got home, I stood outside for a few minutes, camera in hand, watching. Waiting for something I could feel in the air. At about 10:10 PM I finally gave up and came in. I got my jammies on and went into my office to work.

At precisely 10:24 PM there was a tremendous explosion outside my window. The window shook, my chair shook, my monitor shook, and it sounded like something fell on my roof and then off. (I need to go outside and see if there is anything or anybody laying in my yard!) I thought I had seen a flash of light out the window in my office that faces southwest. It all happened so fast I can't remember if I saw the flash before or after the explosion. I jumped up and ran in to the bedroom and woke my husband, Dave up, screaming, "something is wrong, something is wrong!" I still have goosebumps!

About 5 minutes later, My son, Casey, called me. He was at the cab company in Kokomo. He said, "Mom, are you guys okay?" I said, "yeah, why?" And he proceeded to tell me that a plane crashed close to our house! I jumped up and ran into the bedroom to tell Dave and then I called Glen back. I ran outside to see if I could smell anything or see anything. I couldn't do either. I do hear dogs howling and barking like mad again.

So I went back inside and up to my office to flip on the TV because it's 11 PM now and the news is coming on. The news started with:

Breaking News: Explosion in Tipton County at the Howard/Tipton County line!

Just a few miles from my home and frighteningly close to where I had just been sitting in my car! Unbelievable! The TV news reporters had a caller from Kokomo on the phone. She said that someone reported seeing 2 bright flashes of light and then an explosion happened. And the report said there was much debris strewn about the area. NOW they've come back on and said the FAA in Indianapolis reported no missing planes!

I am here to tell you right now, that explosion has something to do with the military and that bright amber orange light I saw tonight. I saw the light! I saw the jets scramble and sweep the area immediately after the light disappeared. I have a strong feeling those military jets and that bright light have something to do with this crash. I witnessed something big tonight.

I just cannot believe this. I have been thinking about skywatching all day today. I knew I was going out tonight and I had a strong feeling I was going to see something but I didn't think it was gonna be like this! I tell you there were at least 10 military jets sweeping that area after the light appeared and they were flying without their wing lights on. Something was up and I have no doubt this crash is related to what I witnessed! I just hope they don't come looking for me since I was out there watching them with my cameras running... You can't see the jets on the film. The strobes are too small and they weren't running with wing lights.

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KOKOMO- April 16, 2008

Kokomo Indiana becomes a national hot-spot due to mystery lights and huge explosion and shockwave

(Debbie Jordan Kauble relates her personal experience and rebuttal to current explanations as a witness to the lights and events:)

It just keeps getting deeper....

As soon as I awoke this morning I turned on the local news

broadcasts which were reporting that what we saw last night was a meteor shower... Nice to know that our military scrambles a dozen jets for a meteor shower... lame excuse..

While listening to the radio this morning at work, I heard lots of people calling in to explain what they saw. Everyone had some theory as to what it was. A guy calling himself 'Mike' called in and smugly proclaimed that he had the answer to the mystery that has lasted months if not years... Yes, these phenomena have been reported up here regularly for a long time. He claimed the Air Force was flying dogfight maneuvers and shooting at each other with flares and kicking their afterburners to jazz things up. The amber/orange lights everyone saw were just flares and the jet afterburners.

If that is true =96 and it really isn't plausible for a number of reasons I will get into in a second. What in hell are they doing conducting these kinds of dangerous maneuvers over populated areas, in the era of global terrorism, without notifying local authorities or emergency personnel!?

1. I certainly don't want a plane in my living room or one of their flares landing on my roof and setting my house on fire.
2. This explanation does NOT explain the orange balls of light. These OBOL's (Orange Balls Of Light) behave in a very strange manner. There are no conventional aircraft that we know of, that can defy gravity and fly like these have been known to fly, and certainly not at the altitudes that these things are being seen at.
3. Objects that big, that close to the ground, moving that slow, tend to fall out of the sky really quickly.

I have been to more than my fair share of air shows, thanks, in large part, to my late father's participation in the Confederate Air Force and his radio controlled airplanes. I have spent many days at Mount Comfort Airport and I have also had the pleasure of watching the fabulous Blue Angels fly over the track at the Speedway and the beaches of Pensacola, Florida, where the big boys of the USN play... afterburners are really loud.

EVERY time I have personally seen these OBOL's, and in every report I have read about them, they are completely silent. You would be hard pressed to make me believe these OBOL's are afterburners when I can't hear a thing and they are within a couple miles of me. I have read that the alledged "sonic boom" was heard on the north side of Indianapolis. That would mean this 'sonic boom' was audible for a range of at least 3 counties.

Real sonic booms are very localized. They just aren't heard all over the place (like this was) at the same time. The 'official' explanation also doesn't explain the many sightings of black triangles that accompany these OBOL's.

Regarding last night (4/16/08):

I was personally in the area of U.S. 31 and 300 W from about 8:45 to about 10:00 PM Camcorder in hand, I was attempting to catch some of these OBOL's on my camcorder for research purposes. At approximately 9:40 a bright amber/orange light appeared in the northwestern sky. It was very large, very bright and very silent. It hung in the sky in front of me, for about 45 seconds and then vanished. I expected to see more pop in because that is how all the other sightings I have had, unfolded.

After about 5 minutes passed and no other lights appeared, I was ready to head home. Suddenly I began to see aircraft approach my position from the north. One after another, they all poured into the area. I tried to count them but it was difficult. They were running without their wing lights. The only lights they were using were tiny strobes. This made it a little harder to count them, except for the fact that the bright moon did illuminate them enough that I could actually make out a solid craft sometimes.

I could hear them, without question. They flew in formation and several at a time would break away and sweep back to the north, then back to the south and back again, bringing more with them.



It looked like the sky was FULL of fireflies. It was quite a show, to say the least. At the time I was observing them I was also on the cell phone with a MUFON investigator who was positioned north of me and he was also observing some activity. It was obvious to me that they were sweeping the area.

They were not engaged in any "dogfight" activity that I could see. And all this occurred five minutes after the OBOL was already GONE. So how could the OBOL have been 'afterburners' when there were no aircraft in the area for another 5 minutes? And not once did they light up their afterburners after they arrived. I was there. I watched them, so I know they are not telling the truth.

What is up with the metallic smell in the air reported SW of the area in question? Jet fuel doesn't smell like metal. I know what jet fuel smells like. If it truly is something the military is messing around with out here, above our homes and with the air our children are breathing, what are you exposing us to? We already have enough problems around here with the Continental Steel Mill site. We don't need your poison on top of that.

A friend of my family accessed the local police radio broadcast via an internet link, after hearing the blast, because he was concerned that something terrible had happened at the Kokomo Opalescent Glass Factory. He heard at least 2 responders say they had arrived "at the scene" and one individual referred to it as the "debris field"

Right after that, he heard them being given a directive to switch to a secure channel. One officer complained and was promptly told they all needed to be on the same frequency. A little later one of the officers said they could not reach Grissom, but then about a half hour later, he said that Grissom said they had no planes in the air and that they had been doing maneuvers in the area but all planes were on the ground at the time of the event. After that, little was said, other than their positions and eventually they were scaling back the operation as the incident was an astronomical incident. There was some chatter that there were eye witnesses who said they saw aircraft in the air just before the crash. He also heard a fireman question the asteroid theory as it would not explain the sound of the second boom - aftershock - that it sounded like an explosion.

I don't buy the 'official' explanation and I haven't met many people who do.

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Respondents' Accounts And Interesting Information:

KOKOMO- April 18, 2008

Area news has diverted all attention to the Earthquake and aftershocks that struck the Ozark Dome region of the Midwest.

However, the real news in the area is being ignored by news media, which has completely missed a remarkable story going on under its very nose.

For instance, no investigation was performed on the emergency radio logs regarding the incident that took place between Tipton and Kokomo.

Why are those transmissions important? Because those audio transmissions obviate that at least one aircraft crashed in the area, there WAS a debris field, at least one explosion and a large fireball. A lifeline helicopter was also requested from responders [to perform a courtesy fly-over, before responders could reach the craft due to standard safety-approach procedures for a crash site] that were on-site and plaintively made the statement that an aircraft was down.... a statement made by an eye-witness responder. These weren't transmissions made by untrained people wandering around looking for something to respond to. They were actually at the site.

Additionally, the area where this took place is now restricted and all public access has been blocked.

Those facts certainly belie the excuses being given, and the

inattentiveness and lack of thoroughness of the media (or complicity) is galling.

Please return for further developments. This situation is far from over. In fact, it is just beginning.

~Debshome moderator

[Thanks to 'Back's Better' for the lead]

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## Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

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Subject: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

This is a vid from his TED lecture where he answers the big questions about the universe.

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=xjBIsp8mS-c>

Notice what he says about the chances of there being alien life and any interaction with us. Also note what he says about we UFO folks.

Some good points that are brought up here and more insight into the famous doctor.

Best,

Greg  
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Source: The Guardian - London, UK

<http://music.guardian.co.uk/pop/story/0,,2274878,00.html>

Saturday April 19, 2008

I'm Loving Aliens Instead  
by Jon Ronson

Robbie Williams disappeared from view at the end of 2006. Since then, he has become obsessed with UFOs and extraterrestrials. To gather evidence, he and Jon Ronson headed deep into the Nevada desert.

On December 18 2006, Robbie Williams played the last of 59 stadium shows in a row, announced he was going to spend Christmas at his home in Los Angeles, and then basically disappeared. He was hardly seen at all in 2007. He briefly checked into rehab. He spent quite a bit of time hiking and playing football (he owns a football pitch on Mulholland Drive). Then he stopped hiking and playing football. His record company, EMI, announced he had no plans to release an album in 2008. Today he unexpectedly calls me to ask if I want to go with him to the desert in Nevada to meet UFO abductees.

"I've been spending so much time at home on the internet on sites like AboveTopSecret.com," he says. "I want to do something. I want to go out there and meet these people. I want to be a part of this. I want to do something other than sit in my bed and watch the news. And it starts with the UFO conference in Laughlin, Nevada, on Thursday. We can hear people's testimony about being abducted by aliens. There's an entire family of abductees going to be there, apparently."

I log on to the conference website. It's taking place at the quite down at heel-looking Aquarius hotel and casino. The conference slogan is Educating The World One Person At A Time, which makes it sound as if there won't be many people attending. The speakers will include Ann Andrews, from Lincolnshire, who claims her son Jason has had "disturbing experiences at the hands of many different alien species", and a surgeon, Dr Roger Leir, who claims he has extracted from patients 15 metallic implants that are not of earthly metal.

"I wonder if he'll bring the implants along," I say.

"So you can see with your own eyes whether they're earthly or not?" Robbie asks.

"Yes," I say.

"According to Jon," Robbie says.

He seems a bit disapproving of my scepticism. I tell him that my problem with spaceships is this: if they exist, why do they reveal themselves to the human race only in ambiguous ways? "I think maybe they're making mistakes," he replies. "I think the

shield comes off by mistake and they were there all the time." He pauses. "I don't want to hear any debunking because I want to believe."

I fly to Los Angeles. When Robbie comes to his door, I hardly recognise him. He has grown a very bushy beard. He sees me scrutinising it, slightly agape, and says, "OK, I'm piecing it together now. I've grown a beard and I'm going to Nevada to speak to people about UFOs. I think I should shave so I don't look so mad."

Actually, I don't think his beard is a visual symbol of any kind of madness. This is just the first time in 18 years he has taken a break from work and is enjoying doing things he was never before allowed to do, which includes having a beard.

"Pop stars aren't allowed to have beards," he says. "Name me a pop star with a beard."

"Biffy Clyro," I say.

"I'm talking about pop stars," Robbie says.

We go to his TV room. His girlfriend, the actor Ayda Field, is in there, watching a UFO DVD. We all watch it. This isn't all he does nowadays - he has been writing songs and playing golf, too - but the paranormal has become a very big part of his life since he disappeared from public view.

Robbie first contacted me in 2005. He telephoned me out of the blue from a hotel in Blackpool where he was filming the video for Advertising Space. He said he liked a book I had written about conspiracy theorists and was thinking of spending a night in a haunted house.

"Do you know any?" he asked.

"I'll make some inquiries if you like," I said.

I spent a week sending emails: "Dear Lady X, I've read that, if the portrait in your drawing room is moved, a ghost is apparently disturbed and manifests itself. The pop star Robbie Williams would like to spend a night in a haunted house and so I wonder whether he and I can pay a private visit."

I expected not to hear back from anybody but, in fact, once I invoked Williams' name, owners of country piles started flinging their ghosts at me as if they were their debutante daughters.

"One of the guest bedrooms is definitely haunted by a young woman called Abigail who was starved to death by a monk in 1732," emailed one baroness. "Robbie is more than welcome to spend the night."

I was surprised to find how widespread the belief in ghosts was among the aristocracy. Every person I contacted responded instantly to say their houses were definitely haunted and Robbie was more than welcome to spend the night. But it never happened. He cancelled because of his workload; he had to fly around the world to promote his album, Intensive Care. But we kept in touch. He'd speak wistfully about some future day when he'd have less work on and could investigate the paranormal for real. And now that day has come.

Laughlin, Nevada, looks from the sky like a tiny, ugly Las Vegas, a cluster of crumbling themed casinos poking strangely out of an expanse of desert. We are travelling here in a private plane that Robbie has rented for the day. He has brought along Ayda and a lugubrious friend, Brandon. Being on a private plane is exciting. The flight attendant says Snoop Dogg often uses this plane and we can do anything we like. Robbie and his friends look at each other. The truth is, everyone is getting a bit older. Everyone here is nice and polite and quite genteel, and so, instead of doing "anything", we spend the journey eating breakfast rolls and talking about how exciting it is to be on a private plane.

"The toilet is amazing," I say.

"Am I allowed to stand as we land?" Brandon asks.

"We're on a private plane going to Nevada to hear abductees speak about their experiences," Robbie says. "That's ace."

We land. A car is waiting on the Tarmac to take us to the nearby Aquarius hotel. We take the escalator to the second floor, walk past the stalls selling Secret Space: What Is Nasa Hiding? DVDs, past a giant inflatable alien, and into the cavernous conference room where British speaker Ann Andrews has just begun her audiovisual presentation to an audience of 500.

I have to say, after all the anticipation, she seems a bit boring to me. She's recounting various tales of alien visitations in quite a dull voice. I half switch off and glance over at Robbie. He is engrossed. He is leaning forward, taking in every word, rapt. I decide to pay more attention so I can try to understand why.

Ann Andrews' life was quite ordinary, she says, until 1984, the year her son, Jason, was born. She flashes on to the screen a snapshot of a sweet little boy sitting in a field in Lincolnshire with a horse in the background.

"That's Jason," she says.

One day, when Jason was a toddler, Ann says she noticed he had a terrified look on his face. She asked what was wrong. He replied that aliens had appeared the night before at the foot of his bed and taken him to their spaceship, where they conducted tests on him. He said it was happening every night. As the weeks and months passed, Jason's story apparently never changed. When nobody was looking, aliens would come, float him up to a spaceship, and teach him the mysteries of the universe. They would teach him that he was placed on earth to become a psychic sage.

"We took him to a psychiatrist," Ann says. "We cried so much. We had him tested. But the tests all came back negative."

And then one day when Jason was 12, Ann says she made a very big decision. She decided to take the giant leap and believe her son. Every word. She has subsequently written a series of books about Jason including one called Jason, My Indigo Child: Raising A Multidimensional Star Child In A Changing World.

I lean over to Robbie.

"She believes Jason!" I whisper. "She believes it all! Isn't that amazing?"

"What's the other side of that, though?" Robbie whispers back. "It's either believe everything the boy is saying or remain steadfast to earthly beliefs and have a black sheep in the family. 'Oh, it's him again.' For her own sanity she has had to believe him." He pauses. "But for me, right now," he says, "everything she's saying is true."

Ann's audiovisual address ends with her projecting on to the screen behind her a series of extremely blurry photographs. From time to time, she says, Jason is summoned to the spaceship for some psychic brush-up training. When this happens, Ann tries to photograph the UFOs. But she has only a disposable camera and so the pictures always come out fuzzy and inconclusive.

It's time for the Q&A. Unexpectedly, Robbie's friend Brandon stands up and walks to the front. Brandon is a record producer and co-wrote some of the songs on Robbie's last album, Rudebox.

"I just wanted to ask, why don't you buy a better camera?" he says. A slight gasp reverberates around the hall. People don't usually ask cynical questions at UFO conferences.

"I'm absolutely useless at anything technological," Ann replies.

"Have you ever had any psychiatric evaluation or presented yourself for that?" Brandon asks. Robbie flinches and smiles.

"No, I haven't," Ann says. "I'd like to think I'm all there, but if I'm not, there are quite a few of us that have these experiences, so maybe we're all crazy!" She laughs, awkwardly.

"Thank you very much," Brandon says.

Robbie goes out for a cigarette. I tell Brandon I'm surprised Robbie brought him along after what he'd said about not wanting to hear any debunking.

"There's two sides to Rob in that respect, though, aren't there?" Brandon says. "There's the side that wants to go along with it, but there's also a very sarcastic, sceptical side." He pauses. "Which I'd like to think is the real side." Robbie comes back.

"My toes curled up the moment you walked towards the stage," he tells Brandon. "But I think questioning somebody's sanity when this is happening to them is perfectly acceptable. I question my own."

We're standing near the table where Ann is signing copies of her various books about Jason.

"She reminds me of my mother," Robbie says, glancing at her. "Mum was a tarot card reader. She'd have people round and read their palms. She'd talk about spirits and ghosts. On the shelf of books just outside her room, there'd be the books about the world's mysteries, elves, demons, witchcraft. I was so scared. I'd never talk to her about it. Instead, I just lived in fear of all of this stuff. Maybe that's why I want to investigate UFOs and ghosts and everything. So I can work out why I get scared at night." He pauses. "I'll go and say hello to her."

He approaches the table. "Hi, darling," he says, "I'm Rob. Can I buy a book from you? Will you sign it for me? How is Jason these days? Is he happy? Has he got many friends?"

"No," Ann says, "Jason doesn't have many friends at all. In fact, it's been awful, really. He's socially shunned."

"When did this social shunning begin?" Robbie asks. "What age?"

"I suppose it was when my first book about him came out," Ann replies, "when he was 14. He lost all his friends at school. Nobody wanted to know him. And, of course, word got around the small village where we live. It got very nasty."

"I can completely relate to that," Robbie says. "What is it he encounters from people?"

"In England, in particular, people are really spiteful," Ann says. "They ridicule him. They call out things from across the road like, 'Oi! Mental boy!'"

Robbie puts his hand on Ann's hand.

"Even if this was all made up, which I don't believe, by the way. Even if it was," Robbie says, "compassion should be shown anyway. Well, thank you." Robbie pays for the book and goes to leave.

"You know," says Ann, "you look very much like Robbie Williams." There's a silence. It's as if Robbie was having so much fun, he briefly forgot who he is.

"I am Robbie Williams," he says.

"Can I just say I'm a big fan of yours?" she says.

"Oh, bless you. Thanks, darling," he says. "And please send Jason my best. Maybe we can have a chat one day. In fact..." Robbie writes out his email address for Ann. "Tell him to drop me a line if he wants. It must have been a terrible time for you, and an awful time for him. It's just so sad to hear it happens. It's happened to me."

"Really?" Ann says.

"I think joining Take That was like leaving on a spaceship," Robbie says, "and coming back and all your friends going, 'He's weird now.'"

We queue for the lunch buffet at the restaurant.

"I'm glad I had a chance to sit down with her and talk to her,

so I could see her eyes and read her," Robbie says. "She's a really beautiful woman."

"It's interesting that you identified with Jason," I say.

"But that's not what I want to talk about," Robbie says. "Because it's long-winded, and whingeing, and nobody wants to hear a whinger." He pauses. "But if I was doing your job I'd be asking that, because I'm asking the same question of myself, about why that nearly moved me to tears."

He signs a few autographs, and then a few more, and then everyone starts asking for his autograph, including one elderly American who says, "I don't know who you are but my daughter works for MTV and so she might." Word has obviously got around the conference that, in the absence of any aliens, the most interesting thing to have come down from the sky today is Robbie Williams. One conference organiser asks him if he'll consider being their official spokesperson.

"We need someone like you to spread the word and get the young people in," he says. Robbie seems quite attracted by the offer.

"This is possibly the most important thing ever to happen to the planet," he says. "It just amazes me that people aren't as interested as I am in this stuff."

There is so much commotion, we miss much of the next presentation and consequently never find out "what happened when four artists embarked in 1976 on what was expected to be a routine fishing trip".

This isn't the first time that Robbie's fame has hindered his forays into the paranormal world. A few years ago he invited the TV psychic Derek Acorah to his home for a psychic reading. A story subsequently appeared in the Sun under the headline, I Helped Robbie Williams Talk To His Dead Gran:

"Robbie invited me to his apartment in London. We chatted and he told me how much he loved the programme [Living TV's Most Haunted]. He said he had given Most Haunted DVDs to lots of friends, including Robert De Niro, Danny DeVito and Billy Crystal, and they were hooked. I was able to contact a couple of his loved ones, including his grandmother, whom he dearly loved. It was very emotional."

"The twat used my dead nan to sell his DVD!" Robbie told me, quite furiously, at the time. "Plus, I've never met Robert De Niro, Danny DeVito and Billy Crystal. I've never even met them!"

Robbie never spoke to Acorah again, but he persevered with psychics for a while. He met one he liked a lot more, but then one night over dinner the man told Robbie that he wasn't only a leading psychic, he was also "one of only eight people outside Japan ever to be awarded a samuraiship". He said if anything were to happen in Japan, he would have to drop his psychic career "and fly over there to protect the emperor". After dinner Robbie did a bit of research and discovered that nobody has been awarded a samuraiship since 1872 and that "samuraiship" isn't even a real word.

"Haven't all those bad experiences with psychics shaken your wider faith in the paranormal?"

"I suppose they have," he says. "I never watch psychic TV shows any more." He shrugs. "And I suppose it might happen with UFOs, too. And then I might be able to get on with my life."

But if that day ever comes, it's not going to be today, for at this moment an intriguing rumour reaches us. Apparently, a woman tells Ayda, a number of conference attendees spotted a battle between two giant reptilian beings in the desert outside the hotel the other night .

"Did anyone take any photographs of the battle?" Ayda asks her.

"No," she says, "but someone collected a tissue sample and gave it to Dr Roger Leir. He might show it to you, if you can find him."

Robbie says he'd recognise Dr Leir if he saw him. He has been a



talking head on UFO documentaries Robbie has watched. And, sure enough, he spots him in the coffee shop adjacent to the casino. Robbie says he feels starstruck around UFO experts in the way other people feel starstruck around pop stars.

"Doctor," he says, "sorry, I'm Robbie. I saw you at the Conscious Life Expo. And I've seen you many times on the Discovery Channel."

"I've been a lot of places," Dr Leir growls.

"We've heard that you have a reptilian tissue sample here in the hotel," I say.

"Have you done any tests on it?" Robbie asks.

"I only got it yesterday," Dr Leir says.

"Can we see it?" I ask.

"Sure," he replies.

He takes us to his room. Dr Leir is the surgeon who claims to have extracted from patients 15 implants that are not of earthly metal. In the lift I ask if he has brought any of the implants to the hotel. He looks at me as if I'm an idiot.

"That would be absolutely ludicrous, unscientific and ridiculous," he barks. "I keep them locked away." We reach his bedroom.

"Where's the skin stored?" Robbie asks. There is a silence.

He produces it from his wardrobe. It is a tiny flake at the bottom of a jar. Robbie, Ayda and I crowd around and examine it.

"It could be a scale," I say. "It could be a reptilian scale - which is, of course, the hope - or it could be a little bit of a wing of a moth. Could it be a moth wing?"

"It could be a lot of things," Robbie says, cutting me off. "So, Dr Leir, this was given to you last night. Are you excited about what it may be?"

"In a word," Dr Leir replies, "no."

"Oh," Robbie says.

"It could be a piece of nothing," snaps Dr Leir. "I was recently sent an object that was surgically removed from an abductee. I put it under the electron microscope. It looked like an organic compound, so we went to the next level. We did a test that uses infrared spectroscopy. Long story short, it was a piece of wood."

"Ah," says Robbie, a bit disappointed.

"So I just spent \$25,000 to look at a piece of wood," Dr Leir says. "You ask me if I get excited? No."

We fall into a slightly depressed silence.

"Do you worry that the aliens might want their stuff back?" Robbie asks, hopefully. "Do you get scared that they may want to come and get their transmitters back?"

"Well, if they want them back," Dr Leir says, "they certainly have an advanced technology over what we have. They could just take them."

And so ends our day at the conference. Robbie buys 15 UFO DVDs and we catch the plane back to Los Angeles. He puts the pile on the table in his TV room. They have titles such as UFO Space Anomalies: 1999-2006. I ask if he's really going to watch them all. He nods.

"I used to read the Sun, the Mirror, the Mail all the time," he says. "Eventually I had to stop looking because I'd find things that would upset me, whether it would be about me or about somebody else. So I had to fill that void. And that void has been filled with this stuff."

I think it's healthy that he doesn't look himself up in the papers any more. That week alone it had been falsely reported in the News Of The World that he had been dumped by a "Norwegian beauty" called Natassia Scarlet Malthe, and falsely reported in the Daily Star that he had been having secret face-to-face meetings with "mental conspiracy theorist David Icke" (they've never met). But the world he's obsessed with now - the UFO world - has its many liars, too.

"It's surely out of the frying pan and into the fire, liar-wise," I say.

Robbie nods. He says he knows that there is a chance it's all nonsense. "But even if it is all made up," he says, "it's better made-up stuff than what the tabloids are writing. It's more interesting. To me, anyway."

"And it isn't about you."

"Yes," Robbie says.

I leave him standing on his balcony with Ayda, and he does seem happy, gazing up at the sky, even if there's nothing paranormal up there.

"There's always this weird black circle," Ayda says. "You see that black patch over there? It's like dark fog."

"Yeah," Robbie says, "but that might be something as easily explained as light pollution." He pauses. "Right now I'm, 'You crazy American bitch! That's just light pollution!' But if we didn't have company, I'd be going, 'Let's stare at it for an hour and a half. Materialise! Materialise!' We'd be doing our materialise dance. But let's not do that while Jon's here. He'll think I'm weird." They carry on looking at the night sky.

"No," Robbie says, finally, "I don't think there's anything up there tonight."

- A radio documentary of their trip, Robbie Williams And Jon Ronson Journey To The Other Side, will be on Radio 4, May 6, at 6.30pm.

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## My Experience Around Stephenville Sightings

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Dear Listers:

I wanted to share this with those of you who might be interested in this topic.

This article is about an encounter experience I had on January 8, 2008: the same night as the UFO sightings that occurred across a four-county area in Texas. They have now become known as 'The Stephenville Sightings'. Includes an illustration of an alien Being I saw while onboard two different craft.

[http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats\\_New/Whats\\_new.html](http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats_New/Whats_new.html)

Yes, I am aware that sightings occurred on other nights, as well as in Louisiana...

Thanks,

Katharina Wilson  
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>This is a vid from his TED lecture where he answers the big  
>questions about the universe.

><http://youtube.com/watch?v=xjBIsp8mS-c>

>Notice what he says about the chances of there being alien life  
>and any interaction with us. Also note what he says about we UFO  
>folks.

Hawking has been saying that for years. It's a kneejerk  
response from him. He's never cracked a book. Wonder what he  
thinks of Michio Kaku's opposite opinion?

Don Ledger

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>Hawking has been saying that for years. It's a kneejerk  
>response from him. He's never cracked a book. Wonder what he  
>thinks of Michio Kaku's opposite opinion?

Check the right-hand menu where another non-productive scientist  
Sir Martin Rees also appears.

Both of them have made a good living by producing the 'science  
pronouncements' that the establishment wants to hear.

And, as far as I know, neither of them have ever been right  
about anything of significance.

Cheers

Ray

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>Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 05:01:46 -0700 (PDT)  
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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 16:50:55 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Hypnotherapy Sessions?

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>>I didn't say that hypnosis should never be used as a tool, but  
>>that it should only be used when there is an expectation that  
>>such treatment will provide an unambiguous clinical benefit for  
>>the patient, and it is administered by a health service  
>>professional.

>Mr. McGonagle, then I will say it. Hypnosis is not a fit tool to  
>use for recovering memory. Its therapeutic use as well is  
>debateable as beneficial. The only time it is justified is when  
>the subject is in great pain and nothing else is available to  
>alleviate it.

>Each time a subject is put in trance he becomes more susceptible  
>to suggestion. Even though this may relate more to the person  
>applying it, it may still effect everyday life and dreams.

>The trust placed in the therapist has an eroding effect on self-  
>confidence in time and can bring about fears of intimacy later  
>on.

>Applied enough, a subject can actually "go in" by accident.  
>Without the reviving cue, they may not come out.

>Conscious recovery of memory is a slow process that can come  
>about when a therapist, carefully listening for compelling  
>indicators (like odd fears) deals with a subject by studying  
>their responses to carefully selected questions. By compiling a  
>close record, the therapist can help lead the subject through a  
>course of events they have blocked out until pieces of that  
>recollection start falling into place.

>Having the subject keep a dream journal can help.

>JCH

James:

I won't quibble with your comments on regression hypnosis, much:  
suggestibility just doesn't last. Otherwise, addiction control  
would be exclusively treated by hypnosis.

I like your comment: "Having the subject keep a dream journal  
can help."

I would highly recommend keeping a journal with dated entries,  
for any dream or reality important to the writer, as the best  
thing to do.

Just as good is for those who believe they've been abducted to be treated with respect, caring and support.

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What's scary is that as a scientist, if he's going to comment on  
something he's supposed to have researched it. If he's making  
such derogatory statements in such a broad fashion that says  
more about his own shortcomings and that his research in all  
other fields needs to be thoroughly examined and not taken for  
gospel because of his notoriety.

Could be a reason why he's had to change his opinions about  
physics on several occasions and why he has failed to finally  
find a 'theory of everything'.

Well another hero brought down to earth by that good ol'  
fashioned arrogance.

I'll bet next he'll start to monologue about 'how feeble' we are  
in comparison to him and how 'inevitable our doom' is.

This guy holds the chair, I wonder if it has a lid and a handle  
on it.

Best,

Greg  
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Subject: Close Call With UFO

Source: The New Zealand Herald - Auckland, New Zealand

<http://tinyurl.com/5am6ps>

Sunday April 20, 2008

[Image]

Close Call With UFO  
By Nicola Shepheard

Experts are mystified by an unidentified flying object that crashed through the roof of a Hawke's Bay home.

Nightshift worker George Cunningham woke about 5pm on Wednesday to find a fist-like hole in his lounge ceiling and a piece of rusty iron on the floor.

His wife Helen, who was at work when the object landed, said it could have killed someone standing in its path. "It's come through with the force of a bullet. The roof wasn't dented, it was a clean-cut hole."

Sergeant Ray Kirby, who is in charge of the case, described the hunk as arch-shaped, 10cm long and 5cm wide. "To me, it looks like a drumshoe from a brake."

The velocity of its descent suggests it fell from the sky, rather than being thrown.

An aviation expert and a Civil Aviation Authority aeronautical engineer have examined the object and agree it wasn't an aircraft part. "It's too heavy. Generally aircraft are made out of alloy," said Hawke's Bay Aviation chief executive Wattie Solomon, who also ruled out satellite and space station parts for the same reason.

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## Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 21:38:33 -0700  
Archived: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 07:17:00 -0400  
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>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 04:13:18 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>Well, I've been hesitant to say this before now, but since your  
>post did generate some supportive response, I will tell you what  
>I think:

>I see rocks. Odd looking, yes, but just rocks. And a highly  
>developed case of pareidolia on your part, Mr. Treurniet.

I agree. This is volcanic/hydrothermal terrain in Gusev - as confirmed by the Spirit rover - littered with basaltic volcanic rocks of many various eroded shapes.

None of the examples so-far look like anything obviously artificial to me.

Paul

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The Meridiani Journal  
a chronicle of planetary exploration  
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Source: First Coast News - Jacksonville, Florida, USA

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Sat, 19 Apr 2008

St. Augustine Residents Say A UFO Flew Over Their Homes

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL =96 Locals in St. Augustine are used to planes flying over head, after all they are close to an airport. But, on Saturday night, locals say there was something else flying through the sky.

Laura Puckett, a resident near the beach, says she saw two identical orange orbs that looked to be on fire. She said the flaming globes looked to be traveling at the same speed, with one slightly ahead of the other.

She says they are UFOs. She says they were flying past the coastline around 9:00 p.m.

What do you think? Leave us a comment in our talkback section.

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From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 08:31:59 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 13:12:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

You know this whole thing reminds me of Colin Stevenson seeing ET  
in every flowerbed and hedgerow.

Terry

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## Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 12:16:49 EDT  
Archived: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 13:19:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

>From: Stanton T Friedman <[fsphys.nul](mailto:fsphys.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 08:10:16 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <[joe.mcgonagle.nul](mailto:joe.mcgonagle.nul)>  
>>To: UFO updates <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2008 10:50:23 +0100  
>>Subject: Low Probability Of Advanced ET Life

>>Source: University of East Anglia - UK

>><http://tinyurl.com/3w8b11>

>>Is There Anybody Out There?

>>Is there anybody out there? Probably not, according to a  
>>scientist from the University of East Anglia. A mathematical  
>>model produced by Prof Andrew Watson suggests that the odds of  
>>finding new life on other Earth-like planets are low, given the  
>>time it has taken for beings such as humans to evolve and the  
>>remaining life span of Earth.

<snip>

>What a splendid example of dart board physics.

>Post numbers and throw darts. Ignorance is bliss.

>This of course ignores the evidence that Earth is being visited,  
>that there may well be colonization and migration, that we are  
>blissfully ignorant of possible past civilizations here over the  
>past 100 million years. We only figured out that fusion is the  
>process that produces the energy in the stars 70 years ago and  
>we have the ultimate in knowledge!

Hello Stan, Joe, List, All -

Is this strange or what? I'm going to have to agree with Stan here because I had the same thoughts that he did. While I'm not sure how persuasive the evidence is for past civilizations, I do know that there were six events during the past several billion years in which nearly all life... plant and animal... was wiped off the face of the planet. We all know about the dinosaurs, but there were other extinction level events and while we haven't found the sort of archaeological evidence that we have in the classical record, there are indications that something, or someone, was here long before we were.

That's not even mentioning the intelligence of some of the species with which we share the planet. Dolphins have high IQs, as do some of the great apes. There are animals that use tools and we learn that animals can communicate with one another. They're not dumb beasts.

What we really don't know is if life will develop everywhere that it's possible... we have some evidence like those animals and plants near the volcanic vents in deep parts of the ocean, a suspicion that there might have been life on Mars and the

Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

possibility of life in the oceans claimed on some of Jupiter's moons. If true, that would certainly indicate that life is widespread, though I imagine that many will say it only proves that life developed in our solar system but that it might not have developed in others.

Seems very shortsighted to suggest that life might be nearly devoid in our galaxy when there seem to be so much in our Solar System... and, of course, how many times have pronouncements like this been proven wrong. Wasn't it about a hundred years ago that there was a push to close the patent office because nothing new would be invented?

KRandle

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Pardon the heck out of us, but he may be right about what? That he's stated that UFOs only appear to "cranks" and "weirdos"? Okay so that makes several U.S. Presidents, thousands of police officers, thousands of military from around the world, millions of average citizens, journalists, scientists, religious leaders, clergy all "cranks" and "weirdos" and you're comfortable with that?

People like Hawking who make such broad, generalized statements reveal their true nature. Keeping an arm's distance is an understatement.

Best,

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KK

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first half where he regurgitated the 'history of science' - as  
they all do, but Sagan made a better job of it in Cosmos. Then he  
went on to do his scary stuff about 'black holes' being the 'hand  
of god' etc and after that is where my irritation began.

He was wildly using the word 'infinite' to describe mass and  
density and 'gravity' etc of these scary monsters but he was  
using it in different senses. To cut a long story short I wrote a  
short note asking him to clarify or justify what I thought was  
illogical reasoning. I got back a weasely letter from his  
secretary claiming he was 'too ill' to reply.

As said, far as I know he's never been right about anything. He  
and several other 'Oxbridge' so-called scientists are kept in  
those (highly paid) sinecures because they say the words the  
establishment wants to hear.

Cheers

Ray

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Wait a minute, now I see what's going on with Hawking.

Notice how he says only 'cranks' and 'weirdos' see UFOs. It's probably because no UFO nor alien being took the time to contact 'him' personally.

Don't ya see? I've seen this before in some of the bigshot eggheads regarding UFOs and aliens. They figure that because they, the bigshot eggheads, weren't afforded the courtesy of being contacted given the fact that they, the bigshot eggheads, are of course the smartest people on Earth, then the UFOs and aliens would logically realize they had kindred spirits about.

"Oh mighty bigshot eggheads, we the alien supergeniuses apologize for not realizing we needed to contact you for guidance in our everyday affairs. We figured with all our alien supergeniusness that if you were that smart you'd be 'us'. From what we gather you're still trying to figure out the 'theory of everything' but we've discovered the average human, especially the less complex

common folk and children have figured and acted on that equation already. It's only you bigshot eggheads who've complicated matters beyond what is necessary and we detest complexities."

In other words, just because no one wants to communicate with you gives you the right to invalidate others. I guess that's why so many heads of state and religious leaders get a burr under their saddles too. Aliens contact whom they wish under their own agenda. If I was an alien with super intelligence I'd stay away from most of the leaders of commerce, industry, military, religion, and science too. Heck if I had as much sense as a six year old I'd do the same.

Maybe the aliens greatest lesson is in whom they don't abduct.

Could be a signpost as to how to become a technologically superior species in that you know whom to stay away from.

Best,

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## Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <[bert.nul](mailto:bert.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 23:02:47 +0200  
Archived: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 01:38:52 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 08:31:59 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>You know this whole thing reminds me of Colin Stevenson seeing ET  
>in every flowerbed and hedgerow.

William Treurniet is right to be suspicious!

In this photo:

<http://photojournal.jpl.nasa.gov/catalog/PIA10214>

of the West Valley there is a fallen, rather large statue that looks like a wide flat Christmas tree but instead of candles there are statues of persons on those branches. A lot of those little statues on that statue are broken. Untrained persons think that it is just rubbish.

Bert ( A W RvB )  
[bert.nul](mailto:bert.nul)  
[www.rjrsnvbrn.nl](http://www.rjrsnvbrn.nl)

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## Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 20:44:01 -0700  
Archived: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 07:39:20 -0400  
Subject: Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

>From: Kevin Randle <[KRandle993.nul](mailto:KRandle993.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 12:16:49 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Is There Anybody Out There?

>What we really don't know is if life will develop everywhere that  
>it's possible... we have some evidence like those animals and  
>plants near the volcanic vents in deep parts of the ocean, a  
>suspicion that there might have been life on Mars and the  
>possibility of life in the oceans claimed on some of Jupiter's  
>moons. If true, that would certainly indicate that life is  
>widespread, though I imagine that many will say it only proves  
>that life developed in our solar system but that it might not  
>have developed in others.

As well, the highly active geysers of Saturn's moon Enceladus,  
containing water vapour, ice crystals and both simple and complex  
organics. According to the Cassini science team, the most likely  
origin is subsurface reservoirs of liquid water...

Also Titan, which they now say may have a subsurface ocean of  
liquid water/ammonia, as well as its already known methane lakes  
and seas on the surface.

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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## Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 07:26:20 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 08:02:33 -0400  
Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 20:18:01 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>He was wildly using the word 'infinite' to describe mass and  
>density and 'gravity' etc of these scary monsters but he was  
>using it in different senses. To cut a long story short I wrote a  
>short note asking him to clarify or justify what I thought was  
>illogical reasoning. I got back a weasely letter from his  
>secretary claiming he was 'too ill' to reply.

>As said, far as I know he's never been right about anything. He  
>and several other 'Oxbridge' so-called scientists are kept in  
>those (highly paid) sinecures because they say the words the  
>establishment wants to hear.

Ray,

If you are suggesting that the establishment has a party line on  
such matters as infinity, mass and gravity, then you are  
providing the perfect illustration of what Hawking means by  
'cranks and weirdos.'

I don't know what sort of physical condition somebody has to be  
in for you to accept that they might not be well enough to reply  
to your letters (some of your posts occasionally rob me of the  
will to live), but you may have noticed the slight lopsided  
twitch of the professor's mouth when his voice synthesiser  
delivered the concatenated phoneme string that has so exercised  
some List members. For the benefit of the ironically impaired,  
that was a sly grin.

If Hawking, in the face of his all personal struggles, can retain a  
sense of humour, then so can you. Give the guy a break.

Gerald O'Connell

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## Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 07:34:00 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 08:05:57 -0400  
Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 16:55:58 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>Wait a minute, now I see what's going on with Hawking.

No you don't.

If he hasn't been contacted by aliens, it's probably because he doesn't get out so much....

Gerald O'Connell

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## Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 03:12:37 EDT  
Archived: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 08:32:55 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 20:09:47 -0400  
>Subject: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>Hello Everyone,

>I would like to draw your attention to two Spirit Rover images  
>from Mars. These images show evidence of sculptures of non-human  
>beings. One sculpture depicted a humanoid female judging from a  
>torso remnant. The other was of a being with a somewhat canine  
>face. Both sculptures were smashed somehow, and some of the  
>remnants are there in the photos.

>The evidence is presented at the following addresses.

><http://www.treurniet.ca/artifacts/torso.htm>

><http://www.treurniet.ca/artifacts/marshead.htm>

>As far as I know, no one has made these observations yet.

>I would be interested to know what you think.

I see rocks. I don't even know if they're from Mars or not I'll  
have to take your word for it.

If we don't have crystal clear carvings that don't leave anything  
to imagination then I say bravo, but until then if we allow such  
data even from earnest researchers you'll get a fringe attachment  
to it calling for a religion to be established around it like  
that supposed giant face on Mars for the past 30 years.

Rocks.

Best,

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## 2006 UFO Over Nuevo Leon Mexico

From: **Scott Corrales** <[lornis1.nul](mailto:lornis1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 06:22:59 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 07:35:45 -0400  
Subject: 2006 UFO Over Nuevo Leon Mexico

Source: [www.analuisacid.com](http://www.analuisacid.com)  
Date: 04.18.08

MEXICO: UFO OVER NUEVO LEON

A photograph taken by Mr. Arturo Ruiz Velasco, taken on 17  
October 2006 at 14:58 hrs.

<http://www.analuisacid.com/nl2006.htm>

The witness used a CanonPowerShot S30. The flying object was not  
seen at the moment that the photo was taken. "I would like to  
inform you that the photo was taken at San Pedro Garza Garcia,  
N.L. on Km.33 of the road linking Monterrey with Saltillo, facing  
a textile factory. I took the photo because it impressed me  
greatly to see the height of the Sierra Madre Oriental's  
mountains. I was accompanied by a person from Germany who had come  
to visit the factory."

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## UFO Hunter For Clinton: 'X-Conference'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 07:42:04 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 07:42:04 -0400  
Subject: UFO Hunter For Clinton: 'X-Conference'

Source: The Chicago Tribune - Illinois, United States

<http://tinyurl.com/3o6nlj>

April 21, 2008 7:00 AM

The Swamp

UFO Hunter For Clinton: 'X-Conference'  
by Whitney Blair Wyckoff

For a number Americans the economy is a major issue for this upcoming presidential election. But many of those attending the X-Conference held in suburban Washington, D.C., over the weekend are concerned with a different kind of green.

The X-Conference is a weekend-long symposium on exopolitics--or governmental, political or social issues relating to aliens and UFOs. Various heavyweights in the UFO community came to the event to speak about their work and to discuss a conspiracy to cover up encounters with the third kind.

"There is no more important research going on in the world," said Steve Bassett, executive producer of the event, at the conference on Sunday morning. Most of the 120 or so audience members nodded in agreement.

Grant Cameron, a lecturing UFO researcher, said that UFOs have long been an issue with presidential candidates. But he said that he no longer thinks that presidents have all the facts when it comes to extra terrestrial visits.

"There's a government inside a government," that controls this information, Cameron said.

Take former President Jimmy Carter, he said. Cameron said that Carter admitted to seeing a UFO and promised to disclose any information the government had about UFOs during his presidency. But Carter never did, Cameron said.

Rom Simone, another lecturer, said it was because Carter was an outsider, shut out of the industrial-military complex. "This is what Eisenhower warned about in his last speech," Simone said.

For this election, Cameron thought that Dennis Kucinich was the mostly likely candidate to provide full disclosure on UFOs. After all, Kucinich also admitted to seeing an unidentified flying object during one of the presidential debates. But since Kucinich dropped out of the race, Cameron endorsed another candidate.

Cameron ended up endorsing Hillary Clinton on his Web site "Hillary is sympathetic to the issue," said Cameron, a Canadian who also works as a building facility manager at the University of Manitoba to pay the bills.

Cameron added that both Hillary and former president Bill Clinton

met with UFO enthusiast Laurance Rockefeller to talk about extra terrestrials. And Cameron said that he has acquired documents through Freedom of Information Act requests that show that the former president investigated UFOs.

But Cameron stressed that it is up to the UFO community to keep pushing the issue.

"Everybody is waiting for a Messiah, everyone is waiting for someone to come and make it all better," Cameron said. "Disclosure is our game. It's up to us to do the work and push the issue."

While some at the conference were skeptics about UFOs until they witnessed a sighting, Terri Mansfield said that she had believed in life outside of Earth ever since she was a little girl.

"I used to look up at the sky and wonder where I came from," she said.

Eleven years ago, Mansfield witnessed a light formation over Phoenix that some said was a UFO. The event got much press coverage. Mansfield is featured in a documentary called The Phoenix Lights.

Even though Cameron has devoted his life to studying UFOs, he said he has no problem with cynics. In fact, Cameron's 25-year-old son has no interest in UFOs, he said.

"Everybody has a right to believe what they want to believe," he said. "In the end it will eventually work out."

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From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 09:00:35 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 07:41:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <[bert.nul](mailto:bert.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 23:02:47 +0200  
>Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>>From: Terry Groff <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 08:31:59 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

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>looks like a wide flat Christmas tree but instead of candles there  
>are statues of persons on those branches. A lot of those little  
>statues on that statue are broken. Untrained persons think that  
>it is just rubbish.

Untrained Persons?

Who are the 'trained' persons? Where were they trained and by whom and in what discipline ? Where did their trainers get accreditation?

Show me this "statue". I don't see anything resembling a "Christmas tree" much less with people on it.

In the hi-res JPG there is nothing there but eroded sedimentary stone. This is the same photo that spawned the recent "man sculpture" furor.

<http://photojournal.jpl.nasa.gov/jpeg/PIA10214.jpg> (5.9 MB)

Unless someone can come up with something better than "I can see it because I'm trained", I'll claim, "These are nothing but rocks" and any claims otherwise only muddy the waters in the search for external evidence of extraterrestrial civilizations.

There is nothing in any of the offered photos that can not be explained by natural phenomena. Ergo, they suck as evidence and are a total waste of time.

I await a response but more than likely I will not respond to it.

Terry

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## Hawking Answers Cosmic Question: 'Are We Alone?'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 08:26:19 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 08:26:19 -0400  
Subject: Hawking Answers Cosmic Question: 'Are We Alone?'

Source: CTV News \_ Toronto, Ontario Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/4qofgy>

Mon. Apr. 21 2008 6:24 PM ET

Hawking Answers Cosmic Question: 'Are We Alone?'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Famed astrophysicist Stephen Hawking has been thinking a lot about the cosmic question, "Are we alone?"

The answer is probably not, he says.

If there is life elsewhere in the universe, Hawking asks why haven't we stumbled onto some alien broadcasts in space, maybe something like "alien quiz shows?"

Hawking's comments were part of a lecture at George Washington University on Monday in honour of NASA's 50th anniversary.

He theorized that there are possible answers to whether there is extraterrestrial life.

One option is that there likely isn't life elsewhere.

Or maybe there is intelligent life elsewhere, but when it gets smart enough to send signals into space, it also is smart enough to make destructive nuclear weapons.

Hawking, 66, said he prefers the third option:

"Primitive life is very common and intelligent life is fairly rare," he then quickly added: "Some would say it has yet to occur on earth."

So should you worry about aliens? Alien abduction claims come from "weirdos" and are unlikely. However, because alien life might not have DNA like us, Hawking warned: "Watch out if you would meet an alien. You could be infected with a disease with which you have no resistance."

The British cosmologist, who suffers from ALS and must speak through a mechanical device, believes "if the human race is to continue for another million years, we will have to boldly go where no one has gone before."

Hawking compared people who don't want to spend money on human space exploration to those who opposed the journey of Christopher Columbus in 1492.

"The discovery of the New World made a profound difference to the old. Just think, we wouldn't have had a Big Mac or KFC."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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## Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

From: James Smith <[lunartravel.nul](mailto:lunartravel.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 11:23:54 -0400 (GMT-04:00)  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 08:45:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 05:40:14 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>>From: James Smith <[lunartravel.nul](mailto:lunartravel.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 09:39:39 -0400 (GMT-04:00)  
>>Subject: Re: Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?

>>Do you mean that NASA classified its transient lunar phenomena  
>>reports or UFO reports (i.e. images/video of "objects" taken  
>>from ISS/Shuttle)?

>No, James, I meant that the compilation of TLP from astronomers  
>around the world is no longer available to the public as it was  
>once. As far as NASA images, all sorts of games are played with  
>their filing methodology and I, frankly, don't trust them.

Can you explain this more to me? What time frame are you talking  
about the data not being public for?

The current NASA MSFC data is Transient Lunar Phenomena  
and they have some nice video of the TLPs at  
<http://www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall/news/lunar/photos.html>  
They are geared towards the meteor explanation.

In 2003, Ground-Based Observations Of Lunar Meteoritic  
Phenomena, documents work on the subject by  
Johns Hopkins Univ., Applied Physics Lab., Los Alamos National  
Lab, Center for Earth and Planetary Studies, National Air and  
Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Science Applications  
International Corporation.

And Crofts of Columbia University seems to have alot of TLP  
interest and data:

<http://www.astro.columbia.edu/~arlin/TLP/>

>As far as they are concerned, the agency might have access to  
>TLP comprehensively, just as I think does the Vatican. But,  
>either way, no one is telling.

Ask MSFC. They would probably be happy to share video. In fact, I  
was thinking of asking them too since they have imaged/filtered  
out satellites/aircraft/etc and why not have some UFOs in there  
too? It would be interesting to know the percentage of filtered-  
out data, based on criteria.

>They are simply not available as they were once, and I call that  
>"classified" regardless of who is responsible.

How were they "once" available? Looking at the press releases,  
the Internet seems to give a pretty fast dump of the latest  
sightings. How else to keep getting funding unless they keep  
reporting new sightings?

>It may well be the space agencies have all created together a  
>filter and a common PR line to enhance their relationship of

>sharing data. Whatever has happened has not been to the benefit  
>of their publics.

The common PR line is to fit in with the accepted paradigm. So, you will of course see work on TLPs as they pertain to meteors, out gassing of radon, geological disturbances, odd lighting/shadowing effects, etc and no reference at all regarding them being bridges/ domes/cities/excavation facilities/etc. But even if they filter the data, how can they know the filtered data is the prosaic phenomena they think it is? They can't.

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## Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 13:23:43 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 08:46:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>From: Gerald O'Connell <[gac.nul](mailto:gac.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 07:26:20 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

<snip>

>If you are suggesting that the establishment has a party line on  
>such matters as infinity, mass and gravity, then you are  
>providing the perfect illustration of what Hawking means by  
>'cranks and weirdos.'

Hi Gerald,

I asked a simple question about use of terms which he was using to back-up his 'black hole' scenarios - none of which have since been justified (think he's admitted to losing bets made on the subject).

He's had ten+ years to answer that simple question and hasn't done it.

Of course some might say those in 'authority' (science or otherwise) should not be questioned.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: **Franck Boitte** <[franckboitte.nul](mailto:franckboitte.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 19:27:54 +0200  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 08:47:00 -0400  
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>I don't know what sort of physical condition somebody >has to be  
>in for you to accept that they might not be well enough >to reply  
>to your letters (some of your posts occasionally rob me >of the  
>will to live), but you may have noticed the slight >lopsided  
>twitch of the professor's mouth when his voice >synthesiser  
>delivered the concatenated phoneme string that has so >exercised  
>some List members. For the benefit of the ironically >impaired,  
>that was a sly grin.

>If Hawking, in the face of his all personal struggles, can >retain a  
>sense of humour, then so can you. Give the guy a break.

No Sir, I personally won't.

We have had enough of those malignant, ego-trip driven,  
egocentric so-called "scientists geniuses" who think they know  
everything about subjects they didn't even cared to look at and  
investigate on the field (how accurate in this case!).

I don't know anything about backholes, wormholes, black missing  
matter, massless neutrinos, isomorphic universes and the likes.  
That's why I wisely shut up about it and eventually listen.

Is it too much asking that Mr. S. Hawking and his peers would be  
smart enough to act in the same way regarding ufology?

F. Boitte

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Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 14:27:10 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 14:27:10 -0400  
Subject: UFOs Spotted Over St. Augustine

Source: Tampa Bay's 10 - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/6q7d84>

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[Video & Picture]

UFOs Spotted Over St. Augustine

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL =96 Locals in St. Augustine are used to planes flying over head. After all, they are close to an airport. But on Saturday night, locals say there was something else flying through the sky.

Brandon Puckett, a 12-year-old resident of St. Augustine Beach thinks it was pretty neat he got to see a UFO.

He and his mom, Laura, saw two identical orange orbs that appeared to be on fire. She said the flaming globes looked as though they were traveling at the same speed, with one slightly ahead of the other, flying past the coastline around 9:00 p.m.

Some neighbors in the area say they saw the same thing.

Others are little skeptical. They say the lights were sky lanterns lit at a wedding in St. Augustine that night. Sky lanterns can rise nearly 5,000 feet in the air and travel for miles.

However, some do agree with the Pucketts.

Sighters in Germany give the same details about flaming globes. They also saw them around 9:00 p.m. their time.

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From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 00:37:47 -0300  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 14:29:03 -0400  
Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 11:16:53 +0100  
>=DFsubject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 17:05:52 EDT  
>>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

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>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 15:00:05 -0300  
>>>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

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>>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>>Date: Sat, 19 Apr 2008 10:00:29 EDT  
>>>>Subject: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>>>>This is a vid from his TED lecture where he answers the big  
>>>>questions about the universe.

>>>><http://youtube.com/watch?v=3DxjBIsp8mS-c>

>>>>Notice what he says about the chances of there being alien life  
>>>>and any interaction with us. Also note what he says about we UFO  
>>>>folks.

>>>Hawking has been saying that for years. It's a kneejerk  
>>>response from him. He's never cracked a book. Wonder what he  
>>>thinks of Michio Kaku's opposite opinion?

>>I didn't know he was such a jerk about it.

><snip>

>Anybody prepared to consider that he might be right?

>I'm comfortable with that.

Why? He was wrong about the Big Bang Theory, Stuart, you  
comfortable with that? He's not the only game in play, these  
days.

Don Ledger

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From: **Gord Heath** <[gordheath.nul](mailto:gordheath.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 21:31:20 -0700  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 14:32:38 -0400  
Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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<snip>

>Anybody prepared to consider that he might be right?

>I'm comfortable with that.

Given this opinion, I just have to ask Stuart...

What in the world are you in this for if you are comfortable with the idea that UFO witnesses and persons reporting alien abduction experiences are just "cranks and wierdos"?

As they say, with friends like this, who needs... well you can fill in the blank.

Obviously I take Hawkings admission to be from a scientist who can't be bothered with investigation of the possibilities that these incidents might suggest extra-terrestrial visitation. Wouldn't it be awful if there was some alien up there who had a hundred times the knowledge of physics and cosmology as Hawking. It would be even worse if they wrote it down in a book that drove "A Brief History of Time" off the bestseller list.

Hardy har har.

Gord Heath  
UFOBC

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From: **Brian Ally** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 01:04:51 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 15:35:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 17:35:32 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>Stephen Hawking wrote a book which made the Top Ten Book list,  
>but 90% of the people who bought it never read it all the way  
>through because after reading the first couple of chapters most  
>people realized he was full of it.

>He pretended to lead the reader from point A to B and possibly  
>to C. All he was able to do is type some parts of the alphabet  
>onto a piece of paper.

>I know, I read his book all the way through. Let's chalk up his  
>'popularity' to the 'sympathy' response - i.e., his physical  
>disability.

Though I'm always pleased to see books on scientific subjects enjoying popular attention, I won't dispute your opinion that Hawking's book (whichever one you were referring to) wasn't deserving of any Top Ten Lists. That is, after all, your opinion. But I will suggest that your reaction to it is simply the result of your incomprehension of the subject matter. Saying he is "full of it" is quite rich, considering that he is very widely respected in the scientific community and you, as near as I can tell, are not.

While I can't say that I'm very impressed with Prof. Hawking's statements regarding the UFO phenomena, I'm also not particularly impressed with the petty reactions on this list.

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## UFO Enthusiast Chases Truth & Seat In Congress

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 15:40:00 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 15:40:00 -0400  
Subject: UFO Enthusiast Chases Truth & Seat In Congress

Source: The Salt Lake Tribune - UTah, USA

[http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci\\_9010957](http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_9010957)

04/22/2008

UFO Enthusiast Chases Truth, Seat In Congress

Libertarian plans to seek 1st District seat; claims that outer space phenomenon ignored  
By Thomas Burr

WASHINGTON - A typical campaign kickoff doesn't resemble an X-Files convention. Nor is there usually discussion of UFOs crisscrossing the night sky or of government programs to conceal extraterrestrial technology.

And most politicians yearning for office avoid banners proclaiming, "It's not about the lights in the sky, but about the lies on the ground."

Joseph Buchman, however, announced his candidacy for the 1st Congressional District of Utah under that banner, and his official announcement was book-ended by talk of the news media ignoring signs of extraterrestrial visits and the military's blockade of information about outer space visitors.

"I don't mind being seen as a wacko because to me, the world looks completely wacked," said Buchman, the Libertarian nominee for the seat of Republican Rep. Rob Bishop. Buchman wore a black tie covered in planets and stars and galaxies to the news conference at the National Press Club in Washington.

It may not be the most politically expedient place to launch a congressional bid for a Utahn, but the Park City resident pressed on. He called on Congress to revoke any secrecy oaths the government has forced on military personnel or private contractors so they can talk openly about what they have seen regarding extraterrestrial activity.

And he wants Congress to hold open hearings on the subject.

Many of the speakers at the news conference agreed with Buchman.

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## Strange Lights Reported In North Valley Sky

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 20:36:22 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 20:36:22 -0400  
Subject: Strange Lights Reported In North Valley Sky

Source: The Arizona Republic - Phoenix, Arizona

<http://tinyurl.com/5weefx>

Apr. 21, 2008

Strange Lights Reported In North Valley Sky

Erin Kozak  
The Arizona Republic

Several Valley residents reported seeing strange red lights in the sky on Monday night and the cause of the lights remains a mystery.

Arizona Republic reporter Anne Ryman, who lives in Deer Valley, reported seeing four lights in a square shape that eventually became a triangular shape. The lights were moving to the east and they disappeared one by one. She said the lights were visible for about 13 minutes at about 8 p.m..

One north Phoenix resident, who wished to remain anonymous, said he saw four or five red lights lined up in a straight line and spaced apart evenly. The lights slowly moved east and became dimmer as the witness watched. He said the last light remained in the sky the longest. Then three jets came from the west and traveled in the direction of the red lights.

An official from Luke Air Force Base stated that they do not have any aircraft in the sky tonight and that the lights are not part of any Air Force activities.

The Deer Valley airport officials said that the lights were not from any aircraft at that airport.

Ian Gregor, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said that air traffic controllers at Sky Harbor Airport also witnessed the lights, but they do not know the cause.

The incident is similar to the "Phoenix Lights" seen on March 13, 1997. Thousands of residents reported seeing a mile-wide, v-shaped formation of lights over the Valley. In that case the lights appeared about 7:30 p.m. and lasted until 10:30 p.m.

[Thanks to Jeri Jahnke for the lead]

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>days.

Has anybody seen a transcript of Hawking's silly comments that  
were in the video? I have seen a newspaper article about his  
comments at the 50th anniversary of NASA celebration.

I would like to do a column about him joining the noisy  
negativist brigade of ignorant arrogant PhDs spouting off about  
UFOs, abductions, life in outer space, but completely unaware of  
the relevant evidence.

Stan Friedman

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## Re: UFOs Spotted Over St. Augustine

From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 14:49:42 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 20:42:09 -0400  
Subject: Re: UFOs Spotted Over St. Augustine

>Source: Tampa Bay's 10 - Florida, USA

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>ahead of the other, flying past the coastline around 9:00 p.m.

<snip>

This kind of utterly meaningless report (as it stands) wouldn't clutter up the literature if reporters would only learn to ask 2-3 intelligent questions. And what the hell does "flying past the coastline" mean? From the sound of it, it could be a meteor (or two. So...

How long did they remain in view? (If seconds, probably meteor). Did they fly in front of or behind anything at any time? (If yes, provides ranging information.) How did they disappear from view; fade out, fly out of sight...

How high above the visual horizon were they? In other words, were the witnesses looking horizontally, upward at a 30-degree angle, high overhead? Did others over a wide area report fiery or flaming objects about the same time? (If so, probably fireball meteor.)

I suggest people start sending questions like this to reporters, whosa sloppy work creates nothing but noise. How about some helpful information for a change to identify the source or establish that it was something not easily explainable?

Dick

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## New Phoenix Lights Flares?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 08:50:34 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 08:50:34 -0400  
Subject: New Phoenix Lights Flares?

Source: KNXV-TV 15 - Phoenix, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/6cxxvf>

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Unexplained Lights Spotted Above Valley; Were They Flares?  
by: Christopher Sign  
[csign.nul](mailto:csign.nul)

PHOENIX -- Strange lights appeared above the Valley sky in formation on Monday night.

Witnesses said the lights formed a vertical line, then a diamond shape, followed by a u-shape.

The lights reportedly moved from side to side and upward before disappearing one by one.

ABC 15's Christopher Sign learned the largest UFO investigative group is now investigating the incident.

The Mutual UFO Network, known as MUFON has more than 6,000 field investigators worldwide who investigate reported UFO sightings.

"There's a number of things those lights could be," said MUFON investigator Jim Mann.

Mann and another investigator in Mesa say they will begin talking to witnesses and gather detailed information from what they saw.

"I always try to debunk sightings and I can't debunk it, then I know I've got something on my hands," said Mann.

MUFON investigations can last a matter of minutes to several weeks.

Mann says he and fellow investigator, Stacey Wright, are currently looking into several other UFO sightings across the valley that have all taken place in the daylight hours.

ABC15's Jon DuPre talked to one north Phoenix man late Tuesday afternoon who said he watched his neighbor launch four helium balloons with flares attached to them right before the mysterious lights were spotted.

He said he believed this could be the source of Monday night's sightings.

ABC15 knocked on the door and talked to that neighbor, who then said he didn't launch the flares, and instead it was another neighbor several doors down.

Video RAW: MAN SAYS STRANGE LIGHTS WERE NEIGHBOR'S HELIUM  
BALLOONS

A Phoenix police helicopter pilot also witnessed the lights and described them as resembling flares.

FAA officials told ABC15 on Tuesday that air traffic controllers in the Sky Harbor tower saw the lights, but noticed nothing on their radar, meaning it was not an aircraft.

An official with the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) said they checked with their command center that monitors the skies to see what is entering the Earth's atmosphere. They have no reports of anything entering the Phoenix area.

A spokesperson from Luke Air Force Base in the West Valley also told ABC15 that the pattern of these lights was not common to an F-16 and that the lights were not from Luke.

The base had no aircraft in the air at the time of the sightings, according to that spokesperson.

Residents like Tony Toporkek caught the lights on camera and shared his video with ABC15.com.

Toporek was talking with his neighbors in north Phoenix when the lights appeared at about 8 p.m.

He grabbed his video camera and started taping.

A Tuesday morning call to Vandenberg Air Force Base on the central coast of California also confirmed they had no activity during the evening and were not tracking anything.

Officials from the Yuma Air Station, the Arizona National Guard and White Sands in New Mexico told ABC15 they had no activity Monday night.

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## Phoenix Lights Part Two?

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Archived: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 08:56:57 -0400  
Subject: Phoenix Lights Part Two?

Source: The National Ledger - Apache Junction, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/6cxxvf>

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[Images & Video at site]

UFO Photos, Video: Phoenix Lights Part Two?  
By Jon Shanks

The Phoenix Lights were an unbelievable phenomenon that took place in March 13, 1997 and the event was witnessed by thousands of residents. There are photographs and video of the UFO sighting and to this day it is still one of the biggest UFO sightings in history and the most scrutinized. Many have argued that the lights that were filmed were nothing more than military flares dropped in the desert at the Goldwater Range southwest of Phoenix.

Other witnesses that spotted the strange lights believe it was something else and many are still looking for explanations. There were several events that night but the main focus was on the lights because of the video and the photos. Those lights were amber in color and formed a wide V-shape that looked as if it were a mile wide, some witnesses claimed at the time.

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It might now be time for Phoenix Lights, Part Two. On Monday night many residents in the north part of the city saw red lights. The lights were bright and so far there is no explanation from authorities on what they were. Several witnesses have already come forward and said they were stunned at what they saw.

One witness told local Channel 12 news (KPNX) that he saw several red lights in the sky that were unexplained and that the lights went out one by one. The witness then said that he saw three jets come from the west and traveled in the same direction where the lights were. See video and photos here:

<http://tinyurl.com/5fpew5>

at channel 12, the local NBC affiliate in Phoenix. What were the strange lights that everyone is now calling a UFO? Authorities say they have no explanation, yet.

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## Arizona Lights At Top Of Drudge Report

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 13:56:28 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 09:02:57 -0400  
Subject: Arizona Lights At Top Of Drudge Report

I was wondering last night when George Noory was breaking this story about lights/UFOs over Arizona if Matt Drudge had the story. I couldn't send Matt or his staff a story yet as none had hit the wires of any detail but lo' and behold I see this morning that he has a massive headline to the story!

He's even eclipsed the Pennsylvania Democratic stuff.

Meanwhile way down near the bottom of the page is Hawking's "weirdo" comment story.

Go figure.

BTW Bob Morningstar if you're reading the List you know how right we've been and the show's just starting.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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Archived: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 09:05:37 -0400  
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>From: Gord Heath <[gordheath.nul](mailto:gordheath.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 21:31:20 -0700  
>Subject: Stuart Miller's 'Astounding' Admission

>>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>>I didn't know he was such a jerk about it.

><snip>

>>Anybody prepared to consider that he might be right?

>>I'm comfortable with that.

>Given this opinion, I just have to ask Stuart...

>What in the world are you in this for if you are comfortable  
>with the idea that UFO witnesses and persons reporting alien  
>abduction experiences are just "cranks and wierdos"?

>As they say, with friends like this, who needs... well you can  
>fill in the blank.

<snip>

I wouldn't worry about. When it comes to this stuff, Hawkins is  
just another citizen. He has no credentials to make the  
observation that he did. He doesn't have the chops.

Stuart is just playing devils advocate.

Don Ledger

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 01:04:51 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 20 Apr 2008 17:35:32 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>>Stephen Hawking wrote a book which made the Top Ten Book list,  
>>but 90% of the people who bought it never read it all the way  
>>through because after reading the first couple of chapters most  
>>people realized he was full of it.

>>He pretended to lead the reader from point A to B and possibly  
>>to C. All he was able to do is type some parts of the alphabet  
>>onto a piece of paper.

>>I know, I read his book all the way through. Let's chalk up his  
>>'popularity' to the 'sympathy' response - i.e., his physical  
>>disability.

>Though I'm always pleased to see books on scientific subjects  
>enjoying popular attention, I won't dispute your opinion that  
>Hawking's book (whichever one you were referring to) wasn't  
>deserving of any Top Ten Lists. That is, after all, your  
>opinion. But I will suggest that your reaction to it is simply  
>the result of your incomprehension of the subject matter. Saying  
>he is "full of it" is quite rich, considering that he is very  
>widely respected in the scientific community and you, as near as  
>I can tell, are not.

>While I can't say that I'm very impressed with Prof. Hawking's  
>statements regarding the UFO phenomena, I'm also not  
>particularly impressed with the petty reactions on this list.

No more petty than Hawkins if you want to make comparisons. I  
would suggest to you as well that many of we "cranks and  
weirdos" know more about astronomy and the workings of the  
universe, the physics and the theories than Hawkins knows about  
what we slug around in.

Anyway, what the hell did you expect Brian, that we'd bow to the  
man and pull on our forlocks saying, "Yes sir, no sir, your  
intellect rocks"?

You want to call that petty, you go right the hell ahead because  
I really don't worry about who is and who isn't impressed  
anymore. There are plenty of his professional counterparts that  
disagree with Hawkins as you know. His theories are the physics  
equivalent to being stoneage thinking. And just as a reminder it  
was Hawkins who cast the first stone.

Don Ledger

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Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 16:16:51 EDT  
Archived: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 10:18:08 -0400  
Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

In Defense Of Stephen Hawking

Hello List, All,

I'd like to say a couple of words in defense of Stephen Hawking. Yes, I listened to his statement about UFOs only appearing to cranks and weirdos. Yes, it was an ignorant statement proving that he knows next to nothing about UFOs or our history.

What he demonstrates is the perception of the field from those on the outside. They haven't read the literature, talked with the witnesses or examined the evidence. All they know is what they have read in the newspaper or see on the evening news. They don't watch the documentaries, some of which are good and all too often bad. They only know of the smoke thrown up by the debunkers, knowing that the McMinnville pictures are faked because some debunker said so. They just don't know.

And of all this, who is the real enemy? It's us. We continue to support cases when the evidence is conclusive that the case is faked... Maury Island springs to mind. The alien autopsy, which has been admitted to be a hoax by nearly everyone involved and we still hear reasons why it isn't.

Remember the contactees... those men and women who claimed to have flown to Venus and Mars and planets far outside our solar system. Some of them are still out there and I met one not long ago who was talking about some kind of interplanetary meeting he had attended on Saturn. The contactees grab some headlines and there are a few of us who still support their stories. How does that make all of us look?

Now we have Stephen Greer calling down UFOs with his flashlight and we have exopolitics talking about the various alien races visiting us. If we suggest to them that some of that 'testimony' might not be accurate, then we are attacked rather than the facts examined. We know that some of those 'witnesses' are making it up, but no one really challenges them. But suggest that all is not right and the hate email begins to roll in.

We share program venues with people we know are among the weirdos and cranks and by doing so, elevate their credibility and reduce our own. We never seem to realize that the outside world isn't as aware of the nuances as we are inside so we continue to shoot ourselves in the foot.

All this was one of the reasons that I insisted we expose Frank Kaufmann as soon as we had the proof. We needed to do that because we knew his testimony could no longer be trusted. But, how many others are still telling their stories with the support of many of us even though we know that they are less than candid?

So, rather than attacking Hawking because he made a comment we don't like, maybe we should ask ourselves why he would say such a thing. Maybe we should attempt to clean our own house so that the perception out there isn't that everyone who sees a UFO is a nut and a crank... and let's remember that Jimmy Carter saw Venus which pretty much tells us that anyone can make a mistake

but that doesn't make him or her a crank.

KRandle

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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<snip>

Hi Brian,

Sadly there is no subject matter, other than a purely mathematical speculation about the putative attributes of a hypothetical singularity. Which, by the way looks likely to be entirely baseless, as a small but growing group of rated scientists are now questioning the existence of 'black holes'.

Here's Feynman on the intrinsic worth of such mathematical speculations:

[www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/feyngrav.txt](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/feyngrav.txt)

[www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/inertfey.txt](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/inertfey.txt)

The establishment has had an agenda in cosmology. This can be seen by peer review journals - even Nature - refusing to publish quality papers, most of which have since been proved true, because they countered the 'doomed universe' big-bang - big crunch falsity the establishment favored (and since proved untrue). Some details at:

[www.perceptions.couk.com/greatest.html#tinsley](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/greatest.html#tinsley)

Since then that agenda's been quieter but maybe more insidious, concentrating on eventual doom from 'black holes. But that's had to be extensively modified since origin (no evidence of 'event horizons' or of 'singularities' or any other predicted signs) and now has to include outflowing 'jets' (impossible for original putative 'black hole') and other already observed phenomena which you'd get from a neutron star or indeed almost any high density / high mass body with sufficient angular momentum. You don't need 'black holes' for those.

Further, not one original 'black hole' prediction has been confirmed. So what they've done is add-on 'after the event' things already seen in the universe and claim that they're now signs of 'black holes'. You don't need 'black holes' for those.

The mainstream scientists were so eager to jump on the 'black hole' band-wagon (it ensured funding) that they forgot to check basic physics. If you want the simplest and most obvious problems first, try:

[www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/nblckhls.html](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/nblckhls.html)

and be warned, there are more abstruse reasons down below that.

Simply put, an event horizon would drag background starlight towards itself - resulting in large brilliant 'targets' surrounded by darkness in the night sky. We don't see them. So the agenda has shifted stance and is now implying that maybe 'black holes only live in galactic centers. Well, again that argument could apply to any sufficiently high mass/high density phenomena, which certainly do live in galactic centers. You don't need 'black holes' for those.

You can see that long-term the establishment agenda has had two prongs: i) wanting the most doom-laden scenario; ii) insisting that authority has to be always 'right' - resulting in a mass of contradictions like the present 'standard model'. Cosmologists are so worried about it they've had several secretive conferences in the last few years.

You have to feel sorry for them in a way - their best policy would be to admit 'We got it wrong so we're going to scrap it all and start again from scratch' - but of course authority doesn't like to admit being wrong.

As we can see almost every week in Ufology.

Cheers

Ray

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 00:37:47 -0300  
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>>>>>This is a vid from his TED lecture where he answers the big  
>>>>>questions about the universe.

>>>>><http://youtube.com/watch?v=3DxjBIsp8mS-c>

>>>>>Notice what he says about the chances of there being alien life  
>>>>>and any interaction with us. Also note what he says about we UFO  
>>>>>folks.

>>>>>Hawking has been saying that for years. It's a kneejerk  
>>>>>response from him. He's never cracked a book. Wonder what he  
>>>>>thinks of Michio Kaku's opposite opinion?

>>>>I didn't know he was such a jerk about it.

>><snip>

>>Anybody prepared to consider that he might be right?

>>I'm comfortable with that.

>Why? He was wrong about the Big Bang Theory, Stuart, you  
>comfortable with that? He's not the only game in play, these  
>days.

And while people have been lambasting Hawking for his comments,  
parallel to that thread on this List has been a conversation  
about a pile of Martian rubble looking like a pair of woman's  
breasts.

My incredulity at William Treurniet's original posting was only  
surpassed by the responses. People danced, jigged, and swayed  
their way round the issue and while clearly no one else could



see what he claimed he could see, neither did anyone actually come out and say he was mad.

William may not be clinically loopy but it would be fair to say he falls within that category as recently defined by Hawking, as do those who gave him succour.

But at least we haven't completely lost our sense of humour here. Because this thread, "Why Does One's Credibility Drop With UFOs?" still seems to be going strong.

Of course not everyone that either reports a UAP sighting or who is involved in UFOlogy has mashed carrots for brains. There are some tremendous minds involved in this pursuit. But the fact is, the vast majority of people drawn to this subject are 'off-centre'. I think that is something to rejoice in - seriously - and I am comfortable being a part of that.

Stuart Miller  
Alien Worlds magazine  
<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

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Archived: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 11:30:00 -0400  
Subject: UFO Hunter Expects More Phoenix Lights

Source: KPNX-TV 12 - Phoenix, Arizona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/6xs7ep>

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UFO Hunter Expects More Phoenix Lights

by Brandon Kline  
12 News

Jeff Woolwine is a UFO hunter. He believes the Phoenix lights are alien ships that are drawn to the mountains in the Valley.

Woolwine points to petroglyphs while hiking on South Mountain. He says the ancient drawings are proof that people have been seeing lights in the sky for thousands of years. He says people back then made drawings like Valley residents use their camcorders today.

"I hope we see one today," Woolwine says. He believes sightings will increase and hopes locals have their cameras ready.

Skeptics say there is a simple explanation than aliens from another planet. In 1997, the military said flares were responsible for the "sightings."

Woolwine says the Phoenix lights will bring a whole new level of tourism to the Valley, with people who want to try and catch a glimpse of a UFO.

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Source: The Witness, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

[http://witness.co.za/?showcontent&global%5b\\_id%5d=6379](http://witness.co.za/?showcontent&global%5b_id%5d=6379)

16 Apr 2008

The Day The Aliens Landed  
by  
Stephen Coan

American film maker Randall Nickerson is currently visiting southern Africa to make a documentary that follows up an incident that happened at the Ariel School in Ruwa, Zimbabwe, in 1994, when 62 children aged between eight and 12 reported seeing a UFO and "strange beings" during their morning break.

Those children are now young adults scattered around the globe. Nickerson is tracking them down and interviewing them about the experience. "Their stories have not changed at all," he says. "Not what you would expect if they had made it all up."

So what exactly happened on that day in 1994 at the school in Ruwa just east of Harare? "It was morning break and they were out in the school yard playing," says Nickerson. "They saw one main silver craft that had four others around it," says Nickerson. "It came down on a hill beyond the school yard that was out of bounds. The boundary was the edge of the school yard, then it was bush and the hill.

They ran to the edge of the school yard to see what this thing was. They saw this small creature walk around on top of the craft while another came down to check out the children. He was all in black, with a very tight suit. The children said he had big eyes 'like rugby balls'.

The children had direct eye contact with this creature. There seems to have been some kind of communication with the children about the state of the world - what we are doing to the planet, the destruction we are causing, although not all the children got this message. Some of the children were traumatised, others were excited. The young children were the most traumatised as they were at the front of the group.

They all went screaming back to the teachers. The teachers didn't believe them at first. But then they went home and told their parents who came to the school and wanted to know what had happened."

Soon afterwards the children were asked to draw pictures of what they had seen. "They did this separately. The drawings were all the same."

A BBC television crew were first on the scene to follow it up. In November 1994, Harvard professor of psychiatry John E. Mack visited the school and filmed interviews with the children. He was assisted by South African producer Nicky Carter who had

already made a short documentary on the subject for the SABC. "I had a half-brother at the school," she says. "He was off sick on the day it happened, but the children told him all about it and he contacted me."

Carter has no doubt the children were telling the truth. "When they were interviewed by Mack with all his professional skills it was clear they were telling the truth - their voice tone, their body language. They were so consistent, they told their stories with such conviction. And they spoke about it in their own language. One child recalled being told by the alien that we should not be so 'techknolged' - why make up something like that?"

Mack, a Pulitzer prize winner for his biography of T. E. Lawrence - Lawrence of Arabi - titled A Prince Of Our Disorder, was a highly respected psychiatrist. However, when he began researching the phenomenon of reported alien abductions, his fellow academics looked askance. In 1994, when his book Abduction appeared, a committee was appointed to review Mack's clinical care and investigation of the people who had shared their alien encounters with him. According to the BBC, "It was the first time in Harvard's history that a tenured professor was subjected to such an investigation."

After 14 months of inquiry, Harvard issued a statement stating that the dean had "reaffirmed Dr Mack's academic freedom to study what he wishes and to state his opinions without impediment".

In 2004, Mack was killed by a drunk driver while he was visiting London to lecture at a T. E. Lawrence conference.

Mack was guarded in his interpretation of the abduction phenomenon. To one interviewer who said that Mack seemed "inclined to take these [abduction] reports at face value", Mack replied saying: "Face value I wouldn't say. I take them seriously. I don't have a way to account for them."

In a BBC interview he said: "I would never say, yes, there are aliens taking people. [But] I would say there is a compelling powerful phenomenon here that I can't account for in any other way. Yet I can't know what it is but it seems to me that it invites a deeper, further inquiry."

Nickerson sees himself as taking that inquiry further after being commissioned by the John E. Mack Institute, along with producer Dominique Callimanopulos, to make a documentary incorporating the interview footage shot in 1994 with follow-up material shot in the present.

"I want to present the story objectively," says Nickerson. "To show the original raw material. That's what initially interested me about this case. These children all describing seeing the same thing. You can tell they are not lying. But having seen this footage I thought: I need to go to this place, to talk to people, I need to investigate it for myself. Did this really happen?"

"The subject has to be approached as scientifically as possible," he says. "There are questions that we need to ask. It's a case of presenting the evidence just like court."

Despite this rigorous approach, isn't there a danger he will simply encounter those on the "lunatic fringe"? "I have found those are the people who have all the answers, but people to whom something like this has really happened don't. They have millions of questions. There is a humility about them, they realise it's not about them."

At the beginning of the project Nickerson set about contacting those people who had been among the 62 children who had witnessed the sighting. "They are mainly students in Canada, the United States, New Zealand and Britain."

Tracking them down hasn't been that difficult. "They are contacting us because of what we put up on the John E. Mack Institute website. What is interesting is that their stories remain the same as in 1994.

"They were affected profoundly," says Nickerson. "At the time

one girl was told by her parents not to talk about it, that she had imagined it all. But then she found other people's stories on the Internet. She got in touch with them and realised 'Oh my God, that was real'.

"Others I've met never doubted it. They say the experience opened up new horizons for them."

Nickerson cites two students who are now studying in the U.S. "Their father said they would never have done that, but after their experience the children were totally changed, that's what convinced him that something really happened."

Nickerson's first stop during his visit to southern Africa was Ariel School. "I interviewed teachers and workers who were there at the time." He also came across people from two different schools in the area who had similar sightings on the same day.

Nickerson is now in South Africa trying to track down those living here who were witnesses on that day. He will be here until the end of April following up leads resulting from two radio interviews he has given.

- If you witnessed the Ariel School sighting or have any information regarding it, you can contact Randall Nickerson at 082 154 731 or e-mail [rsnick.nul](mailto:rsnick.nul) You can also contact Nicky Carter at 072 632 2330 or producer Dominique Callimanopulos on [dominique.nul](mailto:dominique.nul) com Check out the website: [www.johnemackinstitute.org](http://www.johnemackinstitute.org)

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## Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <[paulscottanderson.nul](mailto:paulscottanderson.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 23:01:28 -0700  
Archived: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 12:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 03:12:37 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>I see rocks. I don't even know if they're from Mars or not I'll  
>have to take your word for it.

>If we don't have crystal clear carvings that don't leave anything  
>to imagination then I say bravo, but until then if we allow such  
>data even from earnest researchers you'll get a fringe attachment  
>to it calling for a religion to be established around it like  
>that supposed giant face on Mars for the past 30 years.

>Rocks.

I can verify that they are on Mars, as these are well-known  
images taken by the Spirit rover, but I just see rocks also, as  
I noted already before.

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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Archived: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 13:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

Source: WFAA-TV - Dallas/Fortworth, Texas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/6cxxwu>

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

[Video and pictures at site]

Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax  
By Brian Webb

PHOENIX =97 Many Phoenix-area residents reported seeing mysterious red lights in the sky over the north Valley Monday night. Some said they could be seen for miles, leaving many to wonder what was going on.

Those who saw the four lights said they appeared randomly. Some said the lights made shapes =97 a straight line, a square and a triangle. The lights reportedly were visible for between 15 and 30 minutes at about 8 p.m.

An area man who does not wish to be identified claims that he was behind the mysterious phenomenon.

He told KTVK-TV that after the sun went down Monday night, he tied road flares to four large helium-filled balloons using fishing line. Then he released the balloons one-by-one, at one-minute intervals.

"Very impressed," the man said. "Very bright, and something I'd never seen before."

According to Deer Valley Airport and air traffic controllers at Phoenix Sky Harbor, no planes were on the radar, although people at both locations reportedly saw the lights.

Luke Air Force Base said it had no operations in the air at the time the lights were seen. NORAD (the North American Aerospace Defense Command) also confirmed no activity on its radar Monday night.

Some Valley residents said the lights might have been a UFO.

"It was really close to the star, and when it would go really close, and then go fast far away," said Annie Braslawsce. "It was just unbelievable. I thought it was the coolest thing. It was pretty intense."

The man who claims to have launched the flares said an aircraft did get near the balloon-borne lights. He figures that the atmospheric disturbance left in the plane's wake caused the flares to move in a pattern.

Monday night's sighting comes about a month after the 11th anniversary of the famed Phoenix Lights, when thousands of people reported seeing several lights in a "V" formation

hovering over the city. The Air Force eventually said those lights were flares, but not everybody believes that explanation.

The man who said he launched Monday's sky show said he thinks the 1997 Phoenix Lights could indeed have had a similar, terrestrial origin =97 but that it wasn't his doing.

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Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 13:09:28 EDT  
Archived: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 07:45:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>Has anybody seen a transcript of Hawking's silly comments that  
>were in the video? I have seen a newspaper article about his  
>comments at the 50th anniversary of NASA celebration.

>I would like to do a column about him joining the noisy  
>negativist brigade of ignorant arrogant PhDs spouting off about  
>UFOs, abductions, life in outer space, but completely unaware of  
>the relevant evidence.

Yes Mr. Friedman, that's why I posted this thread and the follow  
up post from the NASA 50th. I got messages from some friends who  
attended and they were shocked at what Hawking said.

What's extra surprising is the response from the normally  
hostile radio talk show hosts! I monitor several shows a day - I  
book guests on some shows and do advertising - and they all  
broke ranks and lambasted Hawking for his comments!

Some of the cracks the hosts made about Hawking were so funny I  
couldn't paint or draw while I was listening I was laughing so  
hard. I was stunned to hear the talk show hosts spout correct  
information about the abductees and witnesses being highly  
credible people in most cases and even detailed famous cases!

One radio show even mentioned Errol's list and how one host  
reads it every day!

Other UFO related websites and message boards were mentioned and  
I got the idea that the public not only have been watching and  
listening but making up their own minds, forming their own  
opinions and it don't look too good for the debunkers by a long  
shot. Hawking put his foot in his mouth and hopefully it'll have  
a bad taste to it.

Best,

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

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Archived: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 08:58:11 -0400  
Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

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>the 1997 Phoenix Lights could indeed have had a similar,  
>terrestrial origin - but that it wasn't his doing.

I sent this in to the television station in question.

Re Brian Webb's report: Arizona man claims UFO hoax,

As a pilot I'd be interested to know if anyone has contacted the  
FAA to report this guy's disregard for civilian airspace  
surrounding Sky Harbor Phoenix. This is dangerous.

Pilots have enough to worry about during approaches and  
departures without considering the possibility of taking a flare  
in the windshield or ingesting it into an engine.

An airliner will withstand impacting a partially burnt flare but  
a light aircraft such as a Cessna 172 or the nearby helicopter  
mentioned in news reports, with a one-eighth inch thick  
windshield would not.

A partially spent flare would most likely go right through it  
and either hit the pilot or the passenger or creat a fire hazard  
inside the small confines of that cockpit.

A white-hot flare hitting someone in the face at 125 miles per  
hour could kill them or severely burn them if it landed in their  
lap for instance.

The brilliance of a brightly burning flare in the cockpit at  
night would blind the pilot.

Loss of control of the aircraft due to either scenario could result in a crash killing the pilot, passengers or someone on the ground.

This was an irresponsible act.

I'm almost certain that this is an infraction of the FARs [Federal Air Regulations] as set out by the FAA. Perhaps you could check with Sky Harbor tower or whatever local FAA office that might be in that area.

At the very least this person should be heavily fined for such a childish and dangerous act. It is no wonder that he wishes to remain anonymous while no doubt getting his 15 minutes of fame.

Best,

Don Ledger  
Pilot

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## Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

From: Vincent Boudreau <[vincentboudreau.nul](mailto:vincentboudreau.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 16:43:42 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 08:55:28 -0400  
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>From: Stuart Miller <[stuart.4.nul](mailto:stuart.4.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 22:16:11 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

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>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>come out and say he was mad.

<snip>

Hello Stuart, Don and all,

Talking about the straw in the eye:

Stars! Planets.

Astronomers.

Astrologers.

So, the astronomers are a bunch of weirdoes?

You see my drift.

I hereby coin the word ufologer.

UFOs.

Ufologist.

Ufologer.

I rest my case.

Vincent Boudreau

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## Who's Your UFO Buddy?

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 16:58:42 EDT  
Archived: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 08:57:52 -0400  
Subject: Who's Your UFO Buddy?

Alright I'm not getting paranoid but what if the Net crashed or some other fiendish thing that made the internet unaccessible, would you be able to get the word our or get messages in should something big happen in the UFO arena?

Who is your UFO buddy?

Do we only know one another via our email and screennames? I'm sure most of us know the phone number to Peter Davenport's NUFORC.org or George Noory's on-air phone numbers, but what about the rest? How would we communicate if the Net went down? Phones went down?

I know some folks who still use carrier pigeons and you'd be surprised how reliable they are.

With all the activity of late and the pressures on the debunkers to come up with more new angles it's a good idea to have a backup system in place.

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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>parallel to that thread on this List has been a conversation  
>about a pile of Martian rubble looking like a pair of woman's  
>breasts.

These are two separate issues of course. I'm certain that  
Hawking has not been following the list. And I will give  
Hawkings this, if I were in his position and was looking at the  
overall supposed research of the phenomenon and had not been  
involved in the investigation of the phenomenon for some twenty  
years now, had not read the literature [the good stuff] did  
field interviews of my own, etc. I would likely arrive at much  
the same conclusion.

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I think I mentioned on this or some other List that it looked  
like a pile of rocks to me. And I will only look at this stuff  
if my dial-up isn't going to take all day loading the .JPGs in.  
Treurniet's imagination seems to be running wild.

>William may not be clinically loopy but it would be fair to say  
>he falls within that category as recently defined by Hawking, as  
>do those who gave him succour.

>But at least we haven't completely lost our sense of humour  
>here. Because this thread, "Why Does One's Credibility Drop With  
>UFOs?" still seems to be going strong.

Well it's either this or argue about rocks on Mars or faked



autopsies of alien creatures.

>Of course not everyone that either reports a UAP sighting or who  
>is involved in UFology has mashed carrots for brains. There are  
>some tremendous minds involved in this pursuit. But the fact is,  
>the vast majority of people drawn to this subject are  
>'off-centre'. I think that is something to rejoice in - seriously  
>- and I am comfortable being a part of that.

I can't dispute this. I posted a few remarks re researchers and investigators a couple of weeks back and - nothin'. I received 4 off-List replies. I wasn't kind to the majority of so-called researchers. One of the reasons I harp on this point is that it takes some skills to be an actual investigator rather than the 90 percent of those out there with an opinion calling him or herself a researcher.

Mind you, don't get me wrong, there are researchers out there that are golden. Most of us know who they are, the study of the phenomenon could not exist without them.

On Monday I was in a large bookstore here in Canada called Chapters which is the equivalent to Barnes & Noble or Borders in the United States. The three UFO books I found were buried in the 'New Age'" section with a label on that shelf that read "Aliens and UFOs". One of the three books was Corso's and Birnes Day After Roswell - yes it's still going in paperback - and two others about the 'space brothers' who's titles aren't worth mentioning.

This little section of crap was embedded with Wicca literature, tarot cards and spiritualism which took up a shelf about 10 feet long and 6 feet high.

You will allow me to be shameless and say that the only book related to the phenomenon with any merit was my own Maritime UFO Files but that was displayed in the 'Local Interest' section well away from the rest. At least it wasn't in the New Age section.

Don Ledger

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>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 21:37:24 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>>From: Brian Ally <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 01:04:51 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

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>>Though I'm always pleased to see books on scientific subjects  
>>enjoying popular attention, I won't dispute your opinion that  
>>Hawking's book (whichever one you were referring to) wasn't  
>>deserving of any Top Ten Lists. That is, after all, your  
>>opinion. But I will suggest that your reaction to it is simply  
>>the result of your incomprehension of the subject matter.

><snip>

>Sadly there is no subject matter, other than a purely  
>mathematical speculation about the putative attributes of a  
>hypothetical singularity. Which, by the way looks likely to be  
>entirely baseless, as a small but growing group of rated  
>scientists are now questioning the existence of 'black holes'.

Hey, I didn't say I buy his theories completely. I simply think these reactions to his comments are childish. In fact, I happen to agree with him somewhat: this field does have more than it's share of "cranks and weirdos". I think it's unfair of him to suggest that the entire history of the phenomenon is due to nut-cases and hoaxsters. Far from it, in fact.

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>prongs: i) wanting the most doom-laden scenario; ii) insisting  
>that authority has to be always 'right' - resulting in a mass of  
>contradictions like the present 'standard model'. Cosmologists  
>are so worried about it they've had several secretive  
>conferences in the last few years.

Actually, many of them are quite excited. Perhaps you just hang out with rather pessimistic cosmologists. I find it difficult to imagine such a creature but it's a big universe, after all.

>You have to feel sorry for them in a way - their best policy  
>would be to admit 'We got it wrong so we're going to scrap it  
>all and start again from scratch' - but of course authority  
>doesn't like to admit being wrong.

Well, you're casting a pretty wide net here.

Scientific advancement occurs when some theory is formulated that better describes reality - or, at least, our perceived reality - than the accepted wisdom. Until someone can formulate such a theory and the scientific community being what it is, that means a theory that is generally accepted - anything else is speculation or hand-waving. There's nothing intrinsically 'wrong' with the latter two; they're just not well-accepted.

It's as simple as that.

There are many people out there working on theories that are not yet accepted by the wider scientific community. There's nothing to feel sorry for them about. In fact, many of them are probably quite excited to be doing what they are doing.

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 16:16:51 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>In Defense Of Stephen Hawking

>Hello List, All,

>I'd like to say a couple of words in defense of Stephen Hawking.  
>Yes, I listened to his statement about UFOs only appearing to  
>cranks and weirdos. Yes, it was an ignorant statement proving  
>that he knows next to nothing about UFOs or our history.

Which is scary because he's appeared as a guest on Star Trek:  
the Next Generation and his theories are used by scientists  
around the world in propulsion, weapons and other technologies  
that we use for our lives. If he has a penchant for shooting off  
his mouth without studying that makes him what I call a 'scary  
scientist'. He should know better. Shame on him ( in the voice  
of the Grand Nagus ).

>What he demonstrates is the perception of the field from those  
>on the outside. They haven't read the literature, talked with  
>the witnesses or examined the evidence. All they know is what  
>they have read in the newspaper or see on the evening news. They  
>don't watch the documentaries, some of which are good and all  
>too often bad. They only know of the smoke thrown up by the  
>debunkers, knowing that the McMinnville pictures are faked  
>because some debunker said so. They just don't know.

That's the point! He's obviously swayed by a lack of  
investigation and is more hot air than anything else. You're  
right about his response being a demonstration of the perception  
of the UFO field from those outside. However he's so far outside  
he'd need the Hubble Telescope to see what's going on. His  
response was bigoted and irresponsible.

>And of all this, who is the real enemy? It's us. We continue to  
>support cases when the evidence is conclusive that the case is  
>faked... Maury Island springs to mind. The alien autopsy, which  
>has been admitted to be a hoax by nearly everyone involved and  
>we still hear reasons why it isn't

No Kevin, we're not the enemy we're just human, well some of us  
are. Some, emphasize some ufologists or people in the field  
support the obviously absurd and ridiculous but is it because  
they're malicious or just naive? Some of us just don't have the  
capabilities of advanced critical thought nor perception of  
deception as others or Hollywood's special effects movies  
wouldn't make any money and brother they are still making tons  
of money. Even classics like "The Wizard of Oz" with it's 1930's  
special effects are still wowing audiences to this day and we  
know most of Oz are background paintings. We still love it  
though :)

Sure the UFO conventions are full of people selling alien  
T-shirts and candy etc. but that's the American way. Don't fear  
it, merchandise it. If it grabs any modicum of the attention of

the public if you don't make money from licensing your enemy will. I'd bet a good chunk of the alien merchandise we see including some of the books about the 'Space Brothers' are produced by debunkers who know a good deal when they see it.

>Remember the contactees... those men and women who claimed to  
>have flown to Venus and Mars and planets far outside our solar  
>system. Some of them are still out there and I met one not long  
>ago who was talking about some kind of interplanetary meeting he  
>had attended on Saturn. The contactees grab some headlines and  
>there are a few of us who still support their stories. How does  
>that make all of us look?

Contactees are only as valuable as their data explains the phenomena. I value a contactee, not an abductee on that alone. Abductees are victims of a criminal act. Contactees are either mentally unstable or may well be in contact with another life form but without physical proof they're just hot air. Far as I'm concerned if a contactee can't produce the contactor ( is that a word? ) then their data is back burner at best. If a contactee says they have a way to turn cowpies to gold they had better prove it. If not, adios. We've got people claiming to be contacted by spiritual historical figures every day by the hundreds of millions especially the Baptists. Try telling them they didn't have some form of contact with spiritual beings and you'll have quite a fist fight waiting.

>Now we have Stephen Greer calling down UFOs with his flashlight  
>and we have exopolitics talking about the various alien races  
>visiting us. If we suggest to them that some of that 'testimony'  
>might not be accurate, then we are attacked rather than the  
>facts examined. We know that some of those 'witnesses' are  
>making it up, but no one really challenges them. But suggest  
>that all is not right and the hate email begins to roll in.

When people make such claims, just shut em' up with "prove it."  
It works every time. Pictures of fuzzy lights and sightings stories we have in abundance. No physical proof we ain't got. I say we spend more resources on the physical proof angle. We've got enough documentation from highly credible and official resources to have a person reading for a year or more. A witnesses value is only in how much it explains existing phenomena and it's value in processing future data.

>We share program venues with people we know are among the  
>weirdos and cranks and by doing so, elevate their credibility  
>and reduce our own. We never seem to realize that the outside  
>world isn't as aware of the nuances as we are inside so we  
>continue to shoot ourselves in the foot.

I've asked before for no-nonsense conventions and venues. I have a guilty confession to make that I love the UFO conventions with as many nutty people as they can cram into a room. You never know whom you'll meet or what goodie you'll find. Sometimes you can buy great microscope or telescope parts or puzzles and toys. It's a circus atmosphere for the general public that attracts people. Say you've got a room full of scientists and military people and you'll get enough visitors to play a good card game. Say you've got 'Athena UFO Abductee and Playboy Centerfold' at the convention and you'll have to fight people off with a baseball bat. We may not be the sharpest tool in the shed as a species but we are the most fun.

>All this was one of the reasons that I insisted we expose Frank  
>Kaufmann as soon as we had the proof. We needed to do that  
>because we knew his testimony could no longer be trusted. But,  
>how many others are still telling their stories with the support  
>of many of us even though we know that they are less than  
>candid?

You're a stand up guy for all that. I get attacked for not falling for every witness who appears nor alien autopsy that appears. I have one rule for any UFO news: Never get excited about it. Why? Because as soon as you get excited you lose focus. It's data and data only. It's not a validation of my religious beliefs nor expectations to see some alien race invalidate us 'puny humans'. It's data regarding survival on some aspect and that only. So far all the data gleaned still says what it says but no physical proof.

>So, rather than attacking Hawking because he made a comment we  
>don't like, maybe we should ask ourselves why he would say such  
>a thing. Maybe we should attempt to clean our own house so that  
>the perception out there isn't that everyone who sees a UFO is a  
>nut and a crank... and let's remember that Jimmy Carter saw  
>Venus which pretty much tells us that anyone can make a mistake  
>but that doesn't make him or her a crank.

>KRandle

For us to clean our house we'd have to understand that even the  
greatest religious leaders have tried. Military might is useless.  
We humans are faulty, trusting, fallible creatures to a fault.  
We fear what we don't and won't understand. We're the 'special  
education' species of the galaxy and we're on the edge of said  
galaxy so we won't interfere with the other kids.

We're bad but we're funny, that's why we believe in God because  
only divine intervention will save us from ourselves.

Hawking is a jerk. He may be bright but he's a jerk. Like too  
many scientists and heads of state and other self important  
people he's got a bug up his bum because the super intelligent  
aliens didn't pick him to abduct. "I'm important to mankind so  
why wouldn't the aliens contact me like they did Sam Jaffe in  
'The Day The Earth Stood Still'?" If you notice Klaatu had to  
fix Jaffe's math. That's why.

Best,

Greg  
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Kevin, this is the best post I have read on this forum for a very long time. Congratulations on putting your arguments so succinctly and clearly.

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John Rimmer  
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Does anybody think that the response of the majority of posters to this topic actually demonstrates that we are not cranks and weirdos?

I think if we're going to make a serious case we've got to go beyond just shouting "Stephen Hawkings, what does he know!"

And did a previous poster really write "Nar, nar, nar"? No cranks or weirdos there, then

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

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Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 08:25:26 -0500  
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Forgetting an almost impossible to ignore... "So?", while suggesting same, I suspect that everyone is going to be a "crank" and a "weirdo" to someone, always. Consider James McGaha as I consider myself, and further consider our consideration of one another's considerations. Who's a nut-ball?

On fatuous assertions of 'conventional wisdoms': is it really any surprise to anyone that a 'default go-to' intellectuality even as refined as Hawking's, but steeped in decades of adulation and raw worship as the living homo sap penultimate critical thinker, would have him avoiding long odds to covetously maintain that reputation? Naturally.

The list of more informed minds as fecund as Hawking's and countering SH's fatuous assertion is debate decisive, right? So, extended kafuffle over same seems moot. Too, consider that it may be impossible for SH to even see a night sky, and if able, to have regular access to one, at all. So how much time has he spent looking up into same?

It's pretty obvious he's poorly informed to proffer bupkis, but that should be no surprise either. A good card-carrying Cartesian is always ready to pronounce upon that which he refuses to investigate, eh?

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>From: Brian Ally <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
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>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 21:37:24 +0100  
>>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

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>out with rather pessimistic cosmologists. I find it difficult to  
>imagine such a creature but it's a big universe, after all.

<snip>

Hi Brian,

Try 'Crisis in Cosmology' at:

<http://www.cosmology.info/>

or, if you need the background, Marcus Chown gives a review in  
What If The Big Bang Never Happened? at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ec2bb>

Regarding the hopefully imminent death of 'black hole theory',  
maybe try Chapline: Black Holes Don't Exist in a search engine.

Cheers  
Ray D

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Don,

I'm a long time reader, whose posted very few comments, but I  
have to say...

How can a common road flare, tied to a balloon, reach any kind  
of altitude to be seen, glow perfectly red without pulsating,  
not burn though the fishing line used to attach it to and  
maintain that glow for over 18 minutes and not leave smoke  
trails?

A twenty minute flare weighs about what? Three or four pounds?  
How many helium balloons does it take to raise three or four  
pounds?

And how to explain why there were several perfect formations of  
light; triangular, rounded wedge and a distinct arrow shape and  
that the lights maintained a uniform altitude most of the time?

Did he - the anonymous balloonner - not say he released them at  
"one minute intervals"? Would that not make the formation  
stagger upwards, each balloon over a minute apart could never  
join up at the same altitude.

Seems fishy to me.

Donnie

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Not sure what a crank or weirdo is but Hawkings calling anyone  
else a crank or weird is like the pot calling the kettle black.

This whole tread is a waste of time.

Don Ledger

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>>Source: WFAA-TV - Dallas/Fortworth, Texas, USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/6cxxwu>

>>Wednesday, April 23, 2008

>>[Video and pictures at site]

>>Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax  
>>By Brian Webb

><snip>

>>An area man who does not wish to be identified claims that he  
>>was behind the mysterious phenomenon.

>>He told KTVK-TV that after the sun went down Monday night, he  
>>tied road flares to four large helium-filled balloons using  
>>fishing line. Then he released the balloons one-by-one, at one-  
>>minute intervals.

>>"Very impressed," the man said. "Very bright, and something I'd  
>>never seen before."

><snip>

>>The man who said he launched Monday's sky show said he thinks  
>>the 1997 Phoenix Lights could indeed have had a similar,  
>>terrestrial origin - but that it wasn't his doing.

>I sent this in to the television station in question.

>Re Brian Webb's report: Arizona man claims UFO hoax,

>As a pilot I'd be interested to know if anyone has contacted the  
>FAA to report this guy's disregard for civilian airspace  
>surrounding Sky Harbor Phoenix. This is dangerous.

<snip>

>I'm almost certain that this is an infraction of the FARs  
>[Federal Air Regulations] as set out by the FAA. Perhaps you  
>could check with Sky Harbor tower or whatever local FAA office  
>that might be in that area.

>At the very least this person should be heavily fined for such a  
>childish and dangerous act. It is no wonder that he wishes to  
>remain anonymous while no doubt getting his 15 minutes of fame.

You may be happy to know last night on the evening news the  
fellow who has confessed is now up on possible multiple criminal

counts for launching said flares as a dangerous fire hazard not only in one county but every county those flares passed through.

News said it was agin the law for him to do that so if he is charged we'll know for sure whom he is and if he's got some sort of agenda or if he's just some clown.

We always must be on the lookout for the 'invalidation story'. These come from the original 'weather balloon' on up to 'Chinese Lanterns' which is the favorite going across several countries nowadays. If one lame excuse works once it'll work over and over again unless Britney Spears is in the story.

Go figure.

Best,

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Hi Donnie,

I wasn't trying to make a case for the sightings of the latest  
lights over Phoenix but rather make a point about releasing  
objects into to the air with a complete disregard for what  
pilots call Air Regs but even more importantly the FAA/Sky  
Harbor Tower, Sky Harbor Terminal Control and Phoenix Center not  
making an issue of it.

I haven't gotten too involved in the actual reports from  
Phoenix. I was more interested in nailing some weirdo trying to  
create some incident for whatever perverse thrill they derive  
[what I term the "Roberts psychopathy"] while endangering  
aircraft in a tightly regulated control zone.

By raising this issue with some authority I hope to, over the

long term, eliminate most of them so that they don't add more noise to the signal. It's a slow process.

Anyway others on this List may wish to address the points you have made.

Don Ledger

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From: Frank Warren <[frank-warren.nul](mailto:frank-warren.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 10:50:01 -0700  
Archived: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 18:25:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

Greetings Donnie, Don, et al,

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Allow me to lay out some further details: First, I think it's  
important to point out the sequence of events; for example, the  
initial notion that the lights were of a more conventional  
source came from a report that a helicopter pilot saw the lights  
up-close and could distinguish them as flares/balloons etc.

Then came an interview with Lino Mailo who claimed that he and  
his family (wife & child) witnessed his neighbor launching the  
balloons with the flares attached; he was so close he said he  
could hear the sizzle of the flare [my ad-lib].

At this point, either the original reporter that interviewed  
Mailo, or another went to the neighbor, the perpetrator; he  
agreed to go camera if they didn't show his face or mention his

name.

This man described in detail how he launched the flare/balloon combo. He in fact stated that they started with LEDs which weren't bright enough; when they went to flares, he said he weighed them in grams and started with a smaller balloon, which wasn't successful, and went to a larger size to get airborne.

In looking at what's on the table, you have at least 4 witnesses who claim they saw the flares up close and personal. What would be there reason to lie? Secondly, you have a man admitting to a crime (I'm assuming it's not legal to launch a flaming object in Arizona for a number of reason), why would he lie? If they all are lying then we have a conspiracy! To what end?

Finally, we know that in viewing light(s) at a great distance we often times can't see objects, or the environment that are in close proximity to the light in general. (See Bruce Maccabee's analysis of the 10:00pm flare videos re The Phoenix Lights). Re military flares, parachutes, and or smoke can be indistinguishable.

Think of a campfire at a great distance, or a flashlight in someone's hand, or car headlights etc.

As to formations; can airborne flares suspended by helium balloons randomly form geometric patterns? The short answer is yes.

As I told a colleague (RM), a simple experiment would answer these questions; assuming a location could be found that wouldn't violate any local and or state ordinances.

For me, barring any additional data, I chalk this up to hoax.

Cheers,

Frank

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## Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 19:11:50 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 18:26:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

Hello List,

As this discussion began between those who regard Hawking as a far-seeing scientist and those who don't - perhaps this just-found example of another thing Hawking got wrong might be pertinent:

"Scientists ranging from Cambridge University physicist Professor Stephen Hawking to Albert Einstein, have argued that the universe eventually will stop expanding and then implode under the force of gravity, destroying all life.

NASA's research indicates, however, that this analysis is wrong. Using a satellite - the Microwave Anisotropy Probe (MAP), which has spent the past year peering into deep space - NASA has discovered a pattern of "hot spots" which, it says, proves that the universe is accelerating.

This means, says NASA, that "that the universe is expanding too quickly to collapse."

[www.theage.com.au/articles/2003/02/09/1044725671904.html](http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2003/02/09/1044725671904.html)

Does it also seem to bear out my hypothesis that establishment scientists were going along with the most doom-laden scenario?

Cheers

Ray D

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From: John Velez <[jvelez49.nul](mailto:jvelez49.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 14:57:15 -0400  
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Hi Don, Donnie,

Me too! Reading that post set off my internal alarm bells. Don Ledger is absolutely correct, this irresponsible clown should be taken to task for his dangerous stunt. That's when we'll find out if flares attached to balloons are responsible for what was recorded in the sky. He'll either have to 'man-up' and pay the fines, or start trying to convince FAA officials that it wasn't him, it was a "UFO." The FAA guys will have a field day in court and whoever presides over the case will throw the book at him for having the stones to blame a "UFO."

Either way, we'll find out who did what and when. I agree with Donnie, if the flares were released at one minute intervals, there is no way they joined up 'in formation' at the same altitude. Those lights maintained a geometrical formation according to the report. I cannot see how balloons released at one minute intervals, without the use of some miraculous guidance system, were able to 'join-up' and create the formation seen in the photo and reported by witnesses.

Something reeks of fish in this 'anonymous confession'. I never trust any story based on the testimony of an anonymous source. Just can't be trusted right out of the box.

Regards,

John Velez

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From: Donnie Shevlin <[dshevlin.nul](mailto:dshevlin.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 17:46:26 -0600  
Archived: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 05:55:03 -0400  
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John,

Nice to chat with you again. I have to tip my hat toward Frank's statement a few posts ago. If there are many witnesses to the flare incident, then the likelihood of a hoax is the case.

I do have reservations on balloon percision flying. Just looked too organized as a group of lights/flares on the tape.

Donnie

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## Stephenville Report In MUFON Journal

From: **Terry Groff** <[terrygroff.nul](mailto:terrygroff.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 18:27:53 -0500  
Archived: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 05:58:36 -0400  
Subject: Stephenville Report In MUFON Journal

Just a note about the Stephenville Investigation

The "Final" Report will be published in the May issue of The MUFON UFO Journal. I put final in parenthesis because I don't think this case will ever be finished

There is a tentative date set for a press conference on May 3rd, 2008 2PM at the Rotary Club building in Dublin, Texas... This is subject to change but right now it seems pretty solid.

Texas State Director Ken Cherry and Constable Lee Roy Gaitan will be on Dateline NBC on Sunday May 4th. Check your local listings for the time.

Don't ask me what is in the report because I simply don't know.

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## Tucson's 'First Dibs On UFOs'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 06:06:55 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 06:06:55 -0400  
Subject: Tucson's 'First Dibs On UFOs'

Source: The Tucson Citizen - Arizona, USA

<http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/daily/local/83521.php>

04.25.2008

Denogean: Hey, Phoenix, We've Got First Dibs On UFOs  
Anne T. Denogean  
Tucson Citizen

Some jokester with flares, helium balloons and too much time on his hands has claimed responsibility for the four mysterious red lights that appeared in the Phoenix skies Monday.

I'm not surprised it was a hoax. If aliens are searching for intelligent life on Earth, Phoenix is the last place they would look.

Settle down, my Phoenician friends. That was just a joke, born out of momentary pangs of Venus-envy.

You see, Phoenix can boast of professional sports, crosstown freeways and, yes, even one notable strange-lights-in-the-sky episode in 1997. But Tucson has always laid claim to arguably the richest history in the state when it comes to UFO sightings and, umm, research.

Until 1988, Tucson was home to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, which was the largest and oldest group in the world studying UFO reports. Starting in 1952, APRO, operated by the husband and wife team of Jim and Coral Lorenzen, studied and catalogued 40,000 sightings around the world. At its peak, APRO had an international membership of 4,000 and the most extensive UFO library in the world.

The Lorenzens sent out a monthly newsletter and ran a 24-hour UFO sighting report hot line. APRO folded in 1988 after the deaths of Jim Lorenzen in 1986 and his wife in 1988.

A University of Arizona physicist, the late James E. McDonald, was one of the most prominent UFO researchers of the 1960s, until his death by suicide in 1971.

He spoke on the topic before audiences around the world, including testifying at a 1968 congressional hearing. He was a leading critic of the U.S. Air Force's 18-year investigation of UFOs, Project Blue Book, calling the effort incompetent and superficial.

UFO enthusiasts Ted Loman, Jim Nichols and Peggy Kane brought UFO lore to the local airwaves in 1991 with an Access Tucson cable program called, UFOAZ Talks, replaced in 1997 by Loman's Off The Record show. After Loman moved to Idaho in 2002, Jim Rodger, the director of Loman's shows, started his own program in 2003, The Cutting Edge. The twice-monthly program delves into UFOs, ancient mysteries and the paranormal.

Loman took his work seriously but had a sense of humor about his exploits. When I interviewed him in 1997, he got a kick out of telling me about the time he and his friends zoomed through the streets of Tucson at 60 miles per hour in pursuit of a UFO that turned out to be a Goodyear blimp.

Tucson even has its own resident UFO debunker in retired Air Force Maj. James McGaha. Often called by media to provide a skeptic's point-of-view, McGaha most recently appeared in a January episode of Larry King Live about strange lights in the skies over Stephenville, Texas.

The Tucson Citizen archives are filled with stories, dating back to 1959, of odd objects in our own skies. Some were explained as natural phenomena, weather balloons, missiles and aircraft in follow-up stories. Some were the work of mischievous youngsters, such as a rash of sightings in 1962 that turned out to be balloons sent aloft with candles by a trio of UA students.

But the archives also include some unexplained doozies, including a 1966 report of a large, bright, egg-shaped object hovering near the border (insert your own "illegal alien" or Russell Pearce joke here).

Earlier this week, Tucsonan George Parks, state director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), told me he investigates about 35 sightings a year.

He often hears the same opening line: "'Man, I got a story to tell you, but you ain't going to believe it.'"

"Well, I am going to believe it because I'm going to listen to it with an open mind and an open heart," said Park, who invited anyone with a sighting report to call him at 742-6651.

MUFON meets every month at the Pima County Public Library, Murphy-Wilmot Branch, 530 N. Wilmot Road, The next meeting is 1 p.m. May 17.

Parks, a resident of Tucson for most of his 72 years, said he's seen UFOs throughout his life. He knows such a statement opens him up to ridicule, but he doesn't much care.

It's easy to see, Parks said, "that there's things out here that just don't look kosher."

So, Phoenix, you can try to steal our spring training but, please, leave the UFOs to us.

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## Close Encounters Of The Fun Kind

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Archived: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 06:45:01 -0400  
Subject: Close Encounters Of The Fun Kind

Source: The Desert Sun - Palm Springs, California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/4mm4k8>

April 24, 2008

[Integratron Photo]

Close Encounters Of The Fun Kind  
By Maggie Downs

The expansive desert of Landers is where stories bloom.

It is here where aerospace engineer George Van Tassel moved his family under Giant Rock, a sacred place for Native Americans and once the largest free-standing boulder in the world.

It is here where Van Tassel said he was visited by aliens, boarded their spacecraft and was given the plans for the construction of a machine that would make people young again.

It is here where Van Tassel built that machine, a giant dome called the Integratron, and held a series of conventions to help pay for its completion.

It is here where people still gather to pay homage to the paranormal phenomena of the 1950s, '60s and '70s - and share their stories of otherworldly contact, too.

"As far as alien contact goes, Landers is every bit as important as Roswell (N.M.)", said Barbara Harris of Yucca Valley. "They just got all the attention."

Harris wants to change that. Three years ago she organized the first Retro UFO Spacecraft Convention as a way to draw attention to Landers' history.

The quirky two-day event includes historical re-enactments, laser light shows, campy movies, even a foil hat competition, possibly to inspire another visit from outer space.

Visitors can enjoy relaxing sound baths inside the dome, tour the Giant Rock area and take part in question-and-answer sessions.

The more science-oriented can attend lectures from astronomers and hear from speakers who worked with and knew Van Tassel.

"There's so much to learn and so many people to learn from," Harris said. "This is a lighthearted event, but there are also people with important things to share."

The festival is also a throwback to the days when Van Tassel would draw more than 10,000 people to the high desert for meditation, speakers and an opportunity to talk about their experiences.

"This is a big part of our history, and we don't want to lose it," she said.

Close encounters of the fun kind

What: Revisit the UFO phenomena of the 1950s, '60s and '70s at the Retro UFO Spacecraft Conference.

When: Saturday and Sunday

Where: The Integratron, 2477 Belfield Blvd., Landers

Events: Speakers, soundbaths, exhibits, historical recreations, astronomers, movies, music and more.

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From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 06:26:37 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 07:10:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

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## Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 06:34:27 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 10:10:05 -0400  
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What was the approximate number of such cases you can recall,  
Mr. Hall, and did you ever have reason to suspect any hoaxer/  
hoaxers of connections further up the food chain than just  
childish pranking?

JCH

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Archived: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 08:42:28 -0400  
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>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
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Dozens of cases. It became a fad and there were a lot of copycats.

In fact, in one case we `captured' one of the balloons and we  
got confessed hoaxes. Age doesn't matter, it's just as dangerous  
and stupid. Some were guys in their 20s.

Dick

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Archived: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 08:48:00 -0400  
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Source: The Sun - London, UK

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1091885.ece>

25 Apr 2008

[Photo]

Tourist Snaps UFO In Croydon  
By Vince Soodin

A foreign student taking tourist snaps believes she photographed a spooky sightseeing attraction =96 a UFO.

Teenager Anastasiya Gavrilenko captured the mysterious object speeding through the sky as she walked through a park in Croydon, south London.

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## Take Hillary Clinton To/As Your Leader

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Archived: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 09:05:49 -0400  
Subject: Take Hillary Clinton To/As Your Leader

Source: Comedy Central's Indecision 2008 Blog - New York NY, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/59h8av>

April 25th at 11:01AM

[Image]

Take Hillary Clinton To/As Your Leader  
Posted By: CubbyChaser

There's been a whole lot of talk over who white males are voting for. Who women are voting for. Who black men and women are voting for. Who young people are voting for. Who old people are voting for.

But not enough time is being devoted to a much more significant segment of American citizens: crazy UFO conspiracy theorist people:

<http://tinyurl.com/5gjnvs>

The X-Conference is a weekend-long symposium on exopolitics - or governmental, political or social issues relating to aliens and UFOs. Various heavyweights in the UFO community came to the event to speak about their work and to discuss a conspiracy to cover up encounters with the third kind.

"There is no more important research going on in the world," said Steve Bassett, executive producer of the event, at the conference on Sunday morning. Most of the 120 or so audience members nodded in agreement.

Yes... No more important research... I am nodding in agreement...

Grant Cameron, a lecturing UFO researcher, said that UFOs have long been an issue with presidential candidates. But he said that he no longer thinks that presidents have all the facts when it comes to extra terrestrial visits.

"There's a government inside a government," that controls this information, Cameron said.

But what Cameron isn't telling you is that there's a government inside that government. And inside that government is a tiny little green man pulling a bunch of levers.

And inside that little green man is another government.

Cameron ended up endorsing Hillary Clinton on his web site, "Hillary is sympathetic to the issue," said Cameron, a Canadian who also works as a building facility manager at the University of Manitoba to pay the bills.

Cameron added that both Hillary and former president Bill Clinton met with UFO enthusiast Laurance Rockefeller to talk

about extra terrestrials. And Cameron said that he has acquired documents through Freedom of Information Act requests that show that the former president investigated UFOs.

I was actually surprised by his endorsement. I thought that the mass of people nodding in agreement and holding out hope for vague and elusive things that are extremely unlikely to be based in reality would be Obama voters, somehow.

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## Anyone Publish Their Own e-Books?

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Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 19:54:20 EDT  
Archived: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 09:55:00 -0400  
Subject: Anyone Publish Their Own e-Books?

I've recently come into the good fortune of publishing e-books with some top flight professionals.

I mentioned the UFO/paranormal community whom are nowhere represented in this company and they asked me if I'd bring some folks in.

The company in question is backed by large corporations and offer a venue and service that's not offered anywhere else. Some of you I've contacted off-List about this but I got full data yesterday and all is good.

Considering how expensive it is to do UFO research I figured I could help you authors and illustrators out there with published works you own another opportunity to raise capital for your research.

I think this network I'm building will be quite the unprecedented boost this field of research has needed for a long time.

Please contact me via email.

Thanks,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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## That'll Be The UFOs Then

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Source: The Scotsman - Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

<http://tinyurl.com/66v6wv>  
26 April 2008

Strange Goings On In Morningside =96 That'll Be The UFOs Then  
By Robert McNeil

Wit's End

The man in sunglasses sat on the top of Blackford Hill, scouring the night sky. He must have come in the wake of the UFO sightings. How exciting. Were dreamy wanderings on the gentle slopes now to be invested with X-Files glamour and mystery?

True, I have over-egged the circumstances of the mystery man's presence. It was daytime. But he was wearing shades, so it would have been night-time to him.

The UFOs were spotted by several upstanding citizens between 8:50pm and 9pm on Saturday, 1

2 April. Pictures show strange lights in the sky. The army said they could have been parachute flares, though a spokesman added excitingly: "It could have been a genuine UFO sighting."

The Edinburgh Evening News reported: "These strange balls of light sparked notions of an alien landing somewhere in Morningside." Wow! Advice that citizens should not be alarmed fell on deaf ears. Many Morningsiders hid under their beds, though some thought it more prudent to dust their mantelpieces, in case they got a visit (upon which the aliens would doubtless have been told: "You'll have had your oozing gloop.").

The Morningside angle hinted that the visitors might be well off, though even they would probably balk at the prices in Waitrose. But Blackford Hill: of all the hills in all the world, they had to choose this one. My bonny Blackford Hill. Of course, they may have detected signs of unusually intelligent life with its heid in the clouds. There are brainy people in the Observatory on the lower slopes as well, and these bods know a thing or twa about outer space, as it comes in handy in their line of work. So it could have been that they'd attracted the interest of the aliens.

You say: "Your words may fairly be characterised as mince, Rab. These phenomena always turn oot tae be reflected lights. If there are aliens oot there, how come they never land?" It is a good question, elegantly put. I think it is fairly obvious why the aliens never land. I mean, would you? The Planet Earth is weel kent throughout the universe as a nuthoose. You don't get chaps on Zarg III going out for a drink of gloop on a Saturday night armed with a samurai sword.

But I take your point. They may not be aliens at all. Dull explanations abide for nearly all UFO sightings. I am not sure I

approve of this debunking. The UFO believers want something more exciting out of life, something more hopeful. They may be deluded, but at least they are reaching for the stars.

The debunkers have their feet firmly on the ground, grimly adducing prosaic explanations for mystery phenomena. I cannot see the fun in this. They say the truth never hurt anyone. The truth is, the truth hurts like hell all the time. I agree it probably is best to learn that a mysterious light was a flare or a birthday lantern that had broken its moorings. But, in debunking, there is something of an instinct to spoil.

I remember, many years ago, reporting a story about a UFO experience in a forest at Dechmont Law, near Livingston. The tale gave me my best ever first paragraph: "A retired forester from West Lothian, who claims to have seen a UFO, is to have his trousers examined by psychics."

I felt a bit guilty about it afterwards, since the chap was genuine and decent, and, as far as I know, no explanation has been given for his experience. He was out walking his dog when he encountered a strange craft, from which emanated two spikey spheres, like Second World War sea mines. He recalled the strange smell as they approached, and then he blacked out, as his dog barked frantically and ran around in circles.

When he awoke, the craft had gone, but there were distinct marks on the forest floor, and his trousers had lines of jagged tearing across them. I am writing this purely from memory, so deeply has the story remained etched in my brainlobes.

At this moment, however, warning bells are starting to go off in ma heid. Not about his story in itself, but about my repeating it. Some time ago, I wrote a light and sceptical news story about conspiracy theorists claiming that RAF Machrihanish, in Argyll, was a secret base containing alien spacecraft. On the internet today, as a result of my piece, you can still find references to the "respected" Scotsman newspaper backing the claims.

But, still, that cannot be helped. In the meantime, many of us in the Blackford area have been nipping out for a sly peek at the night sky before retiring to bed, there to dream of benign beings from advanced civilisations, who drop in to ask us the best way to Waitrose.

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"...A woman is a woman but a good cigar is a smoke?"

It seems this balloon was more than a balloon. It was a  
sociopathy masquerading as a prank. It was a misdirection to  
abrogate the recollections of hundreds of people. It was a  
senselessly egregious hazard to aircraft in flight. It was a  
propaganda to further distort history. It was a facilitator of a  
cowardly status quo and two steps back in the guise of a step  
forward.

Sometimes a cigar is more than a cigar, too. Sometimes it's a  
faux-intellectualizing dildo passed off as proud rationality.

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## The Year 1954 In Photos Paper Online & Expanded

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <[ballesterolmos.nul](mailto:ballesterolmos.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 17:15:05 +0200 (CEST)  
Archived: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 11:27:41 -0400  
Subject: The Year 1954 In Photos Paper Online & Expanded

Dear Colleagues:

I am happy to inform the release of a new online publication from FOTOCAT Project: The Year 1954 in Photos - Expanded Edition. The paper is in English.

It is a 81-page monograph which reviews 115 photographic UFO sightings in the world during the wave year of 1954. It is profusely illustrated with all known pictures of the period, plus case commentary for all recorded events, and closed with a general statistical analysis of the registered cases.

The essay's index of content follows:

- Introduction (pages 1-2)
- A Collection Of Reports (pages 3-66)
- Appendix: Some Rarities For This Period (Pages 67-71)
- A Statistical Review Of The Year 1954 (Pages 72-81)
- The 1954 Year Cases and the Decade of the 50s
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- Cases by Country
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- On the Validity of UFO Reports
- Ep=EDlogue

This paper appears in two versions (please be patient when downloading):

As a .pdf file (37 Mb):

<http://www.box.net/shared/y1mufymo8w>

As a Word.doc file (41 Mb):

<http://www.box.net/shared/3cexbmlkws>

This enlarged edition significantly improves the initial version published 2004, with 101 cases and with no photographs included.

I hope this new research will be interesting to you. Please feel free to let others know about it.

There is a translation into Spanish in the following link (.pdf file):

<http://www.box.net/shared/bg8v8enkso>

Sincerely,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos  
Manager, FOTOCAT Project  
FOTOCAT Blog <http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

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Subject: Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

Hello List

After email chat with some clear-thinking folk, got around to considering the 'Fermi paradox' (actually just a question), and a couple of things came together -

i) that, in the opinion of many folks we are bound to see automated craft/scouts way before any 'manned' visitor craft - like 'Von Neumann probes' - Wiki reference at:

<http://tinyurl.com/5xb7px>

and that seems to be backed up by our own preference for cheaper/safer robot explorers:

ii) that Martyn Stubbs has actually found evidence of such probes - only they move so fast they're usually invisible unless you break down the video frames (and so they were deniable by NASA - but not any more!) - Here's a 9 min Youtube short of Martyn explaining how he did it:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2UL-VmJwwc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2UL-VmJwwc)

Seems his wife had cause for complaint, for almost five years his evenings after work were intermittently dedicated to this.

So that 'paradox' might've been solved in a more up-front way.

Ray

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## Stephen Hawking Boldly Went

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What's New  
Robert L. Park  
Friday  
25 Apr 08  
Washington, DC

1. Space Exploration: Stephen Hawking Boldly Went

In a lecture at George Washington University on Monday, Professor Hawking marked the 50th anniversary of NASA by calling for increased emphasis on space exploration.

Such occasions seem to call for a little futuristic excess and Hawking obliged with a talk completely divorced from reality.

Mars may harbor life but it won't be very smart, so he wants to visit planets on other stars. He compared people who think the trip would be too expensive to those who opposed the risky voyage of Columbus.

Actually, Columbus was a careful man; had he possessed the technology he would probably have sent a drone first. After all, he had miscalculated the Earth's circumference. It was a good thing he ran into America or they would have perished.

We know the distance to the stars much better. They are very far away - so far that we aren't going there. The good news is that 'they' aren't coming here.

The University Of Maryland

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Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 19:48:08 +0000  
Archived: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 07:19:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 11:59:33 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 06:34:27 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

>>>From: Dick Hall <[dh12.nul](mailto:dh12.nul)>  
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>>Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 06:26:37 -0400  
>>>Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

<snips>

>>What was the approximate number of such cases you can recall,  
>>Mr. Hall, and did you ever have reason to suspect any hoaxer/  
>>hoaxers of connections further up the food chain than just  
>>childish pranking?

>Dozens of cases. It became a fad and there were a lot of copycats.

>In fact, in one case we `captured' one of the balloons and we  
>got confessed hoaxes. Age doesn't matter, it's just as dangerous  
>and stupid. Some were guys in their 20s.

I guess we can all sleep easier now that Linda Moulton Howe  
is on the case; I am listening to her 'report' as I type this.

She has decided all the 'lights' that were seen since the  
beginning of the year are all the same 'object'. That includes  
the ones in Texas. And, of course, UFO to Howe means "entities"  
from elsewhere in the universe.

I find this stance just as limiting as those who think the  
entire phenomena is bogus. The Russians are way ahead of the  
West in looking at the phenomena as objectively as possible.  
That is, with as little emotional response as possible.

KK

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## Re: Tucson's 'First Dibs On UFOs'

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Subject: Re: Tucson's 'First Dibs On UFOs'

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Reply-To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <[UFO-UpDates.nul](mailto:UFO-UpDates.nul)>  
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Tucson's 'First Dibs On UFOs'  
>Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 06:06:55 -0400

>Source: The Tucson Citizen - Arizona, USA  
><http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/daily/local/83521.php>

>04.25.2008

>Denogean: Hey, Phoenix, We've Got First Dibs On UFOs  
>Anne T. Denogean  
>Tucson Citizen

<snip>

>The Tucson Citizen archives are filled with stories, dating back  
>to 1959, of odd objects in our own skies. Some were explained as  
>natural phenomena, weather balloons, missiles and aircraft in  
>follow-up stories. Some were the work of mischievous youngsters,  
>such as a rash of sightings in 1962 that turned out to be  
>balloons sent aloft with candles by a trio of UA students.

<snip>

And, how can we Arizonians forget Wilhelm Reich and the Battle  
of Tucson involving UFOs in 1954.

Reich had come to the desert to make rain and instead was  
attacked by ufos almost daily. He claimed that his orgone  
machine had "shot down" two UFOs. The military were very  
interested in that claim.

See [space.com](http://space.com) for details

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## A SETI Study

From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 18:05:41 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 07:24:15 -0400  
Subject: A SETI Study

<http://xxx.lanl.gov/ftp/physics/papers/0608/0608285.pdf>

A New Empirical Approach To The Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence: Astrobiological Non-Locality At The Cosmological Level, by Fred Thaheld, 40 pages.

Terry

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## Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

From: **Franklin D. Fields** <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 23:40:12 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 08:30:00 -0400  
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>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 08:38:49 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 09:41:50 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

>>Sometimes a cigar is more than a cigar, too. Sometimes it's a  
>>faux-intellectualizing dildo passed off as proud rationality.

>Poetry in motion.

I hate to beat this dead horse following such eloquent poetry...  
But, please consider the quote below from an article on the  
alleged Arizona hoax:

"This is not the first time that strange lights have appeared in  
the dark skies over Phoenix. In 1997, similar lights were  
reported by hundreds; the military had been dropping flares over  
a nearby testing range, though many UFO believers rejected that  
explanation as part of a military cover-up.

The Phoenix Lights of 2008 shows just how easy it is to fool  
the public and create a media stir. All it takes is a few  
balloons and flares, some spare time, and a mischievous streak."

It was written by a serious debunker. He is an editor of the  
magazine, Skeptical Inquirer. Notice how he uses the present  
hoax to discredit a valid sighting that has not been fully  
explained. His approach is classic doctrinal psychological  
operations (psyops).

Many aspects of the 1997 case are not similar and disprove  
flares as the only explanation. But that's not mentioned. The  
1997 flares were almost certainly a psyop deception released to  
cover the real sighting.

The article may not be an actual programmed psyop by the  
government. However, it does have the same effect. The author  
has an agenda and he is using a set of events to influence the  
attitudes and actions of a given population. He is not simply  
reporting a story.

Many readers of his article will now consider all UFOs hoaxes.  
The same effect as Hawkings statement, "Cranks & Weirdos".

Also, you have to take this type of information as a whole.  
There is much Internet traffic (granted it many not be  
creditable) that the ETs are giving us more sightings in an  
attempt at disclosure (ie Stephenville).

How better to discredit real sightings than to set up fake straw  
men and then knock them down.

Full article at:

<http://tinyurl.com/5pvj7p>

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Archived: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 08:30:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Anyone Publish Their Own e-Books?

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 19:54:20 EDT  
>Subject: Anyone Publish Their Own e-Books?

>I've recently come into the good fortune of publishing e-books  
>with some top flight professionals.

>I mentioned the UFO/paranormal community whom are nowhere  
>represented in this company and they asked me if I'd bring some  
>folks in.

>The company in question is backed by large corporations  
>and offer a venue and service that's not offered anywhere  
>else. Some of you I've contacted off-List about this but  
>I got full data yesterday and all is good.

>Considering how expensive it is to do UFO research I figured I  
>could help you authors and illustrators out there with published  
>works you own another opportunity to raise capital for your  
>research.

>I think this network I'm building will be quite the  
>unprecedented boost this field of research has needed for a long  
>time.

Hello Greg and Listers:

Actually, my e-book, I Forgot What I Wasn't Supposed To Remember  
is available for free at:

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

If I were to have sold this on-line at \$20.00 a book, since July  
of 2007, when it was uploaded, I would have earned \$78,600.  
Because 3,930 e-books have been downloaded from my Web site  
since it was published nine months ago.

BTW:

If anyone is interested in viewing the new Alien Jigsaw Gallery,  
it was updated again today.

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Gallery/gallery.html>

I wonder: Does anyone have any feedback regarding the article I  
wrote and posted to this List, titled 'My Night Of The  
Stephenville Sightings' ?

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Articles/Stephenville.html>

Haven't heard a 'cheep' from anyone, including MUFON.

Curiously disappointed, but not surprised.

Keep watching those 'lights' in the sky.

Katharina Wilson

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## Open SETI Initiative

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<http://openseti.org/Opening.shtml>

[http://www.karmapolis.be/pipeline/interview\\_zeitlin\\_uk.htm](http://www.karmapolis.be/pipeline/interview_zeitlin_uk.htm)

First Contact - Gerry Zeitlin, from Open SETI gives an interview to Karmapolis about the plausible origin of mankind.

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## 1992 Cattle Mutes & My Sighting

From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 00:28:22 -0400 (EDT)  
Archived: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 09:30:00 -0400  
Subject: 1992 Cattle Mutes & My Sighting

The INFO Journal, June 1992  
Letters to our editor

Cattle Mutilations Continue ...

Something is killing and mutilating cattle, horses, and other animals in the SE Arizona counties of Cochise, Pima, and Santa Cruz. This area is about 2,500 square miles of small towns, cattle and horse ranches, farms, orchards, vinyards, and Fort Huachuca. The latter is home to the U.S. Army Information Systems Command (strategic communications), the U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground (developmental and operational testing) and the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and School.

Robert Marsett, a cowhand with the Sands Ranch, tells of a recent kill and mutilation. The carcass appeared where only live cattle were seen the day before, but the dead cow smelled as though dead for several days. Marsett says coyotes and vultures did not approach the carcass. Nearby cows failed to nuzzle the carcass, as normally happens. Some blood was drained, organs were removed, and some samples were removed in the genital/rectal area. He states cowhands are now "packing iron" as "flakes" are suspected.

On July 20 [1991] I had my second UFO sighting. The object was visible for two to three minutes around 1630 MST (2330 GMT) moving north to south over Sierra Vista (Cochise County). It was an inky black, flattened egg-shape with no surface detail, no sound, and height and size unknown. The weater was overcast with scudding clouds and mist over the nearby Huachuca Mountains (maximum elevation is at Miller's Peak: 9,465 feet); latitude 31.33N, longitude 110.18W; wind aloft WNW. While looking at dark clouds and lightning to the north, I at first mistook the object for a large crow flying towards me head-on, and then for a balloon. The object disappeared into the mist before Miller's Peak as I observed from a lower elevation, approximately 4,700 feet.

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John L. Smith:

Nighthawk May Vanish But Nevada Desert Will Still Draw UFO  
Fanatics

It's enough to make E.T. phone home, or at least the governor's  
office.

The U.S. Air Force has officially retired the F-117A Nighthawk  
stealth fighter, and that may bode ill for one remarkable and  
peculiar Nevada institution.

Why, the UFO business, of course.

I'll argue there might not be a UFO phenomenon in Nevada without  
the top-secret development of the shadowy Nighthawk and other  
technologically advanced military projects at the Nevada Test  
Site and Tonopah Test Range.

Don't forget the Bigfoot of all UFOdom, Area 51. Whether it's  
the latest stealth fighter, the rise of the unmanned Predator  
drone, or cutting-edge laser technology, the heavily guarded  
Nevada desert plays an important role in the American military's  
research and development.

It also provides plentiful unexplained activity in the night sky  
essential to the UFO business. And business is booming. I'm not  
just talking about the Little A'Le'Inn at Rachel, where  
Earthlings are always welcome, and the new Alien Research Center  
near the entrance to the state's Extraterrestrial Highway just  
off U.S. 93, 228 miles from Las Vegas.

I'm talking about more than 400 Web sites devoted to UFO and  
paranormal activity. I'm talking about UFO conventions that draw  
countless scores of devotees from the farthest reaches of the  
planet.

Shows on UFOs, crop circles, and cattle mutilation proliferate  
on the airwaves - and not just on Channel 8.

The Learning, History and Sci-Fi channels generate high ratings  
with programs on Area 51.

The meteoric phenomenon wouldn't generate a firefly's light  
without Nevada, whose leaders recognized this - at least from a  
marketing standpoint - by renaming State Route 375 the  
Extraterrestrial Highway and having our lieutenant governors  
playfully promote the interstellar possibilities. (I've long  
believed Dr. Lonnie Hammargren was from another planet and  
Lorraine Hunt was out of this world.)



Development of the Nighthawk and its kind are at the heart of it all.

Back in 1989, current Clark County Public Works spokesman Bobby Shelton was an Air Force spokesman with the challenging job of informing the public of the Nighthawk's stealthy existence.

"There's probably a very good chance what they've seen over the years is technology being tested by the U.S. government and the U.S. Air Force," Shelton says with a wink. "There's probably a very good chance that some of that (top secret) stuff is going on today."

As our interview concludes, he cues the "X-Files" theme by adding, "I believe there are certain things in government that people don't need to know."

Spoken like a career military man with Top Secret clearance.

Out at the Alien Research Center, George Harris celebrates Area 51 and the UFO phenomenon with a store and museum. Its Web site features a flying saucer beaming up a cow. Among the messages on his T-shirts: "If aliens are smart enough to travel through space... then why do they keep abducting the dumbest people on Earth?" and "Some call it mutilation. We call it barbecue."

For the record, Harris is also the finance chairman of the state Republican Party. (Across Nevada, dumbstruck Democrats are saying, "This explains everything.")

Harris pays respect to the UFO culture without losing his sense of humor. Then again, a man with a three-story metal alien in front of his store has to keep his sense of humor.

"We poke fun, but we're also very serious about it," he says.

"The Area 51 area is a mecca for all the paranormal activity and UFO research people. Very large groups of people believe the government took the extraterrestrials from New Mexico and moved them out to the desert."

And, it turns out, the true believers and merely curious want to get as close to Area 51 as possible without getting abducted by aliens, or at least by military security. Then they want to drink beer and buy T-shirts.

Harris acknowledges the link between UFO sightings and military technology, but he notes, "It's all true with the exception of physics. There's nothing in physics that allows for some of the phenomena that's taken place. When a circular-shaped saucer moves left, right, up and down, then disappears in a nanosecond, that's hard to explain."

Sounds like Nevada's UFO business will continue to boom for light years to come.

Now, about those crop circles and cattle mutilations.

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>That is, with as little emotional response as possible.

Oh, you mean like the report where people were disintegrated by  
a ray in a city park, only to reappear after the UFO left?

Or the attacks on ICBM installations by UFOs?

Oh, yes, no emotion there!

JCH

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>is available for free at:

>[www.alienjigsaw.com](http://www.alienjigsaw.com)

>If I were to have sold this on-line at \$20.00 a book, since July  
>of 2007, when it was uploaded, I would have earned \$78,600.  
>Because 3,930 e-books have been downloaded from my Web site  
>since it was published nine months ago.

Excellent, but would you have sold that many at \$20 a pop?

Most people are reticent to shell out \$20 for an e-Book unless  
it's got some service value like credit repair, health,  
personal. The company I'm with pays you regardless as I  
explained off-List to you. Marketing is the key and you want as  
many people to read your work as possible and get paid for it.  
UFO research can be expensive and far too many ufologists end up  
in 'flying saucer financialitis' and that ain't good.

I've gotten a lot of responses off-List and it shows that  
there's interest as well as strategies in promotion. If I can  
help researchers make more money and get their works out then  
I'm all for it.

Re: Anyone Publish Their Own e-Books?

Best ,

Greg  
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## Re: Anyone Publish Their Own e-Books?

From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 10:28:55 -0500  
Archived: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 11:45:30 -0400  
Subject: Re: Anyone Publish Their Own e-Books?

>From: Greg Boone <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 09:02:37 EDT  
>Subject: Re: Anyone Publish Their Own e-Books?

>>From: Katharina Wilson <[K.Wilson.nul](mailto:K.Wilson.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 18:43:50 -0500  
>>Subject: Anyone Publish Their Own e-Books?

<snip>

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>personal. The company I'm with pays you regardless as I  
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Sorry Greg, but you didn't send me an email regarding this. I  
checked all of my email folders and it's not there.

As far as 'service value' goes, my book has a lot of service  
value to abductees, abduction researchers and people who are  
just curious and interested in the subject: 3,930 downloads in  
nine months proves this.

My sincere best wishes to you on your new venture.

Katharina Wilson  
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## UFO Sighting In Decatur

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 14:52:22 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 14:52:22 -0400  
Subject: UFO Sighting In Decatur

Source: WAFF-TV 48 - Huntsville, Alabama, USA

<http://www.waff.com/global/story.asp?s=8233065>

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## Question For Pilots/Controllers

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 19:46:51 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 14:57:27 -0400  
Subject: Question For Pilots/Controllers

Hello List,

You've probably seen the same stuff as me, from the Disclosure Project presentations.

Re-viewed an interview with a military radar operator - Early Warning/NORAD - where he explained why he'd normally deny the existence of anomalous radar returns, "don't discuss them", and how two B52's got diverted around three UFOs to prevent an accidental 'meeting'.

It's at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zh4M9201-k>

at 4 min 31 sec mark.

It suddenly struck me - are pilots being routinely lied-to by controllers and radar operators under military or government orders?

If so - isn't that a little dangerous?

Ray D

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## UFO Reported Over Baytown Skies

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 07:45:58 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 07:45:58 -0400  
Subject: UFO Reported Over Baytown Skies

Source: KHOU-TV 11 - Houston, Texas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/5gwfyb>

Sunday, April 27, 2008

Bright Lights, Big City: UFO Reported Over Baytown Skies  
By Kevin Reece  
11 News

Baytown, Texas -97 Lisa Fojt and her aunt, Kathy Boyd, say they saw more than the bright refinery lights of Baytown when they crossed the Fred Hartman Bridge Saturday night.

"There's no explanation. But we know what we saw", Boyd said.

They saw a UFO. Really.

"It was an extremely bright light, it was a blue-green light", Boyd said.

The object was seen at about the same level as the top of the bridge, hovering somewhere over Goose Creek.

It's a story the pair admitted they were reluctant to tell. But they saw it, and they told.

"And I was looking, and I'm like 'are you watching this'? And she's like 'yes, I've been watching it'. And it kind of verified to both of us that we both saw something," Fojt said.

Fojt and Boyd took their search for that something online, asking a blog message board if anyone else saw it too.

Several others did, but several more questioned their sanity.

Still others suggested it was a meteor that lit up the Baytown sky that night.

But Fojt and Boyd said, as far as they've heard, meteors don't make hard-banking right turns.

"And then it just kicked in - like, warp speed - and it was gone!" Boyd said. "An extremely sharp turn."

"It just - poof! - disappeared. It was like a little triangle zap, like you see in the movies. I mean, it just disappeared", Fojt added.

A recent UFO sighting in Arizona turned out to be a hoax. A man had tied road flares to a series of helium balloons.

But Fojt and Boyd don't see a hoax at play here, though even that would be a better explanation than the inevitable query:

11 News: "Had you ladies been drinking?"

[laughter]

Fojt: "No, no, no. I kind of wish we had, you know? Maybe it would seem less real."

The pair swears they saw the real deal - they'd just like help finding out what kind of deal it really was.

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## Another 'Informed' UFO Column

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 08:00:08 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 08:00:08 -0400  
Subject: Another 'Informed' UFO Column

Source: MetroWest Daily News - Framingham, Massachusetts,USA

<http://tinyurl.com/6rndet>

Apr 28, 2008

Ostaszewski: Alien Invasion

By Lee Ostaszewski  
Local columnist  
GateHouse News Service

In the past week there have been sightings reported of strange lights hovering in formation over Phoenix and also over parts of Florida. One obvious conclusion can be drawn from this: Extraterrestrial beings from a far away planet have journeyed to earth in the hope of... retiring, playing a lot of golf, and going out to dinner at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Why else would space aliens be so interested in Arizona and Florida if not to enjoy the sunbelt retirement lifestyle? After traveling hundreds, perhaps thousands, of light years to get here wouldn't you, if you were a space alien determined on conquering this planet, instead go to the important centers of commerce and government, such as New York City or Washington, D.C., and create havoc? Going only to Arizona and Florida would be like trying to conquer France by visiting the Riviera.

Regardless of their motivation - conquest of earth or simply getting away from those long, two-year winters of frozen methane back home - last week's sightings got earthlings excited. Some residents in Phoenix even videotaped the event.

For those planning on videotaping something unusual that will later be shown on newscasts nationwide and posted on YouTube, one cautionary note: If family members or a buddy is standing alongside you, remember that the camcorder is also capturing your conversation. In almost every case, if you speak you'll end up sounding like a moron. I'm not saying these people are morons, although they might be, only that even Stephen Hawking would sound moronic commenting while taping what he thought was an extraterrestrial close encounter.

How moronic? For example, one family seemed to be having a group nervous breakdown screaming and yelling. I counted 10 million "omigods" in the first minute alone, except for the father who is heard offering normal, fatherly advice such as, "Can you calm down for a second?" and, "You're going to have a heart attack, can you calm down?" And when action needed to be taken, the father knew exactly where to turn for help. "Get the phone, and call information," he suggested.

Another tape of the mysterious lights I saw posted on YouTube was made by two guys while they talked with another friend on a cell phone. When the four mysterious lights formed a diamond shape, one of the guys excitedly blurted, "It's a complete box,

look at that! It's a (bleeping) cube." Later they rationally deduced what they were witnessing, "A UFO man, all the way, UFO baby. Definitely a UFO." Then, as the lights flickered off one by one, this insightful observation was made, "When they shut down you can't see them, they're invisible."

At one point they also lost contact with their friend on the cell phone and started joking and laughing about how their friend must have been abducted. Joking and laughing is a bad omen. In almost every horror movie there is a scene early on in which two or more buddies are the first to encounter the movie's creature, and they laugh it off and joke around right before one or all of them get eaten by the giant space lizard or werewolf.

As for an explanation as to what these lights were, they were a hoax. Someone admitted to tying road flares to helium balloons with fishing line, lighting the flares and letting them go. This confession should be enough to convince everyone that extraterrestrial space lizards are not attacking. Yet.

Except that this won't sway those who remain convinced that the government has been hiding evidence of space aliens from the general public for decades. This includes hiding what they know about the last time mysterious lights were seen over Phoenix, which caused a major stir back in March 1997. These eerie lights were eventually chalked up to, you guessed it, flares.

Of course if the government is hiding evidence of space aliens, the space aliens are helping out by doing their best imitation of a frightened little rabbit. If there are space aliens in our midst, one thing we know for sure is that they aren't the type-A, in your face, then eat your face, or melt your face with a ray gun sort of aliens portrayed by Hollywood.

If they exist, real extraterrestrials are timid and shy. Maybe they need some coaxing to come out. Or maybe they're not here to conquer us, but for another reason entirely: The early bird special at The Olive Garden. Same as any other retiree.

Visit Lee online at:

[www.theleeonline.com](http://www.theleeonline.com)

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2008-04-28T05:15:44

Hello get your facts straight. Did you study the evidence or get facts before you wrote this?

The Governor from the 1997 during the Phoenix lights sightings has come out and admitted on major news networks that he also witnessed the Phoenix lights in 1997. The governor states he saw a flying craft that was boomerange shaped. The craft around eight blocks across was flying slowly and silently in the sky. Please explain what type of flare that was. The governor has gone on record stating he believes what he saw was not of this world. If you research this subject and open your eyes, you will find the evidence is over whelming. But their are people who are so brainwashed they refuse to see the truth.

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2008-04-28T05:19:29

Here you go. Watch this video. This guy held the highest office in Arizona

Please watch this...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gg6cGCAB2Ck>

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Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 07:49:06 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 07:49:06 -0400  
Subject: UFO Sighting In Decatur

Source: WSFA-TV 12 - Montgomery, Alabama, USA

[http://www.wsfa.com/Global/story.asp?S=8233065&nav=menu33\\_2\\_6](http://www.wsfa.com/Global/story.asp?S=8233065&nav=menu33_2_6)

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## Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

From: Dave Haith <[visions1.nul](mailto:visions1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 15:57:55 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 09:00:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2008 19:01:29 -0300  
>Subject: Re: Stephen Hawking Says We're Cranks & Weirdos

>>From: Gord Heath <[gordheath.nul](mailto:gordheath.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 21 Apr 2008 21:31:20 -0700  
>>Subject: Stuart Miller's 'Astounding' Admission

>>As they say, with friends like this, who needs... well you can  
>>fill in the blank.

><snip>

>I wouldn't worry about. When it comes to this stuff, Hawkins is  
>just another citizen. He has no credentials to make the  
>observation that he did. He doesn't have the chops.

>Stuart is just playing devils advocate.

Be careful you don't throw the baby out with the bathwater Don!  
New Age is a very wide category.

A lot of environmentally aware people see Wicca as the spiritual  
side of the green movement and Spiritualism has been researched  
over the years by very many credible scientists such as Sir  
Oliver Lodge and in recent years people like Professor Gary  
Schwartz are doing interesting work with mediums on 'survival'.

So some of the books in the "little section of crap" - your  
words - might have been as well researched and as learned as  
your own.

I do wonder though, when, and why it was that UFO's were placed  
by bookshops in the New Age or Occult sections when in the old  
days - in the UK at least - they were placed under Astronomy or  
Space Travel.

Maybe it was because bookshops figured that UFOs aren't all nuts  
and bolts and have a definite extra-dimensional or psychic  
aspect.

There's a similar dilemma for the bookshops over all the recent  
books on quantum and zero point energy research - approached  
from the pure science direction but also covered by people like  
Deepak Chopra.

Where should they be - under Physics or New Age?

Maybe we might one day wake up to the idea that everything is  
connected and at one level there's only one category.

Like the Buddhist ordering a hamburger and asking for 'One with  
Everything'!

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## Roswell Wikipedia Style

From: **Greg Boone** <[Evolbaby.nul](mailto:Evolbaby.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 03:43:33 EDT  
Archived: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 09:00:00 -0400  
Subject: Roswell Wikipedia Style

I had to stop by the popular Wikipedia site and look at how they've got the Roswell Incident portrayed.

After a few minutes I started getting dizzy.

That page could be a book in itself. It covers a lot of ground and some of the data pro and con just doesn't work.

Any more knowledgeable of the incident reviewed the Wiki version?

Best,

Greg  
ufomafia.com

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## 1950s Salem Massachusetts Sighting

From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 19:48:41 -0700 (GMT-07:00)  
Archived: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 09:00:00 -0400  
Subject: 1950s Salem Massachusetts Sighting

John Sweet's sighting below is from his youth; however, he is a retired Air Commando (USAF).

Terry

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Terry,

No worries here. Some day I might write out the story of the UFO that I saw when I was in high school.

Traveled in a circle around the Salem, MA common only a couple hundred feet up at best. Had to raise up to clear the grammar school.

Changed shape by becoming elongated; sort of pulsing a brighter yellow when longer and an oval shape. No noise at all and traveled around the 8 square acres three times.

Then took off when jets from Pease AFB came roaring in and tried to give chase. It gradually picked up speed and headed off out over the ocean to the east.

It was on radar at the Salem Coast Guard Base and headlines in the paper the next day.

I lived at one end of the common and worked in the drug store in the Hawthorne Hotel at the other end.

Just do a Google search, Salem Ma and the common sticks out like a sore thumb in the middle of downtown.

I can still see the thing like a movie in my mind and will never forget it.

Don't care if anyone laughs, because I know I did not see any light reflections or swamp gas.

If I didn't see it myself, I'd probably say the same.

That's my story.

John Sweet

Terry W. Colvin  
Sierra Vista, Arizona

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## Twenty Questions - SDI #457

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 07:25:27 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 09:03:13 -0400  
Subject: Twenty Questions - SDI #457

Twenty Questions -- SDI #457

Bereft of and apart from the puling hubris or errant arrogance in other Podcasts, 20 Questions are addressed with soaring imagination, earnest consistency, and satisfying alacrity by Errol Bruce-Knapp, Don Ledger, Stanton Friedman, Dave Furlotte, Richard Hoagland, Stuart Miller, Mike Wallace, and Donald Keyhoe:

1. Is noted Physicist Stephen Hawking an unqualified Emperor without any clothes?
2. Does Don Ledger know more about Hot Black Holes than Steven Hawking knows about UFOs?
3. Why does any card-carrying Cartesian-ist feel duty bound to pronounce so stridently upon that which they are largely uninformed?
4. Does the card-carrying Cartesian-ist have the same responsibility to "get it right" he demands from other disciplines?
5. Just who needs to have a nice hot steaming cup of shut-the-f\_\_k-up?
6. Apart from perceiving same, is it possible that the SETI crowd might be entirely incapable of even recognizing a bona fide alien signal given equipment limitations, manpower/funding limitations, and more appalling limitations regarding the aggregate imagination or even competence of the persons involved?
7. What does Humanity think it has that it is remotely in a position to expect alien beings to account for themselves?
8. Does "assume" making an 'ASS' of 'U' and 'ME' occur often enough for one to be guarded regarding any assumption?
9. Is Humanity smart enough and advanced enough to grok the sense of an alien 'other' given the appalling record achieved with disparate members of its own species on its own planet?
10. Is SETI set up to perceive smoke signals sent between galactic civilizations?
11. Do the broadcast evidences of human civilization put aliens on a war-footing with humanity?
12. Would a kind of quarantine be observed with regard to humanity based on what we ourselves communicate to ourselves, directly from and between our own lines regarding ourselves?
13. Is strawberry ice-cream and government cheese enough to overcome the revulsion aliens may feel for humanity?
14. Are we right-thinking... thinking we would know what aliens are thinking?

15. Does Real Canadian back-bacon from a red-headed Canadian taste like pork, or chicken?

16. What do the trinket's and trash from alien beings disembarking from a galactic Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria consist of, exactly?

17. Who 'deals' with aliens and what's the 'deal'?

18. Who can you trust, and has humanity remotely earned the benefit of a doubt for same?

19. Is there any doubt that UFOs are an aspect of intelligence decidedly apart from lay humanity?

20. Does the Brookings Report reflect the sensibilities of individuals, or the does it reflect the sensibilities of cultures and governments -jealous of threatened catbird seats- abusing those individuals? Wow. How could we have missed \_that?\_

Zounds with carbon straps and JATO bottles! 67 minutes and a big chunk'a change await the listener, so make sure the belts are snug and review button's in easy reach! You'll want this stuff to go deep if you wanna survive the concrescence! <g>

Remaining is a similar fusillade of aural micro-mini mind missiles... High explosive point detonations and deeply penetrating delayed detonators that'll have ya goin' "Wow!" well into the nether reaches... what'cha pay for eh? <g> Moreover, Stuart Miller reports what gives him the multi-levular heebie-jeebies. Mike Wallace shows how much UFOs scare him personally, though, the clear eyed and undaunted courage of Donald Keyhoe is exemplified.

'Somethin's happenin' here; what it is ain't exactly clear...'

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## Re: Twenty Questions - SDI #457

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>Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 07:25:27 -0500  
>Subject: Twenty Questions - SDI #457

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>6. Apart from perceiving same, is it possible that the SETI  
>crowd might be entirely incapable of even recognizing a bona  
>fide alien signal given equipment limitations, manpower/funding  
>limitations, and more appalling limitations regarding the  
>aggregate imagination or even competence of the persons  
>involved?

Either all or part of the above, or they were just never set up  
to be forthcoming with any successes.

JCH

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## Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

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>Subject: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

>... Martyn Stubbs has actually found evidence of such  
>probes - only they move so fast they're usually invisible unless  
>you break down the video frames (and so they were deniable by  
>NASA - but not any more!) - Here's a 9 min Youtube short of  
>Martyn explaining how he did it:

>[www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2UL-VmJwwc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2UL-VmJwwc)

Reminds of the allure of 'rods' which I was surprised to see on  
the History channel in a program called MonsterQuest:  
Unidentified Flying Creatures. In this program, they had  
apparently convinced some university researchers to test wind  
tunnel models of 'rods'.

Its sad to see so many learned people be unable to discern rapid  
flying insects that appear like "rods" due to shutter speed.

Stubbs is allowed, as a layman, to be confused about unusual  
appearing objects in NASA video.

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## Donald Schmitt's Surgery

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Subject: Donald Schmitt's Surgery

This is just to inform members of the List interested in the research on Roswell that Donald Schmitt has undergone a serious, five hours surgical intervention last Thursday, on an inner ear. From what I have learned, it was not without risk, but he seems to be recovering well, and hopes to be able resume investigations in a few months.

For my part, I have greatly appreciated his new book Witness To Roswell, written with Tom Carey, published last year, and I do hope that they will be able to pursue their excellent research together.

I also appreciated other books published last year: Roswell Revisited, by Kevin Randle, and The Roswell Legacy, by Jesse Marcel Jr, whom I had the pleasure of meeting again, together with Stan Friedman, in Roswell.

Thank you to all for their good work on Roswell!

Gildas Bourdais

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>Stubbs is allowed, as a layman, to be confused about unusual  
>appearing objects in NASA video.

Hello James,

Would recommend checking the evidence - i.e. scientists'  
confirmation that the phenomena 'must be really there', before  
rushing to conclusions of 'a confused layman'.

If you have time for that evidence, it's laid out at:

[www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#yu-tu](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#yu-tu)

- the 'Smoking Gun' video and its shorter follow-up.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Brazilian Brigadier "All UFO Secrets Must Be

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"All UFO Secrets Must Be Disclosed"

In an unprecedented exclusive interview to A. J. Gevaerd, editor of the Brazilian UFO Magazine, one the highest ranking and most distinguished officials of the Brazilian Air Force, Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira, recognized that "it is time to end the UFO secrecy".

Part One of the long interview has just been published in the edition # 141, April, of the Brazilian UFO Magazine. If you don't see the cover of it below, go to:

[www.ufo.com.br/public/pereira/UFO-141.jpg](http://www.ufo.com.br/public/pereira/UFO-141.jpg).

Photos of Brigadier Pereira can be also found in the same folder.

This interview was conducted with the participation of Fernando de Aragao Ramalho and Roberto Affonso Beck, special consultants to Brazilian UFO Magazine. The translation to English was conducted by Eduardo Rado, of the Brazilian UFO Magazine Team.

### Introduction

During the first ever official meeting between members of the Brazilian Committee of Ufologists (CBU) and military of the Brazilian Air Force held on May 20th 2005, at the Brazilian Airspace Defense Command (Comdabra) headquarters, Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira, former commander of the body from 1999 to 2001, has shown a special interest in the subject. At the end of the meeting, he escorted the ufologists himself to the exit door of the building and after receiving some issues of Brazilian UFO Magazine declared: "I thank you for the gift, but I should say that I always buy the magazine from Brasilia newsstands". In an informal way and with no reservation Pereira confirmed his high interest and level of information regarding UFO matters.

Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira is undeniably regarded by Brazilian ufologists as a high-rank official who has material information on the existence and concreteness of UFOs, not to mention their unquestionable extraterrestrial origin. Until recently he did not bother to hide what the military knew on the issue. Therefore, as part of the second phase of the Brazilian campaign UFOs: Liberdade de Informacao Ja [UFOs: Freedom of Information Now], the Brazilian Committee of Ufologists (CBU) decided to meet him for an interview with no guarantees that he would accept the invitation.

To our great surprise, however, Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira accepted the invitation and granted Brazilian UFO Magazine an exclusive interview in which he reports the truth of UFO phenomena in Brazil. The meeting took place on March 8th, in Brasilia, and was a unique opportunity for Brazilian ufologists to become aware of Pereira's opinions on the issue. More than that, it was an opportunity for all to know details on his thinking about different aspects of UFO phenomenon, namely topics related to the Air Force, national security, and responses of Brazilian military surrounding this subject

"I'll be readily available to ufologists of Brazilian UFO Magazine and it will be a great pleasure to meet them at any time", said Pereira when accepting the invitation. "I always respected the work of this magazine and I wish to contribute to the movement they are leading, aimed at freedom of UFO information in Brazil". Days before the date of the interview was set a significant impact was expected after its publication. It would be something similar to another historical occasion for Brazilian Ufology when Brazilian UFO Magazine was also directly involved: the interview with Colonel Uyrange Hollanda, in 1997.

#### The Need For Freedom Of Information

For our publication this would be an opportunity for not only know the ideas of one of the most brilliant military in the country but also to bring him to join the movement UFOs: Liberdade de Informacao Ja, which was fully achieved. "It's time to disclose all secrets on this subject in Brazil, be they from any air base, and I'll will work for this to happen", he declares. During an interview with more than a hundred questions the Brigadier showed the seriousness with which he sees the subject and the research. He entrusted his interviewers =96 this editor and special consultants for Brazilian UFO Magazine Roberto Affonso Beck and Fernando de Aragao Ramalho =96 with important information.

Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira spoke openly on nearly all subjects approached not avoiding any questions posed to him. "I intend to talk to my uniformed colleagues and get informed on the exact environment in military headquarters and air bases in order to bring the support of some of them to your work", he offered even before being asked to do so. Throughout the questioning, Pereira talked about security in Brazilian air space, violations the nation suffered from unidentified flying objects, the so called Official UFO Night in Brazil, Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer] and its commander, and even described some UFO events unknown to us.

"Colonel Uyrange Hollanda, commander of Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer], was a serious and objective man, diligent and respected by all", Pereira says, confirming what Brazilian ufologists always knew but had no means to confirm =96 that indeed Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer] resulted in more than 2,000 pages of documents besides the already known 500 pictures and 16 hours of footage. Regarding Caso Varginha, however, he says he knows nothing other than what was revealed by Brazilian UFO Magazine and the press. He seemed to be sincere because the case belongs to a different military sector - the Army.

Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira was born in Salvador (BA) and joined the Brazilian Air Force (FAB) in March 1958, retiring in July 2005 after occupying the main positions in the Air Force hierarchy including the highest rank of all. He was graduated in December 1963 and little by little became one of the best specialists for space policies and strategies in Brazil. Pereira was also a jet pilot as well as a pilot for transports, a special air operations and a military parachutist.

#### Member Of Brazilian Military Elite

Pereira was an operations officer and a commander of the Unit for Jet Training, a commander of air bases and official of the superior military command in operations and personnel sectors. He had a distinguished performance at the military intelligence being an official at Brazilian Presidency cabinet and an official for intelligence at the Inter-American Defense Board, in Washington. Pereira was also chief of logistics and mobilization of the superior command of Brazilian Armed Forces, commander of the Brazilian Air Force Academy (AFA) and chief of the General Command of Air Operations.

Over the last 10 years, Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira was also a commander of operations for the Brazilian Air Force (FAB) supervising 13 generals and a total number of 27 thousand subordinates. From 1999 to 2001, he was a General Commander for Air Operations and the Brazilian Airspace Defense Command (Comdabra), a body that was already called 'Brazilian Area 51'. As we can see, it is no exaggeration to say that for some time

Pereira was the guardian of the key to the safe where Brazilian UFO secrets have been kept. On March 27th 2006, already retired, the Brigadier took office at the presidency of the Brazilian Airport Infrastructure Agency (Infraero), by appointment of Minister Nelson Jobim.

Brazilian ufologists consider that Pereira's statements will have a significant impact on the campaign UFOs: Liberdade de Informacao Ja [UFOs: Freedom of Information Now]. Never before has a military officer of that rank spoken so freely about UFOs. Very few from other countries came so close to repeat the same initiative. This encouraged Brazilian UFO Magazine to try a contact with officers of the same level in the Navy and Army in order to look for the support Brazilian ufologists need to fulfill their goal. Step by step we follow our path which someday will lead us to the freedom of UFO information in Brazil. Uyrange Hollanda gave his contribution and now Jose Carlos Pereira joins his efforts.

Below are the highlights of the interview given to Brazilian UFO Magazine...

UFO: Brigadier, you have been the one in military who speaks more about UFOs in the media. You have given several interviews always in a very open and natural manner. What makes you act like this?

Pereira: I consider that as a matter of personal belief. I believe there should be no subject to be kept closed to humankind. It might look flamboyant and bizarre, but this subject must always be checked and investigated. Galileo, Copernicus, and so many other scientists must have known that. So I believe no human being or institution has the right to keep doors closed to the discussion of any matters, be it scientific, political, social or religious. Not even to Ufology, which I consider to be within the scientific field. This is a personal point of view that I sustain till these days.

UFO: It has been said that you keep the key to the safe where UFO secrets are kept, including documents, pictures and footages made in different circumstances by military in duty in different bases -96 some in missions like Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer], some by accident. What could these secrets reveal?

Pereira: Look, I'm a man devoted to science, a man with a scientific mind. If you present the idea that extraterrestrials are here, that they are visiting and investigating us, that they are doing things that we cannot understand what they are, then your idea goes against scientific reasoning. Because, as far as we know, our Solar System has presented no indication for the existence of life in another planet except Earth.

UFO: And what if we consider civilizations with a much more advanced technology compared to ours?

Pereira: OK, look, I'm analyzing with the knowledge we have today in our planet, with the knowledge our current stage of science has achieved. This is the caveat to be consider. So, if we consider only this knowledge, I reject every possibility of anyone coming from outer space to Earth. And it gets more complex if we go further because Alpha Centauri does not seem to be a planetary system. Let's move then to the portion of the Universe astronomers call "inhabitable zone", which seems to be many light years from Earth.

UFO: Is the understanding of this situation beyond our control?

Pereira: The starting point is the technology we have today to understand the universe. I wouldn't say no one might have advanced a million years ahead somewhere else. On the other hand, the technology we have today on Earth fully dismisses the possibility of someone from out of the solar system to arrive here. I humbly insist that our knowledge must still be insignificant to comprehend all of this. We can see by what happened over the last hundred years with discoveries ranging from penicillin to the airplane.

UFO: Spacecraft coming to Earth certainly do not use the same propulsion technology we used to explore the Moon, Mars or Venus. Do you think this should be openly discussed by civil

society?

Pereira: No, they probably don't use rocket engines like our spacecraft sent to space. My opinion on Ufology is that it must approach scientific fields in the near future, such as astronomy, astrophysics, and astronautics in order to form a more consistent scientific group. I don't refuse the idea of philosophy entering this range of subjects, with its modern concepts aiming to quickly address the issues we couldn't solve to date: who we are, where we came from, and where are we going to... Since Aristotle we make the same questions and no one answers. Ufology in combination with these other subjects might be a way to these answers.

UFO: Your open and frank position matches those of a few other Brazilian military. However, the same is confronted by some sectors within the military who prefer UFO matters to be kept out of public discussion. Do you think it is time to break such resistance?

Pereira: Look, I believe the mere opening of secret files to be delivered to the press and the public in general is something that can be done tomorrow morning without any problem. But I think this is not enough, not sufficient. Ufologists might even get disappointed when they see those files because I feel they expect more concrete evidence and maybe they won't find what they long for in those folders. However, I think that an official example of opening UFO archives =96 especially when this attitude comes from the military =96 comes to favor and empower other people that fear to discuss the issue. I think that from the moment the government opens the subject for debate all the fear people have towards this subject will be gone and things become more transparent. No one fears transparency; instead people fear the lack of it. So I believe that such an opening is really helpful and has a very favorable effect in this discussion.

UFO: And what to do while we do not achieve this relying only on testimonials of thousands of highly credible people who have experienced UFO phenomena?

Pereira: One must consider all different sorts of evidence surrounding UFOs. As in any police work, we have documental, testimonial, and circumstantial evidence each with their own weight. Documental evidence, for example, has its own impact as has a testimonial. Has anybody seen something in the sky? Great! But it=92s even better when we have 50 people witnessing it. Especially when these people don't know one another and live in different communities. This is how testimonial evidence becomes stronger. And, at last, we have the circumstantial evidence, which is the most fragile of all. We must separate these three kinds of evidence we have today concerning Ufology. Circumstantial evidence are present in high volume, so are testimonial ones, and 90% of these have a scientific explanation while the remaining 10% do not. Regarding material evidence, we have none.

UFO: Would you call the occurrence of May 20th 1986, the so called Official UFO Night in Brazil, as a circumstantial evidence of the UFO phenomena?

Pereira: As far as I know, observations in that occasion were testimonial evidence from people who saw it.

UFO: Jet pilots who were sent by the Air Force to intercept those objects were very experienced.

Pereira: Yes, they were. That's why those are testimonial evidence, situations in which witnesses saw something and radars detected that same thing. Look, radars may present a false echo, they may be affected by many different factors, but when we have more than one radar spotting the same target, then we have something serious enough to be ignored [in an assured tone]. This equipment operates in different frequencies.

UFO: One of the jet planes intercepting the objects was even surrounded by many of them who came relatively close...

Pereira: Here we have the sum of different facts. Someone has seen something and radar spotted it. Such equipment has nothing to do with human eyes, it's an electronic device. Another pair

of eyes also saw that same thing [another pilot] and so on. Then you start to give credits to the occurrence and the situation becomes more concrete. OK, but where is the object? Was it captured? Here is where the material evidence thing comes in, and we don't have it.

UFO: Brigadier, when the Brazilian Committee of Ufologists (CBU) visited Comdabra on May 20th 2005, we were received by Brigadier Atheneu Azambuja, who showed us three folders of UFO occurrences from that body's archives. Aren't these evidence that we have been visited by objects crewed and controlled by intelligent non terrestrial beings?

Pereira: Well, those folders are not only at Comdabra, they are spread through other bodies worldwide. They prove that unexplained phenomena occurring lead us to believe in the presence of such being and alien objects on planet Earth. That's it. They are uncommon to our planet. Now, telling what are those beings and objects is a very risky thing since we have no knowledge enough for that [in a cautious tone]. So, I believe Ufology has much more work ahead [in order to identify the phenomenon] and even needs to add some other subjects to its efforts.

UFO: At the time of that visit to Comdabra we said that we would like to conduct a joint study with the Air Force by forming a mixed team of civilian ufologists and military. What do you think about this?

Pereira: Yes, but I should say that such a team would need more people. Besides ufologists I believe that it's necessary to have scientists, astronomers, physicists, etc, because such knowledge must be jointly addressed by more people.

UFO: Do you personally believe that civilizations from other planets might be visiting us?

Pereira: Well, my thought on this is that we, humans, left ground for the first time in an airplane nearly 100 years ago and within only one century could reach the Moon. In astronomic means we could say that a hundred years are nothing, not even dust. Then, if in one century and with our limited capacity we could achieve this... Now, think: where will we reach a hundred or a thousand years from now?

UFO: We know that the Brazilian Air Force officially investigates the UFO phenomenon since 1969, when Brigadier Jose Vaz da Silva established the System for Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects (SIOANI) at the Brazilian IV Regional Air Command (COMAR 4). But why was that research apparently closed in that same year without any further progress?

Pereira: Look, that's a very interesting question. I wasn't around that time and have not researched those facts. I've never had the idea of investigating the reasons why that work was ended, but I suspect Brigadier Vaz da Silva hasn't had any more conditions to go further. He tells a different story [from many other military]. He was always an avant-garde man, always ahead of this time.

UFO: Do you believe in a superior interference in the establishment of SIOANI or was it an exclusive initiative of Brigadier Vaz da Silva?

Pereira: I'm almost sure there was a superior order. Certainly a superior instance to Brigadier Vaz da Silva worked with it by supporting the project, assisting and implementing SIOANI. A commander can't do anything by himself. He must have a superior instance behind his actions.

UFO: The two leaked SIOANI bulletins brought descriptions of cases researched by the body, including UFO landings and their crew. These are being investigated and kept in secret by the military. This is the kind of documents ufologists want to see disclosed. Do you believe they can be publicly revealed?

Pereira: In my opinion there is no reason to keep such material in secret. None. I understand that the disclosure won't affect any of the four classical criteria military always have in mind when dealing with national secrets. And these are represented by



the following questions: first, will the disclosure take the country into a war? Second, will it cause panic in the population? Third, is it a threat to the national security, be it with a South-American country or any other? And fourth, will the disclosure of this material affect the privacy of people possibly mentioned on it? This is what we must have in mind. If none of these matters are affected =96 which is actually the case =96, then it must be disclosed!

UFO: Are you for the disclosure of UFO documents prepared by the military and kept in secret to date?

Pereira: Absolutely. Unless the disclosure affects any of the four items I've just mentioned. In that case I think the material should not be disclosed. We must respect people's privacy and also the national security as we have to preserve peace and order. Also, we shouldn't start a war or create indisposition with other countries. Anyway, we shouldn't reveal our plans to the enemy. Besides those factors, it's time for transparency and for clearing this subject.

UFO: Do you think this also applies to documents from Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer], carried out by the Air Force of State of Para in 1977?

Pereira: Sure! No doubt about that! To all and every operation!

UFO: Have you received specific information on that operation?

Pereira: At the moment it was carried out, no. I knew of the results only after that. But I knew Hollanda [Colonel Uyrange Hollanda, commander of that military mission]. He worked for the Air Force Intelligence, same as I did, so we were always passing by one another.

UFO: I interviewed Hollanda in 1997. I had just given an interview to Fantastico [Fantastic], talking about the documents Brazilian Air Force holds and he saw me at the show and called me the next morning saying: "Look, Gevaerd, I follow your work and I know you are doing the right thing. I want to say that now I'm retired and have no more obligations with my uniform. So, if you want to come to Rio to interview me, I'll have much to say". I went to Rio immediately and together with Marco Antonio Petit we had a historical interview with him. Have you read it?

Pereira: Yes, of course. I have a copy with me and have also found it in several websites. It's a long interview and I read it carefully. Some time ago, a colleague sent me a copy and I replied: "Man, do you really think I don't have it? I got a copy long ago".

UFO: Really? Then I conclude that high rank officials as you may have had become aware of Hollanda's statements.

Pereira: Yes, certainly. It's a long and much known interview. But Hollanda was a very disturbed man, with a very introspective personality. And as a result he took his own life=85

UFO: Do you believe his personal problems somehow influenced the statements he made to Brazilian UFO Magazine concerning Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer]?

Pereira: Not the contents, but maybe the way he did it. Hollanda was a serious man and wouldn't be able to change the contents, especially regarding such an important matter.

UFO: People say that he loved to be called to lead that operation because all he wanted was to go to the jungle. He headed the military mission and had a close encounter with an ET, so he told us at the interview. Did you know this?

Pereira: I knew that, he reported it, but I have never discussed this issue with him. Hollanda also called me shortly after, but I was in another operation [not a ufological one].

UFO: He told us that he was together with a subordinate at Rio Guajara-Mirim heading towards the camp when a cylindrical aircraft with 100m in length nearly landed on the other margin. =46rom the top, a door was opened and an ET came from it floating to the place where they were. According to Hollanda this was the most exciting moment in the operation. Have you ever discussed

that with him?

Pereira: No, unfortunately I didn't have details before. But maybe that's why he had put all of his efforts and dedication in Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer], which was where he found a sense for his life. If he couldn't succeed as an aviator and if he rejected the idea of being an intending officer, then the intelligence suited him well. Working for the intelligence for me is an agreeable experience, at least partially. Things were tough those times. I worked a lot with pure military intelligence, with strategy. But I was never much concerned with communists for example [the first official justification for Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer] was that it was conceived in order to identify communists possibly hidden in the Amazon jungle].

UFO: Hollanda suspected that the contact he had with an ET at the margin of Rio Guajara-Mirim during December 1977 was the turning point for the termination of Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer]. He said he was ordered to terminate the operation after reporting it to his superior, Brigadier Protasio Lopes de Oliveira, then commander of the Brazilian I Regional Air Command (COMAR 1). Did you know that?

Pereira: Partly. I didn't have that detail.

UFO: Many people do not believe he killed himself. He would have been murdered instead for having supposedly talked too much. This is not true. However, if our issue where the first part of the interview =96 UFO 054, October 1997 =96 was earlier released and if he had seen the respect Equipe UFO [Brazilian UFO Magazine Team] rendered him then maybe by feeling honored and seeing the huge contribution he gave to Brazilian Ufology he would not have taken his own life...

Pereira: Yes, maybe. But he had a very lonely life and that is something very sad. That's why in military life the sector which mostly unites people is the intelligence. Those who lived this experience suffer when they leave the circle. It's somewhat like in a combat situation: when bullets are crossing by no one thinks about the homeland. Everybody is thinking about their own lives and the lives of those around them, the ones who can save their lives. When Hollanda retired he was completely isolated from everyone and everything. This can really affect someone.

UFO: Hollanda was very close to the UFO phenomenon, especially from the middle to the end of Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer], until he had that contact with an ET and the mission was terminated. But this did not prevent him from his own investigations which he carried out during his spare time. He even had other contacts until the phenomena around him suddenly stopped. This seems to have affected him a lot. Did you know that?

Pereira: No, I didn't. But once I was talking about Hollanda to a psychologist and she told me he presented the profile of someone who had faced something very serious in some moment of life. An event so serious that could isolate him, let's say, from his fellows [in a regretting tone].

UFO: Do you consider that the experience he had with Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer] could have contributed to his state of mind?

Pereira: Yes, no doubt about that, it was a catalysis factor, a very strong experience.

UFO: During that time, were the results Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer] commented on in military circles?

Pereira: Yes. Not with great emphasis, but everybody knew what was happening.

UFO: And how about the contact Hollanda had with an ET, in December 1977. Was this also known to military?

Pereira: Only a few people knew about that. I knew about it much later, not at the moment that occurred. Brigadier Protasio was the one who talked to me about that fact. At the time it occurred I was already more senior than Hollanda in the Air Force and I only knew about that specific episode, the contact

itself, when I was to be promoted a Brigadier. But, regarding Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer], I was made aware as soon as I started working in the intelligence, when I was still a Colonel. I was a planning director at the Air Force and all files were at my disposal.

UFO: Have you had access to the documents prepared during Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer]?

Pereira: Yes, all of them. But this happened when I was the planning director for the Air Force, in the early 90s.

UFO: And where were those files? Brasilia?

Pereira: Yes, Brasilia. Those files were all collected and some were sent to the SNI [Brazilian National Information Service, a body that originated the Brazilian Intelligence Agency (ABIN)]. But only part of them. I would see them again only several years later when I was in a different position at the Air Force.

UFO: So you had the operation files at your disposal. The information we had came to us through Hollanda and could not be satisfactorily confirmed is that he and his subordinates produced at least 2.000 pages of sighting reports which were typed by sergeant Flavio Costa, a kind of secretary in the mission, besides 500 pictures and 16 hours of footage and super 16mm. Do you confirm that?

Pereira: Ah, yes, that must be this. Those footages were the best thing we had at the time.

UFO: When the Brazilian Committee of Ufologists (CBU) was at Comdabra we could see part of those pages and pictures. We saw more than a hundred of them contained in a folder. Where is the rest of the materials?

Pereira: Well, Comdabra is the acronym for Brazilian Airspace Defense Command, which deals with air matters. At a certain moment, those files were distributed to different bodies according to their interests [performance scope]. Those which were sent to Comdabra are those directly related to the Air Defense System and involve radars spotting objects, jets following something, etc. Other kinds of operations which had nothing to do with the country's Air Defense remain at the old SNI, currently the ABIN.

UFO: Have you seen the footages of a huge amazing spacecraft over Rio Amazonas made during Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer]?

Pereira: No, I haven't had the chance. But I know they do exist.

UFO: But where are these footages?

Pereira: Comdabra has what was already shown to ufologists. And the Air Force Intelligence System, also based in Bras=EDlia, also has some materials.

UFO: Besides those pictures from Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer] did you see any images obtained in other missions or generated by any other means?

Pereira: No, what I saw were only the pictures of Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer]. Some of them were made public a little later. There were no other missions. Operacao Prato [Operation Saucer] was the only one.

UFO: Regarding the Brazilian Committee of Ufologists (CBU) visit to Comdabra, Brigadier Atheneu Azambuja - then commander of that body-, reported that it was common to have Air Force jets taking off to identify "radar targets" being "hotel traffic" among them. We know that those words were used to describe several things including flying saucers. How many of these interceptions occurred every year in Brazil and what are the outcomes?

Pereira: Many. I remember one at moment. This is all automated, procedures are automated. This fact occurred in Anapolis (GO) a few years ago. There was a radar contact with "something" and the Air Defense determined a Mirage to take off from the air field of that town. The unidentified object was very close, it wasn't very far, almost in Goiania area. The radar could not determine the altitude, but only the position it was. The Mirage

went up towards it as high as possible and reached 48 thousand feet [nearly 16km], which is its maximum altitude of operation and had to abort the search. The pilot said: "I reached 48 thousand feet and can't see anything. The radar says it's in front of me, but I don't see anything".

UFO: The ground radar spotted a dot in that position. How about the Mirage's radar?

Pereira: Yes. The jet's radar informed the altitude it was, but it couldn't tell the altitude of the other contact which appeared in both radars. So it's very hard when you don't know where the target is. It could be at any altitude from 1000m on. I remember that episode very well. The pilot had visual contact with the object, a lightening spot at noon, at broad day light.

UFO: Was that a large object?

Pereira: Well, it was a bright spot whose size was impossible to tell because it would involve parallax. You cannot tell the size of something when you don't know the distance it is from you. The pilot says it was far away. "I see something here, but it is far, very far", he said. And he was already at the maximum altitude of 48 thousand feet. A Mirage can reach 50 thousand feet, but that would be dangerous. I remember that taking off very well.

UFO: Brigadier, how many of these cases happen every year and what are the outcomes?

Pereira: I remember three or four like these. I don't know about the annual average [laconic], but it can be two or three each year. There's another thing, do you have information on any case involving the Brazilian Navy in Rio Amazonas?

UFO: In Rio Amazonas all we have are cases involving civilian ships. As for the Navy, we have one case occurred in Rio Paraguay, 1962, involving a ship captained by the late Captain Joao Maria Romariz. That ship was followed by a UFO near Forte Coimbra, a territory that now is part the State of Mato Grosso do Sul. This case is reported in the book UFOs: Arquivo Confidencial. Do you know of any specific case occurred in Rio Amazonas?

Pereira: Yes, and this case was "sealed" in the Navy, it was never disclosed. I had the information that one of those old corvettes, which sail very well, was involved in a sighting. That kind of ship could go to very far frontiers. A corvette like that was travelling at night when approached by a UFO that came very close. Things went mad, they say. The situation got very complicated for the captain of the ship because panic took over the crew in a very remote area. In that kind of place, the nearest Indian is a thousand kilometers away...

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## Re: Twenty Questions - SDI #457

From: Joe Merrell <[joe.nul](mailto:joe.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 14:15:46 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Tue, 29 Apr 2008 07:22:57 -0400  
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>Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 07:25:27 -0500  
>Subject: Twenty Questions - SDI #457

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>Bereft of and apart from the puling hubris or errant arrogance  
>in other Podcasts, 20 Questions are addressed with soaring  
>imagination, earnest consistency, and satisfying alacrity by  
>Errol Bruce-Knapp, Don Ledger, Stanton Friedman, Dave Furlotte,  
>Richard Hoagland, Stuart Miller, Mike Wallace, and Donald  
>Keyhoe:

Hi - A couple of responses that I think/hope you might find interesting...

>14. Are we right-thinking... thinking we would know what aliens  
>are thinking?

I lived in southeast Asia for a number of years - Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei - and although I would never compare the beautiful people of those amazing places to space aliens, I did get a sense of just how different people's motivations for doing and saying things can be from my own - not to mention their values and ways of living. Beings from another world could be culturally different beyond anything we could even begin to understand.

One more thing - little balls of light...

I was just re-reading part of Budd Hopkins' Sight Unseen in which an abductee mentions a little metallic ball the size of a tennis ball that appears just before his experiences. In the story in the book the ball floats around 'watching' the abductee and his family and, in some sense, facilitates the abduction. [see section 1, chapter 4, page 77]

Great show!

Joe Merrell  
Los Angeles

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## Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

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>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 06:46:01 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

>>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 19:48:08 +0000  
>>Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

>>I find this stance just as limiting as those who think the  
>>entire phenomena is bogus. The Russians are way ahead of the  
>>West in looking at the phenomena as objectively as possible.  
>>That is, with as little emotional response as possible.

>Oh, you mean like the report where people were disintegrated by  
>a ray in a city park, only to reappear after the UFO left?

>Or the attacks on ICBM installations by UFOs?

>Oh, yes, no emotion there!

No, James, I have no idea what you are talking about.

The Russian research I was referring to is found on-line written  
and reported by Russian scientists attached to the Academy of  
Science with oversight of various projects. See chapter in my  
book on the Russian government's approach to the phenomena.  
Also, Phil Mantle's book, written with Paul Stonehill.

KK

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## Re: 1992 Cattle Mutes & My Sighting

From: **Kathy Kasten** <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
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Archived: Tue, 29 Apr 2008 14:39:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: 1992 Cattle Mutes & My Sighting

>From: Terry Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 00:28:22 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: 1992 Cattle Mutes & My Sighting

>The INFO Journal, June 1992  
>Letters to our editor

>Cattle Mutilations Continue ...

>Something is killing and mutilating cattle, horses, and other  
>animals in the SE Arizona counties of Cochise, Pima, and Santa  
>Cruz. This area is about 2,500 square miles of small towns,  
>cattle and horse ranches, farms, orchards, vinyards, and Fort  
>Huachuca. The latter is home to the U.S. Army Information  
>Systems Command (strategic communications), the U.S. Army  
>Electronic Proving Ground (developmental and operational  
>testing) and the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and School.

<snip>

Terry:

You did not provide a citation, therefore, I need clarification  
as to specific dates, exact location and how you came by your  
information.

I live in Pima County and have never seen an account of cattle  
mutilation as long as I have lived in the area. There is at  
least one free range ranch located on the east side of Highway  
19, and I sure that gentleman rancher would have complained  
loudly if he lost an animal.

Lots accounts of coyotes killing small animals - including  
people's personal pets, but not any cows.

KK

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## Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

From: Bruce Maccabee <[brumac.nul](mailto:brumac.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 17:50:40 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 29 Apr 2008 14:40:40 -0400  
Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

>From: Franklin D. Fields <[fields.nul](mailto:fields.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 23:40:12 -0400 (EDT)  
>Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sat, 26 Apr 2008 08:38:49 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

<snip>

>I hate to beat this dead horse following such eloquent poetry...  
>But, please consider the quote below from an article on the  
>alleged Arizona hoax:

>"This is not the first time that strange lights have appeared in  
>the dark skies over Phoenix. In 1997, similar lights were  
>reported by hundreds; the military had been dropping flares over  
>a nearby testing range, though many UFO believers rejected that  
>explanation as part of a military cover-up.

>The Phoenix Lights of 2008 shows just how easy it is to fool  
>the public and create a media stir. All it takes is a few  
>balloons and flares, some spare time, and a mischievous streak."

>It was written by a serious debunker. He is an editor of the  
>magazine, Skeptical Inquirer. Notice how he uses the present  
>hoax to discredit a valid sighting that has not been fully  
>explained. His approach is classic doctrinal psychological  
>operations (psyops).

>Many aspects of the 1997 case are not similar and disprove  
>flares as the only explanation. But that's not mentioned. The  
>1997 flares were almost certainly a psyop deception released to  
>cover the real sighting.

>The article may not be an actual programed psyop by the  
>government. However, it does have the same effect. The author  
>has an agenda and he is using a set of events to influence the  
>attitudes and actions of a given population. He is not simply  
>reporting a story.

<snip>

>Full article at:

><http://tinyurl.com/5pvj7p>

In the case of the Phoenix Lights of March 13, 1997 one must be careful to separate the 8:30 sightings of a large, dark (with some lights) triangle or boomerang/V shaped object which passed \*directly over the heads\* of many observers in Phoenix (they looked straight up to see it) from the 10 PM \*videos\* of lights that were not far above the (mountainous) southwestern horizon. The likely or definite (depending upon one's point of view) flares were the 10 PM "lights", whereas the "True UFO" was the

8:30 PM V/boomerang/triangle (which some reported as having a few lights but mostly was \*large\*, dark and silent).

My analysis of the 10 PM lights is at my web site where I also show the analysis of lights seen just above the horizon in early1998.

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### Strange Phenomena In Santa Rosa Argentina

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Archived: Tue, 29 Apr 2008 14:44:05 -0400  
Subject: Strange Phenomena In Santa Rosa Argentina

Source: CIUFOS-LaPampa  
Date: April 15, 2008

Argentina: Strange Phenomena in Santa Rosa  
By Raul Oscar Chaves

In August 2006, the city of Santa Rosa, La Pampa, woke up to a geometric figure in the skies overhead: a geometric shape with defined contours.

The figure was seen for over 2 hours, with a number of video recordings being made for up to 15 minutes.

In 2008, a document prepared by the University of Tennessee Radio Club (drafted in 2005), discussed the existence of "flying triangles" in the following terms:

"Evidence of triangles in the sky has been seen in only in photographs taken from the ground. Recently, over 100 photographs were taken from above cloud level. This was done by UTARC in the summer of 2005 using an inexpensive digital camera, taken aloft by the a helium balloon to an altitude of 16,000 meters and travelling a horizontal distance of 150 kilometers. The majority of these photos were taken barely above cloud level, and offered a singular opportunity for uncovering evidence of the triangle. Interesting photos were selected using criteria based on early observations. In particular, the photo had to contain evidence of a triangular flying object or an outline (triangular-shaped) in the cloud, and the object had to be accompanied by toroidal shapes. At least 30 photos were sufficiently interesting to be considered. Nine images were selected for inclusion in this article."

The figure seen in La Pampa displayed a distinct geometric shape (rectangular) but one that would correspond with what was stated in the UTARC report. [The Santa Rosa image] was "inserted" into a layer of statocumulus-type clouds at a level of 3000 meters, according to the Meteorological Office at the local airport. The probable existence of the structures identified by UTARC as unknown objects increases expectations about them as real objects, poorly understood at present due to the lack of background, at least in Argentina, as well as information regarding their true size. The statements of the aforementioned report confirms the opinions of Ciufos-LaPampa researchers that the image captured corresponds to the existence of an actual rectangular structure of unknown origin.

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## Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2008 08:56:16 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 07:01:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>From: Steve Sawyer <[stevesaw.nul](mailto:stevesaw.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 04:13:18 -0700  
>Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 20:09:47 -0400  
>>Subject: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>>I would like to draw your attention to two Spirit Rover images  
>>from Mars. These images show evidence of sculptures of  
>>non-human  
>>beings. One sculpture depicted a humanoid female judging from a  
>>torso remnant. The other was of a being with a somewhat canine  
>>face. Both sculptures were smashed somehow, and some of the  
>>remnants are there in the photos.

>>The evidence is presented at the following addresses.

>><http://www.treurniet.ca/artifacts/torso.htm>

>><http://www.treurniet.ca/artifacts/marshead.htm>

>>As far as I know, no one has made these observations yet.

>>I would be interested to know what you think.

>Well, I've been hesitant to say this before now, but since your  
>post did generate some supportive response, I will tell you  
>what I think:

>I see rocks. Odd looking, yes, but just rocks. And a highly  
>developed case of pareidolia on your part, Mr. Treurniet.

Hi Steve, and everyone else who politely refrained from saying  
that I am completely off my rocker. I sense that some people  
found such restraint extremely difficult. It's hard to say how  
representative these respondents are of all readers of the list.  
Maybe those whose world views were threatened the most were also  
most likely to respond. Please allow me to comment in return.

I looked up the word 'pareidolia' and it turned out to be not  
that difficult a concept. That is, it is "a psychological  
phenomenon involving a vague and random stimulus (often an image  
or sound) being perceived as significant". At the end of the  
discussion at

<http://www.treurniet.ca/artifacts/torso2.htm>

I say that "there will be those who argue that the scene was  
created by natural forces, and that we see what we want to see in  
any arrangement of light and dark pixels". This sounds a bit like  
the above definition of 'pareidolia', and was presented as one  
possible interpretation of the array of features in the image. So  
I am not totally naive in this regard. Of course, if you were  
unable to get past the female torso in the image, you would not  
have reached this point in the discussion.

Ulric Neisser, cognitive psychologist, once compared the process of vision to archeology. We build up a scene from visual fragments organized according to a template or script that corresponds to our expectations. If the fragments can't be mapped to some template, they tend to be ignored. Ufo debunkers, for example, are unable to acknowledge the existence of flying objects that seem to defy known physics. They bend over backwards to force the observations into a comfortable existing script. Some list members appear to react in the same way when faced with anomalous objects on Mars. The only available cognitive template is one where the objects are just rocks. In a sense, we are all potentially unthinking debunkers in circumstances that are unique to each of us.

If the only anomalous object were the torso, I would not press the issue anymore. I might even concede that some natural process gave the object its recognizable shape by chance. But there are many anomalies in the image, and the sum total I find hard to explain in this way. For example, there is the feline head, a very recognizable object complete with an ear and texture that looks like strands of hair. There is the hollow object that seems to be made of interlocking pieces, and looks like it could be a representation of a foot or shoe. There are the thin sheets of material that don't look like rocks at all. One sheet wraps around the back of the torso. There is the small triangular rock supported only by a thin rod sticking into the sand. There are the glyphs engraved into several of the rocks. Then, to top it all off, there is the likeness of a gray alien etched on an object beside the torso (see above url). Finding a picture of a heap of rocks on Mars with such a number of un-rock-like attributes seems highly unlikely. A diagnosis of pareidolia is equivalent to saying all ufos are swamp gas.

Anyone who says that all of these anomalies, found in a localized area, are due to the forces of nature, has a rigid expectation that this cannot happen any other way on Mars. If the same objects were recovered from an Egyptian archeological dig on earth, they likely would be accepted without question as cultural artifacts. So how can one explain the existence of the anomalies on Mars? I suggested three alternatives. One, the image is a fake planted by NASA in the image database. Two, someone from earth went to Mars to set up the scene before Spirit came along to take the picture. Three, some intelligence actually created a cultural artifact on Mars long ago.

The nature and number of the anomalies argues against pareidolia, and I don't have any reason yet to believe that NASA would commit fraud. Therefore, I am left with the last two alternatives. Both are mind-blowing in their implications. That is, for many of us the alternatives don't match an existing cognitive template.

William Treurniet

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## Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2008 05:52:43 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 07:01:21 -0400  
Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

>From: Kathy Kasten <[catraja.nul](mailto:catraja.nul)>  
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 21:19:51 +0000  
>Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

>>From: James Horak <[jchorak7441.nul](mailto:jchorak7441.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Sun, 27 Apr 2008 06:46:01 -0700 (PDT)  
>>Subject: Re: Arizona Man Claims UFO Hoax

>>Oh, you mean like the report where people were disintegrated by  
>>a ray in a city park, only to reappear after the UFO left?

>>Or the attacks on ICBM installations by UFOs?

>>Oh, yes, no emotion there!

>No, James, I have no idea what you are talking about.

Of course, you don't.

>The Russian research I was referring to is found on-line written  
>and reported by Russian scientists attached to the Academy of  
>Science with oversight of various projects. See chapter in my  
>book on the Russian government's approach to the phenomena.  
>Also, Phil Mantle's book, written with Paul Stonehill.

The Russians are no less disposed to emotional reactions as are we. Why don't you try reading some of their reports in Russian? You take two sources and suggest the nature of a whole people. At different periods reports vary differently as to degree of restraint. But that is due to whatever official policy was in place at the time.

Only one distinction can be made in this area regarding any preconception towards Soviet/Russian attitude regarding aliens and that is found in how their science fiction differs from our own. There they are not so blanketly depicted as hostile.

JCH

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## Fire In The Skies

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<http://www.wisn.com/columnists/16019404/detail.html>

April 27, 2008

Fire In The Skies

J. Scott Wilson  
Staff Writer

Personally, I blame Chris Carter for the whole thing.

In the last few weeks, the skies over the United States and worldwide have been filled with all manner of darting, zooming, spinning and dancing lights. In this video-obsessed culture, more and more people are carrying around camcorders, digital cameras and cell phones that do everything but add the special effects and soundtrack to your film of the alien invasion.

Let me state up front that I'm a UFO believer. I believe that there is life out there, and I believe that at least once or twice some representatives of that life have paid us a social call. Whether we just didn't look intelligent, seemed too savage or were larger than their soup pots, they didn't stick around to chat. I'm not sure they ever will, but if it's going to happen I'd be much obliged if they'd get it done before I'm too old to whack my friends on the head and say, "Told ya!"

Ever heard of the Drake Equation? I'll spare you the full breakdown and the volumes of analysis. (If you're interested in those, Wikipedia has a fairly good, well-footnoted entry.) Essentially, Dr. Frank Drake estimated from available data the number of stars similar to our Sun, the number of those with planets and a host of other circumstances that resulted in Earth being populated by an intelligent, communicative species. The Drake Equation, regarded by some as very conservative, estimates there are at least 10,000 communicative civilizations in the Milky Way galaxy.

Communicative, of course, does not necessarily mean they're space travelers. We rank as a communicative world, but the best we've done with anyone on board is the Moon. We have the wherewithal to go farther, but the political will has been stultifyingly weak. We'd rather have more shiny new tanks and Laser Death Cannons.

I apologize to any workers in our nation's vital Laser Death Cannon industry for any implied slight. You're defending freedom and spreading democracy, all of you. Really.

What it boils down to is that it's fairly likely that somewhere out there we'll encounter a few civilizations that have decided it's more important to explore than explode. Of course, anytime we think about travel between stars, we come up against our pal Einstein, who posited that it's not possible to travel beyond the speed of light.

How 'bout if the folks from the Galactic Noodle Confederation (or whatever they call themselves) have never heard of Einstein? It's amazing what you can do if no one tells you it's impossible.

I've always loved Douglas Adams' "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" concept of Earth. In the books, Earth is a "mostly harmless" curiosity, whose inhabitants are blissfully unaware of the various alien races who pop in for a visit every now and again. In fact, among the aliens, it's considered fun to fly down, put on a big-eyed alien costume and walk about for a bit making beep-beep noises. The concept of alien visitations as the interstellar equivalent of fratboy pranks is hilarious ... and completely plausible.

So why do I blame Chris Carter? I think he's got connections in the Intergalactic Fratboy Network that go way back to the first time an episode of "The X-Files" was picked up by an alien monitoring satellite near Alpha Centauri. He's hit up his green-skinned (and purple and orange and ... well ... I'm not sure what that color is) friends to do a few flybys as a good promotional trick to get people primed for the next Mulder and Scully movie coming out this summer. It's the flying saucer equivalent of putting Lite-Brites with cartoon characters outlined on them in odd spaces, without the ensuing federal charges and million-dollar fines.

Or maybe I'm wrong. Maybe the thousands of lights, shapes and shadows seen by millions of people in the skies all over the world over the last century or so have all been weather balloons, swamp gas, pranks, hallucinations and/or cloud formations.

Maybe.

Speaking of seeing things, do any of you out there have UFO pictures of your own? Send them in and in an upcoming column we'll show off the best.

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## Mount Teide Calling Mars

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Source: Fortnightly Tenerife News - Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain

<http://tinyurl.com/3fzt4b>

28 Apr 2008

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Mount Teide Calling Mars, You Are Clear To Land

Is Mount Teide a magnet for UFOs?

Are aliens from outer space fascinated by our dormant volcano? Does it have an aura around it which can be seen from another hemisphere? Or perhaps there is a more sinister appeal? Is there perhaps an alien base deep down inside the crater?

It's an interesting theory which sceptics will obviously scoff at but one which believers of extra-terrestrial encounters will want to believe.

Certainly, new recent sightings of so-called UFOs have got people talking again and the magnetic appeal of Mount Teide and the mysticism surrounding the history of the Canary Islands makes a link even more plausible.

Only last week, several alleged sightings of an UFO in Gran Canaria made the headlines, with a number of people calling the police and the media after spotting a large bright object floating in the sky. And last autumn, an American couple living in Tenerife watched in disbelief for four hours as a wedge-shaped object hovered near their home in the La Laguna area. And no, they hadn't been drinking!

Believe it or not, it's surprising how often Mount Teide crops up in stories about UFOs or close encounters of the third kind.

One of the most celebrated cases concerns the cult which was broken up by police on Tenerife in the 1990s. The semi-mystic UFO group was led by a German psychologist, Dr Heide Fittkay-Garthe. The official report says they were planning a trip to the summit of Mount Teide intent on making contact with a visiting spacecraft. If it failed, it was alleged they had drawn up a mass suicide pact. Neither the suicide or the UFO encounter happened.

Between August 2004 and December 2005, three separate sightings of UFOs also hit the headlines and each concerned a photograph. When the three independently-taken pictures were developed, a strange flying object was seen in each but had not been visible with the naked eye. All were in the flight line of Mount Teide, including by the cliffs at Los Gigantes. This particular picture suggested the disc-like object was flying at high speed and had banked sharply on approaching the cliffs.

A managing director on holiday in Tenerife from Barcelona also took photos of Mount Teide itself and her subsequent picture

showed a similar UFO type object glittering in the skies.

It's said that unexplained lights have soared above the volcano throughout history and there are constant reports of commercial liners being intercepted by brilliant lights which the bemused pilots have been unable to explain. In November of 1975, a commercial jet on its way from Austria to Tenerife had to make an emergency landing in Valencia after passengers claimed they had been trailed by pulsating red objects which zig zagged across the skies. They insisted they were unidentified flying objects and a number of people living in Valencia substantiated their story.

In 1975, a group of UFO believers from Santa Cruz even tried to make contact with outer space through an improvised ouija board after spotting a so-called spacecraft with occupants on board hovering near Mount Teide. They claimed they saw an enormous beam of light and, when looking at it with binoculars, saw a double row of windows emitting a purple glow. In 1976, a UFO was said to have landed on top of a farmhouse!

Perhaps the strangest of stories concerns an alleged incident around Mount Teide in 1992 which has never really been explained to this day. Witnesses claimed a mysterious aircraft fell from the skies but it was all hushed up by the Spanish military. Apparently, a group of friends had been walking near Mount Teide when they were told by soldiers to go home as there had been a landslide. Of course, they sneaked back and alleged they saw a powerful beam of light on the side of the volcano and later spotted a convoy of military trucks transporting a huge object.

Whatever happened, the force was enough to snap off a 450 ton lava projection from the side of Mount Teide. Were the trucks carrying the rock away - or was it something more sinister, like a flying saucer?

Stories about bright lights around Mount Teide persist today. One hunter insisted he saw a brilliant cloud around Mount Teide which came within six metres of the summit and then span round at great speed before vanishing.

And you may well remember our story of last year when we reported how a doctor visiting a patient in Tenerife and his taxi driver had seen a flying saucer descend in front of them with two huge figures dressed in red at the control panel. The patient had seen it too but fearing her fever had reached crisis point, she had ran back inside her home and started to pray!

This incident, however, coincided with a more believable prolonged and logged report from an armed Spanish navy escort ship whose crew observed yellow-blue lights in the sky - lights which were also seen by hundreds of residents of Tenerife, La Palma and Gomera. Was it just a natural phenomenon?

Of course, scientists pour scorn on the Mount Teide theory, saying there is absolutely no way there could be any sort of base inside the volcano, for the Spanish military or a starship fleet. But as for Teide being a magnet for UFOs who can spot it from outer space? The jury is out on that one as there are many things on this world which can't be explained and perhaps, just perhaps, Tenerife's appeal as a holiday destination has spread to an unknown dimension too!

RS

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## Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

From: James Smith <[lunartravel.nul](mailto:lunartravel.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2008 10:39:46 -0400 (GMT-04:00)  
Archived: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 08:08:13 -0400  
Subject: Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 19:22:30 +0100  
>Subject: Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

>>From: James Smith <[lunartravel.nul](mailto:lunartravel.nul)>  
>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)  
>>Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 10:19:11 -0400 (GMT-04:00)  
>>Subject: Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

>>Stubbs is allowed, as a layman, to be confused about unusual  
>>appearing objects in NASA video.

>Would recommend checking the evidence - i.e. scientists'  
>confirmation that the phenomena 'must be really there', before  
>rushing to conclusions of 'a confused layman'.

>If you have time for that evidence, it's laid out at:  
>[www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#yu-tu](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#yu-tu)  
>- the 'Smoking Gun' video and its shorter follow-up.

I have already seen all that stuff before, believe me! When you  
have seen as much of the ice, debris and other flashing lights as  
I have, you get a bit jaded with respect to smoking guns and  
such.

I think its funny that a number of these objects seem to appear  
at dusk or dawn or whenever there is a high contrast/high  
illumination zone.

The "rods video" taken during the cave base-jumpers had high  
contrast illumination, the orbs thought to be ghosts were the  
same, most of the flashing lights from ISS/Shuttle video seem to  
occur around that time too, and some guy was taking photos/videos  
of UFO like objects that seemed to be passing by the edge of his  
roof (during a highly illuminated contrast) all have these  
features.

I have only seen one ISS/Shuttle video that was weird and  
unexplainable, but what good is something that is unexplainable?  
It like a fish fall. Without more data, its just speculation  
about something weird.

We need to be able to have enough data to explain it, even if the  
explanation is not acceptable to the mainstream.

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## Re: Twenty Questions - SDI #457

From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](mailto:dledger.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2008 14:16:51 -0300  
Archived: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 08:10:07 -0400  
Subject: Re: Twenty Questions - SDI #457

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <[alienview.nul](mailto:alienview.nul)>  
>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](mailto:ufoupdates.nul)>  
>Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 07:25:27 -0500  
>Subject: Twenty Questions - SDI #457

>Twenty Questions -- SDI #457

>Bereft of and apart from the puling hubris or errant arrogance  
>in other Podcasts, 20 Questions are addressed with soaring  
>imagination, earnest consistency, and satisfying alacrity by  
>Errol Bruce-Knapp, Don Ledger, Stanton Friedman, Dave Furlotte,  
>Richard Hoagland, Stuart Miller, Mike Wallace, and Donald  
>Keyhoe:

>1. Is noted Physicist Stephen Hawking an unqualified Emperor  
>without any clothes?

>2. Does Don Ledger know more about Hot Black Holes than Steven  
>Hawking knows about UFOs?

<snip>

Yes.

Don

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### PRG Press Release - 4/29/08

From: **Stephen Bassett** <[PRG.nul](mailto:PRG.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2008 10:59:58 -0700  
Archived: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 10:06:28 -0400  
Subject: PRG Press Release - 4/29/08

PRG Press Release - 4/29/08 - Buchman, UN, P.E.A.C.E., Simone,  
Phoenix Lights

Paradigm Research Group

Washington, DC - The following announcements regarding matters arising from and related to X-Conference 2008 were made at the PRG National Press Club press conference on April 21, 2008.

Full video at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6pgtdn>

Utah 1st Congressional District

This is notable as he will be the third candidate on the November ballot in a federal election directly speaking to the issues regarding extraterrestrial-related phenomena and a government imposed embargo on full disclosure to the American people. The first was Jimmy Carter in the 1976 presidential election. The second was Stephen Bassett in the 2002 congressional election. Dr. Buchman is running on the Libertarian ticket.

Pull press release at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6zopjk>

Implementation of UNGA Decision 33/426 (1978) Initiative

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

<http://tinyurl.com/5ls67d>

Peace and Emergency Action Coalition for Earth (P.E.A.C.E. Inc)  
Plan C

P.E.A.C.E. Inc. presented a new global research and action program, Plan C, at the X-Conference. Plan C is designed to prepare the global public for disclosure of and ultimately contact with extraterrestrial civilizations that may have been interacting with Earth from the beginning of humankind.

Additionally, it will influence the strategies of disclosure by countries that have, up to now, denied and disinformed the world about these historic relationships.

: <http://tinyurl.com/6lp5da>

Vanguard Cinema The Phoenix Lights Documentary

Vanguard Cinema announced the release of an enhanced version of Dr. Lynne Kitei's documentary, The Phoenix Lights. Dr. Kitei will be doing media appearances in support of the film including Fox News, NBC's Dateline and other programs.

Full: <http://tinyurl.com/6lykn9>

Rob Simone - UFOs IN THE HEADLINES: Real Reporting On a Real Phenomenon

Author Rob Simone announced the release of his new book UFOs in the Headlines: Real Reporting on a Real Phenomenon in which he examines the UFO/ET subject from a journalistic perspective. With over 200 photographs of actual newspaper clippings, the book gives an overview of the hard-hitting and diverse range of UFO news stories from over 10 countries.

<http://tinyurl.com/6cuyal>

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## Lost On The Yankee Route

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Source - The Pembroke Daily Observer - Ontario, Canada

<http://www.thedailyobserver.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1007379>

30 April, 2008

Lost On The Yankee Route  
By Sean Chase  
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Thomas Nugent stood on the tarmac watching the plane taxi to the hanger.

A broad smile came over the airman's face as he spotted his older brother, Dick, climb down from the cargo bay of the huge twin engine Fairchild C-119. After an exhausting air drop to Georgia, Dick Nugent was tired and ready for a respite. The brothers were loadmasters with the 440th Airlift Wing based at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On this next run south, 30-year-old Thomas was scheduled to join the crew.

In the cargo hold, Osbee Sampson was packing away four liferafts. A member of the maintenance crew, Sampson told his buddy, Frank Ellison, to take the boats "just in case." Ellison cracked a smirk and told the mechanic to behave himself. Walking from the C-119, fondly called the "Flying Boxcar" because of the bulky cargo it could carry, Sampson ran into Thomas Nugent and joked they'd better store enough food on board as he knew how the lad loved to eat.

The Boxcar rolled down the runway and effortlessly took off from Billy Mitchell Airfield at 10:51 a.m. Designated Flight 680, it was to be a routine jaunt. They were to drop off an engine and maintenance crew in the Turks and Caicos, pick up concertina wire in Puerto Rico and then run supplies over to the Dominican Republic. That night, the Flying Boxcar would vanish from the face of the earth.

What happened to the C-119 and its complement of 10 crew and passengers on June 5, 1965? Did mechanical failure or turbulent weather bring down the aircraft? The popular theory is the plane became another victim of the notorious Bermuda Triangle. Is there any validity to this and did a NASA astronaut witness the Flying Boxcar's demise from earth's orbit?

Flight 680 landed as scheduled at Florida's Homestead Air Force Base. After two hours on the tarmac, they took off at 7:47 p.m. The C-119 climbed to 9,000 feet as it set a southeast course for the Bahamas. The busy flight path into the warm Caribbean waters was known as the "Yankee Route" - a reference to the days when Yankee merchant ships sailed the West Indies. Thirty minutes prior to their scheduled landing at Grand Turk Island, the 41-year-old pilot, Maj. Louis Giuntoli, radioed his position. At 11 p.m., his final transmission was: "Roger. Miami overseas. 6567." Giuntoli had acknowledged he was switching to a clearer frequency. Strangely, this transmission was heard not by Miami

air traffic controllers but a tower in New York some 1,300 miles away. Shortly after, no contact could be made with Flight 680.

By midnight, the flight had still not arrived. With fears the Flying Boxcar had run out of fuel, a massive air and sea rescue was launched. Over the next several days, 54,000 square miles was searched. There were no signs of the C-119. No debris. No oil slick. Nothing to indicate what happened to the plane.

As anxious families waited back in Milwaukee, air force intelligence officers developed one possibility to explain the disappearance. They expressed the belief that shortly after Giuntoli made his position report, the C-119 lost an engine. Such an electrical failure would deprive the flight crew of radio, lights and instruments. Although it was a clear night, a light haze would have made it nearly impossible to see the horizon. They may have flown the Boxcar straight into the ocean without knowing it. Perhaps falsely hoping the 10 airmen would show up, colleagues left their lockers at Billy Mitchell untouched for months.

Had the C-119 crashed, there should have at least been a debris field. A month after Flight 680 went missing, a wheel chock, with the plane's identification number "680" stenciled on it, was found on Acklins Island, some 300 km northwest of Grand Turk. Then, searchers recovered a piece of a box lid with the words "ion kit" marked on it. The discovery was made near Grand Rock Cay, another 200 km north of Acklins. The air force concluded the full label read "Contact Mission Kit," a piece of equipment that would have been on board the C-119. Some officials believed the Boxcar may have been shot down by the Cubans, but no evidence could support this.

Pop culture added Flight 680 to the list of Bermuda Triangle missing after the International UFO Bureau came up with one incredible theory in 1973 - that a UFO had captured the cargo plane. They suggested the UFO in question was spotted by Gemini-4 astronaut James McDivitt. NASA's first long-duration space flight was launched on June 3, 1965. It would be historic, as the late Ed White was to conduct America's first space walk. Yet, on the mission's third day, McDivitt reported seeing a strange object while the capsule passed over the Caribbean. He described it as "like a beer can with an arm sticking out." It was the same day of the Boxcar's fateful supply flight.

NASA officials dismissed the object as one of the Pegasus satellites moving at a lower orbit. Days later, ABC science editor Jules Bergman reported that, according to his sources, the UFO was really a secret U.S. spy satellite. There was one other possibility. One of the mission's primary objectives was to attempt a docking with a Titan II rocket. The manoeuvre was abandoned after the Gemini capsule had burned up a large portion of its fuel. Both crafts ran parallel orbits for a time and the Titan II's orbit did not decay for some 50 hours. Is that what McDivitt had observed?

Jim McDivitt described what he saw during an appearance on the Dick Cavett Show in November, 1973: "I was flying with Ed White. He was sleeping at the time. We were drifting in space with the control engines shut down when suddenly an object appeared in the window. It had a very definite shape, a white, cylindrical object. It had a long arm that stuck out on the side. We had two cameras that were floating around, so I grabbed one and took a picture. Then I turned on the rocket control systems because I was afraid we might hit it. I called down later and told (mission control) what had happened. They went back and checked their records but we were never able to identify what it could have been."

Osbee Sampson wonders to this day what happened to his friends. In 2005, the retired serviceman told the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel he was surprised there was so little debris or no "SOS" sent from the plane.

"It has to be an explosion or something for them not to say anything (on the radio)," he said. "Even if you're in trouble, you switch on the radio so they can track you. There had to have been a big bang." Dick Nugent, now 72, wonders what happened to his brother four decades ago. He told the newspaper: "I wanted to go down there and help in the search, but they wouldn't let me. It was awful hard to take."

The last crew and passengers of Flying Boxcar No. 680 were: Maj. Louis Giuntoli, 1st Lieut. Lawrence Gares, Capt. Richard Bassett, airmen Raoul Benedict, Duane Brooks, Norman Mimier, Frank Ellison, John Lazenry and Thomas Nugent.

Their fate known only to God.

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>>Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2008 07:25:27 -0500  
>>Subject: Twenty Questions - SDI #457

snip

>>2. Does Don Ledger know more about Hot Black Holes than Steven  
>>Hawking knows about UFOs?

<snip>

>Yes.

>Don

As it turns out, Don may know more about UFOs than Hawking knows  
about astrophysics. I would go one step further but it's early in  
the morning here and the howling might rattle my coffee cup.

JCH

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From: **Greg Taylor** <[greg.nul](mailto:greg.nul)>  
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Hi Listers,

I am currently assembling Issue Two of the Daily Grail anthology series Darklore:

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and am seeking submissions for two articles on UFOs or alien life. You can see examples of the quality/content of the anthology at the Darklore website, listed above, which features three free sample articles in their original typeset format (PDF downloads). Our style is similar to Fortean Times - that is, entertaining and informative articles on odd topics, but approached with a critical mind.

List members might at least be interested in my own contribution to Issue 1, Her Sweet Murmur, which touches on sounds heard during 'border phenomena' - available as one of the free sample articles.

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Kind regards,

Greg

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