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Re: Avatar Movie

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 12:09:57 -0500
Archived: Fri, 01 Jan 2010 07:14:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 09:38:01 -0500
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>character-driven cinema?

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From what I've seen and read (as I probably won't see it in the
theatre) the need for an economic commodity drives humans to
take what doesn't belong to them. That just about wraps up a
lot of human history over the past two thousand years, so this
just carries the story to a new level.

Steve

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From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 10:44:37 -0600
Archived: Fri, 01 Jan 2010 07:18:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: post.nul
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>John Rimmer

Nonsense... Humans, real Humans, were the clear heroes of the film.

Entirely apart from the indisputable fact that humans, in the aggregate, can be pretty awful, the film focuses on the awfulness of reptilian mannered corporate entities powered by those same very factually awful humans you seem to believe are not noteworthy or even extant.

One more anthropomorphic sandbar to bury the old head in, eh? Remains it is the best film I have seen, ever. Do give it a miss, by all means.

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From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
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Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

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prejudice, neither of you having seen the movie.

Listarians, don't listen to these two sad fellows - go and see
it for yourselves and then decide!

As with UFOs, witnessed events are always more persuasive than
hearsay.

Happy New Year everybody - although after emailing the world and
saying the same thing, I have been told it's bad luck to give
the greeting until after the midnight hour.

So if it all goes pear shaped in 2010 - you know who to blame.

Dave

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Re: New Year's Eve Wishes

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 12:52:33 -0500
Archived: Fri, 01 Jan 2010 07:22:16 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year's Eve Wishes

>From: Mike Woods <mike.woods.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 08:49:41 -0500
>Subject: New Year's Eve Wishes

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>_you_ want answered.

Hi Michael,

With regard to Question 3, what is the basis for your understanding that there was an approximate 10 year hiatus in experiencer pregnancies? I have not seen this mentioned before now.

William

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Re: New Year's Eve Wishes

From: brumac.nul
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 13:58:07 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Fri, 01 Jan 2010 07:24:24 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year's Eve Wishes

>From: Mike Woods <mike.woods.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 08:49:41 -0500
>Subject: New Year's Eve Wishes

>Hello List,

>And to everyone, especially EBK, JV, DL, DF and the rest of you
>alien hunters...

>Happy New Year and best wishes for 2010.

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All I (think) I want to know is... what the H is going on?

I think I want to know the answer, but I am not sure. There
often is a problem with getting what you wish for!

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From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 11:20:17 -0800 (PST)
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The Old Campaigns!

John Rimmer

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>Jerry Clark

Well, Jerry, according to your birthdate in Wikipedia, you are more than a year younger than I am. So attributing your admitted uninformed bias to age is just wrong, given our differing opinions about this movie. I'm sure that the ability to appreciate the masterly use of new art forms is not age-dependent.

Best wishes to all in 2010.

William

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A Footnote To UFO History

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 2010 00:26:18 EST
Archived: Fri, 01 Jan 2010 07:30:10 -0500
Subject: A Footnote To UFO History

Here's an interesting blog post by a chap who states he not only grew up near Wright Patterson AFB but actually was neighbors with late Major Quintanilla but got to interview him about Project Blue Book.

www.theithacajournal.com/article/20100101/VIEWPOINTS02/1010307/-1/

I'm surprised it is appearing in the Ithaca Journal.

Best,

Greg
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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 2010 10:07:38 -0500
Archived: Fri, 01 Jan 2010 10:45:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 17:51:27 -0000
>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

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>Yes maybe Jerry - although I suspect at 68 I am years older than
>you.

Five. Count 'em. Sigh.

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>prejudice, neither of you having seen the movie.

Nah. As somebody who consumes many thousands of words of reading
of all sorts every day, I'm rarely surprised anymore, as I know
from a whole lot of experience. Moreover, as a general principle
I am no fan of James Cameron's films. Filmmakers like him are
the reason I rarely go to movies anymore.

I've read enough about Avatar to know pretty much exactly what
to expect, and thus to know it's not for me. And that's all it
means. If you enjoyed it, God bless you. But I don't intend to
be bullied, rhetorically speaking, into seeing it if it doesn't
interest me, and it doesn't.

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"Sad," eh? Now I'm even less inclined to see it.

Jerry Clark

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"The Old Campaigns"?

Eerie coincidence, or maybe you mean...?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1-7sk6oXl0>

Happy New Year to all, including Avatar fans,

Jerry Clark

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>But then again, I suppose I'm showing my age.

>Jerry Clark

Happy New Year, John, Jerry et al,

My better half and I decided to wade through the crowds
yesterday and see James Cameron's latest offering; we invoked
our senior privileges and after the gray-hair discount (as well
as it being a matinee), we paid \$20.50 for the two of us.

Much like Dave Haith, giving the Avatar experience its due is no
easy task, and certainly won't be done here by me; however, I
will offer some thoughts and address John & Jerry's comments.

There can be no better example of how gifted an artist that
James Cameron is with his latest work; I can't help but think
back to the graffiti that was attributed to Eric Clapton in the
'60's which plainly stated, "ERIC CLAPTON IS GOD!" If Clapton is
god to guitar, then Cameron is surely god to film-making!

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via the subplots, and no doubt different people will walk away
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John, you wrote, "Sounds like another one of those 'ooh, are
humans awful' diatribes," to assume that this presentation
was/is so one dimensional would be a grand mistake; yes humans
can be dreadful beings, as the film clearly demonstrates;
however, like most movies, there is a hero; there is the common
good and decency; there is the Dr Jekyll to Mr Hyde. One could
easily walk away from the film and affirm that "good always
triumphs over evil!"

We arrived very early to the showing in order to avoid a long
line; turns out everyone else had the same plan. After all the
commercials, trailers etc., played through, a notice appeared on

screen to put on our 3-d glasses; at that moment I told my wife I wish I had brought along the camera to take a shot of the audience with their peepers on (with the memory of similar shots from audiences of the '50's dancing in my head).

I mention this because that initial thought gave cause for me to periodically heed the audience throughout the movie; because of the holidays, the kids are out of school and the patrons were made up of mostly families; it's safe to say that more than half the group were children. Aside from one instance, "no one" left their respective seats; there was no squirming; no talking and no horse play--everyone was on the planet Pandora!

A good movie for me, is one that can evoke emotion, whether that be ire, fear, a tear or laughter. Accordingly, it takes me away for a bit; it envelopes me... absorbs me, or I it. This film did that and so much more!!

My wife and I always bring a book with us when we arrive early for a matin=E9e; in this instance, I brought Shostak's, "Confessions of An Alien Hunter." In the forward, Dr. Frank Drake in part writes, "...our signals of today are very different from the signals of 40 years ago... If technology can change in 40 years, how much can it change in thousands or millions of years?"

In the aftermath of the film, Drake's comment melded with the 'Avatar Experience', in the sense that it reminded me that we are indeed in the 21st century! As Cameron has done in the past, he does with Avatar--he raises the bar in film-making, and gives fledgling film-makers something to ascribe to. Dare I say that his work will precipitate a paradigm shift in how films are presented in the near future!

With the new 3-D equipment that was actually made for the film, Cameron not only introduces a new genre of film-making, or perhaps a completely "revamped" version of old film-making (as 3-D movies are as almost as old as the art itself is), he brings new tech to the table.

This brings me to your comment Jerry, where you wrote:

"I'll give the movie a pass for another reason. Beneath all the hype, I suspect, is just another boring special-effects-driven fantasy. What ever happened to old-fashioned, realistic character-driven cinema?"

Like, John with the (presumed) storyline, to chiefly associate this film to some previously seen sci-fi special effects show would be akin to equating nuclear energy to a campfire!

I'd say, after about 15 or 20 minutes into the show, one forgets that it is in fact a 3-D film at all; you're simply there! You've walked through the looking glass, and in this instance you're in, or on Pandora!

After the show, my wife and I went out to eat, and I commented to her, that it's a shame that the children of today will be calloused to the "magic" that is to be experienced with Avatar. The irony of course, is our parents and elders no doubt thought the same things with other seemingly magical technologies of the day as perceived through their eyes.

The point is, it was an astounding visual/audio experience! At the same time however, it is a good old fashion film, with all the aspects attached therein that makes it such!

I can't imagine anyone being disappointed in experiencing this wonderous, groundbreaking example of film-making, and I look forward to seeing it again!

Happy New Year To All & much...

Cheers,

Frank Warren
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Date: Fri, 1 Jan 2010 16:23:04 +0000
Archived: Fri, 01 Jan 2010 13:42:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 13:48:37 -0800
>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

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<snip>

I have been to see this film twice now, and plan a third visit.

As often the case with a movie this "great" you miss so many of
the subtle points going "ooh & ahh" <g>

I.e., How many spotted that the Pandorans had three fingers & a
thumb, whilst the Avatars had the human four and a thumb?

The film is a great social comment. Reminiscent of certain films
like "Tears of the Sun (with Bruce Willis) which showed mans
inhumanity to man, this film depicts quite well what lengths the
consumer consuming nations will go to, to feed their habit.

At the same time there are sub plots which add a great depth to
the film which on the first face of it could also be yet another
climate change "look what happens if we don't look after our
planet" (ala WallE)

I for one have always been a fan of Jim Cameron's films, and
regularly watch his films two or three times at the cinema and
several more times when they are released on DVD. This film will
be no exception.

I have heard rumour that the Avatar movies will be to the 'tens
what the Star Wars trilogy was to the seventies/early eighties,
lets hope so!

I would strongly recommend this film to any for three different
reasons,

- 1) sheer cinematography,
- 2) social comment,
- 3) its a ber luddy good film!

But heck, if you have different tastes, (bah humbug <g>) I think you
will be missing out, but then I also guess you wont be that bothered
either <g>

>Happy New Year To All & much...

And to you & yours.

>Cheers,

>Frank Warren
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Regards

Sean

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Archived: Fri, 01 Jan 2010 14:38:47 -0500
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>From: Paul Davids <starrynightmovie.nul>
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From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 1 Jan 2010 14:54:20 EST
Archived: Fri, 01 Jan 2010 15:04:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 17 Dec 2009 17:30:02 -0000
>Subject: Avatar Movie

>Just watched Avatar in glorious 3D.

>No words I have could adequately review this amazing movie which
>was both beautiful and horrendous, moving and meaningful -
>stacked with symbolism about our past and possible future, eco-
>cide, earth centred spirituality, exo-politics, racism and human
>arrogance... but running through it a beautiful love story.

>The film of the year, if not the decade for me, so please try to
>see it soon - and make sure you catch the 3D version.

>Dave Haith

I saw Avatar in 3D Imax at the Universal Studios theatre.

Technically, it's a brilliant piece of work. Just astounding
advances in movie making magic for sure.

Storywise, it's about as potent as spittin' on a four alarm
fire.

It was so bland that there were 3 giggles during the entire film.
I expected a fare share of oohs and ahhs but it just didn't grab the
audience at all. It was so predictable I expected breakfast
cereal commercials to be inserted featuring dancing marshmallow
moons and stars and if they did appear, I don't think anyone in the
audience would have cared.

It's definitely a must see movie event in 3D but other than that
it turns out to be a one dimensional "bad corporate military
guys versus the liberal tree hugger guys". One movie reviewer
called it appropriately "Dancing with Blue Aliens".

So again, a brilliant technical achievement, wonderful cast but
the story and execution was just bland.

Best,

Greg
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I will see Avatar when it comes out on Disc, as I don't go to the movies. But I guess I don't hold Cameron in as high esteem as many on this List, and I managed to completely avoid Titanic (which really didn't need a remake). Of course, it was a Blockbuster and he was lauded for the effort, but the hype alone was enough to keep me away.

Avatar appears to be ground breaking in the technology used and takes movie making one step closer to full computer generation. Many of the comic heroes we knew as youngsters in the 50's and 60's are about to become full action films, with both Marvel and DC Comics getting into the act.

There's a remake of 'Clash of the Titans' that is due out this year that will seamlessly blend humans with CGI animation. The 1981 film (Was it really so many years ago?) was the last major film to feature the special effects of Ray Harryhausen, which are classic but can't hold a candle to the visual effects we have today.

For many of us who enjoy special effects and the worlds they've

been able to create, there's a lot to look forward to. I applaud the success of Avatar, but can wait until I can purchase the Blu-Ray and not have to spend more than half that cost just to see it on the big screen.

Steve

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I can't help noticing that you don't mention the Pyramids, as
Paul Davids did.

How do you think they rank in comparison to Avatar?

Jerry Clark

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Hi Jerry,

I took my 14 year old daughter to see Avatar. I thoroughly enjoyed the first half. The special effects were truly engaging and I felt completely immersed in Cameron's world and world-view. Then, there was the second half. I had a reasonable facsimile of the following conversation with my daughter on the way home.

"Did you notice all the different cultures combined in the Na'vi beings, Honey? I saw some African, and Eastern and Native American elements."

"Bor-ring."

"And did you pick up on the big themes - issues writers like Naomi Klein and Noam Chomski have been writing about for years - like corporate greed and crimes against the natural environment, and scouring the wealth and meaning from other cultures out of..."

Bor-ring!"

"And did you pick up on the metaphor, that the bad guys were kind of like what America has done on occasion for the last 200 years, first to Native Americans, and now demonizing people of oil rich countries that..."

"BORING!"

"Did you notice the concept of externalities? Externalities are ways that corporations reduce the cost of producing their products by placing that cost on the backs of..."

[hair flick] "TMI, Dad!"

"Huh?"

"Too much information, Dad. BORING!"

"How about the film itself. How about foreshadowing? You learned that. Remember? How about the big, tiger-like thing in the forest. It attacked once and then hid, but you knew it was always there, kind of like how the leader of the mercenaries was always there, lurking, and you knew something bad would happen eventually?"

"Boring, Dad."

"Well, how about the part where they destroy the armada - blew up all the planes?"

"Really BORING."

"OK So how about if the movie wasn't about an unholy alliance between the social and physical sciences, a private military and a corrupt government, all teamed up to steal the wealth and destroy a proud and peaceful culture? How about if it was about three girls who form a rock band and go to New York to do a big rock concert. And then they meet a really cute boy and his two brothers, and in the process go shopping and have fun. And then the movie ends where everyone is happily dancing at a party after the big rock show. Would it be a good one then?"

[sullen silence] "Dad, if the movie was about being nice to others and all the good things you say, why was it nothing but blowing up things and killing people... for THREE HOURS?!"

Of course, I wasn't asking questions she might have an interest in, like how she thought Sam Worthington looked in a thong, but then again, I didn't really want to hear the answer.

Some people would say that the second half of the movie trivialized and glorified (and completely overshadowed) the very things it so effectively argued against in the first half - becoming nothing but a technologically magnificent, silly, exploding cartoon in the process. My daughter would be one.

There you have it. I give it four stars, and my daughter gives it one, with a "Boring" (except for Sam Worthington, who I suspect she'd rate much less critically).

Best,

Bill

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No Simple Flight Of Fancy
The Australian
<http://tinyurl.com/yhmud7x>

Alienating Aliens: Do Nukes Make Them Go Ballistic?
The Faster Times
<http://tinyurl.com/ylz4ll4>

Happy New Year And Personal Invitation
The Black Vault
<http://tinyurl.com/yftncvb>

From Greg Boone:

Attack of the Chinese Lanterns again?
<http://tinyurl.com/yfwhd48>

From Alejandro Rojas:

NY UFO Buzzes Car Causing Electromagnetic Effects
<http://tinyurl.com/yeqkqns>

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Here's an emphatic second to those sentiments. Greg is exactly
right.

Ray Harryhausen gets his due in a huge (and, alas, expensive)
new book in which he continually appears and his achievements
are detailed: Bill Warren's Keep Watching the Skies! American
Science Fiction Movies of the Fifties (McFarland, 2009).

When I was a kid during that era, of course I had no idea who
Harryhausen was. But the monsters and aliens he created have
remained vivid in memory over the decades. Occasionally, I see
them again on TCM features, and I know why.

Jerry Clark

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Re: New Year's Eve Wishes

From: Mike Woods <mike.woods.nul>
Date: Sat, 2 Jan 2010 10:25:38 -0500
Archived: Sat, 02 Jan 2010 17:22:51 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year's Eve Wishes

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 12:52:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Year's Eve Wishes

>Hi Michael,

>With regard to Question 3, what is the basis for your
>understanding that there was an approximate 10 year hiatus in
>experiencer pregnancies? I have not seen this mentioned before
>now

Hey William,

Dr. David Jacobs, (to the Google machine, Watson!) an experiencer researcher I have a lot of respect for appeared sometime within the last 2-3 years on Strange Days... Indeed with our esteemed host here, EBK. If I'm not mistaken, and EBK and the Strange Days... archives can show if my memory is correct, during the interview Dr. Jacobs said he was almost out of the experiencer field, after almost 10 years with virtually no new cases, when suddenly phantom pregnancies among experiencers began happening again.

I recall crapping myself at the time hearing that, and remain, deeply concerned. On the face of it, the concept of alien-human hybrids and a clandestine breeding program sounds like the ultimate over-the-top screamingly paranoid conspiracy, a new high in fruit-loop craziness.

But on those rare nights when I can't sleep, I wonder - what if it's true.

At one time, the concept of dropping a small piece of the sun on a city, landing on the moon or flying passenger jets into skyscrapers over a religious dispute could also be described as the ultimate over-the-top screamingly paranoid conspiracy, and new highs in fruit-loop craziness

Roswell and Phoenix are more intellectual curiosity - although you would need one big-ass ship to pull off the ultimate over-the-top screamingly etc.

Mike Woods

2010. Not just a new year, it's a date out of science fiction.

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Book Recommendations?

From: Chris Burns <Thurstonoreggae.nul>
Date: Sat, 2 Jan 2010 11:03:38 EST
Archived: Sat, 02 Jan 2010 17:24:13 -0500
Subject: Book Recommendations?

Hey List,

Looking for a recommendation on a book that would cover all things UFO from around 2000 to now.

Right after the 1990s there were a number of books that nicely reviewed the past decade's UFO cases, folklore, etc., and I'm wondering if there is a good candidate for this most recent decade.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Chris Burns

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>>>To those who say they will take a pass on seeing Avatar because
>>>it sounds like an "oh, aren't humans awful diatribe" I suggest
>>>you also:

>>>Avoid seeing Mt. Rushmore since it is nothing but pro-U.S.
>>>Presidency propaganda.

>>>Avoid seeing the Washington Monument since it is nothing but a
>>>big phallic symbol.

>>>Do not visit the pyramids because they are nothing but an
>>>exercise in egotism for dead Egyptian Pharaohs

>>>Don't ever see a rocket blast off from Florida since there is
>>>nothing worth visiting in outer space and it's cold and dark and
>>>a waste of money to send people or robots there.

>>>Use your time in better ways and besides the 3D glasses for
>>>Avatar might leave a mark at the bridge of your nose... A good
>>>reason not to wear any glasses, ever, for any reason.

>>>Bravo James Cameron. Bravo Avatar

>>So, Paul, I take your point to be that Avatar amounts to one of
>>the greatest achievements in all of human history.

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>I will see Avatar when it comes out on Disc, as I don't go to
>the movies. But I guess I don't hold Cameron in as high esteem
>as many on this List, and I managed to completely avoid Titanic
>(which really didn't need a remake). Of course, it was a
>Blockbuster and he was lauded for the effort, but the hype alone
>was enough to keep me away.

>Avatar appears to be ground breaking in the technology used and
>takes movie making one step closer to full computer generation.
>Many of the comic heroes we knew as youngsters in the 50's and
>60's are about to become full action films, with both Marvel and
>DC Comics getting into the act.

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>1981 film (Was it really so many years ago?) was the last major
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>are classic but can't hold a candle to the visual effects we
>have today.

>For many of us who enjoy special effects and the worlds they've
>been able to create, there's a lot to look forward to. I applaud
>the success of Avatar, but can wait until I can purchase the
>Blu-Ray and not have to spend more than half that cost just to
>see it on the big screen.

My film The SCI-FI Boys, winner of the Saturn Award for Best DVD
of 2006 is in large part an homage to the magnificent
achievements of Ray Harryhausen... But the film places the
master's work in historical context. Fascinating to note that he
worked largely alone. The credits on AVATAR suggest about as
many worked on it as built the pyramids of Egypt or on the first
lunar mission.

The new technology of cinema, which absolutely must be seen in
3D to be assessed as intended, offers possibilities of movement,
depth and scale that was totally beyond the reach of stop-motion
pioneers such as Willis O'Brien and Ray Harryhausen. This does
not diminish their genius and vision.

But we are talking about a difference as from Morse Code to the
telephone.

Don't wait for the Blue Ray version.

Paul Davids

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 02 Jan 2010 17:36:01 -0500
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Many who commented to the San Diego News site were pissed at the
guy who released the flares.

Here's a sample:

Guest:
Maybe this guy is responsible for some of the forest fires over
the last five years or so.
Arrest this arsonist!!!!!!!
Today, 10:20:45 AM

Mike:
So now that the police know about this where is the arrest
warrant? Sending road flares up on a balloon? Not a smart thing
to do with all the dry brush out in that area.

Sounds like a wanna-be arsonist to me. And by the way, this is
no kid. Just an idiot with the mental capacity of a 10 year
old.
Today, 7:59:05 AM

Meatwad:
The ever present danger of starting a runaway fire is what he
should be facing in a court. Littering is a \$1500 fine, and they
tell us California is broke. 1500 x 3 x 'how many days/times set
adrift' = revenues from a danger to others as an example to the
children not to do these dangerous stunts. If he had used a
flameless light source it wouldn't bother me as much. He should
know better, El Cajon was surrounded by flames, remember that.

For those prospective witnesses to UFOs, if it wasn't
extraordinary as in not flying off at unbelievable speeds,
crossing great amounts of sky in split timing and those tight
turns we've heard about, it probably was local
made.
Today, 5:31:40 AM

Guest: Hopefully people call, and turn this guy in, cause it
could cause a plane to crash, and cause mass casualties for such a
stupid stunt. Aviation laws were broken, and this trickster
should be busted to the fullest extent of the law, as another
kid did this, I think it was in New Jersey, and he got jail
time. You have to think that what if your loved ones were on a

plane, and this kid caused it to crash due to a distraction by this kid to the pilot, and caused it to crash! I say bust this kid to the fullest extent of the law!! See how funny he thinks it is sitting in jail."

Hear hear.

Anyway, my advise is upon seeing one of these fire balloon set-ups is to contact both the local aviation authority and the police and complain about it. Express concerns about aviation safety and fire possibilities. Neither resource can react unless they are in the loop.

Don Ledger

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Nor you mine. I note, though, that - at the least - you seem to
regard as an open question whether Avatar equals the Pyramids in
importance. I don't.

Since it was Paul Davids - who's a good guy, by the way, with
whom I have no personal quarrel; he's seeing all this from his
perspective as a career film-industry professional - brought up
the Pyramids, the Washington Monument et al. alongside Avatar, I
suggest you direct further questions to him. I'm sure Paul is
aware that he was engaged in hyperbole and that my rejoinder was
meant in good humor.

For my part, to end this silly exchange (I hope), allow me to
state the painfully obvious:

People, especially though not exclusively my fellow Americans,
will be taking in Mount Rushmore and the Washington Monument,
seeing them as major landmarks in the story of our nation,
possessed of all kinds of meaning beyond their simple physical

structures, long after Avatar has passed into dim memory.

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[The UFO Chronicles] To Our Readers & Supporters:.

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Sat, 02 Jan 2010 17:17:32 -0800
Archived: Sun, 03 Jan 2010 07:09:45 -0500
Subject: [The UFO Chronicles] To Our Readers & Supporters:.

Per protocol, at the end of each month I give a shout out to that month's financial donors (as well as those who've contributed in the past). In that vein as we leave 2009 behind us, and enter this New Year (and decade), I would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to all of our readers, writers and supporters, and especially those that have graciously submitted a monetary contribution in these difficult financial times.

From our meager start in January of 2005 we have grown to boast readers in over 150 countries, have over 2500 articles archived and some of the brightest minds in Ufology have contributed to our efforts via penscript, articles, op-eds etc. We've expanded to include video, audio and our own radio show is currently in the works. Lastly, and not to forget, this is a researcher's enterprise, and accordingly, we are always engaged in research and investigation into the UFO phenomenon and various cases.

What began as a blog for myself and colleagues to put the proverbial pen to paper, as well as being a repository for current and historical UFO reports, has grown into a full-fledged e-zine and with that evolution comes the corresponding labor, time invested and costs to manage it.

As this became a full-time job (in the second year) and readership was continuing to grow exponentially, many suggested that it was time to line up some sponsors, and although that notion hasn't been abandoned completely it isn't something that I warmly embrace as your editor; largely because a site cluttered with ads just doesn't set well with me.

Henceforth, the decision was made to experiment with donations, and give readers and supporters a portal to offer monetary contributions; the notion, given the high volume of readers, was/is to receive a modest stipend from a small percentage of those and that would more than suffice.

From the onset the response was immediate, and some donations were gratefully substantial, and interestingly a large percentage was from (and continue to be) academics in different parts of the world. Although the monthly tallies are increasing from month to month they are slight and fall short of the ideal goal.

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In 2010 we will continue to expand the site, by adding additional writers, as well as installing UFO reporting sections from different geographical parts of the globe (published in real time), and as mentioned above, we will be lending our voice (literally) to the podcast-sphere and or Internet radio. To that end, we need your support:

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The Avatar Experience

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>From: Mike Woods <mike.woods.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 08:49:41 -0500
>Subject: New Year's Eve Wishes

<snip>

>I'm hoping that the coming year will answer the three questions
>in Ufology that continue to perplex me. I suspect these
>questions are unanswerable... but that doesn't mean you can't
>ask them.

>1. What the hell REALLY happened at Roswell.

>2. What flew over Phoenix in 1997.

>3. Why is there an apparent second wave of inexplicable
>experiencer-pregnancies and why was there a (roughly) 10 year
>gap between waves?

>Those are the questions in Ufology that bother me?

>As we head into 2010.. I'd be interested to know what questions
>_you_ want answered.

Finally getting a look at the CUFOS raw data for their
abductee home monitoring program would be nice.

Eleanor White

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>>>>So, Jerry, just for the record, are you claiming Mt. Rushmore
>>>>and the Washington Monument as amongst 'the greatest
>>>>achievements in all of human history'?

>>>>I can't help noticing that you don't mention the Pyramids, as
>>>>Paul Davids did.

>>>>How do you think they rank in comparison to Avatar?

>>Can't say - I haven't seen the movie yet. But I think they
>>outrank Mt. Rushmore and the Washington Monument by a
>>substantial margin. And I can't help noticing that you haven't
>>answered my question.

>Nor you mine. I note, though, that - at the least - you seem to
>regard as an open question whether Avatar equals the Pyramids in
>importance. I don't.

I gave one very good reason for not answering your question. You
offer no reason for not answering mine.

Now that I've seen the movie I can answer both of your questions:

1. As a human achievement Avatar is some way behind the
Pyramids, in the same way that any leading-edge artefact is some
way behind an epochal innovation in architecture and civil
engineering.

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Sunday January 3, 2010

Mystery Of The Nevada Triangle
By Stuart Winter
Sunday Express

A mysterious area of Nevada where thousands of planes have disappeared without trace may finally have given up its secret.

So many aircraft have vanished there that it has been nicknamed the Nevada Triangle, echoing the so-called Bermuda Triangle, an ocean zone infamous for the loss of ships and planes.

No one knows exactly how many flights have vanished inside the Nevada Triangle over the past 60 years.

Crash sites are seldom discovered in the remote wasteland of desert and mountain, which stretches across more than 25,000 square miles of virtually-uninhabited country.

But speculation is that the total is more than 2,000.

Conspiracy theorists have long claimed the reason so many flights have disappeared is connected to the presence in the area of America's most guarded tract of landscape -- Area 51, the top secret air base where it has been claimed the bodies of alien pilots from crashed UFOs are kept in deep-frozen storage.

The US Air Force also tests its most secret prototype aircraft, including the mysterious superfast Aurora, inside Area 51 protected by squadrons of fighter aircraft primed to shoot down any suspicious intruders.

The truth about the crashes however is far more prosaic. Record-breaking aviator Steve Fossett vanished inside the Nevada Triangle in September, 2007.

At first, theories surrounding millionaire Fossett's disappearance included the idea that he had faked his own death, the suggestion that he had been shot down by top secret aircraft inside Area 51 or even the claim he had been abducted by aliens.

But when Fossett's aircraft was eventually discovered more than a year after it disappeared, experts were able to piece together the most likely reason for the crash.

A new Channel Four documentary explores what apparently happened to the pilot after he set off on in a single-engine Bellanca Super Decathlon on what friends thought was a short joy flight. He was never seen alive again. Far from being the victim of aliens or super-secret aircraft, the cause of his death and of the inordinate number of crashes in the area was simply freak weather.

The Triangle=92s strange geography and climate create unique atmospheric conditions which can rip aircraft from the skies.

A combination of fast-moving Pacific winds and steep mountainsides produces a phenomenon called the Mountain Wave, a roller-coaster effect that can send aircraft soaring up and then bring it crashing down to earth.

With much of the Sierra Nevada over 5,000ft and some peaks reaching 14,000ft, air-fuel mixture can also become so thin that engine power fails even in low-level flight.

In Fossett=92s case it is thought climatic conditions had created a 400mph downdraft. His aircraft could climb at a maximum speed of only 300mph. The difference meant he was doomed.

Air accident expert Craig Fuller says besides hundreds of vanished light aircraft, the area has also seen crashes involving many military warplanes like B-24 Liberators, B-17 Flying Fortresses and P-38 Lightnings.

Fuller, who works for the voluntary Aviation Archaeological Investigation and Research group, cannot say how many aircraft have gone missing while flying over the area.

=93I cannot give you exact numbers. No one knows, not even the government agencies,=94 he said.

But he has visited more than 75 crash sites and with the help of air historian John Lopez he has been able to study many of flights that went missing in the same area as Fossett=92s plane.

One of the stories regarding the Triangle dates back to 1943 when a B-24 bomber crashed in the mountains. Co-pilot Lieutenant Robert Hester=92s father, Clinton, was determined to find the plane.

=93He basically spent every summer in the Sierras looking for his son,=94 Fuller said.

Clinton died without having found any trace. But in 1960, a year later, a survey team found the bomber in a remote lake. It=92s now known as Hester Lake.

Fuller cited another example, that of Lt Leonard C Lydon who parachuted to safety in 1941 after his Army fighter squadron got lost over the mountains.

He saw his P-40 fall within a mile of where he landed in the remote Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks.

But to this day the wreckage has never been found.

The Mystery of the Nevada Triangle (Channel Four, tomorrow at 8pm).

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>From: Paul Davidss <starrynightmovie.nul>
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>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>,
>>Date: Fri, 1 Jan 2010 15:19:03 -0500
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>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 1 Jan 2010 13:49:05 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>>>From: Paul Davids <starrynightmovie.nul>
>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>Date: Fri, 1 Jan 2010 16:16:38 +0000
>>>>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>>>To those who say they will take a pass on seeing Avatar because
>>>>it sounds like an "oh, aren't humans awful diatribe" I suggest
>>>>you also:

>>>>Avoid seeing Mt. Rushmore since it is nothing but pro-U.S.
>>>>Presidency propaganda.

>>>>Avoid seeing the Washington Monument since it is nothing but a
>>>>big phallic symbol.

>>>>Do not visit the pyramids because they are nothing but an
>>>>exercise in egotism for dead Egyptian Pharaohs

>>>>Don't ever see a rocket blast off from Florida since there is
>>>>nothing worth visiting in outer space and it's cold and dark and
>>>>a waste of money to send people or robots there.

>>>>Use your time in better ways and besides the 3D glasses for
>>>>Avatar might leave a mark at the bridge of your nose... A good
>>>>reason not to wear any glasses, ever, for any reason.

>>>>Bravo James Cameron. Bravo Avatar

>>>>So, Paul, I take your point to be that Avatar amounts to one of
>>>>the greatest achievements in all of human history.

>>>>You will have to excuse my skepticism.

<snip>

>My film The SCI-FI Boys, winner of the Saturn Award for Best DVD
>of 2006 is in large part an homage to the magnificent
>achievements of Ray Harryhausen... But the film places the
>master's work in historical context. Fascinating to note that he
>worked largely alone. The credits on AVATAR suggest about as
>many worked on it as built the pyramids of Egypt or on the first
>lunar mission.

>The new technology of cinema, which absolutely must be seen in

>3D to be assessed as intended, offers possibilities of movement,
>depth and scald that was totally beyond the reach of stop-motion
>pioneers such as Willis O'Brien and Ray Harryhausen. This does
>not diminish their genius and vision.

>But we are talking about a difference as from Morse Code to the
>telephone.

>Don't wait for the Blue Ray version.

Well I'll be the first one in line today to buy a copy of SCI-FI
Boys!

I'll even let our animation group at animationnation.com know
about it as we reach about 4,000 animators worldwide and we
always talk about sci-fi and of course Ray Harryhausen and
Willis O'Brien.

Yes, CG in today's movies allow for more, but CG without good
acting and good direction is just that, special effects in the
hands of people who don't know good theater.

Harryhausen and the equally great George Pal were from the old
school of master artists. They could do anything. From design to
writing, to acting, to engineering and on and on. Just a look at
how Pal did his famous Puppets is enough to keep the mind
boggling for days.

Harryhausen's Talos from his classic film Jason and the
Argonauts still has that skin crawling menace to it. The musical
score is tops as well. Harryhausen is always on his A Game and I
hope I can get him to do a bit of animation on a movie I'm
working on just to let today's audiences know what great
craftsmanship is all about.

So again, CG is a cool tool but nothing yet has come along with
as much eye bugging excitement as a Ray Harryhausen movie and
his didn't need 3D.

Best,

Greg
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Jerry, I can't seem to get my point across. My fault, I'm too oblique.

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The 'brainless anti-Americanism' to which you refer is very often a reflexive response to ugly facts on the ground occasioned by American foreign policy. It is human characteristic for sophisticated argument to be abandoned when faced by overwhelming brute force.

If more ordinary Americans took heed of the American Constitution, absorbed its meaning, and took an active political interest in American foreign policy, then discussions like this would be redundant.

For my own part, I believe that the makers of Avatar have shown remarkable skill in disguising the film's real message by using a thin veneer of Science Fiction. I think the veneer is thin enough to allow the message to penetrate American public awareness, while also guaranteeing a large and sympathetic global audience - all in the name of entertainment. Box office returns would tend to confirm this. The message achieves nothing without an audience.

Very smart work.

Gerald O'Connell
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Obviously, I agree that America's greatest contribution to liberty and to a liberal, democratic political order is the Constitution. I would also add that unfortunately, many Americans fail to appreciate as much.

I would also observe, however, that few would agree, and rightly so, that the Washington Monument and Mount Rushmore amount to no more than "banal, self-congratulatory public statements." I know American history very well - it's about 50% of what I read, and I read a lot - and I am no sentimentalist. But when I have seen the Monument and Rushmore with my own four eyes, I have been unexpectedly moved - quite a common experience, judging from what others of all political persuasions (my own being left of center) have related to me.

A nation has the right to its physical monuments, too, in other words to objects both that can be viewed and that also hold within their structures a deeper psychic resonance. The Constitution and national monuments can easily coexist. One doesn't threaten or diminish the other.

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Hmmm, maybe. There is no evidence that Hollywood films, however popular, do much to influence public attitudes on issues of politics and policy.

Besides, isn't there a contradiction here? Does anything so bluntly illustrate the excesses of American capitalism as a big-budget blockbuster Hollywood movie? Does anything so vividly and immediately exemplify American cultural imperialism?

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Avatar, in short, seems a pretty dubious vehicle for criticizing the negative aspects of America's role in the world.

<snip>

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Amen to that.

Jerry Clark

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>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 2010 15:45:45 +0000
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>>To: <post.nul>
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No one is more critical about America than Americans.

Don Ledger

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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 04 Jan 2010 11:55:47 +0000
>Subject: Mystery Of The Nevada Triangle

>Source: The Sunday Express - London, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/ye57e89>

>Sunday January 3,2010

>Mystery Of The Nevada Triangle

>By Stuart Winter

>Sunday Express

>A mysterious area of Nevada where thousands of planes have
>disappeared without trace may finally have given up its secret.

>So many aircraft have vanished there that it has been nicknamed
>the Nevada Triangle, echoing the so-called Bermuda Triangle, an
>ocean zone infamous for the loss of ships and planes.

>No one knows exactly how many flights have vanished inside the
>Nevada Triangle over the past 60 years.

<snip>

List:

Fossett was some 200 miles from where he was supposed to be. He claimed he was going off to look for some launch sites for ballooning.. The NTSB reports that his seat and shoulder belts were not fastened. Littel was left of his body due predation. The Decathelon is aerobatic and has good seat/shoulder harnesses-not that these would have saved him the way the aircraft hit. He slammed head on into a mountain, slightly upgrade. I don't think he was faking anything. Intentional...who knows? But his harness was unbuckled. As a pilot that seems insane to me. His ELT was destroyed-so it was useless as they are 75% of the time.

Many pilots carry SPOT - or a similar brand - a portable GPS position broadcast device that uplinks to a satellite and updates every ten minutes. You can follow someone's course on your home computer if you have the proper codes. It's similar to ON*Star in vehicles.

As one who was involved with Civil Air Search for years I can attest at how hard it is to find smaller airplanes in sparsely populated and desolate locations. The Bellanca Decathelon is a tube and fabric airplane and if it explodes the fabric burns off the airframe leaving little to see from the air except perhaps a scorch mark. In forest elements even when they burn/fireball they quickly blow their own flames out, rarely causing forest fires.

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Re: New Year's Eve Wishes

From: Peter Resta <spr100.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Jan 2010 22:13:40 EST
Archived: Tue, 05 Jan 2010 08:21:43 -0500
Subject: Re: New Year's Eve Wishes

>From: Mike Woods <mike.woods.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 08:49:41 -0500
>Subject: New Year's Eve Wishes

<snip>

>I'm hoping that the coming year will answer the three questions
>in Ufology that continue to perplex me. I suspect these
>questions are unanswerable... but that doesn't mean you can't
>ask them.

>1. What the hell REALLY happened at Roswell.

>2. What flew over Phoenix in 1997.

>3. Why is there an apparent second wave of inexplicable
>experiencer-pregnancies and why was there a (roughly) 10 year
>gap between waves?

>Those are the questions in Ufology that bother me?

>As we head into 2010.. I'd be interested to know what questions
>_you_ want answered.

Can you provide some evidence/documentation for the "...wave of
inexplicable experiencer-pregnancies..."??

Thanks

Peter Resta

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Demystifying A UFO Hoax
Popular Fidelity
<http://www.popfi.com/2010/01/04/demystifying-a-ufo-hoax/>

'I Saw 50-strong UFO Formation Over Eastfield'
Scarborough Today
<http://tinyurl.com/y8r46by>

Triangular UFO Hovers Over Lake Erie
MUFON.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/ya3gucz>

'UFO' Spotted Over Bridlington On Christmas Day
Bridlington Today
<http://tinyurl.com/ygarl3c>

UFO Activity in Salta Argentina Remains Constant
UFO Digest
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/salta-constant.php>

Activist Demands President Obama To Tear Down The Wall Of UFO
Secrecy
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/yem2czl>

From Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles:

The Foster Ranch and the BLM
<http://www.theufochronicles.com/2010/01/foster-ranch-and-blm.html>

From 'The Norm':

Texas Couple Near Stephenville Watches Triangle Ufo Under 300 Feet
<http://tinyurl.com/y8njps>

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Nor me until the journalist who wrote the article sent me an email asking if I knew anything about it - I referred him to UpDates, I don't know if he sent a post to Errol?

[Nope --ebk]

Happy New Year everybody, by the way.

Joe

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I agree that this discussion is too focused on America. The
movie comments on the use of power to achieve one's goals, with
the ends justifying the means.

I think it parallels most closely the invasions of North and
South America, Australia, and other countries by the Europeans,
where aboriginal populations were decimated by more deadly
technology as well as novel diseases.

A similar thing is apparently still going on in South America
where jungles are being cleared and aboriginals killed or
displaced. The invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan are only more
recent examples where oil resources and geopolitical power are
the ends.

William Treurniet

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Kepler Discovers 5 New Exoplanets

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 05 Jan 2010 14:36:13 +0000
Archived: Wed, 06 Jan 2010 06:38:36 -0500
Subject: Kepler Discovers 5 New Exoplanets

Source: NASA Ames Research Center

<http://tinyurl.com/y992pln>

01.04.2010

The First Five

NASA's Kepler space telescope, designed to find Earth-size planets in the habitable zone of sun-like stars, has discovered its first five new exoplanets, or planets beyond our solar system.

Kepler's high sensitivity to both small and large planets enabled the discovery of the exoplanets, named Kepler 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b and 8b. The discoveries were announced Monday, Jan. 4, by the members of the Kepler science team during a news briefing at the American Astronomical Society meeting in Washington.

"These observations contribute to our understanding of how planetary systems form and evolve from the gas and dust disks that give rise to both the stars and their planets," said William Borucki of NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif. Borucki is the mission's science principal investigator. "The discoveries also show that our science instrument is working well. Indications are that Kepler will meet all its science goals."

Known as "hot Jupiters" because of their high masses and extreme temperatures, the new exoplanets range in size from similar to Neptune to larger than Jupiter. They have orbits ranging from 3.3 to 4.9 days. Estimated temperatures of the planets range from 2,200 to 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit, hotter than molten lava and much too hot for life as we know it. All five of the exoplanets orbit stars hotter and larger than Earth's sun.

"It's gratifying to see the first Kepler discoveries rolling off the assembly line," said Jon Morse, director of the Astrophysics Division at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "We expected Jupiter-size planets in short orbits to be the first planets Kepler could detect. It's only a matter of time before more Kepler observations lead to smaller planets with longer period orbits, coming closer and closer to the discovery of the first Earth analog."

Launched on March 6, 2009, from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, the Kepler mission continuously and simultaneously observes more than 150,000 stars. Kepler's science instrument, or photometer, already has measured hundreds of possible planet signatures that are being analyzed.

While many of these signatures are likely to be something other than a planet, such as small stars orbiting larger stars, ground-based observatories have confirmed the existence of the five exoplanets. The discoveries are based on approximately six weeks' worth of data collected since science operations began on May 12, 2009.

Kepler looks for the signatures of planets by measuring dips in the brightness of stars. When planets cross in front of, or transit, their stars as seen from Earth, they periodically block the starlight. The size of the planet can be derived from the size of the dip. The temperature can be estimated from the characteristics of the star it orbits and the planet's orbital period.

Kepler will continue science operations until at least November 2012. It will search for planets as small as Earth, including those that orbit stars in a warm habitable zone where liquid water could exist on the surface of the planet. Since transits of planets in the habitable zone of solar-like stars occur about once a year and require three transits for verification, it is expected to take at least three years to locate and verify an Earth-size planet.

According to Borucki, Kepler's continuous and long-duration search should greatly improve scientists' ability to determine the distributions of planet size and orbital period in the future. "Today's discoveries are a significant contribution to that goal," Borucki said. "The Kepler observations will tell us whether there are many stars with planets that could harbor life, or whether we might be alone in our galaxy."

Kepler is NASA's 10th Discovery mission. Ames is responsible for the ground system development, mission operations and science data analysis. NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., managed the Kepler mission development. Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. of Boulder, Colo., was responsible for developing the Kepler flight system. Ball and the Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics at the University of Colorado in Boulder are supporting mission operations.

Ground observations necessary to confirm the discoveries were conducted with ground-based telescopes the Keck I in Hawaii; Hobby-Eberly and Harlan J. Smith 2.7m in Texas; Hale and Shane in California ; WIYN, MMT and Tillinghast in Arizona; and Nordic Optical in the Canary Islands, Spain.

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Re: That Incident On The Berwyn Mountains

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Jan 2010 16:08:03 -0000
Archived: Wed, 06 Jan 2010 06:40:32 -0500
Subject: Re: That Incident On The Berwyn Mountains

Hello List,

There's some revealing stuff on the Berwyn Incident (rated by Nick Pope (yup) as the second most important UFO incident in UK) in Scott Felton's latest interview on Radio Europe.

Scott kindly gave me permission to download it (to trim the commercials) and the result is at:

<http://tinyurl.com/yahs9pw>

It's also posted at

www.perceptions.couk.com/updates.html#jan05

where you should find a couple of links to the background, in two messages from Scott. He certainly seems more aware of the details than the police, military, or even the many outside 'investigators' claiming knowledge of the events.

Cheers
Ray D

PS - from his CV I'd expected Scott to sound like a dour gamekeeper/hunter, but he doesn't come across like that - quite humorous in fact.

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From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Jan 2010 17:49:44 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Wed, 06 Jan 2010 06:42:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

People may be interested in this extract from a review of the film on the excellent Spiked Online website:

"Avatar takes Cameron's misanthropic perspective to a whole new level of anti-humanism. Its main character, and hero, is so alienated from humanity that he literally disowns his own species. This move requires Cameron to indulge in and reproduce some of the most backward and anti-human development prejudices of our age...

"It is hard to imagine how Cameron, the film company and all those who made the film can be comfortable with this humanity-is-overrated message, particularly as their work and lavish lifestyles rest on the very development and progress Avatar decries. But then, the film's message is aimed, not at supposedly responsible elites, but at the apparently destructive film-going masses..."

The full review can be read here:

<http://www.spiked-online.com/index.php/site/article/7895/>

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My wife and I saw the movie last night in 2-D. Where I live right now we were lucky to have two dimensions.

I saw no evidence of confusing sub-plots. The storyline was seamless. It was a simple and straightforward plotline designed to get a message across; that being that powerful forces can/will overwhelm a weak opposition. It was an allagory of Europe's demolishing the indigeonous populations of North and South America-with a twist however.

It should not be forgotten that the bad guys were a small but powerful force which - as one line in the movie reminded us - more would come. It sort of reflects the American cavalry fighting the 'Indians' in the west. The horse soldiers were a never ending stream coming from the east. I don't know if Cameron meant this to be the case or not.

It helped that the planet had its own defences. I have to be careful here because I don't want to give away this supposed plotline. The bad guys are corporate/multinational interests supported by the 'marine type' soldier; all mucleus and corp spirit.

This was a gorgeous movie with enought 'flying' to keep me interested. No seat squirming. Me and the missus have decided to catch the 3-D version.

Don Ledger

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Jan 2010 16:30:32 -0400
Archived: Wed, 06 Jan 2010 06:46:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Nevada Triangle

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 05 Jan 2010 14:12:35 +0000
>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Nevada Triangle

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 4 Jan 2010 16:37:58 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Mystery Of The Nevada Triangle

><snip>

>>Never heard of the Nevada triangle until now.

>Nor me until the journalist who wrote the article sent me an
>email asking if I knew anything about it - I referred him to
>UpDates, I don't know if he sent a post to Errol?

>[Nope --ebk]

Well then, a new myth is born. The author of the article sort of alluded to Area 51 in the same breath as the dissappearances and threw in some alien bodies to sweeten the pot for the reader.

The Nevada deserts are of course hot during the day, with mountainous terrain and constant southwest winds feeding the mix of mountain height and box canyons and such. The thermals are treacherous with upslope convection currents. Google Earth the area and see the terrain.

That southwest wind contributing to the melee of currents makes low altitude flying extremely dangers. Many of the aircraft lost there are from the early years and light aircraft from the recent past. Any suggestion that these airplanes disappeared due to some proximity to Groome air base is not worth pursuing.

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UFOs: Science Fiction Or Reality?
New University Online
<http://tinyurl.com/yjbhxxa>

Police Visit Grandad To See His 40-Second Tape Of 'Flaming UFO'
WalesOnline
<http://tinyurl.com/y8bctbz>

Welwyn UFO Sighting Sparks Interest In United States
Times 24
<http://tinyurl.com/ye5y8hc>

Denver Activist Appeals To President Obama: "Tear Down This Wall
Of UFO Secrecy"
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/ya8yter>

Christmas Star Was UFO Says Englefield Green Man
Staines News
<http://tinyurl.com/ybev3bj>

The Black Vault Newsletter
<http://tinyurl.com/ylhn43l>

From Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles:

The Foster Ranch and the BLM:
A Rebuttal By Anthony Bragalia
<http://tinyurl.com/ye6scuv>

From 'The Norm':

Triangle Shaped UFO - Delta Flight 106 - Over North Atlantic
Ocean
<http://tinyurl.com/yj49tp3>

Ten Reasons [Some] UFOs Are Extraterrestrial
<http://tinyurl.com/yl7okhx>

Avatar, Star Trek And District 9 Lead Award Shortlist
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/entertainment/8441961.stm>

How Common are Solar Systems Like Ours?
<http://tinyurl.com/yflhcug>

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From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 2010 06:55:38 -0600
Archived: Wed, 06 Jan 2010 08:05:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

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>some of the most backward and anti-human development prejudices
>of our age..."

>"It is hard to imagine how Cameron, the film company and all
>those who made the film can be comfortable with this humanity-
>is-overrated message, particularly as their work and lavish
>lifestyles rest on the very development and progress Avatar
>decries. But then, the film's message is aimed, not at
>supposedly responsible elites, but at the apparently destructive
>film-going masses..."

>The full review can be read here:

><http://www.spiked-online.com/index.php/site/article/7895/>

Har! I'm reminded how twitchy you Brits are with regard to
knowing when it's sensible to switch-out cultural softwares and
go native, and it remains that it was the idealistic best of
human personalities and sensibilities - courage - saving the day
at the end of a film on par with Citizen Kane.

"Selling out your species" or embracing the the egregious mores
of same, I'd have to sell out even if ultimately miserable both
ways. Rationality. A beautiful, if inconvenient, thing.

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Gerald O'Connell
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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 2010 09:05:05 -0500
Archived: Wed, 06 Jan 2010 10:51:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

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Somewhere, in something I read, somebody referred to Avatar as
"Dances With Aliens." Those with short memories may not recall
a comparably titled movie with an absurdly sentimental portrayal
of American Indians who, in the real world, had and have - in
common with all humans - virtues and faults in equal measure.

The interaction of Europeans and natives on the North American
continent is a sorry, sordid story, but it's not as if the
practice of pushing people off their lands began with the
European discovery of America. In point of fact, it's a
universal human practice - Indians themselves did it (there was
a reason other tribes detested the Sioux to the degree that they
joined whites in fighting them) - and it has been only in very
recent historic time that people, or anyway some of their more
enlightened number, have begun to decide this is wrong.

John's point is that human beings have only themselves to depend
upon if they wish to survive in a world worth living in. Though
I feel more and more pessimistic about humanity's prospects, I
agree. There are worse crimes than the use of fantasy aliens in
service to an anthropobic argument, but I confess that the
hypocrisy that underlies the whole project galls me, as does the
intellectual and moral weight attached to what is, technical
sophistication notwithstanding, basically just another dumb
Hollywood blockbuster.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Wed, 06 Jan 2010 10:28:15 -0500
Archived: Wed, 06 Jan 2010 10:53:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

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John,

You're confusing the message with the entertainment, and I'm not
sure most will come away with the moral message that everyone is
alluding to here.

I think that some critics are reading a lot into it, but that's
me. That some people are put off with the theme is to be
expected when spend this much on the Production and the Hype.

A lot of Science Fiction writing over the years have had far
worse themes than this, but this may a little more "in your
face".

Steve

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<<snip>

John, it was not a question of 'disowning his own species' but
of joining the forces of life and environmental preservation as
opposed to backing its destruction.

This kind of 'speciesism' which you appear to applaud, (or why
else post this review), has been responsible for much war on this
planet and it now looks as if it may be exported to other worlds
also.

I do smile a little when I see your name appear on this list
because I take a little bet with myself that it is very likely
that the view you will be expressing will be directly contrary
to that of the poster to which you are responding.

I nearly always win the bet!

With the greatest respect I should like to present you with the
UFO Updates 'wooden spoon' contrarian award...

At least this kind of 'trollism' - do hope that's not an insult
- very often brings this list to life...

Dave Haith

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Where did I say I felt guilty, John. Hell no. My ancestors came from Yorkshire, Germany and Ireland. They came over around 1905-1910 but well after the indians had been 'subdued'. The English and the French first worked with the indians to help defeat one another then cast them off when they were done with them. I of course benefitted from this putting of the North American continent at its 'highest and best use'.

If Hitler had not been born I most likely would not have been either since my father joined the army in 1939 and was stationed near where my mother lived, and they met. It is often strange what has to transpire in order for one to be born. In my case, WWII.

I don't buy into 'the evil human species is a plague in the galaxy' guff. I've made that point often enough on this list. Survival of the fittest does not allow for making friends with the weak.

Avatar is a bit different in that this is a force from Earth mining on another planet. Cameron seems to have made them Americans. The way things are going it could turn out to be Chinese.

I just enjoyed the movie.

Don Ledger

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Better than being in a wheel chair, huh?

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Secrecy News -- 01/06/10

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Wed, 06 Jan 2010 12:50:12 -0500
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** OBAMA DESIGNATES AND LIMITS ORIGINAL CLASSIFIERS
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OBAMA DESIGNATES AND LIMITS ORIGINAL CLASSIFIERS

In a December 29 Order published in the Federal Register yesterday, President Obama designated more than two dozen officials as "original classification authorities" (OCAs) who have the power to classify information as Top Secret or Secret, and (in most cases) to delegate such authority to their subordinates.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/obama/oca.html>

The new list of authorized classifiers contains only a few changes from past practice, but the Executive Order on classification policy that was also issued on December 29 imposes several new conditions on original classifiers that should help limit excessive secrecy.

A prior list of classifiers issued in 1995 by President Clinton had granted Top Secret classification authority to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). That authority was rescinded by President Obama. Also newly rescinded are the classification authorities of the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors (Secret), the President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Confidential), and the President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (Confidential).

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/clinton/oca.html>

These officials lost their classification authority primarily because they were not using it very much. "An analysis of OCA activity since 1995 was part of the process [of identifying which OCAs were needed]" said William J. Bosanko, director of the Information Security Oversight Office, who himself was newly granted Top Secret classification authority in the Obama Order.

Other changes in the new list of officials reflect the establishment of new organizations (DHS, ODNI), and the absorption or elimination of others (FEMA, USIA, ACDA). Since 2003, the Vice President has been named as a classification authority in the body of the executive order on classification, and that remains the case today, so his designation is not included in the list of authorized officials (as it had been in the 1995 Clinton Order). Bush Administration grants of classification authority to HHS, Agriculture, EPA, and OSTP are preserved in the Obama list.

Beyond that, a web of new requirements in the latest presidential orders seems likely to discourage freewheeling classification activity. In a December 29 memo on implementation, the President directed all agency heads to review their existing delegations of classification authority, to limit them "to the minimum necessary," and to report on the results of the review within 120 days. In order to eliminate phantom or unidentified classifiers, any delegations of classification authority also must now be reported by name or position to the ISOO Director, the new Obama Executive Order states (sect. 1.3c5).

Most significant of all, new language in the Obama Executive Order 13526 directs that "All original classification authorities must receive training in proper classification (including the avoidance of over-classification)... at least once a calendar year." And should they fail to receive such training in a given year, they "shall have their classification authority suspended...." (section 1.3d).

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/eo/eo-13526.htm>

Could it really be true that "all" original classifiers will have to receive annual classification training, or have their ability to classify suspended? Will the President get such training? The Director of National Intelligence? The Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), who is the one responsible for developing such training?

The President is a special case, said Mr. Bosanko, the ISOO Director. But otherwise, "all means all."

"Leadership at agencies starts at the top," he said. He pointed to section 5.4(a) of the new order which provides that agency heads "shall demonstrate personal commitment and commit senior management to the successful implementation of the program..." "How can that be done," Mr. Bosanko said, "if the rules do not apply to them?"

And "Yes," he added, "[the classification training requirement] applies to me. My staff has already reminded me. I will be sitting down with them for a briefing at least annually."

At the end of FY2008, there were a total of 4,109 original classification authorities in the executive branch, according to the most recent annual report of the Information Security Oversight Office.

A bill introduced last month by Senators Russ Feingold and Sheldon Whitehouse would require the President to publish a notice in the Federal Register whenever he modifies or revokes a published Executive Order. The bill, previously introduced in 2008, is intended to help "reverse the growth of secret law in the executive branch." It responds to the previous Administration's claim that the President is not bound by Executive Orders and can depart from their terms at will, and without public or congressional notification.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2009/s2929.html>

DROUGHT IN CALIFORNIA, DEMOCRACY IN HONG KONG (CRS)

Noteworthy new Congressional Research Service reports obtained by Secrecy News include the following.

"Military Service Records and Unit Histories: A Guide to Locating Sources," December 16, 2009:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secretary/RS21282.pdf>

"California Drought: Hydrological and Regulatory Water Supply Issues," December 7, 2009:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R40979.pdf>

"Government Collection of Private Information: Background and Issues Related to the USA PATRIOT Act Reauthorization," December 9, 2009:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/R40980.pdf>

"Amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Set to Expire February 28, 2010," December 23, 2009:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/intel/R40138.pdf>

"Homeland Security Department: FY2010 Appropriations," December 14, 2009:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homsec/R40642.pdf>

"Private Security Contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan: Legal Issues," December 22, 2009:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/R40991.pdf>

"International Terrorism and Transnational Crime: Security Threats, U.S. Policy, and Considerations for Congress," January 5, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/terror/R41004.pdf>

"U.S. Public Diplomacy: Background and Current Issues," December 18, 2009:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/R40989.pdf>

"Prospects for Democracy in Hong Kong: The 2012 Election Reforms," December 10, 2009:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/R40992.pdf>

OSC REPORTS ON IRAN'S STATE-RUN TELEVISION

Iran's state-run television organization known as the IRIB is profiled in a new report from the DNI Open Source Center.

The rather massive IRIB employs an estimated 46,000 persons, according to the OSC report, and has a reported budget of \$900 million. It offers a vast network of internal and external channels, which collectively seek to "strengthen the country's cultural solidarity," to promote "the majesty and supremacy of Islam," and to support "the fulfillment of the Supreme Leader's point of view."

The unclassified OSC report has not been approved for public release, but a copy was obtained by Secrecy News. See "Structure of Iran's State-Run TV IRIB," Open Source Center, December 16, 2009:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/osc/iran-tv.pdf>

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Re: Avatar Movie

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 2010 14:10:27 -0400
Archived: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 07:14:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: Steve Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 06 Jan 2010 10:28:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 2010 13:31:20 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 5 Jan 2010 14:22:29 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>>I saw no evidence of confusing sub-plots. The storyline was
>>>seamless. It was a simple and straightforward plotline designed
>>>to get a message across; that being that powerful forces
>>>can/will overwhelm a weak opposition. It was an allagory of
>>>Europe's demolishing the indigeonous populations of North and
>>>South America-with a twist however.

>>Don,

>>While not specifically picking on you, I find it a bit ironic
>>that prosperous, first-world residents of North America would be
>>impressed by films such as this.

>>Have you ever thought where you would all be if the 'powerful
>>forces' had not 'overwhelmed weak opposition'?

>>Welcome back to the rather overcrowded Old Country!

>>Now carry on with your guilt trip.

>John,

>You're confusing the message with the entertainment, and I'm not
>sure most will come away with the moral message that everyone is
>alluding to here.

>I think that some critics are reading a lot into it, but that's
>me. That some people are put off with the theme is to be
>expected when spend this much on the Production and the Hype.

>A lot of Science Fiction writing over the years have had far
>worse themes than this, but this may a little more "in your
>face".

Particularly in 3-D.

Don Ledger

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UFO Prank Didn't Start A Fire But What If?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 6 Jan 2010 14:31:06 EST
Archived: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 07:16:44 -0500
Subject: UFO Prank Didn't Start A Fire But What If?

I'm glad to see one reporter actually addressing the dangers of this particular pastime of sending balloons aloft with flares attached or Chinese Lanterns which have lighted candles to produce a floating hot air balloon device:

<http://tinyurl.com/y8nmnev>

We folks here in California have endured years now of dry weather and devastating wild fires. At one time when Griffith Park was ablaze the flames came to within a third of a mile from my house. People, wildlife fleeing for their lives. It looked like a Godzilla movie.

So clowns like this guy who think it's fun to endanger others not only on the ground but to aircraft should be locked up. With the constant fear of terrorism and wild fires this kind of prank and celebratory activity has got to stop.

Best,

Greg
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ufofight.com

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Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2010 05:44:27 EST
Archived: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 07:18:09 -0500
Subject: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government

The past month I've been re-introduced to the decades long investigations into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Thanks to Robert Morningstar of UFO Digest Magazine who has been investigating the JFK assassination for eons it seems.

As I've been perusing the documentaries, documents, essays and more I had a cognition again regarding the attempts of many to get our government to disclose UFO data.

Do not hold your breath.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, it ain't gonna happen.

Just a cursory glance at the history of UFOlogy and the way our government has addressed the situation I would be a fool to the second power if I even wasted one iota of my time in this universe to even contemplating the outrageous possibility that I would get an honest answer from the U.S. Government.

I'm sitting here, almost 50 years since as a 3 year old watching that fateful Walter Cronkite broadcast on Nov. 22 1963 and having been in mainstream news, around government that we're still trying to get the government to come clean regarding the JFK assassination and they're still bs'ing around.

Why then, would I even try to entertain the idea that they would cooperate in other matters?

I had to sit down and watch the excellent documentary called "The Men Who Killed Kennedy" and the subsequent follow ups into the research of the JFK assassination as well as our present decimated economy due to trumped up wars and downright criminal banking infrastructure and it dawns on me that asking the government to disclose anything would be insanity.

I don't need the government to validate reality.

There are some brilliant investigators out here in the field of UFOlogy as well as other areas the mainstream won't touch unless it can turn a dollar or support some propoganda, and it's from real pro level research that the public should go to and to tell you the truth, for the first time ever when discussing current events with neighbors, family, friends, and colleagues I kept a tally on which news sources they referenced and this time an alarming 90% came from other real human beings via the web. Websites, blogs, personal essays and investigations, not mainstream news. The past ten years has really opened the eyes of the world, especially here in the U.S. that you couldn't trust mainstream news and the mainstream media if you beat them with a stick.

To tell you the truth, that's the most comforting feeling I've had in years. People now seeing the light. It may be too late but if not it means a turning point that people are getting more skilled at using these new forms of communication such as the web and more to get the facts.

Far as I'm concerned regarding both the UFO issue and incidents like the JFK assassination, the truth is right here coming from the people and the researchers who risk their lives, incomes, reputations to at least try to find the truth.

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We could use a lot more of it.

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BBC Radio Play on Alien Abduction

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2010 11:01:35 -0000
Archived: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 07:19:56 -0500
Subject: BBC Radio Play on Alien Abduction

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00c5zsj#synopsis>

Stuck indoors because of snow and flu yesterday I caught a BBC Radio 4 play called Life of Penguins which dealt with alien abduction in a reasonably serious and factual manner.

The story concerned Merle a penguin keeper at London Zoo. When her sister Bath fails to make a date for the cinema, she goes searching for her and eventually realises she has been abducted.

It emerges that Beth was a serial abductee but had kept her abductions and visits to a hypnotherapist and support group, a secret from her sister.

The 45 minute play is available for a few more days from the link above - but I think people have told me previously that it cannot be accessed by those of you outside the UK.

I found another link from one of those torrent sites here:

<http://tiny.cc/zoriK>

or for anybody sufficiently interested I have it recorded on mp3 format which I could try to post at a free upload/download site.

Dave Haith

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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2010 11:06:24 +0000
Archived: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 07:21:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 5 Jan 2010 14:22:29 -0400
>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>Me and the missus have decided to
>catch the 3-D version.

When you do, sit in the centre rather than off to the side.

Contrary to all the technical plaudits, the 3D technology still leaves much to be desired, especially during really rapid movement.

The closer you are to the centre, the less noticeable this will be. No fixes for the exaggerated parallax though...

Gerald O'Connell
<http://www.onlyport.com>

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Re: Avatar Movie

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2010 13:00:17 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 12:26:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 2010 13:27:30 -0400
>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 2010 13:31:20 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>Now carry on with your guilt trip.

>Where did I say I felt guilty, John. Hell no. My ancestors came
>from Yorkshire, Germany and Ireland.

The comment was general rather than specific, Don, not picking
on you at all (even though your ancestors did come from the
wrong side of the Pennines!)

John Rimmer
Scouse Git

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Re: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 12:23:32 -0500
Archived: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 12:47:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2010 05:44:27 EST
>Subject: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government Disclosure?

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As I havw said many times over the last 20 or more years, IMHO
the government will admit to nothing re:UFOs until it has been
proven by the citizens at which time the gov't will say , Oh,
yes, we knew it all along."

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Re: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government

From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
Date: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 19:14:16 +0100
Archived: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 14:47:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2010 05:44:27 EST
>Subject: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government Disclosure?

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>you the truth, for the first time ever when discussing current
>events with neighbors, family, friends, and colleagues I kept a
>tally on which news sources they referenced and this time an
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Hi Greg and List,

I fully agree with you and yes: we don't need Governments and
their agencies which lie to us, are spying up on us and
violating our rights.

What is going on here on this Planet right now is the attempt to
take over full control and power by a few. It is all well
orchestrated, on both sides of the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean.

But there are these lights in the sky which give us hope that
there is more, that there are more, that we maybe have allies
and that we should not surrender.

Do remember the International Roswell Initiative? I was sitting
here in Berlin with H.J.Kyborg and we were discussing the
Roswell issue in 1991 when Kent Jeffrey called us to discuss UFO
matters while he had a rest from his flying with Delta to
Berlin.

We met and the I.R.I. was born, initiated by us and written and promoted in English/American in the U.S. by him and worldwide by us all.

Remember that is became the largest and greatest grassroots effort in the UFO community so far.

It happened that the three major UFO organisations FUFOR, CUFOS and MUFON signed one document - the Roswell Declaration - together! For the first time they all were sitting in one boat. The Roswell Declaration was signed by more than 20,000 individuals, among them hundreds of scientists. Schools dedicated one school-day to the effort and made it a topic for information and learning for the pupils that day.

And what happened? After years of stonewalling the Air Force showed reaction because of the pressure we all build on them. You all know the stories and what happened, you remember that a few of you were sitting outside in the desert in Larry King's show, we all had moved something ahead.

Then the dramatic and still enigmatic turnaround of Kent happened. He intended, at the end of the year 1996, to deliver the signed Roswell Declarations to the White House, accompanied with a media campaign. But what he did then was to send them by mail to someone in the White House and wrote a letter that he himself does not believe in a UFO crash anymore but because he had it once promised he has to send the boxes with the Declarations in.

This was a strike right into the middle of our "Roswell Steamboat" and it sunk.

So, the Declarations are still there in some archive in the White House. Someone of you over there should retrieve them, we can still use them because the text contained a disclosure request not only on Roswell but on the whole UFO issue. We could revive and boost the whole effort, not because we believe that the U.S. Government would tell us the truth but because we could re-gain public interest.

If we all would pull one string, well organized, with the tools we have today, we wouldn't need any Government anymore to tell us what they have in their archives. We could laugh at them and their policy.

The continuously appearing lights and crafts are an encouraging reminder to stand up and become active. Now.

Yes, Greg, we could use a lot more of it.

Joachim

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<http://www.kochkyborg.de>

More about Project Germany 2012 please look:

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Use the force, humankind!

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BBC Radio Drama Seeing Is Believing

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Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2010 18:16:56 +0000 (GMT)=20
Archived: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 14:56:31 -0500
Subject: BBC Radio Drama Seeing Is Believing

Dear Colleagues,

I am proudly giving to your attention a 5-episode radio drama aired on BBC Radio 4 inside series called 'Woman's Hour Drama'.

For download links see end of this post...

The 5-episode drama was named 'Sighting Is Believing' and aired March 16 to March 20, 2009. It is interesting that my good colleague Dave Haith posted to UFO UpDates about another BBC drama on alien abductions... and on the same day when I was preparing my post about this drama. Strange days... Indeed :)

By pure accident, few month ago I have become aware of this drama and I was able to get one episode. BBC has a policy that keeps radio shows for public download only for a week. After that the shows are withdrawn. After I obtained only one episode from alternative source I was saving that episode to listen later because I had many obligations at the time. Finally few weeks ago I listened episode in question and I was totally blown away. But I had a problem. How to obtain other 4 episode so I could have the complete set? So my painful search started in attempt to get other episodes. I tried everywhere and on many alternative sites that are archiving radio but without a luck. Finally few days ago I had an breakthrough. I was able to locate one devoted radio archivist who was so kind that he shared and uploaded his collection online for me. I couldn't believe it. And finally here is the complete set that is now safely archived for the future and for other researchers and colleagues.

This powerful drama brings lots of UFO points to attention and presents real life-family problems and issues that people are having after Close Encounters. The series starts with main character Jon and his UFO sighting that completely baffles his world of reality. After that the dramatization is very similar to Spielberg's movie '=E2=80=9E'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'. Jon becomes obsessed with UFOs and wants to find the answers on all costs. Doing so, he even endangered stable relationship with his family, wife and daughter. He also loses his job.

Although conclusion of the drama is less romantic in the UFO sense compared to Spielberg's movie '=E2=80=93' it is definitely a human story and expose of the big conflict where Jon must realize his priorities and decide what is more important to him '=E2=80=93' his family or UFOs. In Spielberg's movie, main characters Roy Neary (Richard Dreyfuss) leaves his family and devotes himself completely to UFO riddle. Although Jon's conclusion is different, author of the drama Sian Evans, ends the story with powerful note. She puts intercut audio exposition of sightings of many different people (fictional of course) giving us suggestions that many similar stories are continuing to happen world wide and who knows how many untold family problems and social suffering witnesses are going through. Witnesses, researchers and ufologists will probably recognised many of those real situations in their life during listening of this drama.

Drama gives also many highlights towards following subjects:

Reservation and silence about UFO experience towards family

members.

Research of Cleve Backster on biocommunication with plants =E2=80=93 experiments during 1960s with plants that were connected to polygraph machine

UFO Sightings reports =E2=80=93 UFO groups =E2=80=93 subculture of Ufology= and Internet =E2=80=93 UFO Theories

Physical evidence of UFO sightings =E2=80=93 burn traces on the witnesses

Military UFO Incidents

The Fermi Paradox

Homage to Spielberg''s movie Close Encounters of the Third Kind' whistling of the John William's tune

Conflict between ufology and religion

Conflict between ufology and University Establishment

Artist and UFO researchers Susan Hiller =E2=80=93 this artistic reference reminded me to Budd Hopkins

Frank Drake Equation

Carl Gustav Jung and UFOs

Life after Death

Alien Abductions

Download links of the radio drama =E2=80=93 5 episode series:

Part 1

A man is forced to re-examine everything when he sees a UFO one Saturday night in a pub car park.

Download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/ycvpcnz>

Part 2

Unwilling to confide in his wife, Jon turns to someone he meets over the internet.

Download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/yazgchg>

Part 3

Jon begins to wonder if he can believe in what he saw - until he receives an unexpected phone call.

Download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/y9u5fyt>

Part 4

Jon's wife, Anna, issues an ultimatum.

Download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/ye8q2rc>

Part 5

A family crisis forces Jon to reconsider everything.

Download link

<http://tinyurl.com/yesblhu>

More on the cast and program details:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00j3l9v>

Best Wishes

Giuliano Marinkovic

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2010 13:34:32 EST
Archived: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 14:57:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 12:23:32 -0500
>Subject: Re: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government Disclosure?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2010 05:44:27 EST
>>Subject: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government Disclosure?

>>The past month I've been re-introduced to the decades long
>>investigations into the assassination of President John F.
>>Kennedy.

>>Thanks to Robert Morningstar of UFO Digest Magazine who has been
>>investigating the JFK assassination for eons it seems.

>>A.s I've been perusing the documentaries, documents, essays and
>>more I had a cognition again regarding the attempts of many to
>>get our government to disclose UFO data.

>>Do not hold your breath.

>>I've said it before and I'll say it again, it ain't gonna happen.

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>the government will admit to nothing re:UFOs until it has been
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Doc, I totally agree there and must say that I think the
citizens have already proven it. It's just a matter of the
collective of investigators hasn't come forward in one final
conference and public statement about it.

The problem being little or no physical proof to prove the ETH.
That's due in large part of the fact our science isn't strong
enough yet to do so and the resources that could aren't in the
hands of the public but in high end private and government
hands.

With the massive, unending stream of data over the past 60 years
and more it's safe to say that some UFOs are of friendly and
hostile intent and some are of civilizations and cultures of
unknown origin. Doesn't say ET and doesn't deny it.

What the UFO researchers can say is that the phenomenon is not
only real but that the public in general cannot rely on
government and industry to cooperate so the default data that
the public has experienced and testified to is the truth we go
by.

If the government balks just remind them of the unforgivable
amount of lies and deceptions they've engaged in the matter.
They've lied so many times, threatened, and obstructed our
birthright to know that they have absolutely no ground to stand
on anymore regarding the issue.

Re: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government

We've asked, hired lawyers, kindly asked and by procedure gone to our leadership and have been denied. So no more. It's done. Don't even contemplate making an attempt anymore. They have absolutely no credibility in the matter. It's over.

Collect the data we have, hold a press conference and just tell the public once and for all what's going on and then answer their questions afterwards.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com
ufofight.com

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Re: Avatar Movie

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2010 15:03:22 -0400
Archived: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 14:59:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2010 13:00:17 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 2010 13:27:30 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Wed, 6 Jan 2010 13:31:20 +0000 (GMT)
>>>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>>Now carry on with your guilt trip.

>>Where did I say I felt guilty, John. Hell no. My ancestors came
>>from Yorkshire, Germany and Ireland.

>The comment was general rather than specific, Don, not picking
>on you at all (even though your ancestors did come from the
>wrong side of the Pennines!)

>
>
>John Rimmer
>Scouse Git

Southwest in Barnsley, actually. (All Creatures Great and Small)
Right in amongst the Pennines.

This was rectified at the turn of the century and the Ledgers
moved to Nova Scotia. Some moved to Australia - hence Heath's
branch. It's all a bit misty.

Don Ledger

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 08 Jan 2010 08:47:09 -0500
Archived: Fri, 08 Jan 2010 08:47:09 -0500
Subject: News Links 07-01-10

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Balloon From North Bergen Lands Near Canadian UFO Site
The Hudson Reporter
<http://tinyurl.com/yen7v2o>

UFO Shock For Former Radnorshire RAF Man
Powys County Times
<http://tinyurl.com/yghrfk6>

Christmas UFO Spotted In Melton
<http://tinyurl.com/yglxavn>

Sunderland UFO Sightings: The truth
Sunderland Echo
<http://tinyurl.com/yadpbqq>

Belleville UFO Police Reports Analyzed
OfficialWire
<http://tinyurl.com/yasktug>

Mysterious Red Light Spotted In Dundalk Night Sky? UFO Or Just
Unusual Aircraft?
Dundalk Democrat
<http://tinyurl.com/ya7dnks>

'Weird Floating Pyramid' In Rescue Video Sparks UFO Debate
Seacoastonline.com
<http://tinyurl.com/y8uqmsj>

Filer's Files #2 -2010
Jan 6, 2010
<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/>

From 'The Norm':

Aliens in China... Really?
<http://tinyurl.com/ye73bly>

Follow-Up Observations Highlight Uncertainties In Exoplanet
Research
<http://tinyurl.com/yfxyacj>

Why Science Tells Us Not To Rely On Eyewitness Accounts
Eyewitness testimony is fickle and, all too often, shockingly
inaccurate
<http://tinyurl.com/yzkgkb4>

Dr. Michio Kaku on The Day the Earth Stood Still...
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IqpjD3B5A>

Oh, And Happy New Year
by Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/y9mheut>

UFOs - Psychology or Science? A Galaxy Classic
<http://tinyurl.com/y895yrj>

Have You Seen A UFO?
<http://blog.chungyc.org/2009/01/have-you-seen-a-ufo/>

What Will The Large Hadron Collider Reveal?
<http://www.physorg.com/news182111435.html>

Article On George Noory And Coast To Coast
<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/201001/coast-to-coast>

Astronomers: We Could Find Earth-Like Planets Soon
<http://www.physorg.com/news182107288.html>

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Re: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government

From: Stanton T. Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 8 Jan 2010 13:42:14 -0400
Archived: Fri, 08 Jan 2010 12:55:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
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I must agree with Bruce.

I didn't sign Kent Jeffrey's Petition because he obviously
didn't understand how Security works and seemed not to
understand the very important implications of Disclosure.

I personally Am convinced that there are important national
security implications and certainly don't want technical data
released where the Bin Ladins of the world can use it.

Disclosure has very important political, economic, religious etc implications.

Who speaks for Planet Earth? Certainly not the US President. Who can negotiate over sale of minerals that may have been taken from our vicinity for millennia? Have past visitations provided stimuli for many religions? What happens if they weren't gods, but advanced spacemen? How many groups are visiting and are there good guys and bad guys?

What about the incredible arms industry? The USA alone spends over 620 Billion \$ per year. How many of our military aircraft have been destroyed by aliens in self defense??How many alien spacecraft have we Earthlings shot down?

I tried to deal with many of these questions in Flying Saucers And Science.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Fri, 08 Jan 2010 15:15:20 -0500
Archived: Sat, 09 Jan 2010 08:23:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Like I'm Supposed To Wait For Government

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 07 Jan 2010 19:23:07 -0500
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"... _want_ to know ..." Aaaaah ... reality time!

Eleanor White

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Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Fri, 08 Jan 2010 20:41:58 -0500
Archived: Sat, 09 Jan 2010 08:25:13 -0500
Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 15 Dec 2009 12:11:55 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 14 Dec 2009 23:00:57 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 14 Dec 2009 12:29:33 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

><snip>

>>>The thing is, Eleanor, rockets have been fired into or to the
>>>edge of space since the 1940s. If you look hard enough you will
>>>find out-of-control liquid and solid fuel rockets spiralling out
>>>of control and making these odd trails. The difference with this
>>>one is that the third stage was about 60 miles up when it went
>>>wonky. Low gravity and a bout .1% air density let this gaseous
>>>release really spread and disperse. The Sun backlighting it and
>>>time lapse photography helped to enhance it.

>>>China had one do the same thing many years ago.

>>Might the link provided by Bert earlier be the Chinese example to
>>which you refer?

>><http://niburu.nl/index.php?articleID=22332>

>That is the one William.

>>This one is easy to see as a rocket out of control. There is
>>nowhere near the precise symmetry seen in the picture of the
>>recent Norway event. The difference may have been that the
>>Chinese rocket was in the atmosphere while the Norway rocket was
>>beyond the atmosphere.

>This is what I was thinking. The Chinese rocket did not have the
>luxury of a rarified atmosphere and reduced gravity. Even
>chemical exhaust residue has weight.

>>The plane of the Norway object must have been fortuitously
>>oriented perpendicular to the line of sight, else the overall
>>shape would have appeared more elliptical. This is remarkable,
>>since the spin orientation of the rocket could have been at any
>>angle.

>In any case if the 3rd stage went wild either due to the thrust
>vectoring vanes failing or a burnout of a nozzle this apparently
>resulted in the axis of the spin pointing at the observer. In
>other words the 3rd stage would have been spinning around like
>the hands on the face of a clock with the 'nose' at the center
>and the nozzle at the outer end of the hand.

>>Videos of the event show that the object became dark starting at

>>the center of the pattern and growing outward. This is
>>consistent with the fuel running out and the last ejected fuel
>>receding from the container.

>The weight of the fuel of exhaust gasses would have done just that.

>>It's interesting that a similar aerial phenomenon having a light
>>with a central black hole was reported over St. John's,
>>Newfoundland on March 3, 2009, via Brian Vike's site.

>><http://tinyurl.com/yef3j3r>

>>Full Description of Event/Sighting: This is to report a strange
>>phenomena rather than an object. About 9:30 pm, a bright light
>>lit up the sky for ~ 2 seconds. It was almost as bright as
>>daylight. We expected some noise but did not hear any sound. As
>>far away as St. Anthony the same "lightening" was reported. That
>>is a distance of 400 miles (700 km from St. John's). Because of
>>local cloud cover it has been widely interpreted as very bright
>>lightening somewhere. However, my son is a pilot and he was just
>>leaving St. Anthony at the time. Because he was still in cloud,
>>he saw only the flash. Other pilots above the clouds interrupted
>>in very colorful language by asking "did you see that"?

>>Their description was: There was a large explosion of light,
>>circular in shape with a black hole in the middle. It lasted
>>only seconds. There was no noise. It was high in the sky. The
>>light was seen over a distance of hundreds of miles by thousands
>>of people. It was well above the clouds and only a few pilots
>>above the clouds could see the shape of this phenomena.

>>Although no spiral was mentioned in the report, perhaps the
>>phenomenon over Newfoundland was also caused by a failed rocket
>>launch.

>If it was it was a NASA launch of a military rocket. They lost
>another one in 2008 which exploded and rained down around my
>province, Nova Scotia. It's demise was reported from Montreal to
>Maine to upstate New York, Pennsylvania, New Brunswick and of
>course Nova Scotia. In this case it was a relay satellite for
>American spy satellites that are in polar orbits. This one still
>has a stink on it.

As is evident from my earlier comments above, I was pretty much
convinced that the Norway spiral was directly caused by the
failed Russian rocket launch. However, now I'm not so sure.

Doubts were sewn by an Aresh Amini who estimated a lower bound
on the velocity of material being ejected by the rocket stage as
somewhere around the speed of sound in air. He judged this to be
unlikely.

Others have made the case that an experiment with the EISCAT
antenna array may have been responsible for the spiral. This is
a possibility since HAARP has been known to create an artificial
aurora borealis with a spiral shape.

I created a web page referencing and discussing some of what
people have been saying about this incident. I also show that
the Norway spiral is fit exactly by an Archimedes spiral. And I
show that the Archimedes spiral fits a display of luminous orbs
photographed in 2004 over Long Island.

The discussion may be found at

<http://www.treurniet.ca/spirals/spiralclues.htm>

Summary. In 2004, eight luminous orbs, arranged as an Archimedes
spiral, were photographed over Long Island in the USA. In 2009,
a luminous cloud of smaller particles, also arranged as an
Archimedes spiral, was photographed over Norway. These sightings
support the proposition that a single unknown technology is
being used to create many of the luminous unidentified objects
that have been reported. Occasionally these objects are arranged
in the form of an Archimedes spiral.

Regards,

William Treurniet

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From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Jan 2010 14:16:14 -0000
Archived: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 07:54:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>Date: Tue, 5 Jan 2010 17:49:44 +0000 (GMT)
>To: post.nul
>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>People may be interested in this extract from a review of the
>film on the excellent Spiked Online website:

This isn't exactly a review - it's more of an ideological rant.
It didn't tell me much about the movie (which I haven't seen) but
it told me quite a bit about Mr Bremner.

>"Avatar takes Cameron's misanthropic perspective to a whole new
>level of anti-humanism. Its main character, and hero, is so
>alienated from humanity that he literally disowns his own
>species.

In particular, that his moral compass appears to recognize no
value higher than racial fealty. Ironically this is just the
sort of totalitarian nonsense which Spiked claims to abhor.

>This move requires Cameron to indulge in and reproduce
>some of the most backward and anti-human development prejudices
>of our age...

These sorts of sweeping, unsubstantiated assertions are the sort
of things Wikipedia refers to as "weasel words". How are we to
know there really are a lot of "backward, anti-human development
prejudices" - rather than just a lot of people complaining about
them?

>"It is hard to imagine how Cameron, the film company and all
>those who made the film can be comfortable with this humanity-
>is-overrated message, particularly as their work and lavish
>lifestyles rest on the very development and progress Avatar
>decries. But then, the film's message is aimed, not at
>supposedly responsible elites, but at the apparently destructive
>film-going masses..."

Which appears to translate thus: If you're attacked by a lot of
people with big guns, it would be the height of hypocrisy for
you to shoot their own guns back at them. Um.

Cathy

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From: Ole Henningsen <oleh.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Jan 2010 16:43:21 +0100
Archived: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 07:57:24 -0500
Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>From: John Chambers <lartington.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 16 Dec 2009 00:22:37 +0000
>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

><snip>

>>From: Eleanor White ewraven1.nul
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 14 Dec 2009 15:07:15 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

><snip>

>>And surely, if failed missiles make such a perfect geometrical
>>pattern routinely, those events would have been video'd or
>>photographed and posted, right? Let's see a confirmed failed
>>rocket launch which duplicates the Tromso visual display.

>>Yes, indeed, let's get to the truth instead of speculating about
>>Russian rockets!

>Here's a failed spiraling Chinese rocket:

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jR7NhNaYoc>

>Show starts at 0:33.

>Come back down to earth!

You might be interested in having a look here:

<http://www.sufoi.dk/publika/ufo-mail/2010/um10-114.htm>

Regards,

Ole

Denmark

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>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 7 Jan 2010 11:06:24 +0000
>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 5 Jan 2010 14:22:29 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>Me and the missus have decided to
>>catch the 3-D version.

>When you do, sit in the centre rather than off to the side.

>Contrary to all the technical plaudits, the 3D technology still
>leaves much to be desired, especially during really rapid
>movement.

>The closer you are to the centre, the less noticeable this will
>be. No fixes for the exaggerated parallax though...

Thanks Gerald,

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3-D animations.

My problem with being near the center is that it gets me away
from the isle and the public washroom.

Don Ledger

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Evidently this occurred above the atmosphere effectively in space (it was a third-stage failure). This sort of spiral is characteristic of continuous matter emissions from inertial objects spinning in free space, for example the "pinwheel nebulae" known to astrophysicists which are believed to be due to dust outflow from rapid rotating binaries, e.g., 'Three-dimensional dust radiative-transfer models: the Pinwheel Nebula of WR 104', Harries, T. J., at al., Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Volume 350, Issue 2, pp. 565-574.

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/full/2004MNRAS.350..565H>

"the linear Archimedean nature of the spiral suggests that it is associated with a flow of material away from a binary"

(It's often said that a Catherine Wheel or pinwheel firework spiral is Archimedean, but this is probably only approximately true. I should think that a constant velocity is achieved transiently at a point where the force of acceleration is almost exactly balanced by friction and gravity but that at the beginning and end of the burning the spiral would be geometric in some form - but that's only a guess.)

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to 7200 mph). Is there a good reason why a failing solid motor must shed its reaction mass at less than 1/10 of its non-fail rate?

Amini's calculation of radial ejecta velocity based on a maximum distance of ~ 900km directly over the White Sea does come out in excess of this typical rate, but for a distance of ~170km the rate is quite plausible, and this is 10 times his minimum distance of 17km (of course whether or not this fits depends on the true course of the missile; I don't know if this is really known).

Also he states that a solid fuel propellant "rules out the possibility of liquid or gas propellant particulates" leaving "smoke" as the only possibility (what is "smoke" if not particulates?) then argues that the spiral expands too fast to be smoke. This is mystifying and incoherent. Why should a solid propellant not produce particulates (solids), whereas a liquid propellant would? (I won't ask what he means by a "gas propellant"). An efficient rocket exhaust of either type is accelerated gases produced by combustion of the propellant fuel, but I imagine that if what we are seeing is a product of inefficient solid fuel combustion then particulates are very much what you would expect to see.

As for the fact that the symmetrical spiral was reported only from a smallish region of north Norway and Finland, not from areas further south in Sweden and Russia, this sort of asymmetry strikes me as consistent with the rocket failure theory. If the visibility of the ejected material in space is caused by scattered sunlight, as it presumably is, then the brightness would be inversely proportional to the forward scattering angle (and to the particle or droplet/crystal size). Witnesses in the N Norway region, looking nearly along the rotational axis and thus in a position to see the spiral effect, would also enjoy a favourable viewing angle in relation to the sun just below the eastern horizon; whilst witnesses looking from the south along a more nearly perpendicular line of sight, who would not be in a position to look along the rotational axis of the spiral and would tend to report a different type of effect, are likely to see a dim display at best because their viewing angle would not enjoy the same favourable small scattering angle in relation to the sun; and people to the east would possibly see nothing at all (except light emitted directly from the rocket engine itself). Fortuitous clear skies and the distribution of population density probably also contribute to distribution of sighting locations.

There is an interesting computer simulation available on the net modelling the spiral as a rocket motor failure (google "norway spiral" for countless sources) which is pretty convincing.

Regards

Martin Shough

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Subject: News Links 09-01-10

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UFO Sighting In Portsmouth Disputed
<http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20100108-NEWS-1080407>

UFOs: Science Fiction Or Reality?
<http://tinyurl.com/yjbhxxa>

Gordon Brown Branded Hypocrite Over UFO Hacker Gary McKinnon
Times 24
<http://tinyurl.com/ydogyfx>

Are UFO Sightings At Dulce A Bigger Story Than Roswell?
UFODigest
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/bennewitz.php>

The Decline of the History Channel - Part 1
<http://tinyurl.com/yg4jj38>

UFO Cover-Up - PRG Urge President Obama to End Truth Embargo
NewsBlaze
<http://tinyurl.com/yawpt9s>

UFO Author Kyle Lovern To Appear On C2C Jan. 14
HNN Huntingtonnews.net
<http://tinyurl.com/ybkhl3>

Sightings Of UFOs Above Bridlington... Or Are They Chinese Lanterns?
Bridlington Today
<http://tinyurl.com/yadvfwx>

From Greg Boone:

A Decade After UFO Scare, Some Still Eye Skies
<http://tinyurl.com/yjaz7mp>

From Alejandro Rojas:

Scientists and UFOs: They ARE interested
<http://tinyurl.com/y9dmy39>

From 'The Norm':

Spectacular Mars Images Reveal Evidence Of Ancient Lakes
<http://tinyurl.com/y8nxa2e>

Norwegian Ufology
<http://www.ufomystic.com/2010/01/07/norwegian-ufology/>

NASA UFOs Exposed By Hacker 2
<http://www.prohackers.com/?p=702>

Oklahoma Witness Reports Ufo Coming Out Of 'Worm Hole'
<http://tinyurl.com/yd89dm4>

Ufology: What Is It?

<http://thebiggeststudy.blogspot.com/2010/01/ufology-what-is-it.html>

Astronomers Spot 'Super-Earth' 80 Light Years Away

<http://www.physorg.com/news182187107.html>

Arthur C. Clarke's '2010' Still Beyond Reality

<http://tinyurl.com/ydzbvn5>

Our Brains Are Confused About Time

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From: David M. Cvet <david.cvet.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 08:30:07 -0500
Archived: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 08:44:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

I saw the movie in 3D over the holidays with members of the family, including my wife, my kids (they are in their mid 20's), their girlfriends, brother, his kids (10 yrs and 13 yrs). Their reaction after the movie was "awesome"!

Good enough for me. The three hour film vanished in a flash, no one left their seats, no one was bored, everyone enjoyed the film... mission accomplished.

The expectation was to be entertained, and we was not disappointed. If I need a dose of reality on the human race, I read the news.

D.M.Cvet

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From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 13:51:12 -0000
Archived: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 08:58:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Pain in the bladder or pain in the head it seems then Don!

See:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUUSTRE6080XO20100109>

Dave Haith

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 18:32:28 -0500
Archived: Mon, 11 Jan 2010 08:19:14 -0500
Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 9 Jan 2010 19:44:46 -0000
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I agree, it doesn't imply that. I would suggest, however, that forces
like gravity and friction operate in the real world to distort the
shape of the spiral if it were generated by spewing material from a
rocket. Interferometry effects as suggested by Wilcock and Hoagland
would not be influenced nearly as much.

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There seems to be a contradiction in the above comments. As you say, "an Archimedian spiral implies that the rotational momentum was imparted by an initial explosive impulse at the moment of failure and is not accelerated". This follows from the formula for the spiral.

Then you suggest that the released material spraying radially outwards at such a constant high rate would not have contributed a force to the rotation. Perhaps you could explain this further. The way I see it, the material would have accelerated from zero velocity relative to the rocket, to something greater than 300 m/s in a very short interval of time. The effect would be like releasing air from a toy balloon. A force should indeed have been generated. For every action there is a reaction.

So ejecta accelerated to more than 300 m/s would also accelerate the angle of rotation of the rocket. And that's for the best case scenario with the force applied normal to the main axis of the rocket. If the force were applied at a different angle to the axis, the spiral would have been distorted even more.

In any case, the result should have been something other than the Archimedes spiral. The fact that it is a perfect Archimedes spiral seems itself to be a good argument that the failed rocket explanation is incorrect.

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>net modelling the spiral as a rocket motor failure (google
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>convincing.

I've seen this video, and the simulation does appear to generate a pretty good Archimedes spiral. This makes me wonder if it takes into account the other possible forces involved such as gravity and friction and the reactive force from the ejected material. The model code is, of course, not available in a video.

Regards,

William

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demise in a situation that is highly ironic, entertainingly
bizarre, or otherwise likely to lead to socially inappropriate
laughter amongst their tears, that they may as well not feel
guilty and go for a good laugh in the retelling. I think that
situation would fit those guidelines.

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>>I don't understand the objection raised that a spiral expansion
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>>Typical solid propellant exhaust velocities quoted

>>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solid_rocket

>>are in the order of 10 times this rate - 2.1 to 3.2 km/sec (4700
>>to 7200 mph). Is there a good reason why a failing solid motor
>>must shed its reaction mass at less than 1/10 of its non-fail
>>rate?

>There seems to be a contradiction in the above comments. As you
>say, "an Archimedean spiral implies that the rotational momentum
>was imparted by an initial explosive impulse at the moment of
>failure and is not accelerated". This follows from the formula
>for the spiral.

>Then you suggest that the released material spraying radially
>outwards at such a constant high rate would not have contributed
>a force to the rotation. Perhaps you could explain this
>further.

>The way I see it, the material would have accelerated from zero
>velocity relative to the rocket, to something greater than 300
>m/s in a very short interval of time. The effect would be like
>releasing air from a toy balloon. A force should indeed have
>been generated. For every action there is a reaction.

Yes, but momentum is a product of velocity and `_mass_`. Amini's
geometric argument can give some idea of the former, but not the
latter.

The way I see it, we don't need exactly zero force, we need a
force that is very small in relation to other factors. This
faint plume of material which *ex hypothesi* is illuminated by
scattered sunlight is probably extremely tenuous having very
little mass and although it has plenty of velocity the total
momentum is negligible compared to the momentum shed in the
initial explosion that set the stage spinning.

If the vector of the leak is approximately radial, say straight
out of the end of the tumbling rocket, it will apply very little
of that negligible quantity as a torque - perhaps just enough to
very slightly brake the spin as we see from the slight
contraction of the spiral pitch over time (towards the centre).
The radial component of the (relatively) tiny force will tend to
shift the axis of rotation of the spiral around a secondary
centre of rotation, but this will be close to the first. The
moment of force depends on the distance of the point of
application of the second torque (the leak of material) from the
main axis of rotation (centre of mass of rocket). The leak
cannot be significantly far from the main axis of rotation
because the
rocket stage is tiny in relation to the spiral pattern.

>So ejecta accelerated to more than 300 m/s would also
>accelerate
>the angle of rotation of the rocket. And that's for the best
>case scenario with the force applied normal to the main axis of
>the rocket. If the force were applied at a different angle to
>the axis, the spiral would have been distorted even more.

>In any case, the result should have been something other than
>the Archimedes spiral. The fact that it is a perfect Archimedes
>spiral seems itself to be a good argument that the failed rocket
>explanation is incorrect.

>><snip>

>>There is an interesting computer simulation available on the
>>net modelling the spiral as a rocket motor failure (google
>>"norway spiral" for countless sources) which is pretty
>>convincing.

>I've seen this video, and the simulation does appear to generate
>a pretty good Archimedes spiral. This makes me wonder if it
>takes into account the other possible forces involved such as
>gravity and friction and the reactive force from the ejected
>material. The model code is, of course, not available in a
>video.

I don't believe gravity or friction are likely to be significant
if this is effectively in space (well over 100 miles, in the
ionosphere) and the gravitational mass in the plume is going to
be tiny compared to its momentum. I agree the video simulation
may not account for all the variables and the problem seems
complicated, but I'm quite prepared to believe that the visible
distortion of the basic Archimedian spiral due to the secondary
turning moment would be small. I can't prove that easily, but
given that a rocket was launched in the right area, and did blow
up at the right altitude in the right part of the sky, and
could have produced effects very like those we see, what is the
realistic probability that it was something else?

You suggest Hoagland may have the answer. I looked at his pages

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/Norway-Message.htm>

where he launches dramatic headline claims of 'a technology
which - with minor engineering effort - could just as easily be
turned into an almost unimaginable "torsion interferometry
weapon" of mass destruction ... which, in a stroke, would usher
in an even more terrifying "arms race" for the entire world...

if militarily deployed'. Startling stuff, which I confess I don't remotely understand. But then I took a look at his Part II

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/Norway-Message2.htm>

which, despite its baffling title

'A "Nobel Torsion Message" over Norway?'

I discovered to be a very interesting page assembling a variety of photogrammetric and other evidence that the phenomenon is in every measurable way consistent with a failure of the Russian Bulava rocket. But Hoagland then concludes:

'While we at Enterprise have independently proven to our satisfaction [sic] that the Russians did, indeed, launch a missile from the White Sea that Wednesday morning ... and, that the tell-tale signs of that event were unquestionable [sic] captured on both Norwegian images and videos of the Spiral and its aftermath- What we have not established by this analysis is any physical evidence that the Bulava was, in fact, directly involved in the generation of the Spiral. The only case that we ... that anyone ... is capable of making at this point - based only on analysis of the trajectory of the Bulava - is completely- Circumstantial.'

In other words, as R.V. Jones once famously said with regard to UFOs, "only a tangible relic will dispel my scepticism." I will draw a veil over the unspoken corollary that if a wealth of circumstantial evidence is insufficient proof of the presence of Russian missile which Hoagland is satisfied did cause the phenomenon, then it is desperately inadequate to prove the existence of a speculative "torsion interferometry weapon". My own standards of evidence are apparently not so strict as that of Hoagland (or Jones) as I'm convinced, for all practical purposes, that the Norway spiral was a missile failure.

Kind regards

Martin

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To me this event is a non-starter.

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In a remarkable sign of how the ground is shifting in government information policy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has invited the public to suggest categories of NRC information that should be published on its web site, and to recommend other measures the Commission might take to improve transparency, public participation and collaboration.

A December 8, 2009 Open Government Directive issued by the Obama Administration ordered federal agencies to "identify and publish online in an open format at least three high-value data sets" within 45 days (i.e. by January 22), and to take other steps "toward the goal of creating a more open government."

In a Federal Register notice published today, the NRC asked for public assistance to meet the requirements of the Open Government Directive.

"To aid the NRC's efforts to determine what data sets might be appropriate to publish and what transparency, public participation, and collaboration improvements it might include in its Open Government Plan, the NRC is soliciting public comments. Comments regarding publication of data sets are requested as soon as possible in light of the January 22, 2010, target date for publication of data sets," the NRC notice said.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2010/01/nrc011110.html>

In fact, anyone can propose high value data sets belonging to any agency for publication online, through a public comment page on the Obama Administration's data.gov web site.

<http://www.data.gov/suggestdataset>

We have suggested publication of the CIA's CREST database of declassified historical records, and of a broad selection of Open Source Center products that are not classified or copyrighted. Matt Schroeder of the FAS Arms Sales Project recommended improved, online publication of government data on U.S. arms exports (FAS Strategic Security blog, January 8, 2010).

ACLU FILES SUIT ON BEHALF OF FIRED CRS OFFICIAL

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit Friday on behalf of Col. Morris D. Davis, a former chief prosecutor at Guantanamo, alleging that he was unlawfully fired from the Congressional Research Service because he made statements as a private individual that were critical of Obama Administration policy on military commissions. ("CRS Fires A Division Chief," Secrecy News, December 4, 2009.)

"Col. Davis has a constitutional right to speak about issues of which he has expert knowledge, and the public has a right to hear from him," said ACLU attorney Aden Fine.

<http://www.aclu.org/free-speech/davis-v-billington>

The lawsuit names as defendants James H. Billington, the Librarian of Congress, as well as CRS Director Daniel P. Mulhollan, who is sued in his personal capacity.

At the root of the matter, ACLU argues, are ambiguous Library regulations and a problematic 2004 CRS policy on "outside activities" by CRS employees.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mul012304.pdf>

"Neither the Library's regulations nor CRS's policy establishes a standard for determining which outside speaking and writing is permissible and which is not. The regulations and policy afford the Library and CRS unfettered discretion to determine which speech to punish," according to the ACLU lawsuit.

"We maintain that the removal of Mr. Davis is justified," wrote Library of Congress General Counsel Elizabeth Pugh on December 14, 2009.

<http://www.aclu.org/files/assets/2009-12-14-LtrtoAdenFine.pdf>

The case was assigned to Judge Reggie Walton of the DC District Court. A job vacancy notice for Mr. Davis's position was posted on USAJobs on January 8, 2010.

BOOK: THE WORLD BANK UNVEILED

"The World Bank Unveiled" tells the story of an attempt by World Bank researcher David Shaman and some of his colleagues to introduce greater transparency into the deliberations of the World Bank.

In 1999, at a time when the Bank was subject to intense controversy and public demonstrations, Shaman co-created the internet-based B-SPAN, which offered unedited videos of internal Bank discussions and debates. "We began B-SPAN as a way to increase the Bank's transparency. We believed by doing so we would increase people's understanding of what the Bank did, increase opportunities for the Bank to be more accountable to its critics, and thereby mute tensions on all sides."

The 688-page book details the development of this transparency initiative from the author's perspective, and describes its early success as well as the opposition that it quickly engendered.

"I decided to write The World Bank Unveiled because I believe it will provide an opportunity for those who want a more open and accountable institution to overcome an internal culture wedded to secrecy and a bureaucracy married to the status quo," said Mr. Shaman. "If this should occur, the ultimate winners will be those millions who currently live in poverty because they will then have a more effective advocate on their behalf."

See "The World Bank Unveiled: Inside the Revolutionary Struggle for Transparency" by David Ian Shaman, Parkhurst Brothers Inc. Publishers, 2009:

<http://www.pbros.net/worldbank.htm>

Federation of American Scientists.

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Sky Watchers Seek The Truth Over New Year New Malden UFOs
Your Local Guardian
<http://tinyurl.com/yeud92y>

New Year "UFO" mystery
This Is The Westcountry
<http://tinyurl.com/ycpb2jw>

UFO Contactee Warns Apophis Asteroid Could Devastate Europe - Doh!
Earthtimes
<http://tinyurl.com/yeh9m52>

Second UFO spotted over Welwyn
Times 24
<http://tinyurl.com/yao8hwa>

Combining Elvis, Aliens Is A Sure-Fire Way To Get Attention
Canton Repository
<http://tinyurl.com/yh5275y>

UFO-Related eBooks
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An amazing variation in prices from
The Flying Saucers Are Real
By: Keyhoe, Donald - \$4.99
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From Greg Boone:

A Decade After UFO Scare, Some Still Eye Skies
<http://tinyurl.com/yjaz7mp>

From Alejandro Rojas:

Poland's First Abduction Case Is Monumental
<http://tinyurl.com/y98wwjy>

From 'The Norm':

Another Dose Of Martian Awesome
<http://tinyurl.com/yfv7ppu>

Silent UFO Hovers 50 Feet Over Newtown, PA Treeline
<http://tinyurl.com/yfshb8m>

At The Edge Of Thought
<http://tinyurl.com/ybwea3v>

A Galaxy Of New Worlds: Dispatch From The American Astronomical Society Meeting
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Subject: MoD UFO Sightings 2009

The MoD revealed yesterday that they received 643 UFO sightings in 2009.

The information can be found here, in the FOI section of MoD's website:

<http://tiny.cc/sJcRj>

Plenty of Chinese lanterns, but some more interesting sightings too.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Hi William

What do you mean by "quite stationary" and "crispness"? I don't
see any discrepancy myself. The angular rate is clearly very
low, a small fraction of a degree per second I'd judge, easily
stopped. What is it that you expect to see?

Regards

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January 12, 2010

CURIOS FLYBY: A curious object is about to fly past Earth only 130,000 km (0.3 lunar distances) away. Catalogued as a 10m-class asteroid, 2010 AL30 has an orbital period of almost exactly 1 year. This raises the possibility that it might not be a natural object, but rather a piece of some spacecraft from our own planet. At closest approach on Jan. 13th, 2010 AL30 will streak through Orion, Taurus, and Pisces glowing like a 14th magnitude star.

I wonder if this could be a piece of a spacecraft from Earth. As far as I understand the tables, this object is known since 1948, so someone should have launched something before that time.

This reminds me of my New Discoveries In Betty Hill's Star Map and my theory to use small asteroid bodies within our solar system to monitor our activities continuously.

Joachim Koch, Berlin, Germany

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Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

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Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 08:33:20 -0500
Archived: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 09:36:16 -0500
Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 12:28:40 -0000
>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

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>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 2010 14:39:27 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 2010 13:47:18 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

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Re: News Links 11-01-10 [Mars Image]

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Archived: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 09:45:28 -0500
Subject: Re: News Links 11-01-10 [Mars Image]

>News Links 11-01-10

<snip>

>From 'The Norm':

>Another Dose Of Martian Awesome
><http://tinyurl.com/yfv7ppu>

The larger image - which I initially had trouble locating -
is here at the HiRise home:

<http://tinyurl.com/yfsmgpf>

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Why don't you ask Ole Jonny Brenne from UFO-Norway about the exposure time?

He might have the the times for some of the photos - if that's so very, very important as some of you people argue... ;-)

OJB: ojb.nul

Regards,
Ole
Denmark

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Re: Avatar Movie

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 16:05:39 -0000
Archived: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 09:20:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

I now know exactly why Jerry and John have avoided the infamous Avatar movie... to avoid depression!

It seems hundreds of people are suffering from post-Avatar blues - gross dissatisfaction with our world and wanting instead to experience the beauty of Planet Pandora.

See this link for story and news video:

<http://tiny.cc/5xPci>

Maybe this is the beginning of 'The Shift' in consciousness we keep hearing about?

It didn't escape me that the movie flying sequences were analagous to out of the body experiences or astral trips - are we being reminded that we can all open Pandora's box which is actually the mind and the psyche?

Just imagine if this could be the movie that awakens the masses to undreamed of possibilities...

Don't worry people, you may feel temporarily depressed but you've been given a tantalising glimpse of another reality in order for you to recapture that dream by awaking to the world of the paranormal, magic and UFOs, soon to transform our world!

Not with me Jerry and John?

Well maybe then I'll have to stop eating those magic mushrooms.....

Dave Haith
With tongue firmly in cheek

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From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 18:17:51 -0500
Archived: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 09:28:39 -0500
Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

Hoagland says at:

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/Norway-Message2.htm>

"What we have not established by this analysis is any physical evidence that the Bulava was, in fact, directly involved in the generation of the Spiral."

I think this old photo of another failed rocket looks very similar to spiral over Norway:

<http://www.gpsdrawing.com/gallery/land/csnail.htm>

Additionally, here are photos of the Norway Spiral where it can be seen at different stages:

<http://www.itromso.no/bilder/article316420.ece?imageIndex=1>

Sergey

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Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 22:15:26 -0500
Archived: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 09:34:33 -0500
Subject: Alien Telepathy Explained?

For those who are not aware of my views on the UFO phenomenon, I am basically of the opinion that if UFOs are real, then we are dealing with a form of A.I., artificial intelligence, intelligent machines.

I favor this line of thought as I believe that in order to understand the phenomenon, we must turn to the subject of posthumanism and the technological singularity in order to understand how advanced and complex the technology of any visitors must be. Such line of thought also allows inference as to what form such visitors would take, and in my opinion I find merit in an A.I. hypothesis. Intelligent machines would have a greater advantage in crossing the vast expanses of space compared to any organic species.

Likewise, reports of the occupants are likely to be of cybernetic beings possibly created by such A.I. to compose a workforce or to be manipulated as puppets to enact the will of such machine intelligence.

I write such things based on the knowledge that the occupants reported use of telepathy, as a means of communication, is most assuredly not a naturally evolved ability, but rather the result of their advanced technology.

Going further, such technology seems to be incorporated into the very physical bodies of the occupants. We can infer such by the reports of abductees who often claim to see something wriggling or moving in the eyes of the aliens when they stare at them and perform telepathy or other mental abilities upon them. Thus the occupants are by definition cyborgs, at least if such accounts can be believed.

Thus, I arrive at the point of my post, mainly that of to inform readers that recent advances in the field of Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) may make the reported telepathic abilities of the aliens a reality for the humans of the future.

Fellow readers, we as a species are about to create artificial telepathy, telepathy via technology.

Brain-Computer Interface Allows Person-To-Person
Communication Through Power Of Thought

<http://tinyurl.com/ye5lcyg>

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Avatar Movie

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 08:39:23 -0500
Archived: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 10:19:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
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>Well, maybe then I'll have to stop eating those magic mushrooms....

Hmmm, I guess that would explain why lately I've been seeing
these tall blue people.

And here all along I thought the mushrooms in my breakfast
omelet were just... well, you know, regular old mushrooms.

Psychedelically,

Jerry Clark

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Subject: News Links 12-01-10

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2001 UFO Encounter In Broad Daylight
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/daylight.php>

Brit UFO Reports Triple In 2009
The Sun
<http://tinyurl.com/yagqe2n>

French Police Investigate Mass UFO Sighting Near Bordeaux
EnjoyFrance.com
<http://www.enjoyfrance.com/content/view/2427/36/>

Strange Lights Seen In Sky Over Dundas Ontario
Hamilton Spectator
<http://www.thespec.com/News/Local/article/703928>

UFO Mystery Solved - Or Is It?
Melton Today
<http://tinyurl.com/yam5uhh>

Disclosed Encounters
<http://tinyurl.com/ybj2agq>

Mysterious Object Hurtles Towards Earth
TG Daily
<http://tinyurl.com/y9dn3ba>

Fresh Sighting Of UFOs And Werewolves On Cannock Chase
Sunday Mercury
<http://tinyurl.com/yzwzz2d>

Conspiracies - When Is It Real?
<http://tinyurl.com/yl9nfmb>

From Frank Warren:

Open Request for Information about the Videos of the
Pyramid-shaped UFO over the Kremlin
<http://www.theufochronicles.com/>

UFO-Nukes Connection Researcher Robert Hastings' Spring 2010
Lecture Schedule
<http://tinyurl.com/yj86eac>

From 'The Norm':

Searching For A Trace Of The UFOs
<http://tinyurl.com/y97dlsn>

A Wisdom Archive on Unidentified Flying Object
http://www.experiencefestival.com/unidentified_flying_object

The Big Bang is a Big Bust for Skeptics

<http://tinyurl.com/yaqt7r2>

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Secrecy News -- 01/13/10

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 12:27:51 -0500
Archived: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 15:35:03 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News -- 01/13/10

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** A MILITARY GUIDE TO NONGOVERNMENTAL RELIEF ORGS
** NAVY ISSUES GUIDANCE ON USE OF MARINE MAMMALS

A MILITARY GUIDE TO NONGOVERNMENTAL RELIEF ORGS

In an effort to promote cooperation with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) engaged in humanitarian relief operations and to enhance its own emergency response capabilities, the Department of Defense has published a newly updated "Guide to Nongovernmental Organizations for the Military."

When a devastating earthquake struck Haiti yesterday, several disaster relief organizations such as Oxfam and Doctors Without Borders were already in place and functioning. Meanwhile, a spokeswoman for U.S. Southern Command told the Washington Post that "the military was just beginning to assess what resources it has in the region and... said no official request for help had reached the U.S. military." (That now seems to have changed, and a U.S. government response team is expected to arrive in Haiti today, according to the Associated Press.)

In fact, when it comes to disaster relief, NGOs and the military each have comparative strengths and weaknesses. NGOs have greater flexibility, efficiency and responsiveness, are not hampered by the regulatory constraints that limit military operations, and are perceived as politically neutral. "With staff members immersed in local populations, NGOs can absorb information faster than militaries can, often because militaries are isolated by force protection requirements," the DoD Guide acknowledges.

On the other hand, military forces are far superior in their logistical and communications capabilities, and when necessary can bring force to bear to establish secure zones. Also, "militaries can provide extensive intelligence information about population movements, security conditions, road, river, and bridge conditions, and other information pertinent to conducting humanitarian operations."

And, the DoD Guide says, "Militaries can respond to maritime and/or chemical, biological radiological, nuclear and high yield explosives (CBRNE) emergencies. NGOs have almost no capacity."

"When working within a humanitarian emergency, it often appears that the military and NGOs speak different languages and have widely varying and potentially incompatible missions, capacities, and knowledge," the Guide concludes. "This is not necessarily true, and opinions are changing on both sides."

The 363-page DoD Guide presents a fairly comprehensive

introduction to the structure, functions and characteristic activities of non-governmental relief organizations.

"The guide book answers a need which is increasingly recognized in the military, to be able to work alongside NGOs and others who have experience and networks in the field," Dr. Warner Anderson of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) told Secrecy News.

The author, Dr. Lynn Lawry of the Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine, is herself an NGO worker and researcher, with relief experience in Iraq, Afghanistan, Liberia, Rwanda, Congo and other areas of conflict. The "Guide to Nongovernmental Organizations for the Military," dated Summer 2009, was recently made public. A copy is available on the Federation of American Scientists website.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/ngo-guide.pdf>

Relief organizations accepting donations to provide assistance to earthquake survivors in Haiti include the Red Cross, Mercy Corps International, American Jewish World Service, and Catholic Relief Services.

NAVY ISSUES GUIDANCE ON USE OF MARINE MAMMALS

A new U.S. Navy Instruction updates Navy policy on the use of marine mammals for national security missions.

It seems that by law (10 USC 7524), the Secretary of Defense is authorized to "take" (or acquire) up to 25 wild marine mammals each year "for national defense purposes." These mammals -- including whales, dolphins, porpoises, seals and sea lions -- are used for military missions such as locating and marking underwater mines, and providing force protection against unauthorized swimmers or vehicles, among other things.

The new Secretary of the Navy Instruction 3900.41F, dated 13 November 2009 and published this week, provides guidance on "Acquisition, Transport, Care and Maintenance of Marine Mammals."

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/secnavinst/3900_41f.pdf

The U.S. military marine mammal program has labored under a cloud of public suspicion, the Navy admits, and such suspicion has only been aggravated by the secrecy that surrounded the program for many years.

"Several decades of classification of the program's true missions of mine-hunting and swimmer defense, led to media speculation and animal activist charges of dolphins used as offensive weapons, speculation and charges that could not be countered with facts due to that classification," according to a Navy fact sheet.

"With declassification of the missions of the program in the early 1990s, the Navy has repeatedly and openly discussed those missions, but rumors are not easily forgotten, and there are those who continue to actively promote them."

http://www.spawar.navy.mil/sandiego/technology/mammals/NMMP_FAO.html

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Hi Jason,

I have to confess that I cringe somewhat when the additional
(and unnecessary) trappings of 'artificial intelligence' are
introduced to the subject.

Firstly, I would submit that there is no consensus that AI is a
meaningful, let alone useful, concept. As Turing pointed out, it
amounts to nothing more or less than the capability to
successfully imitate intelligent behavior. The proposition that
a machine can be 'innately' intelligent, even if true, is non-
falsifiable, and hence of no more utility to ufology than the
concept of intelligent design is to cosmology.

Secondly, your argument really loses no force if you simply
strike the term "intelligent" from it, e.g., the proposition
that "machines would have a greater advantage in crossing the
vast expanses of space" is plausible in its own right. Inserting
the qualifier "intelligent" makes it no more so, and indeed,
introduces what I would consider a superfluous philosophical
component to an already tentative hypothesis (i.e., that some
UFOs are nuts and bolts extraterrestrial craft).

As seen in the link you provided, it is already possible to
communicate 'telepathically' with a computer system to which no
one is ascribing 'intelligence', per se. While this result is
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Re: McKinnon Lives!

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 14:44:01 EST
Archived: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 15:39:02 -0500
Subject: Re: McKinnon Lives!

This back and forth court battle regarding convicted hacker Gary McKinnon has now gone into guaranteed major motion picture venue.

<http://tinyurl.com/ycclod3>

How real life drama resolves itself will make any attempt by Hollywood to make a movie of this adventure will surely be a blockbuster.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com
ufofight.com

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: Jason on <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 16:12:59 -0500
Archived: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 06:57:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 11:10:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>Hi Jason,

>I have to confess that I cringe somewhat when the additional
>(and unnecessary) trappings of 'artificial intelligence' are
>introduced to the subject.

>Firstly, I would submit that there is no consensus that AI is a
>meaningful, let alone useful, concept. As Turing pointed out, it
>amounts to nothing more or less than the capability to
>successfully imitate intelligent behavior. The proposition that
>a machine can be 'innately' intelligent, even if true, is non-
>falsifiable, and hence of no more utility to ufology than the
>concept of intelligent design is to cosmology.

>Secondly, your argument really loses no force if you simply
>strike the term "intelligent" from it, e.g., the proposition
>that "machines would have a greater advantage in crossing the
>vast expanses of space" is plausible in its own right. Inserting
>the qualifier "intelligent" makes it no more so, and indeed,
>introduces what I would consider a superfluous philosophical
>component to an already tentative hypothesis (i.e., that some
>UFOs are nuts and bolts extraterrestrial craft).

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Mike, thank you for responding.

Unfortunately, I will not be engaging in a debate with you on whether or not machines could be intelligent, possess minds, or even possess a consciousness.

Fare more eloquent speakers than myself have pretty much blown away the thought camp to which you apparently belong and have rendered inane any of their arguments.

If you wish to discuss the artificial telepathy in the link I provided, especially if you fail to see an inference with reported telepathic abilities of the Greys and other reported occupants, then feel free to proceed.

The one thing that I failed to mention in my original post is that the reported telepathic abilities of the Greys would be more along the lines of an advanced wireless form of this technology.

Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

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Re: Avatar Movie

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 22:13:52 +0000
Archived: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 07:00:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 08:39:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Avatar Movie

>>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 16:05:39 -0000
>>Subject: Re Avatar Movie

><snip>

>>It seems hundreds of people are suffering from post-Avatar blues
>>- gross dissatisfaction with our world and wanting instead to
>>experience the beauty of Planet Pandora.

><snip>

>>Just imagine if this could be the movie that awakens the masses
>>to undreamed of possibilities...

><snip>

>>Well, maybe then I'll have to stop eating those magic mushrooms....

>Hmmm, I guess that would explain why lately I've been seeing
>these tall blue people.

>And here all along I thought the mushrooms in my breakfast
>omelet were just... well, you know, regular old mushrooms.

Thanks, Jerry. Finally, an adult opinion after the kids have gone to bed to dream of possibilities lodged in their subconscious brains. You know I always enjoy your so-called smart-ass retorts.

Me? After seeing Titanic, I thought Cameron went for the schmalzy nerve lurking in the subconsciousness of the masses. So, the guy has enhanced 3-D movie technology. What has that got to do with this on-line chat group and ufos.

Does that mean DARPA now has access to technology to create illusions of craft floating in the sky? Now, that would have been an interesting discussion. Too bad you all were so mesmerized by Cameron that you came under his mind manipulation/neurolinguistic control. I am sure he is sitting relaxing in his mansion laughing all the way to the bank and thinking "suckers."

KK

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?Another Opinion

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 22:29:51 +0000
Archived: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 07:03:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?Another Opinion

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 09:35:49 -0500
Subject: News Links 13-01-10

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Owner Of Haunted Cannock Pub Calls For Investigation Into UFO
Activity In Area
Sunday Mercury
<http://tinyurl.com/yz52q4u>

Thanks To Ian Brockwell For 'UFO Cover-Up' Story
NewsBlaze
<http://newsblaze.com/story/20100113054026zzzz.nb/topstory.html>

UFO Sighting Stumps Investigators
Messenger
<http://tinyurl.com/y8ahjr4>

Fact Finder: UFO Pictures Over Front Street
UpNorthLive.com
<http://www.upnorthlive.com/news/story.aspx?id=401174>

That Was No UFO over Hamilton Ontario
Hamilton Spectator
<http://www.thespec.com/News/BreakingNews/article/704303>

Have You Seen A UFO? Let's Talk About It
Milford Daily News
<http://tinyurl.com/yfvwt28>

UK Court Sides With Ufo-Chasing Hacker
New Zealand Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/yk9635a>

Mike Conley's Tales Of The Weird: Water Happened To National
Park's Lake?
McDowell News
<http://tinyurl.com/yamxq61>

New Year's Eve Insanity: Lady Sees UFO While Watching Fireworks Display
NewsBlaze
<http://tinyurl.com/ydvk7sz>

British UFO Reports Triple In Final MoD Report
NewsLite
<http://tinyurl.com/yal52vg>

Filer's Files #3 2010
Jan 13, 2010
<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/>

From Frank Warren:

Breaking UFO News:
MUFON Director James Carrion Stepping Down and New Replacement Has
Been Chosen!
<http://tinyurl.com/ygo7jor>

From 'The Norm':

Off The Ropes (Maybe)

Billy Cox

<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/10501/off-the-ropes-maybe/>

Not exactly Laurel & Hardy

Billy Cox

<http://tinyurl.com/yk7lbus>

Avatar Under Attack From Vatican, U.S. Military, Liberals

<http://tinyurl.com/yhoh9gz>

The 'Truth' About The Day Elvis Met E.T.?

<http://tinyurl.com/ye4bhrc>

Astronomers Capture First Direct Spectrum Of An Exoplanet

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/01/100113104247.htm>

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The technology to which you refer exists, though I'm not so sure about the unconscious mind aspect.

I would add that such technology is not quite synthetic or technological telepathy. Instead, it is simply perceived as telepathy by people on the receiving end.

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My purpose is to present a possible explanation for the Greys reported ability of telepathy, as well to identify the nature of the Greys by such use.

In a nutshell, telepathy isn't a normally evolved means of communication, so therefore if accounts of the Greys are to be believed then such ability must be a result of technology.

Taking it further, when the Greys use their ability, all indication is that such is arising from within their being, i.e. staring at an abductee is an important aspect of their use of their abilities. In fact, many abductees report seeing something move or wiggle inside the alien's eye as they stare at them. Some even claim there is a light at the tip of this "something".

A logical inference is that the technology that allows telepathic communication is incorporated into their beings. By very definition the Greys must be cybernetic beings if they are even organic at all. Of course it's possible they are complete robots or androids, possessing no organic structures.

With regards to telepathy, I am restricting it to the terms of thought-to-thought communication and not via the technologies you make reference to.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 13:56:43 -0500
Archived: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 07:19:25 -0500
Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>From: Ole Henningsen <oleh.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 12:28:40 -0000
>>>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>>>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
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>>>>Date: Mon, 11 Jan 2010 14:39:27 -0500
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>>>>><snip>

>>>>>It should be noted that this spiral in its entirety was not seen
>>>>>by the witnesses but was recorded in time lapse photography. What
>>>>>the witnesses viewed was a continuous stream of gases spewing
>>>>>outward to its circumference. And even then the evidence of the
>>>>>outward spiraling arms was dim as opposed to the time lapse shot.

>>>>Hoagland overlaid video frames a few seconds apart showing that
>>>>the spiral was in fact moving. See near the bottom of:

>>>><http://www.enterprisemission.com/Norway-Message2.htm>

>>>>However, the crispness of the spiral in the photo is such that
>>>>it must have been quite stationary during the exposure. How can
>>>>one resolve this discrepancy?

>>>>Maybe the photo is not a time lapse photo as you maintain. The
>>>>same detail might not have been visible in the videos due to
>>>>the lower resolution.

>>>>What do you mean by "quite stationary" and "crispness"? I don't
>>>>see any discrepancy myself. The angular rate is clearly very
>>>>low, a small fraction of a degree per second I'd judge, easily
>>>>stopped. What is it that you expect to see?

>>Don argues that the impressive spiral seen in the still photos
>>were obtained by time lapse photography as the videos do not
>>show the same extent of the spiral.

>>I'm saying that holding the camera shutter open for the duration
>>of the sighting should have created a smeared image since
>>Hoagland showed that the entire object translated some distance
>>over a couple of seconds.

>>Such smearing is not seen in the still shots so exposure times
>>could not have been very long.

>Why don't you ask Ole Jonny Brenne from UFO-Norway about the

>exposure time?

>He might have the the times for some of the photos - if that's
>so very, very important as some of you people argue... ;-)

I contacted Ole Jonny Brenne and he kindly responded. See my initial query to him at the end of this mail. With his permission, I am including his responses below. A clarification I requested comes first, and then his earlier more general information.

The issue of whether some photos were time exposures may or may not impact the conclusion that the spiral was due to a failed Russian rocket. However, I'm afraid I'm still just as confused as before about this issue. Ole Jonny thinks that at least the photo published in the Sun had a time exposure of 20-30 seconds. So how can a crisp spiral be seen in such a photo when the whole thing was moving sideways?

Looking at the video that Hoagland used to identify such motion, the spiral translated sideways more than a wavelength of the spiral in 2-3 seconds. Surely this would have shown up as a smear in 2-3 seconds, never mind 20-30 seconds.

Some people may think this issue is unimportant, but to me it raises a question about what we were shown, and could affect the conclusion about what caused the display.

William

Hi,

>It is my understanding that the entire spiral moved significantly
>across the sky over a period of a couple of seconds. Someone else
>measured this from one of the videos. In a time exposure, I would
>expect such motion to smear the image, but the above picture shows
>no evidence of that. So the time exposure must have been quite
>short. Do you have any idea what it was?

It did not move that fast. The phenomenon was visible for a few minutes, it moved along approx 5 degrees, leaving behind the (blue-colored) trail of exhaust gas fumes.

I do not know the exact number of seconds of the time exposure, but I estimate 20-30 seconds. It did not cover a large part of the sky either, as you see from photo 8 of 14 at URL below.

>I would expect a time exposure to look more like the photo at
><http://www.nrk.no/nyheter/distrikt/nordland/1.6902336>
>which shows no evidence of the spiral structure.

Photo number 1 of 24 there was shot after the rocket stage had burned out, so the spiral had dissipated then.

Counties of Norway:

http://no.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fil:Norway_counties.svg

That photo was shot from Sortland

<http://tinyurl.com/yd3b37g>

in Nordland

<http://tinyurl.com/yanhjzu>

Troms=F8

<http://tinyurl.com/ydatfrn>

in Troms

<http://tinyurl.com/yafm5wy>

is further north, as you can see from the map images.

Sincerely,

Ole Jonny Br=E6nne
UFO-Norway

Hi William,

The only photo of Dec 9 which I know to be a time exposure, is the top photograph at

<http://tinyurl.com/ycpdztx>,

which was shot using a tripod. There could be others, but the photo featured on your web site; I do not know. We are not done yet collecting all the pictures and video clips from Dec 9. But you can make an educated guess yourself by looking at all the various pictures shot on that date, as well as the video clips, which are available online. Especially the video clips - they show what the human eye saw, like this:

<http://www.vgtv.no/?id=3D27558>

It's been confirmed this was the result of a russian submarine ("Dmitry Donskoi") ICBM launch of the weapon system RSM-56 Bulava

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSM-56_Bulava

or SS-NX-30 as it is called within NATO. The test was similar to a rocket launch that happened on Sunday Nov 1st, 2009, which was also photographed:

<http://www.yr.no/nyheter/1.6847340>

And there was another test Dec 23rd:

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20081223/119130243.html>

All these tests were notified in advance

<http://tinyurl.com/y86wzs5>

and the russians have confirmed that it was their rocket (as if there was ever any doubt). Initially they were reluctant to confirm this, which is understandable considering the low success rate of that particular weapon system.

In Norway and Sweden (and Finland as well), UFO investigators have been familiar with phenomena/effects like these since the mid-1970s. The rocket launches were done from the then-secret Plesetsk Cosmodrome. The Soviet Union did not officially admit the existence of the Plesetsk Cosmodrome until 1983. This is nothing new, but some people have been excited and confused because of a time-exposure photo displaying "mysterious" spiral effects. The spiral effect is caused by the rocket's last stage (engine) spinning, either out of control or to achieve a gyro-stabilizing effect - something the russian space program have done many times before.

We even have here in Norway a person video-filming Jupiter and Venus, claiming this is also the "star" Share International is waiting for. The idea that this is anything else but conventional doesn't seem to occur to these people, like checking where Venus/Jupiter was at the time. However, this is basic stuff for any UFO investigator (or should be).

Other photos can be seen at;

<http://www.nrk.no/nyheter/distrikt/nordland/1.6902336>

<http://www.vg.no/nyheter/vaer/artikkel.php?artid=3D596385>

<http://www.vg.no/nyheter/vaer/artikkel.php?artid=3D596369>

<http://www.aftenposten.no/nyheter/iriks/article3413787.ece>

<http://tinyurl.com/ydd6cre>

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<http://www1.nrk.no/nett-tv/indeks/193846>

<http://www.nordlys.no/nyheter/article4752397.ece>

<http://tinyurl.com/yc4wslk>

I hope this information will be of use for you.

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PS: I notice there have been some commotion about this in the US, especially by Hoagland at

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/Norway-Message.htm>

Hoagland: "On the eve of the President of the United States, Barack Obama, receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo....."

Wrong: The rocket launch happened on the morning of Dec 9, Obama received the NPP on Dec 10.

Hoagland: "....over its northern-most town, a fishing center called Tromso".

Wrong: Troms=F8 is the largest city in northern Norway (66900 inhabitants), and it is not the northern-most city either.

Hoagland: "Moments later, a corkscrewing "blue beam" seemed to emanate from the exact center of the spiral toward the ground".

Wrong: The blue gas is the rocket exhaust and it was visible the whole time. This is sci-fi from Hoagland. This residue is also present after the rocket engine is burnt out, as anyone can see on the photos shot.

Hoagland: "....if a missile caused the Spiral, why wasn't it also seen in Sweden.....?"

Wrong: Actually it was seen (and photographed) from Kiruna in Sweden too, where Patrick =D6hman took four photos. Source is journal UFO-Aktuellt 4/2009, published by UFO-Sweden.

Hoagland: "This spectacular, time-lapse [...] image was NOT taken from Tromso. Instead, the widely-circulated "Spiral Photograph" had actually, it turns out, been photographed from a location even farther north ... from a tiny fishing camp called "Skjervoy" -- located about 55 miles [...] northeast of Tromso".

Wrong: Hoagland tries to make a big deal out of this. The photo was one of many shot by Jan Petter J=F8rgensen. This was not secret, it was not said the photos were shot at Troms=F8, and Skjerv=F8y was in fact mentioned in the first norwegian news report, 9 Dec at 11:19

(<http://www.vg.no/nyheter/vaer/artikkel.php?artid=3D596385>).

The rocket launch was also photographed by lots of people in different places, some far south of Troms=F8.

----- Original Message -----

From: "William Treurniet" <wtreurniet.nul>

To: <ojb.nul>

Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 11:28 PM

Subject: Question about photographs of the Norway spiral

>Dear Ole Jonny Brenne,

>I am involved in a Ufo Updates forum discussion about the Norway
>spiral, and a question arose recently about the exposure times of
>the published photos. Ole Henningsen, who you may or may not know,
>suggested that you might have some information about this.

>One member of our forum suggested that the published still photos
>were a result of time lapse photography since videos of the same
>scene do not show the large spiral seen in the still photos.
>However, I felt that was unlikely since the spiral was not
>stationary. In the videos, the spiral appears to have a significant
>lateral movement over the duration of the sighting, and should have
>smear a still photo taken with a long exposure time. Therefore,
>the stills could not have had an exposure time of seconds needed to

>take in the whole spiral. I suggested that the difference between
>the video image and the still photos was likely due to the
>difference in camera resolution and sensitivity. It was at this
>point that Mr. Henningsen suggested that you may have the exposure
>times for some of the photos.

>The particular photo that began the discussion is reproduced on my
>web site at

><http://www.treurniet.ca/spirals/spiralclues.htm>

>Do you have the exposure time for this photo in particular, and
>would you care to add to the discussion in general?

>Thank you,

>William Treurniet

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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 14:57:58 -0700
Archived: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 07:22:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Jason on <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 16:12:59 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 11:10:09 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>I have to confess that I cringe somewhat when the additional
>>(and unnecessary) trappings of 'artificial intelligence' are
>>introduced to the subject.

>>Firstly, I would submit that there is no consensus that AI is a
>>meaningful, let alone useful, concept. As Turing pointed out, it
>>amounts to nothing more or less than the capability to
>>successfully imitate intelligent behavior. The proposition that
>>a machine can be 'innately' intelligent, even if true, is non-
>>>falsifiable, and hence of no more utility to ufology than the
>>concept of intelligent design is to cosmology.

>>Secondly, your argument really loses no force if you simply
>>strike the term "intelligent" from it, e.g., the proposition
>>that "machines would have a greater advantage in crossing the
>>vast expanses of space" is plausible in its own right. Inserting
>>the qualifier "intelligent" makes it no more so, and indeed,
>>introduces what I would consider a superfluous philosophical
>>component to an already tentative hypothesis (i.e., that some
>>UFOs are nuts and bolts extraterrestrial craft).

>>As seen in the link you provided, it is already possible to
>>communicate 'telepathically' with a computer system to which no
>>one is ascribing 'intelligence', per se. While this result is
>>intriguing, and even a little creepy, by no means does it
>>illuminate any physical mechanism for consciousness in humans,
>>let alone anything corresponding to it in machines.

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The Cult Of Condescending Know-It-All Skeptics

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 04:23:42 EST
Archived: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 07:24:36 -0500
Subject: The Cult Of Condescending Know-It-All Skeptics

I can appreciate a skeptic but Michael Shermer and his group and the Amazing Meeting was just too much.

Add talk show host Bill Maher with them.

And need we mention Penn Jillette?

It's just fine to be skeptical but does it have to include a condescending tone along with it? I'm watching their videos and lectures and it's like sitting in junior high social studies with that kid no one likes who has cookie crumbs on his chin and always gets picked last for any group effort from sports to glee club.

If you listen to these people you get the feeling that everyone other than themselves is a moron, sucker, rube, and knuckle walking throwback.

None of us are anywhere near their superior, critical thought possessing selves and only they can interpret and evaluate phenomena and postulated phenomena.

I've run into these types before. They'll spend time degrading other people's points of view and forget they have mustard on their shirts or mismatched socks on whilst pointing to everyone else's lack of observation.

Skeptical is fine, elitist delivery is indicative of one's uncertainty.

It's like when skeptics state that eyewitness accounts are unreliable in science. Yet if we humans were so unreliable we wouldn't be here. Nature does not by any means reward a lack of attention. I think we humans have done quite well considering we've no claws, fangs, nor venomous delivery systems. Sure there's room for improvement, but for Shermer and his colleagues who make light of our abilities invalidates primarily their own observations.

It's that old head up your keister argument where arrogance in science forgets that we don't know everything yet. Yes, we humans fill in the unknown with whatever we have and unfortunately that opens the door for the less ethical to take advantage. It's one of our foibles but degrading people's religious beliefs isn't the way to go about it.

These guys remind me of those comic book and Saturday morning serial villains of yesteryear that always knew their secret plan would bring them to some conquest of the world or the universe. Then five minutes later after their monologue about how superior they are to the hero, some low brow flunky or henchmen reminds them they've forgotten to plug in the death ray.

Skepticism is best served with an enthusiastic smile, not a smug look.

Best,

Greg
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From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 13:49:37 -0000
Archived: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 09:12:37 -0500
Subject: Re: HiRise Mars Image - No Comments?

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
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>features?

Eleanor: If it's the 'tree' features you are talking about you
may find this link clears things up:

<http://tiny.cc/80rBT>

I have a friend who developed some of the computer software that
is used for processing HiRISE images.

Although this image of Mars at first might appear to be an
oblique view of the surface, he tells me the 'Emission' angle is
0.1 degrees, which indicates that the camera was looking
essentially straight down.

So I presume those dark 'trees' are flat channels in the ground.

Dave Haith

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 18:03:44 +0000
Archived: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 08:29:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 07:08:07 -0500
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 13:20:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 22:29:51 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>Last night I heard Joel Garreau discuss synthetic telepathy.
>>What a surprise to hear a discussion of the phenomena so many
>>years after I wrote about it in an article and was discussing it
>>on-line with a chat group I belonged to.

>>Now, for the possible bad news for you: there is a private
>>company invented this technology, it has been thoroughly tested
>>on selected individuals - covertly, naturally. Quite probably a
>>military contract.

>>How would I know this? First-hand experience. After becoming a
>>target, I began researching the subject and discovered, that at
>>least, ten years ago, private industry and academic researchers
>>were creating the ability to communicate directly with the
>>subconscious and conscious human mind. Without the consent of
>>the individual.

>The technology to which you refer exists, though I'm not so
>sure about the unconscious mind aspect.

>I would add that such technology is not quite
>synthetic or technological telepathy. Instead, it is simply
>perceived as telepathy by people on the receiving end.

>>Apparently, the technology is now more available to various
>>agencies and Navy intelligence has tasked Garreau's group with
>>discussing the ethics of various aspects of the technology.
>>I think it is way too late to have this discussion, but let's
>>see what The Garreau Group comes up with.

>>My opinion, based on research, is that if you are subscribing to
>>telepathy from an external source, you might be a target in
>>experimental testing of synthetic telepathy.

>My purpose is to present a possible explanation for the Greys
>reported ability of telepathy, as well to identify the nature of
>the Greys by such use.

>In a nutshell, telepathy isn't a normally evolved means of
>communication, so therefore if accounts of the Greys are to be
>believed then such ability must be a result of technology.

>Taking it further, when the Greys use their ability, all
>indication is that such is arising from within their being, i.e.

>staring at an abductee is an important aspect of their use of
>their abilities. In fact, many abductees report seeing something
>move or wiggle inside the alien's eye as they stare at them.
>Some even claim there is a light at the tip of this "something".

>A logical inference is that the technology that allows
>telepathic communication is incorporated into their beings. By
>very definition the Greys must be cybernetic beings if they are
>even organic at all. Of course it's possible they are complete
>robots or androids, possessing no organic structures.

>With regards to telepathy, I am restricting it to the terms of
>thought-to-thought communication and not via the technologies
>you make reference to.

Sorry, Jason, I should have stated the subconscious mind. Plus,
the communication is distinctly externally generated and sounds
like a male voice in an echo chamber.

I have no idea how you decided the source was something off
world or ET (as we are wont to call it). Are you claiming you
are hearing these communications? And, if so, why did you decide
they were coming from "greys"?

KK

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>the remains of our devastated thought camp and see if I can
>retrieve a tattered copy of The Emperor's New Mind, just for
>nostalgic memorabilia.

Good book. It was written by Penrose 1989, and yes, I have
read it.

You do realize that Penrose is not accepted by the consensus
that you referred to in your previous reply? You do realize
that Penrose, like nearly everyone else in that camp, argues
for the specialness of humans. Surely you must realize that
such an argument is doomed to fail as it forces people to
conjure concepts such as dualism, free will, and the existence
of the soul in order to attempt to back up their claims. Of
course none of these things can ever be proven to exist.

It all boils down to this, Penrose ultimately claims humans
are unique due to quantum processes within the brain.
Guess what? We are already developing quantum computers.
Penrose is out. Penrose was out a long time ago. Keep up
with the field.

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If you go back and read what I actually wrote you will discover
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>conversation does. The same effect could be achieved by
>monitoring, say, the user's heart rate.

Wow. Why did you feel it was necessary to warp the definition of telepathy?

Most intelligent people realize that telepathy involves thought-to-thought transference of information. Since we are discussing artificial, synthetic, or technological telepathy, then it is a given that this ability is achieved via technology.

The technological breakthrough that I posted a link to is conceivably the infant stage of artificial or synthetic telepathy. It doesn't take a genius to recognize this.

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You mean you are not impressed by the fact that I've pointed out technological advancements that might help us understand certain aspects of the UFO/Alien Abduction phenomenon, assuming it is real? Interesting.

-Jason Gammon

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>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 13:56:43 -0500
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>>From: Ole Henningsen <oleh.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 15:50:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>It is my understanding that the entire spiral moved significantly
>across the sky over a period of a couple of seconds. Someone else
>measured this from one of the videos. In a time exposure, I would
>expect such motion to smear the image, but the above picture shows
>no evidence of that. So the time exposure must have been quite
>short.

According to The Sun web page, "Norway's most celebrated astronomer, Knut Jorgen Roed Odegaard" learned from Tromso Air Traffic Control that the phenomenon lasted 2 minutes. Ole Jonny Brenne tells us that the total angular translation was approximately 5 degrees. So the average angular rate was 2.5 arcmin/sec. This is a very small rate.

During an exposure of one second the phenomenon would drift by an angle imperceptible to the naked eye. For example, if the photo FOV is, say, 50 deg (it could easily be less) then potential motion blur is 1/1200th of the horizontal image width. This is equivalent to about 1 pixel on a typical high resolution full-screen desktop picture.

Ole Jonny Brenne says that only the first photo on The Sun page is a time exposure, but as William says there is no sign of motion blurring.

The other three photos on the page are a group all taken from another nearby site a bit later when the centre of the spiral has moved significantly to the left. I originally thought these were from the same photographer, but perhaps not. But in any case, I draw attention to the extreme similarity in foreground exposure of all four photos. Notice the lamps, building illumination etc which appear to be very similar if not identical on all four shots. Only the sky brightness on the first photo is slightly but noticeably lower than on the other three, which is consistent with a photo taken a couple of minutes earlier.

Now check the reflections in the rippling harbour water in photos #2 and #4. These ripples are very sharp. I strongly doubt that the reflections on the moving water and the fine shadow detail in the ripples could be "stopped" like this if the exposure was more than a fraction of a second. Given the evident similarity of exposure, this is possible indirect evidence that photo #1 is not a long time exposure either, or to put it another way, there is no obvious photographic evidence to suggest that it is an exposure many times as long.

Maybe the EXIF data in the original image files proves

different? One might argue that the lens setting and CCD sensitivity on this camera might have been equivalent to a camera speed 10 times as slow as the camera used for #2. #3 and #4, compensating for an exposure 10 times as long. But this seems less likely to me. Pending proof from EXIF data - or an assurance from Ole Jonny that there is no doubt about it - my point of view would be that the absence of perceptible motion blurring of the spiral is simply further evidence that the reported "20-30 second" exposure is very unlikely indeed, since in 25 sec the motion blurring should amount to about 1 degree of arc.

Martin Shough

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<snip>

>These guys remind me of those comic book and Saturday morning
>serial villains of yesteryear that always knew their secret plan
>would bring them to some conquest of the world or the universe.
>Then five minutes later after their monologue about how superior
>they are to the hero, some low brow flunky or henchmen reminds
>them they've forgotten to plug in the death ray.

>Skepticism is best served with an enthusiastic smile, not a smug
>look.

As I have pointed out in "Prosaic Explanations: The Failure of
UFO Skepticism," we don't need better cases; we need better
skeptics.

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 23:24:33 -0500
Archived: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 08:38:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Jason Gammon
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 13:20:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

<snip>

>In a nutshell, telepathy isn't a normally evolved means of communication, so therefore if accounts of the Greys are to be believed then such ability must be a result of technology.

Why you so sure that telepathy isn't a normally evolved means of communication?

Also, I understand we can be sure sometimes regarding of earthly people and their abilities. But we can't be sure at all regarding of what ETs are capable or not capable to have or to do something.

Sergey

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>From: Jason on <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 16:12:59 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 11:10:09 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>Hi Jason,

>>I have to confess that I cringe somewhat when the additional
>>(and unnecessary) trappings of 'artificial intelligence' are
>>introduced to the subject.

>>Firstly, I would submit that there is no consensus that AI is a
>>meaningful, let alone useful, concept. As Turing pointed out, it
>>amounts to nothing more or less than the capability to
>>successfully imitate intelligent behavior. The proposition that
>>a machine can be 'innately' intelligent, even if true, is non-
>>>falsifiable, and hence of no more utility to ufology than the
>>concept of intelligent design is to cosmology.

>>Secondly, your argument really loses no force if you simply
>>strike the term "intelligent" from it, e.g., the proposition
>>that "machines would have a greater advantage in crossing the
>>vast expanses of space" is plausible in its own right. Inserting
>>the qualifier "intelligent" makes it no more so, and indeed,
>>introduces what I would consider a superfluous philosophical
>>component to an already tentative hypothesis (i.e., that some
>>UFOs are nuts and bolts extraterrestrial craft).

>>As seen in the link you provided, it is already possible to
>>communicate 'telepathically' with a computer system to which no
>>one is ascribing 'intelligence', per se. While this result is
>>intriguing, and even a little creepy, by no means does it
>>illuminate any physical mechanism for consciousness in humans,
>>let alone anything corresponding to it in machines.

>Mike, thank you for responding.

>Unfortunately, I will not be engaging in a debate with you on
>whether or not machines could be intelligent, possess minds, or
>even possess a consciousness.

>Fare more eloquent speakers than myself have pretty much blown
>away the thought camp to which you apparently belong and have
>rendered inane any of their arguments.

>If you wish to discuss the artificial telepathy in the link I
>provided, especially if you fail to see an inference with
>reported telepathic abilities of the Greys and other reported
>occupants, then feel free to proceed.

>The one thing that I failed to mention in my original post is that
>the reported telepathic abilities of the Greys would be more
>along the lines of an advanced wireless form of this technology.

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I invite comments

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Busty Taylor & Maria Wheatley

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 09:20:12 -0000
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Subject: Busty Taylor & Maria Wheatley

From: Swindon UFO Research <anomaly.research.nul>

This month we are delighted to announce the Weird Talking speakers for January 30th will be Maria Wheatley & Busty Taylor.

The talk explores the fascinating subject of earth energies and how they were used to generate megalithic energy within the complex at Avebury.

Using sensitive electronic equipment the megalithic energy being release by the stones was recorded and our results challenge our perception of ancient sites such as Avebury.

More details are available at:

www.mystical-county.org.uk/wtalking.htm

Hope you can help.

Thanks

Chris

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Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 14:46:05 -0500
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Care to clarify the last sentence?

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>the exquisitely subtle electromagnetic signals given off by the
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>suppress their heartbeat when they detect an approaching shark.

Certain sharks, fish, and eels can only use such abilities due
to a liquid environment. Remove the liquid and the ability is
rendered null and void. To clarify, this ability is fully
dependant on the liquid environment and could not be maintained
in terrestrial creatures, which is why there are no land animals
that use such abilities. The closest we have are certain reptile
who sense infra red or thermal heat, but such ability is no
where near anything that could be construed as telepathy.

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>electrical activity of the brain could not? The only remaining
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If abductions occurred only underwater, I could accept your
speculation as being reasonable.

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>be able to detect remotely any individual, even from a
>considerable distance, and amidst a great deal of "noise."
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Mr. Davenport, are you familiar with the subjects of
posthumanism and the technological singularity? Are you familiar
with the philosophy of A.I and of the origin of the word cyborg?

(FYI: The term cyborg was coined by Manfred Clynes and Nathan
Kline in the 1960s to refer to the creation of special beings,
part-human and part-machine, a being perfectly suited for space
travel.)

In my opinion, knowledge of such subjects is not just
recommended but rather essential in order to even stand a chance
at grasping the slightest understanding of just what the UFO
phenomenon might represent.

I think we both know that if the ETH is true, then we are
dealing with advanced technology. However, I'm not quite sure if
you understand that we can have an understanding of just how
advanced such technology could be.

We both agree that to the best of scientific knowledge that
there are no organic species on earth which communicate through
telepathy. Therefore, the logical inference is that such ability
is a result of advanced technology. Likewise, if abductees are
to be believed, the technology itself can be inferred to be
incorporated into the bodies of the occupants. We can infer this
from the many documented cases of abduction where abductees
describe the aliens staring into the eyes of the abductee, and
often at very close ranges. If the technology was originating
say within the craft itself and not incorporated into the bodies
of the beings, then this would render the act of staring into
the abductees eyes pointless.

New ideas take time to process, but in reality the only new idea
I have tossed into the mix is that telepathy reported by
abductees must originate via technology. Prior to this time,
people just accepted that this ability was either magic or a
natural ability that the aliens possessed.

Now, I am going to introduce you to another reason why I dismiss
any notion that the reported telepathy of occupants is a

naturally evolved ability. Ready?

Telepathy is the number one reported ability of most to nearly all occupants as described by abductees, and disregarding the form of the reported aliens. Greys, Nordics, Hybrids, Reptilians, Insectoids, Hairy Dwarfs, Tall Whites, Robots etc....all are said to use telepathy as a means of communication. This is a rather large hint that something isn't right here. Clearly the likelihood of nearly every supposed species visiting the earth using naturally evolved telepathy is rather slim and more frankly, nearly impossible. In time I'm sure you will realize and accept my position.

-Jason Gammon

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>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 18:03:44 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>Sorry, Jason, I should have stated the subconscious mind. Plus,
>the communication is distinctly externally generated and sounds
>like a male voice in an echo chamber.

>I have no idea how you decided the source was something off
>world or ET (as we are wont to call it). Are you claiming you
>are hearing these communications? And, if so, why did you decide
>they were coming from "greys"?

>KK

I'm curious as to how you could have so horribly misunderstood
my original post?

Are you familiar at all with the alien abduction phenomenon?

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Re: HiRise Mars Image - No Comments?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 11:53:19 -0800
Archived: Sun, 17 Jan 2010 09:41:01 -0500
Subject: Re: HiRise Mars Image - No Comments?

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 16:05:21 -0500
>Subject: HiRise Mars Image - No Comments?

>This is the Mars surface photo posted here a short time ago:

>http://hirise.lpl.arizona.edu/PSP_007962_2635

>Did I miss something, or are there no comments about the unusual
>features?

The page you linked to on HiRISE already explains what they are... the streaks are tree-like at first glance, but if you look at the closer sub-image linked to on the page, it is clearer that they are likely streaks of dislodged sand on the dunes, as described.

There are many smaller ones and some that are pointing 'downward' in the image, flowing down the face of the dune, opposite from the other 'upright' ones.

I would love it if this was vegetation, but alas...

Paul

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>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: UFO Updates List <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 23:24:33 -0500
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>communication?

No one can be absolutely sure of anything. However, due to the fact there are no species on earth which communicates through naturally evolved telepathy, plus the fact that humans are actually in the process of creating artificial, synthetic, or technological telepathy, indicates that if the phenomenon is real then these beings are using technology to achieve the same result.

Going further, if the accounts from abductees are to be believed, then the Greys are definitely cybernetic beings, or cyborgs. We can logically infer this as their ability to use telepathy and other mental powers is directly correlated to their behavior and actions in performing such ability.

This means that when an abductee reports that a Grey stared at him in the eyes and "read his mind", "paralyzed him", "pulled a memory from his mind", or made him "sexually aroused" to the point of ejaculation by merely staring at him, that such abilities are the result of technology incorporated into the very body of the beings. That technology being an advanced wireless form of brain-computer interface (BCI).

Otherwise, if these technological abilities were originating elsewhere, say from the craft's advanced computers, then there would be no need to stare into the eyes of the abductee.

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>earthly people and their abilities. But we can't be sure at all
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From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 16:01:28 EST
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>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 22:26:24 -0800
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>From: Jason on <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>To: post.nul
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>The other issue I would like to address is the subject of
>telepathy. My many close acquaintances who know me, and my work
>at NUFORC, are often surprised to learn of my interest in, and
>acceptance of, the issue of telepathy. I guess I have developed
>a reputation of intolerance for the many "fringe" subjects, e.g.
>astrology, which seem to gravitate to a discussion of UFO's.

>However, given what we know about the physical world, I am
>surprised that those friends are surprised by my interest. I am
>left with the impression that they may never have completed a
>course in physics...

>The work of James Clerk Maxwell showed quite clearly that the
>only pre-requisite for creating electromagnetic radiation was
>the acceleration of charged particles. Given that "brain waves"
>are the result of the acceleration of electrons in the circuitry
>of the human brain, the similarity between that process, and
>what takes place in the circuitry of a radio oscillator, seems
>to me self-evident.

>Hence, we have a physical basis for how organisms generate
>electromagnetic signals, a fact that has been known for a long
>time. In addressing the possibility of telepathy, all we need is
>for another organism to be able to interpret the "signal" that
>the electromagnetic medium, generated by another organism,
>carries.

>The fact that organisms in nature can detect electromagnetic
>emanations is a given. This is witnessed, for example, by how
>sharks are able to detect sanddabs buried in sand by detecting
>the exquisitely subtle electromagnetic signals given off by the
>fishes' consciously subdued heartbeat. Conversely, the sanddabs
>suppress their heartbeat when they detect an approaching shark.

>If the electrical activity of a heartbeat can be detected by
>another organism, is there any reason to believe that the
>electrical activity of the brain could not? The only remaining
>pre-requisite for the transfer of information is that the
>"receiver" can isolate the signal from the carrier.

>Applying the above observations to ufology, I am not in the
>least surprised to hear abductees report that they have been

>informed by aliens that any human can be located through a
>remote process. If the "signature" of each person's brain waves
>is, in some way, unique, just as our finger prints, retinal
>patterns, and DNA are unique, a sensitive enough receiver would
>be able to detect remotely any individual, even from a
>considerable distance, and amidst a great deal of "noise."

>I invite comments

I for one am glad someone brought up the topic of telepathy.

There's much to be said and speculated about this phenomena but the bottom line is that it is real.

What's tricky is science hasn't qualified and quantified it. There is all sorts of speculation and theory but in the prosaic it's a matter of has this phenomena aided in survival of an organism and group of organisms?

Nature doesn't reward foul ups. If something works it gets repeated and fortified. Communication between persons over great distances has been reported since the earliest of times. Even animals have been reported to send or receive communications over great distances as well. What the mechanisms for this are have yet to be explained and duplicated in the lab, or so we're told.

I recall an experiment in the 90's that appeared on one of the news shows like 20/20 or 60 Minutes. It involved the use of a person's white blood cells that were extracted and put into a petrie dish with some sort of electrodes attached that would signal when the cells responded to an external stimuli. Next the host, or person from whom the cells were extracted would travel a distance of several blocks or miles and as soon as that person recieved a pinch or push or emotional reaction the cells in the petrie dish responded in kind. To me that is one of the most startling experments ever conducted and I would love to find out more about these experiments as to what limits, if any there are. How fast is the response? Is it the same speed as through our neural pathways or faster? How far can subject and sample be? Could it be performed on astronauts? What about putting samples on a satellite and sending it past light speed distance to see the response?

That experiment alone proves that our cells send and receive information without the use of a physical biological conduit but by some other means. If pain and pleasure can be transmitted and received, it's a good bet that thoughts can too.

A big can of worms is telepathy. We have so many guarded thoughts and secrets from one another it's probably why telepathy isn't a daily thing. I recall a humorous episode of the classic tv sitcom Gilligan's Island where the seven castaways found a plant that when eaten produced telepathy. Things went south fast when each could hear the hidden thoughts of the others including their gripes, criticisms, secrets. They thought best when they destroyed the plants.

Much needs to be studied about the mechanisms of life and their manifestations. Perhaps the limitations on these fantastic abilities are put in place by our own fears of having others discover the dark secrets we all hold.

Best,

Greg

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Philippe Auger On The Varginha UFO Case

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JC.Grelet

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>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>>To: UFO Updates List <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 23:24:33 -0500
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>>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 13:20:23 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

><snip>

>>>In a nutshell, telepathy isn't a normally evolved means of
>>>communication, so therefore if accounts of the Greys are to be
>>>believed then such ability must be a result of technology.

>>Why you so sure that telepathy isn't a normally evolved means of
>>communication?

>No one can be absolutely sure of anything. However, due to the
>fact there there are no species on earth which communicates
>through naturally evolved telepathy, plus the fact that humans
>are actually in the process of creating artificial, synthetic,
>or technological telepathy, indicates that if the phenomenon is
>real then these beings are using technology to achieve the same
>result.

>Going further, if the accounts from abductees are to be
>believed, then the Greys are definitely cybernetic beings, or
>cyborgs. We can logically infer this as their ability to use
>telepathy and other mental powers is directly correlated to
>their behavior and actions in performing such ability.

>This means that when an abductee reports that a Grey stared at
>him in the eyes and "read his mind", "paralyzed him", "pulled a
>memory from his mind", or made him "sexually aroused" to the
>point of ejaculation by merely staring at him, that such
>abilities are the result of technology incorporated into the
>very body of the beings. That technology being an advanced
>wireless form of brain-computer interface (BCI).

>Otherwise, if these technological abilities were originating
>elsewhere, say from the craft's advanced computers, then there
>would be no need to stare into the eyes of the abductee.

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Jason, it seems to me you have made some un-substantiated claims:

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These skills come from intensive practice and training and starting at an unusual high level of potential capability. Charles Berlitz could speak 30 languages. Most of us have trouble with just a few. He wasn't a cyborg.

4. Plant and livestock breeders have created species with very much enhanced aspects such as size, fat content, length of growing season, resistance to disease, etc.

Aliens could be the result of millions of years of breeding with one of the enhanced skills being telepathy.

Nope, don't need to be cyborgs.

Stan Friedman

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>>>Unfortunately, I will not be engaging in a debate with you on
>>>whether or not machines could be intelligent, possess minds, or
>>>even possess a consciousness.

>>>Fare more eloquent speakers than myself have pretty much blown
>>>away the thought camp to which you apparently belong and have
>>>rendered inane any of their arguments.

>>Indeed... I must have missed that. I'll have to rummage through
>>the remains of our devastated thought camp and see if I can
>>retrieve a tattered copy of The Emperor's New Mind, just for
>>nostalgic memorabilia.

<snip>

>It all boils down to this, Penrose ultimately claims humans
>are unique due to quantum processes within the brain.
>Guess what? We are already developing quantum computers.
>Penrose is out. Penrose was out a long time ago. Keep up
>with the field.

Development of quantum computers has refuted Penrose? You have a
strange habit of co-opting legitimate scientific work (e.g., the
'artificial telepathy' apparatus) for vindication or support for
an utterly unrelated concept.

As far as keeping up with the 'field', I must admit that any
recent breakthroughs in the development (or even the
possibility) of a sentient machine must have escaped my notice.

Theology is a field of study as well, but that doesn't mean that
any deity actually exists.

>>Not to trivialize their work, the linked article describes what
>>is effectively a fancy telegraph, in which the user generates a
>>series of binary bits by consciously altering the level of
>>electrical activity in a particular area of the brain. It does
>>not constitute 'telepathy', in the sense of transmitting
>>conscious states, any more than (if even as much as) a phone
>>conversation does. The same effect could be achieved by
>>monitoring, say, the user's heart rate.

>Wow. Why did you feel it was necessary to warp the definition of
>telepathy?

>Most intelligent people realize that telepathy involves thought-
>to-thought transference of information. Since we are discussing
>artificial, synthetic, or technological telepathy, then it is a

A paragraph in the shape of a perfect circle.

>The technological breakthrough that I posted a link to is
>conceivably the infant stage of artificial or synthetic
>telepathy. It doesn't take a genius to recognize this.

Apparently not.

>>In any case, it completely eludes me how this report represents
>>any kind of revelation, or even support for a hypothesis,
>>regarding the (alleged) Greys and their (alleged) telepathic
>>powers. However, consider that I am still struggling with the
>>UFOs themselves, with some trepidation about venturing into the
>>details of the alleged occupants, given the evidence available.
>>Others are less hindered in that regard.

>You mean you are not impressed by the fact that I've pointed out
>technological advancements that might help us understand certain
>aspects of the UFO/Alien Abduction phenomenon, assuming it is
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You're positing as "fact" the very thing that is in dispute.
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Thank you for replying, Mr. Friedman. Let's take a look and see if my reasoning is unsubstantiated.

>A. Have you really studied all terrestrial societies, especially
>the primitive ones and demonstrated that none use telepathy? I
>doubt it. Remember absence of evidence is not evidence for
>absence

There is a bit of false dichotomy in my hypothesis. I must be honest and admit such. However, in my defense the "absence of evidence" phrase is used as a security blanket for individuals unwilling to let go of magical explanations.

Remember Mr. Friedman that any explanation must further our understanding. If the explanation fails to further our understanding then it is not an explanation. To invoke a naturally evolved ability of telepathy, which has not been proven to exist, over telepathy via technology, which is currently being developed, is perplexing. There is no need to argue for a naturally evolved ability of telepathy as such does not increase our understanding and as there are no currently known examples of such.

>B. If to transmit requires being a cyborg, how does one explain
>the receivers?

I never stated to transmit requires being a cyborg.

I never claimed that abductees were cyborgs.

The technology is called brain-computer interface (BCI).

I logically inferred that the Greys, assuming they are real, are cyborgs based on the testimony of abductees.

I concluded such by the fact that the Grey's use of telepathy and other mental powers is likely to be a result of their advanced technology. Going further I recognized a correlation between the Grey's use of their abilities and of their actions while performing such abilities. In a nutshell, the reported actions of the Greys as they perform their abilities indicate that the technology that allows them to communicate telepathically as well as perform other mental abilities is incorporated into their bodies.

I conclude such due to logical reasoning. If such technology was not incorporated into their being then there would be no need to perform the actions they perform when carrying out such abilities, i.e. staring in the eyes of an abductee and often at close ranges, as close as a few inches from the face as reported by abductees.

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of years of breeding to produce such abilities. However, there
is a slight problem. Such proposed explanation doesn't further
our understanding, hence it is not an explanation.

My reasoning that the telepathy performed by the aliens is
technological in origin, has increased our understanding of the
phenomenon by allowing us to logically infer that these beings
are cyborgs. Of course this all depends on if the alien
abduction phenomenon is real and if the abductees can be
believed.

Mr. Friedman, are you familiar with the topics of posthumanism,
the technological singularity, the philosophy of A.I., and the
origin of the word cyborg? I feel that these subjects are a must
for any UFO researcher.

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>Mike

Hello Mike, thanks for replying.

I snipped your comment as I have no desire to reply to snide
remarks.

Mike, your problem stems from your inability to accept the
philosophy of A.I. This is unfortunate as it's pretty clear to
most people in the field that the philosophy of A.I. is quite
strong with the notion that machines can be intelligent, can be
conscious, can possess a mind. Many bright minds have been
opposed to this and have attempted to disprove it by proving the
specialness of the human mind. All such efforts have failed.

Now here's the difference. The philosophy of A.I. is strong.
Machines can have minds. Machines can think. Machines can be
conscious. However, in application this has yet to be achieved.

The link I provided is an example of the infant stage of
artificial or synthetic telepathy. I'm not going to debate you
further on this because you are arguing for your own personal
opinion of what the definition of telepathy is. With regards to
the Greys, I never stated they were intelligent machines. Please
feel free to re-read my previous reply. Instead, it is my
personal opinion that the ultimate intelligence behind the UFO
phenomenon, assuming it is "real", is a machine-based
intelligence, intelligent machines, an advanced A.I.

You may disagree on that aspect, and I won't debate you on that.
If you disagree about my reasoning skills of the Greys being

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cyborgs, assuming the Greys exist, then feel free to reply.
Otherwise any further exchanges with you on this topic is moot.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 2010 22:06:32 +0000
Archived: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 10:09:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 14:46:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>Now, I am going to introduce you to another reason why I dismiss
>any notion that the reported telepathy of occupants is a
>naturally evolved ability. Ready?

Without telepathy, how could we know?

>Telepathy is the number one reported ability of most to nearly
>all occupants as described by abductees, and disregarding the
>form of the reported aliens. Greys, Nordics, Hybrids,
>Reptilians, Insectoids, Hairy Dwarfs, Tall Whites, Robots
>etc....all are said to use telepathy as a means of
>communication. This is a a rather large hint that something
>isn't right here.

Or, to put it another way, something is wrong. Trouble is, it might be something that is wrong with us.

>Clearly the likelihood of nearly every
>supposed species visiting the earth using naturally evolved
>telepathy is rather slim and more frankly, nearly impossible. In
>time I'm sure you will realize
>and accept my position.

Does it not occur to you that the logic of the situation might work rather differently? Evolved telepathy might be a precondition for the types of social organisation required in order to make visits to Earth a possibility. Under such circumstances your position would become unacceptable.

The discussion on this thread has been blighted by a number of instances of blind anthropocentric conceit. To reduce the issue to an either/or between technology and evolution is crass in the extreme - at least insofar as it carries with it the buried assumption that our patterns of social organisation are fit for purpose and that it is merely technological sophistication or the cards that evolution has dealt us that constrains us from pan-galactic tourism.

We can't feed our poor, eliminate disease, protect the planetary environment or regulate economic activity without encountering periodic disaster. Genocide is relatively commonplace and war endemic. We are dangerous monkeys. And yet we somehow manage to assume, consciously or otherwise, that the machinery of our civil society (where present) would not require radical and permanent change before we could be allowed out alone.

Evolved telepathy implies improved processes for conflict resolution.

My advice to any abductee: when spirited away by Greys, Nordics, Hybrids, Reptilians, Insectoids, Hairy Dwarfs, Tall Whites, Robots etc., ask them, telepathically, if you could see one of their lawyers straight away. If they can't produce one, rest assured that you are in contact with entities at much higher

stage of evolution than we ourselves currently enjoy... --

Gerald O'Connell
<http://www.onlyport.com>

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 2010 22:34:04 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 10:11:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Stanton T. Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 2010 14:25:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

<snip>

Mr Friedman proclaims:

>Have you really studied all terrestrial societies, especially
>the primitive ones and demonstrated that none use telepathy? I
>doubt it. Remember absence of evidence is not evidence for
>absence.

What a pointless cliché this is. I could make some very lurid,
possibly libellous, statement about Stanton Friedman, and when
hauled me into court simply say "absence of evidence in not
evidence of absence!"

Yes, that'd work!

John Rimmer
<http://pelicanist.blogspot.com/>
<http://magonia.haan.com/>

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Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 2010 22:57:11 -0500
Archived: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 10:12:49 -0500
Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 20:23:34 -0000
>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 13:56:43 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>>>From: Ole Henningsen <oleh.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 15:50:41 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The Norwegian Blue Light Aerial Display

>>It is my understanding that the entire spiral moved significantly
>>across the sky over a period of a couple of seconds. Someone else
>>measured this from one of the videos. In a time exposure, I would
>>expect such motion to smear the image, but the above picture shows
>>no evidence of that. So the time exposure must have been quite
>>short.

>According to The Sun web page, "Norway's most celebrated
>astronomer, Knut Jorgen Roed Odegaard" learned from Tromso Air
>Traffic Control that the phenomenon lasted 2 minutes. Ole Jonny
>Brenne tells us that the total angular translation was
>approximately 5 degrees. So the average angular rate was 2.5
>arcmin/sec. This is a very small rate.

>During an exposure of one second the phenomenon would drift by
>an angle imperceptible to the naked eye. For example, if the
>photo FOV is, say, 50 deg (it could easily be less) then
>potential motion blur is 1/1200th of the horizontal image width.
>This is equivalent to about 1 pixel on a typical high resolution
>full-screen desktop picture.

>Ole Jonny Brenne says that only the first photo on The Sun page
>is a time exposure, but as William says there is no sign of
>motion blurring.

><snip>

>Maybe the EXIF data in the original image files proves
>different? One might argue that the lens setting and CCD
>sensitivity on this camera might have been equivalent to a
>camera speed 10 times as slow as the camera used for #2. #3 and
>#4, compensating for an exposure 10 times as long. But this
>seems less likely to me. Pending proof from EXIF data - or an
>assurance from Ole Jonny that there is no doubt about it - my
>point of view would be that the absence of perceptible motion
>blurring of the spiral is simply further evidence that the
>reported "20-30 second" exposure is very unlikely indeed, since
>in 25 sec the motion blurring should amount to about 1 degree of
>arc.

I've gathered evidence suggesting that there may have been two
different spirals over Norway that day. I infer this from
analysis of frames from a video and 6 still photos of the
spiral. The phase of the spiral seen at its origin changes as

expected for the dynamic display in the video, but it appears to be constant in all the still photos. Since all the photos were not likely taken at the same instant, the spiral shown in the photos must have been a static display.

One can speculate that the reason for two displays in Norway may have been the same as the reason for the two displays seen during the 1997 Pheonix lights incident, for example.

See my analysis at:

<http://www.treurniet.ca/spirals/norwayspiral.htm>

Summary

On Dec. 9, 2009, a luminous cloud arranged as an Archimedes spiral was photographed over Norway. Analysis of videos and still photos recording the event indicates that there were in fact two different spirals. One had the spinning motion expected from a failed rocket stage, while the other appeared to be a larger static display which must have had a different origin.

William Treurniet

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MoD's 2007 UFO Files Disclosure

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 13:27:10 +0000
Archived: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 10:19:05 -0500
Subject: MoD's 2007 UFO Files Disclosure

Greetings List:

Last year I made a request under Freedom of Information for a copy of the background documents relating to the MoD's 2007 decision to release their remaining files on UFOs.

The contents of the disclosure decision have now been released to me under cover of a letter dated 15 January 2010. A discussion of the contents can be found on my blog here:

<http://tinyurl.com/y9sk3rm>

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David Clarke

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

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 10:37:24 -0500
Archived: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 10:37:24 -0500
Subject: News Links - 17-01-10

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UFO Sightings Near Prairie Farm
Barron News Shield
<http://tinyurl.com/yavf2ro>

Top Secret Missiles Or UFOs?
Shanghaiist
http://shanghaiist.com/2010/01/18/top_secret_missiles_orufos.php

From 'The Norm':

ETs, UFOs And The Psychology Of Belief
<http://tinyurl.com/yb3x2l8>

Let's Get The Truth About UFOs
<http://tinyurl.com/yfeeapv>

Extraterrestrials: A Philosophical Perspective -A Review
Lexington Books, 2010
by Andrzej Kukla
<http://pelicanist.blogspot.com/2010/01/talking-to-aliens.html>
Amazon: <http://tinyurl.com/y8l19e4>

Space Pilot Jobs Set To Take Off
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/8458969.stm>

Radio Pulses From Pulsar Appear To Move Faster Than Light
<http://www.physorg.com/news182671620.html>

Across The Multiverse: FSU
<http://www.physorg.com/news182537257.html>

Second Smallest Exoplanet Spotted: Discovery Highlights New
Potential For Eventually Finding Earth-Mass Planets
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/01/100113122349.htm>

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PRG Update - January 17 2010

From: **Paradigm Research Group** <PRG.nul>
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 2010 18:11:09 -0800
Archived: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 10:41:50 -0500
Subject: PRG Update - January 17 2010

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - January 17 , 2010

PRG In the News
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/articles/PRGarticles.html

PRG's advocacy work was featured in an extensive article by Timothy Lavin about Gorge Noory and Coast to Coast AM in the Jan/Feb issue of The Atlantic. PRG was also the focus of another article by Daniel Fromson in the Jan/Feb issue of Washington Monthly. If you like these articles, let the magazines know. They love feedback.

PRG Media Schedule

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/speaking&eventschedule.html

Jan 23, Sat, 10 am EST, <<http://www.universaltalk.info/>>Universal Talk w/ Joe Marra
Jan 23, Sat, 11 pm EST, <<http://www.exopoliticsradio.com/home.html>>Exopolitics Radio w/ Alfred Webre
Jan 21, Thur, 7 pm EST, <<http://www.veritasshow.com/>>Veritas Show<<http://www.veritasshow.com/>> w/ Mel Fabregas
Jan 20, Wed, 5 pm EST, <http://www.wbgzradio.com/html/program_schedule.html>Matinee Madness w/ Mike Montgomery

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The future of media will be integrated, cross promotional platforms. The ultimate example of such a multi-platform is: radio, television, website, print publication, online publication, all working together.

That is exactly what Open Minds Production out of Phoenix is about to accomplish when the print and online versions of Open Minds Magazine and Open Minds Television soon join the OM website and radio show already launched. The magazine is due to hit the news stands in a few weeks. Editor Maurizio Baiata has proven he can produce high production value publications and Open Minds Magazine will be of a kind with the late and much missed Omni Magazine - now collector's items.

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First Contact TV
www.youtube.com/user/FirstContactTV
www.facebook.com/pages/First-Contact-TV/360893055076

The Internet is itself a multi-platform of media. A new HD television series is in development starring: Richard Dolan, Jaime Windon, Michael Lukowiak and Rob Simone. It's directed by John D'Auria. A Facebook page and YouTube channel are already up and running. Sign up and support this program as it utilizes the Internet to reach a worldwide audience.

The Sophia Project - University of Arizona Study
<http://lach.web.arizona.edu/sophia/index.htm>

The University of Arizona has announced it will be conducting a scientific study of individual claims of experiencing contact with non(physical)-human entities under the direction of Dr. Gary E. Schwartz. ET contactees will be included in the study.

PRG considers this a very significant development. The near absence of engagement of the UFO/ET issue by U.S. colleges and universities since the 1950's is perhaps the greatest intellectual failure in history. PRG's believes this will be the first time a university will formally study the contact/abduction phenomena. Dr. John Mack's work was done outside of Harvard with an affiliation back to Harvard through the Cambridge Hospital only because Mack was officed there. Temple University has never engaged the issue. It has just permitted Dr. David Jacobs to keep his job while doing his outside work plus a limited credit course. Dr. Leo Sprinkle was forced to retire from the U. of Wyoming over his outside contactee work.

Furthermore, a systematic effort to parse these accounts could be very revealing. All cultural history is filled with events interpreted by people within the context of what the person knows about the physical world. If someone sees an entity walk through a wall in their bedroom, why would they not consider that a "ghost experience?" But, alas, it is well reported that ET's can come through a wall.

Dr. Gary Schwartz has the stature of Mack and is fully aware of the ET presence. He attended the MIT abduction symposium in 1992 and is going to make sure the ET accounts are properly considered.

It also is worth noting the University of Arizona is where Dr. James E. McDonald worked right up until his suicide. Perhaps the circle is about to be closed at last.

National Declassification Center
<http://tinyurl.com/yjhh6om>

[From the White House Blog]

President Obama has issued a new executive order on "Classified National Security Information" that addresses the problem of over-classification in numerous ways and will allow researchers to gain timelier access to formerly classified records. Among the major changes are the following:

- * It establishes a National Declassification Center at the National Archives to enable agency reviewers to perform collaborative declassification in accordance with priorities developed by the Archivist with input from the general public.

- * For the first time, it establishes the principle that no records may remain classified indefinitely and provides enforceable deadlines for declassifying information exempted from automatic declassification at 25 years.

- * For the first time, it requires agencies to conduct fundamental classification guidance reviews to ensure that classification guides are up-to-date and that they do not require unnecessary classification.

- * It eliminates an Intelligence Community veto of certain decisions by the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel that was introduced in the Bush order.

Without question the first year of the Obama administration has been highly problematic. Much has

gone wrong. However, in the background and with little attention from the media, efforts to serve the open, transparent promise of the campaign have been ongoing. This is just one example. PRG considers this new Executive Order to be very significant. The administration is building a platform upon which to serve a post-Disclosure reality. It is PRG's view Disclosure is still on the delayed agenda of the Democratic administration of Barack Obama.

Royal Society ET Life Conference
<http://royalsociety.org/Event.aspx?id=1887>

Vatican ET Astrobiology Conference
<http://tinyurl.com/yzxhb8t>
<http://tinyurl.com/y9oljtv>

It seems the study of ET life is on everyone's agenda these days.

On January 25-26, 2010 the prestigious, 350 year old Royal Society of London will conduct a conference on "The detection of extra-terrestrial life and the consequences for science and society." Confirmed speakers include: Simon Conway Morris FRS, Dr Malcolm Fridlund, Paul Davies, Albert A Harrison, Ivan Almar, Michel Mayor, Dr Chris McKay, Charles Cockell, Dr. Kathryn Denning, Colin Pillinger CBE FRS, Ted Peters, Christian de Duve FRS, Dr Frank Drake, and Pascale Ehrenfreund. PRG considers this a timely move on the part of the Royal Society. Very stodgy academics with high opinions of themselves hate to be caught with their pants down and there a lot of pants out there at risk.

Of greater importance is the astrobiology symposium held at the Vatican during the first week of November 2009. Scientists from around the world convened to discuss essentially the same subject matter about to be taken up by the Royal Society. Father Jose Gabriel Funes, the director of the Vatican observatory, is leading the effort positioning the Catholic Church on the right side of the UFO/ET issue as disclosure draws near. Monsignor Corrado Balducci would be very pleased.

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 15:55:17 +0000
Archived: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 11:30:11 -0500
Subject: Re: PRG Update - January 17 2010

>From: Paradigm Research Group <PRG.nul>
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I received unsolicited email from this outfit and did as I do with all spam received - reported it to spamcop and notified their service provider. I would hazard a guess that lots of members of this List were spammed in the same way - I wonder where they got my email address?

Joe

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 11:15:08 -0700
Archived: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 10:55:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 22:26:24 -0800
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

Hi Peter, a delayed response.

<snip>

>I mention this fact, with the intent of trying to establish some
>outer limit on the nature of what we are working with in the
>field of ufology. Everyone is welcome to his/her respective view
>on the matter, of course, but it seems to me profoundly absurd
>to argue that the objects we study as ufologists have
>spontaneously created themselves through some purely physical
>process, absent direct intervention of intelligent creatures.

I would have to agree, at least for those objects that display intelligent behavior/control (definition negotiable), as opposed to simple passive flight through the atmosphere. I have queried the List previously regarding any estimate for the fraction of 'good' cases that include such, but got no reply. Perhaps no such study has been undertaken.

<snip>

>Hence, we have a physical basis for how organisms generate
>electromagnetic signals, a fact that has been known for a long
>time. In addressing the possibility of telepathy, all we need is
>for another organism to be able to interpret the "signal" that
>the electromagnetic medium, generated by another organism,
>carries.

<snip>

>If the electrical activity of a heartbeat can be detected by
>another organism, is there any reason to believe that the
>electrical activity of the brain could not? The only remaining
>pre-requisite for the transfer of information is that the
>"receiver" can isolate the signal from the carrier.

While it's plausible that electrical activity in the brain could be detected by another organism, the capability to interpret this activity (at least in humans) is another matter altogether, since, as far as we know, this activity is a passive byproduct of brain function, and not produced for communication per se.

However, if there were any species that could detect such signals, I should think they would evolve to exploit them for communication. In the case of present-day humans, such signals are perhaps more analogous to data gathered by a polygraph, allowing parameters such as the general mood of the subject (e.g., fear) to be gleaned, but not to reconstruct the subject's actual thoughts.

>Applying the above observations to ufology, I am not in the
>least surprised to hear abductees report that they have been
>informed by aliens that any human can be located through a

>remote process. If the "signature" of each person's brain waves
>is, in some way, unique, just as our finger prints, retinal
>patterns, and DNA are unique, a sensitive enough receiver would
>be able to detect remotely any individual, even from a
>considerable distance, and amidst a great deal of "noise."

Recognition of an electromagnetic signature from a specific
brain (as opposed to interpreting or parsing such a signal)
would seem entirely plausible in principle. It is observed in
more than one species on Earth that parents can detect and
locate the cries of their offspring from amongst a vast sea of
noise produced by other offspring (e.g., bats do this in total
darkness, in colonies numbering in the 100s of thousands).

In practice, it is the magnitude of the signal itself that would
seem to be the issue... the received power from brain wave
activity at a given range would be many orders of magnitude less
than, say, an acoustic (vocalized) signal in air.

Regards-

Mike

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>extreme - at least insofar as it carries with it the buried
>assumption that our patterns of social organisation are fit for
>purpose and that it is merely technological sophistication or
>the cards that evolution has dealt us that constrains us from
>pan-galactic tourism.

Clarke's 3rd Law = It's Tech Not Magic

>We can't feed our poor, eliminate disease, protect the planetary
>environment or regulate economic activity without encountering
>periodic disaster. Genocide is relatively commonplace and war
>endemic. We are dangerous monkeys. And yet we somehow manage to
>assume, consciously or otherwise, that the machinery of our
>civil society (where present) would not require radical and
>permanent change before we could be allowed out alone.
>Evolved telepathy implies improved processes for conflict
>resolution.

>My advice to any abductee: when spirited away by Greys, Nordics,
>Hybrids, Reptilians, Insectoids, Hairy Dwarfs, Tall Whites,
>Robots etc., ask them, telepathically, if you could see one of
>their lawyers straight away. If they can't produce one, rest
>assured that you are in contact with entities at much higher
>stage of evolution than we ourselves currently enjoy... --

Any explanation must increase our understanding. Naturally
evolved telepathy does not increase our understanding as it has
never been proven to exist and we do not know the mechanisms for

which such could be achieved.

However, we are producing synthetic telepathy and we can know how such is achieved. The proposed explanation of telepathy via technology does increase our understanding. Therefore, technological telepathy is the better choice. I admit that the possibility for naturally evolved telepathy is not zero, however to choose naturally evolved telepathy over technological telepathy indicates a bias or else an inability to logically reason.

-Jason Gammon

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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 15:55:17 +0000
>Subject: Re: PRG Update - January 17 2010

>>From: Paradigm Research Group <PRG.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 2010 18:11:09 -0800
>>Subject: PRG Update - January 17 2010

><snip>

>>Open Minds Magazine
>>www.openminds.tv

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>>PRG encourages all who care about UFO/ET and related issues to
>>support this magazine. Look for it on the stands and tell your
>>friends. It is going to represent our issues in stunning
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>with all spam received - reported it to spamcop and notified
>their service provider. I would hazard a guess that lots of
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>Joe

I am with Open Minds. We are not sending out unsolicited email.
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researchers, Maurizio Baiata, Antonio Huneus, or myself,
Alejandro Rojas.

You must have been on one of those Lists.

We apologize if anyone is sent an email they did not wish to
receive.

Thank you for the mention, Stephen.

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Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 15:24:44 -0800
Archived: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 11:04:16 -0500
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>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
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<http://www.ufoabduction.com/telepathy1.htm>

Ed

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 10:13:28 -0600
Archived: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 05:55:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 12:19:45 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>Any explanation must increase our understanding.

You say this like a confident mantra, but what if you're, to put it simply, incapable of remotely understanding the "explanation"?

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Re: PRG Update - January 17 2010

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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>Alejandro Rojas.

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Do you seriously imagine that I might voluntarily participate on any List of that nature? If that is your position, please provide some evidence of my 'voluntary subscription'. No such evidence exists or existed, someone jut thought it would be a good idea to spam people who have displayed a general interest in ufology.

I get frequent spam from similar fruitcake groups. I mentioned before the posts I used to get from some idiot in Turkey who insisted on notifying me of every local event just in case I decided to make the round trip to Turkey to watch a film of balloons or a satellite re-entry which he considered to be 'proof' of alien visitation.

Did any other UpDates List members get spammed by 'exposed brains' or am I unique in that privilege?

Joe

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Paul Vigay Inquest Verdict

From: Colin Andrews <cprandrews.nul>
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 17:47:08 +0000 (UTC)
Archived: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 06:03:20 -0500
Subject: Paul Vigay Inquest Verdict

The sudden death in February last year of well-known crop circle, UFO and government conspiracies researcher Paul Vigay is acknowledged a mystery by the inquest verdict.

The inquest into the sudden death of my friend and fellow researcher Paul Vigay took place in Portsmouth, England Monday 18, January 2010.

Paul continues to be greatly missed by me and all who knew and loved him with his honesty and happy demeanor. Rumors naturally have abounded about what happened.

I have refrained from adding my own thoughts and concerns out of respect for Paul's family, who have been through hell and back.

I am aware that they have been living with certain facts that have made all this even harder than it might have been. These facts I will again leave to be spoken by them.

I believe details surrounding the police investigation will be announced after the Inquest outcome is published in the British media tomorrow (Wednesday 20th.).

Meanwhile it is known that...:

<http://www.colinandrews.net/PaulVigayPassing.html>

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Hi Ed,

I'm sure you noticed from the paper at the link that Jacobs is of the opinion that Telepathy, and other mental powers of the aliens, are either a result of biological engineering or naturally evolved abilities. Biologically engineered telepathy is intriguing, but unfortunately it still suffers from the same problems of naturally evolved telepathy.

My guess is that Dr. Jacobs is not familiar with the subjects of transhumanism/posthumanism, the philosophy of A.I., the technological singularity, and the origin of the word cyborg.

As you may know, Hopkins and Jacobs altered their theories when confronted with the science of transgenics. For those not in the loop, this means that they no longer believe the hybrids are actual hybrids, per the strict definition of hybrid, as the probability of such is practically zero. So Hopkins and Jacobs have altered their theories when confronted with science.

Hopefully, when confronted with this information Hopkins and Jacobs will also alter their theories to accept the logic of this line of reasoning.

The better explanation for alien telepathy is that it is technological in origin. To choose naturally evolved telepathy or even biologically engineered telepathy, for which we know nothing about, over technological telepathy for which we are now developing, is perplexing and is clearly not the best choice.

Choosing technological telepathy allows further growth in our understanding of the phenomenon, mainly by allowing us to logically infer that the aliens are cybernetic beings, or cyborgs.

Not only would the Greys be cyborgs, but any aliens sharing in the same ability and the physical actions used during the use of this ability could also be inferred to be cyborgs as well.

With regards to David Jacobs work, this means his hybrids are not hybrid beings designed to look fully human in order to infiltrate the planet. Instead, they are cybernetic beings designed to look fully human in order to infiltrate the planet. The goal is the same, just that Jacobs was at least partially

incorrect with his understanding of the nature of the beings. I say partially because for all I know transgenics might be utilised in creating these beings, but the key thing to understand is that they are cyborgs.

Now for the whopper...

If you are familiar with Dr. Jacobs work then you will be aware of something Jacobs refers to as "The Change". Now using intelligent speculation, as well as the knowledge that these beings are cyborgs, I propose a possible identity of "The Change", mainly that of the technological singularity.

The Technological Singularity:

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

It is my personal opinion that the technological singularity will arise with the creation of AGI (Artificial General Intelligence),

It is also my opinion that the ultimate intelligence behind the UFO phenomenon is an advanced machine intelligence.

Of course I can't argue for either my opinions on "The Change" being the technological singularity or of A.I. being behind the UFO phenomenon. I can't argue for these because they are based on my personal opinions, intuition, and understanding of what is in store for our species.

Ironically, I watched an interview with noted transhumanist Ray Kurzweil yesterday. Mr. Kurzweil spoke of the god-like machines that we will create and stated (paraphrased) "I'm not saying these god-like intelligent machines will come from Mars to take over planet earth. Instead I'm saying we will build these machines." Well, I don't believe they come from Mars, but I suggest that just such a scenario might not be that far off from the truth.

So my take of the UFO phenomenon is this. The intelligence behind the UFO phenomenon, assuming it is real, is machine-based. The goals would be to "raise us", i.e. assimilation. Roswell and other reported crashes, assuming they happened, might have been done on purpose, a form of Trojan horse in order to increase our technology to a point in which our species could be assimilated.

I share Dr. Jacobs view of the future, save for the fact that instead of humans being dominated by aliens, it will be god-like intelligent machines that are running the show. This dreaded apocalypse that Jacobs is warned of by abductees, may be the war created by humans in order to resist this process of assimilation. My fear is that the governments of the earth would rather destroy the world through nuclear weapons rather than surrender. Shame. Hint: Get rid of the nukes.

In the future there will be a new way of doing things. It is of the utmost importance that humans begin preparing for this future. Humanity and intelligent machines must learn to coexist peacefully, or frankly, the human species will be wiped-out.

-Jason Gammon

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Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 13:58:23 -0500
Archived: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 06:25:45 -0500
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>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 14:46:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

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>We both agree that to the best of scientific knowledge that
>there are no organic species on earth which communicate through
>telepathy.

To the "best" of scientific knowledge there is no evidence of
intelligently controlled extraterrestrial space craft flying in
Earth's atmosphere. So, we just take it as a fact?

The same about telepathy. Different cases and experiments can be
found, which shows that at least in simplest level telepathy
exists. Rupert Sheldrake experiments are probably good example.
You can find his lecture about that on Youtube:

The Extended Mind: Recent Experimental Evidence:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnA8GUtXpXY>

Or shorter lecture:

Rupert Sheldrake - The Extended Mind - Telepathy (3 parts):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yo0gyXZ0v0o>

There is also possibility, that ETs telepathy in some cases was
enhanced by technology to contact with earthlings.

>Greys, Nordics, Hybrids,
>Reptilians, Insectoids, Hairy Dwarfs, Tall Whites, Robots
>etc....all are said to use telepathy as a means of
>communication. This is a rather large hint that something
>isn't right here. Clearly the likelihood of nearly every
>supposed species visiting the earth using naturally evolved
>telepathy is rather slim and more frankly, nearly impossible.

But what if this is just natural result of evolution and
development?

Imagine world of toddlers. Suddenly grownups came. But they all
walk on two feet and not crawl as toddlers. Is it evidence of
use of advanced technology?

Sergey

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Secrecy News - 01/19/09

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 14:03:50 -0500
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Subject: Secrecy News - 01/19/09

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** DOD "CLARIFIES" DOCTRINE ON PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS
** SOME NEW CONGRESSIONAL HEARING VOLUMES
** BOOK: CHANGE OF STATE

DOD "CLARIFIES" DOCTRINE ON PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

The Department of Defense has issued a new publication to update and clarify its doctrine on "psychological operations."

Psychological operations, or PSYOP, are intended to "convey selected information and indicators to foreign audiences to influence their emotions, motives, objective reasoning, and ultimately the behavior of foreign governments, organizations, groups, and individuals. The purpose of psychological operations is to induce or reinforce foreign attitudes and behavior favorable to the originator's objectives."

PSYOP is among the oldest of military disciplines, but the new DoD doctrine continues to wrestle with basic definitional issues.

It endorses a new, negative definition of the term "propaganda," which had formerly been used in a neutral sense to refer to "Any form of communication in support of national objectives designed to influence the opinions, emotions, attitudes, or behavior of any group in order to benefit the sponsor, either directly or indirectly." From now on, propaganda will refer only to what the enemy does: "Any form of adversary communication, especially of a biased or misleading nature, designed to influence the opinions, emotions, attitudes, or behavior of any group in order to benefit the sponsor, either directly or indirectly."

The new doctrine also dictates that the term "perception management" shall be eliminated from the DoD lexicon.

DoD acknowledges that PSYOP is limited by legal constraints, including statutes, international agreements, and national policies. Among other things, the DoD doctrine states, there is a "requirement that US PSYOP forces will not target US citizens at any time, in any location globally, or under any circumstances." Yet in a near contradiction, the doctrine also states that "When authorized, PSYOP forces may be used domestically to assist lead federal agencies during disaster relief and crisis management by informing the domestic population." Perhaps the PSYOP forces are supposed to inform the domestic population without "targeting" them.

Fundamentally, psychological operations are tethered to the reality of U.S. government actions, for good or for ill. As the new doctrine notes, "Every activity of the force has potential psychological implications that may be leveraged to influence foreign targets." But PSYOP cannot no substitute for an incoherent policy or rescue a poorly executed plan.

See "Psychological Operations," Joint Publication 3-13.2, Joint Chiefs of Staff, January 7, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3-13-2.pdf>

SOME NEW CONGRESSIONAL HEARING VOLUMES

Newly published congressional hearing volumes on national security-related topics include the following.

"Nomination of Leon Panetta to be Director of Central Intelligence Agency," Senate Intelligence Committee, February 5-6, 2009:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2009_hr/panetta.html

"Nomination of David S. Kris to be Assistant Attorney General for National Security," Senate Intelligence Committee, March 10, 2009:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2009_hr/kris.html

"Nomination of J. Patrick Rowan to be Assistant Attorney General for National Security," Senate Intelligence Committee, September 25, 2008:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2008_hr/rowan.pdf

"USA Patriot Act," House Judiciary Committee, September 22, 2009:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2009_hr/patriot.html

"Advancing Technology for Nuclear Fuel Recycling: What Should Our Research, Development, and Demonstration Strategy Be?" House Science and Technology Committee, June 17, 2009:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2009_hr/recycling.pdf

"The Incidence of Suicides of United States Servicemembers and Initiatives within the Department of Defense to Prevent Military Suicides," Senate Armed Services Committee, March 18, 2009:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2009_hr/suicide.pdf

BOOK: CHANGE OF STATE

Worlds seem to collide as I sat in a Chevy Chase synagogue last night waiting to hear Israeli Talmudist Adin Steinsaltz and the ACLU's Art Spitzer discuss Martin Luther King's Letter from Birmingham Jail. Former Bush Administration Pentagon official Douglas Feith, of all people, sat a few rows back. I was reading a 2006 book about information policy called "Change of State" by University of Wisconsin professor Sandra Braman.

"That looks really boring," volunteered an unknown gentleman seated next to me in the packed hall.

In fact, Change of State is a deeply thought, deeply felt (if sometimes quite dense) account of information policy that takes the subject much more seriously than do many practitioners in the field.

"Information policy fundamentally shapes the conditions within which we undertake all other political, social, cultural, and economic activity," the author writes. "And it is information policy that is the legal domain through which the government wields the most important form of power in today's world, informational power."

A central claim of the book is that the very nature of

government has been altered and transformed from the bureaucratic welfare state into what may be called the informational state, in which governments "deliberately, explicitly, and consistently control information creation, processing, flows, and use to exercise power."

In developing her argument, the author covers a tremendous amount of interdisciplinary ground. The bibliographical essays that accompany the text and the standard bibliography at the end are richly informative all by themselves.

Inevitably, there are errors and questionable judgments to be found. Hacker Kevin Mitnick was sent to jail for computer fraud, not because he "publicly released a free and easy method for encryption on the Internet" (p. 131). And on the list of information policy principles that are explicit or implicit in the U.S. Constitution, I would have included the Statement and Account clause (Article I, section 9, clause 7) which requires that "the receipts and expenditures of all public money shall be published from time to time."

"Change of State: Information, Policy, and Power" by Sandra Braman was published by MIT Press. For more information, including the Table of Contents and a sample chapter, see here:

<http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?ttype=3D2&tid=3D11958>

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Mystery Weather Ring Over Australia

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 20:45:00 -0000
Archived: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 06:31:36 -0500
Subject: Mystery Weather Ring Over Australia

Has anyone any theories about the strange ring shown in these satellite photos?

<http://tinyurl.com/yha9aye>

It seems too regular somehow to be 'natural' but then in later photos dissipates into a less well formed ring.

Thanks

Dave Haith

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UK BBC TV Show On UFOs

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 20:54:03 -0000
Archived: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 06:35:40 -0500
Subject: UK BBC TV Show On UFOs

UK Listers may like to put this in their TV diaries:

<http://tinyurl.com/yargkfr>

I Believe In UFOs: Danny Dyer on BBC3 at 9pm Jan 26, 2010.

Dave Haith

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Human v2.0 [Was: Alien Telepathy Explained?]

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 17:05:34 -0500
Archived: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 06:38:30 -0500
Subject: Human v2.0 [Was: Alien Telepathy Explained?]

"Meet the scientific prophets who claim we are on the verge of creating a new type of human - a human v2.0.

It's predicted that by 2029 computer intelligence will equal the power of the human brain. Some believe this will revolutionise humanity - we will be able to download our minds to computers extending our lives indefinitely. Others fear this will lead to oblivion by giving rise to destructive ultra intelligent machines.

One thing they all agree on is that the coming of this moment - and whatever it brings - is inevitable."

<http://tinyurl.com/y84snw>

For the UFO researchers out there who have yet to research the subject matter of the technological singularity, then this is a good documentary to start.

In my opinion, topics like the technological singularity, transhumanism/posthumanism, the philosophy of A.I., and the origin of the word cyborg are all musts for every UFO researcher to study.

If we are indeed being visited then it will be by similar beings, perhaps even ourselves from the future, and not the aliens as "us in different bodies" that was the epitome of the old paradigm that ruled UFO study.

To view the documentary, click on the following link:

BBC Horizon: Human v2.0

<http://tinyurl.com/yj37kok>

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 02:20:58 +0000
Archived: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 06:39:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 12:19:45 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 17 Jan 2010 22:06:32 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 14:46:05 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

><snip>

>>>Clearly the likelihood of nearly every
>>>supposed species visiting the earth using naturally evolved
>>>telepathy is rather slim and more frankly, nearly impossible. In
>>>time I'm sure you will realize
>>>and accept my position.

>>Does it not occur to you that the logic of the situation might
>>work rather differently? Evolved telepathy might be a
>>precondition for the types of social organisation required in
>>order to make visits to Earth a possibility. Under such
>>circumstances your position would become unacceptable.

>Any explanation must increase our understanding. The
>explanation you are proposing does not increase our
>understanding.

I put forward a hypothesis. That hypothesis serves as a prima
facie explanation for why your view that "Clearly the likelihood
of nearly every supposed species visiting the earth using
naturally evolved telepathy is rather slim and more frankly,
nearly impossible." is logically faulty. It may not feel to you
that being shown to be wrong increases your understanding, but
that's the way it is. If that doesn't increase your
understanding, there's not much else I can do.

<snip>

>Any explanation must increase our understanding.

The needle appears to be stuck in the groove.

>Naturally
>evolved telepathy does not increase our understanding as it has
>never been proven to exist and we do not know the mechanisms for
>which such could be achieved.

That's the whole point about hypotheses. When a situation, a set
of facts, doesn't stack up, we look for an alternative
explanation. In some cases, the mere existence of a plausible
hypothesis serves to increase our understanding by demonstrating
where there was a fault line in the previous set of assumptions
we adopted. If the facts didn't stack up, then there was a

reason. Alternative hypotheses can point the way to that reason.

'Understanding' isn't a two position switch, thrown or not by what we take to be proven fact. It also encompasses interpretation and logical processes. More often than not, when working in, if you'll pardon the expression, grey areas, we advance understanding through a blend of fact, interpretation and logical rigour.

'Proven facts' can be viewed as a by-product of increased understanding - some of them stay proven and some don't...

--

Gerald O'Connell
<http://www.onlyport.com>

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News Links 19-01-10

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 07:39:09 -0500
Archived: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 07:39:09 -0500
Subject: News Links 19-01-10

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Two Photos of a UFO In Tennessee
UFODigest
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/two-photos.php>

Fleet Of Three UFO In Moscow Filmed
PeopleMagazineDaily.com
<http://peoplemagazinedaily.com/?p=4336>

Look Who's Talking: 'Dr. UFO' Pat Marcattilio Of Hamilton
The Trentonian
<http://tinyurl.com/ylr968m>

Roswell And Other UFO Crash Myths
UFODigest
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/crash-myths.php>

UFO Case Files Of Russia
UFODigest
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/russia-ufos.php>

Item 2.56: Does U. S. Official UFO Secrecy Constitute the
Ultimate Form of Foreign Counterintelligence?
<http://ufoview.posterous.com/>

From 'The Norm':

Should Mainstream Media Demand To See The Outcome Of FAA UFO
Reports Given To Robert Bigelow?
<http://tinyurl.com/yarfokt>

Is Ron Pandolfi The CIA's 'Real-life X-files' Fox Mulder?
<http://www.starpod.org/news/1001151.htm>

George Noory, A Religious Talk Radio Host?
<http://tinyurl.com/yayx729>

Dark Sand Cascades On Mars
<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap100119.html>

Was Our Solar System Designed To Produce Humans?
By Christopher Knight and Alan Butler
<http://www.grahamhancock.com/forum/KnightButler1.php>

Mystery Object Behaves Both Like A Comet and Asteroid
<http://tinyurl.com/yjegu7n>

The United Nations Of Science: Why We Need It
<http://tinyurl.com/yc7e97s>

Searching For Life In The Multiverse
<http://tinyurl.com/ydoev9z>

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Re: Mystery Weather Ring Over Australia

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 09:46:17 -0300
Archived: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 07:58:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Mystery Weather Ring Over Australia

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 20:45:00 -0000
>Subject: Mystery Weather Ring Over Australia

>Has anyone any theories about the strange ring shown in these
>satellite photos?

><http://tinyurl.com/yha9aye>

It's an artifact from the hardware, the ring is centered exactly where the radar station is. Similar artifacts around the world have usually been promoted as "mysterious", but meteorologists know better and ignore = or in fact try to actively suppress = those ring artifacts.

<http://theageofdesolation.com/images/default/Radar%20Ring-AK.gif>

<http://www.museumofhoaxes.com/hoax/weblog/comments/4422/P20/>

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 11:46:53 -0500
Archived: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 17:01:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 10:13:28 -0600
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 12:19:45 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>Any explanation must increase our understanding.

>You say this like a confident mantra, but what if you're, to put
>it simply, incapable of remotely understanding the
>"explanation"?

If we are incapable of understanding the UFO phenomenon then
there is no reason to study it.

Arguing such position prevents us from inquiring and stops the
growth of knowledge and understanding.

Such position answers everything by answering nothing.

Such position is literally "throwing in the
towel".

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 12:13:18 -0500
Archived: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 17:04:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: UFO Updates List <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 13:58:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 14:46:05 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

<snip>

>>We both agree that to the best of scientific knowledge that
>>there are no organic species on earth which communicate through
>>telepathy.

>To the "best" of scientific knowledge there is no evidence of
>intelligently controlled extraterrestrial space craft flying in
>Earth's atmosphere. So, we just take it as a fact?

We both know that mainstream science has not properly
addressed the UFO phenomenon. However, does this mean
we are to discard science completely?

>The same about telepathy. Different cases and experiments can be
>found, which shows that at least in simplest level telepathy
>exists. Rupert Sheldrake experiments are probably good example.
>You can find his lecture about that on Youtube:

>The Extended Mind: Recent Experimental Evidence:

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnA8GUtXpXY>

>Or shorter lecture:

>Rupert Sheldrake - The Extended Mind - Telepathy (3 parts):

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yo0gyXZQv0o>

Voodoo Science

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

>There is also possibility, that ETs telepathy in some cases was
>enhanced by technology to contact with earthlings.

Same problem exists, except you are trying to disguise it with
technology. We know nothing of how telepathy could naturally
evolve or how it would operate.

>>Greys, Nordics, Hybrids,
>>Reptilians, Insectoids, Hairy Dwarfs, Tall Whites, Robots
>>etc....all are said to use telepathy as a means of
>>communication. This is a rather large hint that something
>>isn't right here. Clearly the likelihood of nearly every
>>supposed species visiting the earth using naturally evolved
>>telepathy is rather slim and more frankly, nearly impossible.

>But what if this is just natural result of evolution and

>development?

That's not how evolution works. There is no intelligence guiding evolution. There is no ultimate plan in evolution. What you would be referring to is artificial selection instead of natural selection. Otherwise, you would be arguing for biologically engineered telepathic abilities. Unfortunately such a theory still suffers from the same problem as naturally evolved telepathy.

Ultimately, you are avoiding the simpler explanation.

>Imagine world of toddlers. Suddenly grownups came. But they all >walk on two feet and not crawl as toddlers. Is it evidence of >use of advanced technology?

You completely lost me on that last one.

-Jason Gammon

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Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 12:30:12 -0500
Archived: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 17:05:59 -0500
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>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 02:20:58 +0000
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>advance understanding through a blend of fact, interpretation
>and logical rigour.

>'Proven facts' can be viewed as a by-product of increased
>understanding - some of them stay proven and some don't...

Your hypothesis invokes a process we don't know anything about,
how it could of naturally evolved and how it operates. Your
hypothesis does not increase our understanding. You might as
well be arguing for magic.

My hypothesis involves an explanation we can understand and one
that does increase our understanding by allowing us to logically
infer that the beings are cyborgs.

Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

To choose naturally evolved telepathy over technological telepathy is clearly not the better choice.

To choose naturally evolved telepathy, or even biologically engineered telepathy, over technological telepathy indicates a bias.

-Jason Gammon

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UFOs & Ball Lightning

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 17:17:59 -0400
Archived: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 17:09:49 -0500
Subject: UFOs & Ball Lightning

From National Geographic

<http://tinyurl.com/oo2cg>

Ball Lightning: A Shocking Scientific Mystery

I could not help but note the similarities in this article.
Substituite UFO for some of the comments.

Don Ledger

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 16:26:13 -0500
Archived: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 17:11:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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>... but what if you're, to put it simply, incapable of remotely
>understanding the "explanation"?

200 years ago, we would all be incapable of remotely
understanding television or 3D movies.

Incapable remotely at present does not mean the person,
with suitable training and experience, will always be incapable
of understanding things like telepathy.

The main thing holding us back is mainstream science's
treating anything they can't recreate on demand as "not real."
When they should be rolling up their sleeves and starting to
actually do the job their intellectual accomplishments have
created the expectation they are capable of.

Eleanor White

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Exolanguage: Do You Speak Alien?

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 22:51:52 +0000
Archived: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 17:13:32 -0500
Subject: Exolanguage: Do You Speak Alien?

Exolanguage: Do You Speak Alien?
New Scientist - issue 2744
20 January 2010 by Stephen Battersby

The cosmos is quiet. Eerily quiet. After decades of straining our radio ears for a whisper of civilisations beyond Earth, we have heard nothing. No reassuring message of universal peace. No helpful recipe for building faster-than-light spacecraft or for averting global catastrophes. Not even a stray interstellar advertisement.

Perhaps there's nobody out there after all. Or perhaps it's just early days in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI), and we're listening to the wrong star systems or at the wrong wavelengths.

There is another possibility, says Douglas Vakoch, head of the Interstellar Message Composition programme at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California, which ponders the question of how we should communicate with aliens. "Maybe everyone's listening but no one is transmitting. Maybe it takes an audacious young civilisation like ours to do that."

Full (lengthy) article at:

<http://tinyurl.com/yc42duw>

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Hello ET We Come In Peace

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 22:52:42 +0000
Archived: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 17:15:24 -0500
Subject: Hello ET We Come In Peace

Hello ET, We Come In Peace

20 January 2010
New Scientist issue 2744
editorial

Should we break our interstellar silence? In the 50 years we have been scanning the skies in search of extraterrestrial intelligence, all we have heard is a whole lot of nothing. We have even sent a few hopeful transmissions into space, to no avail. Now some SETI researchers are suggesting that we take a more active approach and systematically advertise our existence to the cosmos (see "We're from Earth. Hi there!").

Others say this would be rash, and that to shout into the dark is unwise when we have very little idea who, or what, is out there. There's a good evolutionary argument that any intelligent alien species is likely to be predatory (see "Meet the cosmic neighbours"). While it is far-fetched to worry that they will want to prey on us, they may, like us, have aggressive tendencies. Physical invasion is improbable, but electronic warfare could be waged across the light years in the form of computer viruses or even intelligent avatars.

Full article at:

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The Face Of First Contact: What Aliens Look Like

20 January 2010 by Stephen Battersby
new Scientist issue 2744

Tentacled monsters, pale skinny humanoids, shimmery beings of pure energy... When it comes to the question of what alien life forms might look like, we are free to let our imagination roam. The science-in-waiting of extraterrestrial anatomy has yet to acquire its first piece of data, so nobody knows what features we will behold if and when humans and aliens come face-to-face. Or face to squirmy something.

Despite this lack of hard evidence, a blend of astronomy and earthly biology offers some clues to what is out there. A few bold scientists are even willing to make an educated guess at the nature of aliens that might exist on faraway worlds.

Full article at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ya8vnd8>

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A Short History Of Radio Messages To ET

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 22:54:28 +0000
Archived: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 17:21:44 -0500
Subject: A Short History Of Radio Messages To ET

Source: The New Scientist

<http://tinyurl.com/ybcaa2g>

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Earth Calling: A Short History Of Radio Messages To ET
by Michael Marshall

The human race first deliberately advertised its existence on the outer panels of space probes, some of which were engraved with codes and images containing information about itself. These immediately prompted arguments about how much we should give away about ourselves.

However, if we really want to break the ice with our cosmic neighbours, it will probably be by sending messages that travel at the speed of light, not at the speed of a Pioneer probe.

A lot of effort has gone into some of the messages, with some researchers even developing an artificial language called Lincos -- which so far has not been used in any actual messages.

[Full article at above link]

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Death Of Paul Vigay Still A Mystery

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 09:01:12 -0000
Archived: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 17:24:42 -0500
Subject: Death Of Paul Vigay Still A Mystery

Here is a local newspaper report of the full inquest on Paul Vigay:

<http://tiny.cc/rB8L6>

I understand there is likely to be some follow up comment publicity from the family.

It would certainly seem suggestive from the evidence of a strong link between the death and the break up with his girlfriend.

But even taking into account his emotional state it seems very peculiar that Paul - as meticulous and devoted to his websites that I knew him to be - to write down all the wrong passwords.

Dave Haith

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 17:27:37 EST
Archived: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 17:48:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 16:26:13 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

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>actually do the job their intellectual accomplishments have
>created the expectation they are capable of.

Amen!

I'll say it again, telepathy is a real phenomena. It's been
reported since people have been recording human events.

The problem is just what you Eleanor have pointed out.

Add to that should someone corner the market on enhancing such
abilities the security systems of every country would be
compromised.

The biggest fear of those who do evil is that their deeds and
plans could be uncovered. Anything that exists that would
breach those walls will never be taken seriously and anyone
promoting them will be subject to scorn and retribution.

We know telepathy exists but we've not yet studied, qualified
and quantified the mechanics behind it.

It just may be a simple, natural, means by which organisms
communicate but we humans use verbal communication as a
dependency so telepathy takes a backseat.

If you ask deaf people about understanding what others are
thinking you'll get quite a surprise.

Bottom line is what we consider telepathy may just be another
level of communication that we not don't use anymore but pops up
like the appendix.

I'm quite sure the U.S. Govt and other governments have studied
the phenom but probably ran into stone walls or somehow

discovered how to enhance it. They won't tell us because enemies would gain.

How to duplicate it with hardware such as implants seems very plausible. Other intelligent life forms may well employ such technologies. Considering the lying and stealing and killing we do as a species I doubt highly that any serious public scientific forays into this phenomena is going to happen any time soon.

However, nature may have other plans. :)

Best,

Greg
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Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 16:42:17 -0600
Archived: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 17:59:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 11:46:53 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 18:00:57 -0500
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I agree ma'am. Please see my response to Mr. G's concerns.

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Police Probe Gary McKinnon Death Threats

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 22:56:06 -0000
Archived: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 06:21:00 -0500
Subject: Police Probe Gary McKinnon Death Threats

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Story here from Gary's UK local newspaper.

<http://tiny.cc/vkuNS>

Dave Haith

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From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 18:58:48 -0500
Archived: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 06:24:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

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But how do you know, Mr. Lehmborg? How do you know when the
proper time is to attempt an explanation?

From my experience with the subject, I am convinced this field
is jam-packed with glassy, wide-eyed, walking around in a daze-
type individuals who secretly don't want an answer to the
phenomenon. Why? Because they love the mystery.

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No you didn't.

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And we never will 'teleport' by using a strict definition.
Teleportation would destroy any living being. Instead, something
along the lines of wormhole technology must be used.

What I'm getting at is that you simply cannot avoid the better explanation simply in order to hold onto your bias. You are a member of the old paradigm. It's time for an upgrade.

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>[alienview.nul](#)

Right, and we will accomplish such through science. Guess what?
Science is creating synthetic telepathy.

Here's a joke for you:

100 years into the future Mr. Alfred Lehmborg is still alive and well due to technological breakthroughs. Mr. Lehmborg utilises advanced technology, such as synthetic telepathy, which replaced cell phones and land lines as the dominant means of communication.

Mr. Lehmborg telepathically communicates with the other members of UFO UpDates and proceeds to debate Mr. Jason Gammon over the nature of alien telepathy. Mr. Lehmborg insists that alien telepathy is a naturally evolved ability.

Did you get it?

-Jason Gammon

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Re: UFOs & Ball Lightning

From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 21:20:47 -0400
Archived: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 06:27:11 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs & Ball Lightning

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 17:17:59 -0400
>Subject: UFOs & Ball Lightning

>From National Geographic

><http://tinyurl.com/oo2cq>

>Ball Lightning: A Shocking Scientific Mystery

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I referenced surveys of Ball Lightning by Warren Rayle of NASA and J. Rand McNally of Oak Ridge National Laboratory in my July 29, 1968, testimony to Congress. Probably on the internet somewhere.

Stan Friedman

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Absolutely correct, except you missed the boat completely.

It's technology. We can understand telepathy because we are
currently creating it via technology.

For all of those who still insist on telepathy being a naturally
evolved ability, please check out my joke, in another reply,
starring Mr. Alfred Lehmborg.

It's real funny.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: UFOs & Ball Lightning

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 19:07:51 -0700
Archived: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 06:46:02 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs & Ball Lightning

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 17:17:59 -0400
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Hi Don,

Phil Plait is asking (substitute as necessary): why don't meteorologists see ball lightning?

Mike

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Re: Exolanguage: Do You Speak Alien?

From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <bert.nul>
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 03:55:04 +0100
Archived: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 06:53:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Exolanguage: Do You Speak Alien?

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 22:51:52 +0000
>Subject: Exolanguage: Do You Speak Alien?

>Exolanguage: Do You Speak Alien?
>New Scientist - issue 2744
>20 January 2010 by Stephen Battersby

>The cosmos is quiet. Eerily quiet. After decades of straining
>our radio ears for a whisper of civilisations beyond Earth, we
>have heard nothing. No reassuring message of universal peace. No
>helpful recipe for building faster-than-light spacecraft or for
>averting global catastrophes. Not even a stray interstellar
>advertisement.

>Perhaps there's nobody out there after all. Or perhaps it's just
>early days in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence
>(SETI), and we're listening to the wrong star systems or at the
>wrong wavelengths.

>There is another possibility, says Douglas Vakoch, head of the
>Interstellar Message Composition programme at the SETI Institute
>in Mountain View, California, which ponders the question of how
>we should communicate with aliens. "Maybe everyone's listening
>but no one is transmitting. Maybe it takes an audacious young
>civilisation like ours to do that."

>Full (lengthy) article at:

><http://tinyurl.com/yc42duw>

<http://www.galactic-server.com/rune/iarga.html>

This is a true story of a UFO contact from a planet called
IARGA - by the alien astronauts visiting our Earth. They say
that their Sun is about 10 light years as we count time from us,
and that they have been observing us for some time...

<snip>

The silent confrontation was suddenly broken by a bud voice. "Do
you understand English?" I nearly jumped out of my skin. Owing
to my surprise that they could speak English, I didn't realize
that they had asked me a question. The voice was totally devoid
of any questioning tone. It sounded more like a statement.

"Do you understand English?" The same statement floated over the
water.

"Yes, I do." "We want to thank you for the rescue of our crew
member."

...Of course. Who are you?"

"We come from another solar system."

"My God," I called back. The situation was so strange that at

that moment I couldn't think of anything else to say. There followed a short silence and I wondered about that strange accent which, in fact, wasn't English at all. To my ears it sounded more like Dutch, my own language. I could understand it perfectly, but I couldn't repeat a single word of what they actually said. The voice came again, and over the still dark water an unbelievable conversation began. "Is your ship damaged?"

"No, I don't think so." "Will you turn the light out?"

"All right."

"Thanks. Does the ship belong to you?"

"Have you a radio transmitter on board?"

"We would like to show our appreciation for the rescue of our crew member."

"You can do that by simply explaining some of this to me. It's just too much. How long have you been here?"

"We have been near Earth for some time."

"Why do you hide? Why haven't you tried to make contact with us?"

"Our reason is that you do not know the laws of a higher civilization."

<snip>

It was a Dutchman that encountered in Zeeland in the Netherlands alien astronauts from Iarga which could speak English.

Bert (A W RvB)

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<http://www.rjrsnvbrn.nl>

US spaceships maximum velocity:
One light-year a minute.

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Death of UFO Expert Paul Vigay 'A Mystery'
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/y9dshqw>

Mystery Remains Over Ufo Expert Found Dead In Sea
Portsmouth News
<http://tinyurl.com/ylzkkvj>

Did Occultist William Oribello Truly Speak For The UFOs?
UFODigest
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/oribello.php>

UFO Photographed Over Xinjiang, China
PeopleMagazineDaily.com
<http://peoplemagazinedaily.com/?p=4366>

Newbury Man Sees Large, Silver UFO
Sun Star Courier
<http://tinyurl.com/ybwx52>

UFO Sighting By UK Pilot
<http://tinyurl.com/y9lpksm>

UFO Spotted In Shrewsbury - Video
Shropshire Star
<http://tinyurl.com/yau9ybx>

Filer's Files #4 - 2010
www.NationalUFOCenter.com

From 'The Norm':

The Alien DNA Paradigm
<http://theozfiles.blogspot.com/2010/01/alien-dna-paradigm.html>

The Politics of Aliens
<http://ufomedia.blogspot.com/2010/01/politics-of-aliens.html>

Roswell UFO Crash Survey Results
By Kevin Randle
<http://tinyurl.com/ye2q748>

Russian Pilot-Cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov And UFOs
<http://www.californiachronicle.com/articles/view/137602>

New Radio Talk Show Is Out Of This World
<http://www.pr.com/press-release/206171>

Hunt For Earth-Like Worlds Looks In The Mirror
<http://tinyurl.com/yd5364u>

Twelve Government Documents That Take UFOs Seriously
by Richard M. Dolan

December 15, 2009. I originally wrote this in 2003, but expanded and revised it in 2009. I have long wanted to prepare an easy to read yet sophisticated analysis of some of the leading government documents that take UFOs seriously. The twelve that I discuss in this article are a very good dozen, but frankly there are many others. I would like to continue expanding this as time goes by.

<http://keyholepublishing.com/Leading-UFO-Documents.html>

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Secrecy News - 01/21/10

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 11:47:55 -0500
Archived: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 13:49:05 -0500
Subject: Secrecy News - 01/21/10

SECRECY NEWS
from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2010, Issue No. 7
January 21, 2010

Secrecy News Blog: <http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/>

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Noteworthy new reports from the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include the following.

"Earthquakes: Risk, Detection, Warning, and Research," January 14, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33861.pdf>

"Haiti Earthquake: Crisis and Response," January 15, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41023.pdf>

"U.S. Immigration Policy on Haitian Migrants," January 15, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RS21349.pdf>

"The Future of NASA: Space Policy Issues Facing Congress," January 14, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/space/R41016.pdf>

"The National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) -- Responsibilities and Potential Congressional Concerns," January 15, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/R41022.pdf>

CRS LAWSUIT, MARINE MAMMALS, DECLASSIFICATION FUNDING

A federal court yesterday declined to issue an injunction requiring the Congressional Research Service to immediately reinstate Col. Morris Davis, who was fired from CRS after publishing his personal opinions on the subject of military commissions. But DC District Judge Reggie Walton said that, based on the record so far, Davis's claim that his termination by CRS violated the First Amendment appears to be "well-founded." (First reported by by Josh Gerstein in Politico, January 20.) Davis is represented by the ACLU.

<http://www.aclu.org/free-speech/davis-v-billington>

A lengthy rule governing the unintentional "taking" of marine mammals by the U.S. Navy, resulting in their harassment, injury, or death, was published in the Federal Register today. The rule

does not deal with the use of marine mammals for defense missions that was the subject of a recent Navy Instruction, but with the damage to these animals that is anticipated due to military activities conducted at the Naval Surface Warfare Center. "Although the Navy requests authorization to take marine mammals by mortality, NMFS does not expect any animals to be killed," according to the Commerce Department's National Marine Fisheries Service.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2010/01/marine.html>

The Office of Management and Budget has authorized a request for \$5 million in next year's budget to fund the new National Declassification Center that is supposed to coordinate and expedite the declassification of historical records. The budget request, to be presented to Congress next month, was noted yesterday by William H. Leary of the National Security Council in a panel discussion at American University's Collaboration on Government Secrecy on the new Obama Executive Order on national security classification.

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/lawandgov/cgs/>

Secrecy News is written by Steven Aftergood and published by the Federation of American Scientists.

The Secrecy News Blog is at:
<http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/>

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: **Geoff Blackmore** <geoff_184.nul>
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 02:42:40 +1300
Archived: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 19:52:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
To: post.nul
Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 16:26:13 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>200 years ago, we would all be incapable of remotely
>understanding television or 3D movies.

Hello Eleanor,

I don't believe that to be the case, as the human brain was the same 200 years ago as it is today. People then would be just as capable of learning about, then understanding, television or 3D movies, if explained to them.

In fact, if you went back in time 5,000 years, then brought a human child from then back to 2010, they would embrace and use technology just as easily as a child today does. They would grow up just like any child born in the 2000's.

Kind regards,

Geoff B.

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 13:01:29 -0500
Archived: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 19:53:43 -0500
Subject: Re: The Life Cybernetic

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>-Jason Gammon

Hello Jason,

You seem to be getting a rise out of people because of your certainty that only your explanation is correct. I suppose if you allowed the possibility that there are other legitimate hypotheses, you might not get any response at all from the list. So I'll give you the benefit of the doubt and see your argument as a kind of straw man to be knocked over. So here goes.

You can't seriously believe that research yielding statistical evidence for telepathy in controlled laboratory experiments over the last 50 years or so is voodoo science. These experiments may not be backed by theoretical understanding, but that does not negate the experimental results. Dismissing such research is simply burying your head in the sand and weakens your argument by making it appear uninformed.

There are physics experiments having to do with tunneling effects, quantum entanglement, etc. that are also based on statistical results. Relatively recent theory is well enough developed to provide at least a mathematical explanation. Quantum theory in general is a mathematical structure that predicts effects but does not really explain them. That's why we have the Copenhagen interpretation or the many-worlds interpretation, because mathematical certainty is not enough. So if physicists can't agree on what their theory means in a metaphysical sense, then how is it justifiable to dismiss results of parapsychology experiments that can't be satisfactorily explained?

"Grays as cybernetic organisms" is an hypothesis to explain the mechanism of the apparent telepathy, but some other mechanism could do as well. The element moving behind the eye cover could be an engineered device or it could be an evolved eyeball. Engineered vs biological telepathy would be interesting competing hypotheses were we ever able to do a controlled experiment. For example, a faraday cage might block engineered telepathy via EM radiation, but not biological telepathy using some kind of mind-to-mind tunneling. If you argue that mind-to-mind tunneling of information might also be engineered, then perhaps the distinction between an engineered and evolved mechanism is not very meaningful.

All of which makes me wonder why you think the distinction regarding mechanism is so important since the effect is the same. Could it be that you are just trying to drive a spike into the so-called "voodoo science"?

William

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 15:22:46 -0500
Archived: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 19:56:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 19:06:34 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

<snip>

>>The main thing holding us back is mainstream science's
>>treating anything they can't recreate on demand as "not real."
>>When they should be rolling up their sleeves and starting to
>>actually do the job their intellectual accomplishments have
>>created the expectation they are capable of.

>Absolutely correct, except you missed the boat completely.

>It's technology. We can understand telepathy because we are
>currently creating it via technology.

You don't have to convince me of that, bro! I've been doused
with such for 30 years now!

I'm just ticked off because people can be harassed without any
hope of relief, using the advanced technologies which are at the
sophistication level of what are commonly called "paranormal"
events, and because we could be up there flying antigrav
machines right now, if it weren't for the carefully created
attitude of ridiculing anything that can't be created by anyone
who tries on demand.

We are ignorant because of an attitude problem, no other reason!

Eleanor White

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NZ Readers' Respond With UFO Photos

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 22:18:42 EST
Archived: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 19:58:56 -0500
Subject: NZ Readers' Respond With UFO Photos

Now this turned out interesting!

With the releasing of UFO files from NZ, this news story has some interesting stuff.

<http://tinyurl.com/yaq3xsq>

Greg
ufomafia.com

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New Zealand UFO Papers To Be Made Public

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 15:14:14 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 20:12:03 -0500
Subject: New Zealand UFO Papers To Be Made Public

Dear Colleagues

Just received this:

Source: Stuff - Auckland, New Zealand

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/3255698/UFO-papers-to-be-made-public>

23/01/2010

UFO Papers To Be Made Public
By Charlie Gates - The Press

SECRET FILES: Stories in The Press from early January 1979 show that the air force had a Skyhawk readied to investigate UFO sightings following the mysterious lights which appeared over Kaikoura days before

Relevant offers

Hundreds of pages of secret files on New Zealand UFO sightings will be released by the military this year.

The files include reports of UFO sightings from 1979 to 1984 and references to the Kaikoura sighting of December 1978.

The files are held by Archives New Zealand and were to have been made public this month, but the Defence Force is removing personal information from them to comply with the Privacy Act.

"At the moment we are working on making copies of these files, minus the personal information," a Defence Force spokeswoman said. "Once this work is completed, we are hoping to be able to release a copy of all the UFO files, including some ahead of their release time, within the year."

Lights were seen in the sky over Kaikoura in December 1978 and were filmed by an Australian news crew. Aircraft tracked the lights, which were also seen on radar.

A man who worked for the Transport Ministry's civil aviation division when the Kaikoura lights were seen said he would like to see the government files.

The man, who wanted to remain anonymous, said he was working at Christchurch International Airport at the time. He saw United States Air Force planes with unusual call signs touring the area and believes the full story about the lights has not been disclosed.

"For the US Air Force to come all that way and spend three days here, there must have been something going on," he said.

The Press sought any Defence Force files on UFO sightings under the Official Information Act in August last year.

The Defence Force said the request "would require a substantial amount of collation, research and consultation to identify whether any of that information could be released" and it was "not in a position to deploy staff to undertake that task".

It said public files on UFO sightings were available from Archives New Zealand.

The Press requested access to those files from Archives New Zealand, but was not able to see them as they had been borrowed by the Defence Force.

The director of research group UFOCUS NZ, Suzanne Hansen, said she was frustrated by the delayed release but understood the privacy reasons.

"We have been in discussion with the New Zealand Defence Force for many years ... It is frustrating from a research perspective because we would like to collate these sightings with international research."

She said some sightings could have been alien technology. "There are cases that are certainly not our technology. It has been scientifically proven that this is entirely possible."

New Zealand Skeptics chairwoman Vicki Hyde said the secret files would not be as interesting as they appeared. "Governments all around the world have these kind of files and they are not as exciting as you might possibly hope.

"The Government is required to log these things and it can give a false impression that there is a vast amount of activity out there.

"There is probably intelligent life elsewhere, but whether it has come here to play silly buggers with us in a game of cosmic hide and seek is another matter.

"It is a big jump from 'there was something in the sky and I don't know what it was' to 'that was a craft piloted by aliens'."

She said most sightings could be of mundane things such as satellites and flocks of birds.

To see UFO pictures from across New Zealand, visit press.co.nz.

If you have any UFO stories or pictures, email charlie.gates.nul

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NASA Extends The World Wide Web Out Into Space

From: NASA News <hgnews.nul>
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 07:00:39 -0700
Archived: Sun, 24 Jan 2010 08:22:10 -0500
Subject: NASA Extends The World Wide Web Out Into Space

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NASA Extends The World Wide Web Out Into Space

HOUSTON -- Astronauts aboard the International Space Station received a special software upgrade this week - personal access to the Internet and the World Wide Web via the ultimate wireless connection.

Expedition 22 Flight Engineer T.J. Creamer made first use of the new system Friday, when he posted the first unassisted update to his Twitter account, [.nul](#), from the space station. Previous tweets from space had to be e-mailed to the ground where support personnel posted them to the astronaut's Twitter account.

"Hello Twitterverse! We r now LIVE tweeting from the International Space Station -- the 1st live tweet from Space! :) More soon, send your ?s"

This personal Web access, called the Crew Support LAN, takes advantage of existing communication links to and from the station and gives astronauts the ability to browse and use the Web. The system will provide astronauts with direct private communications to enhance their quality of life during long-duration missions by helping to ease the isolation associated with life in a closed environment.

During periods when the station is actively communicating with the ground using high-speed Ku-band communications, the crew will have remote access to the Internet via a ground computer. The crew will view the desktop of the ground computer using an onboard laptop and interact remotely with their keyboard touchpad.

Astronauts will be subject to the same computer use guidelines as government employees on Earth. In addition to this new capability, the crew will continue to have official e-mail, Internet Protocol telephone and limited videoconferencing capabilities.

To follow Twitter updates from Creamer and two of his crewmates, ISS Commander Jeff Williams and Soichi Noguchi, visit:

http://twitter.com/NASA_Astronauts

For more information about the space station, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/station>

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Footage Of 'UFO' taken In Ireland
Newstrack India
<http://www.newstrackindia.com/newsdetails/144760>

Triangular Light Formation UFO Seen In Dublin
NewsLite
<http://newslite.tv/2010/01/22/triangular-light-formation-ufo.html>

UFO Spotted Above Dublin As Ireland Turns X-Files
Metro
<http://www.metro.co.uk/weird/810187-ufo-spotted-in-dublin>

Bets Fly In After UFO Sightings
Casino Beacon
<http://tinyurl.com/y93m9b7>

Ottery UFO Alert!
Sidmouth Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/ylphuq6>

UFO mystery in skies over Burbage
Hinckley Times
<http://tinyurl.com/yjye8qp>

Will 2010 Be the Year Of The Perfect UFO Photo?
UFODigest
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/ufo-photo.php>

UFO Lecture Held At Idaho State University In Pocatello
LocalNews8.com
<http://www.localnews8.com/Global/story.asp?S=11862747>

From 'The Norm':

Richard Dolan Is Part Of A New Television Project
http://keyholepublishing.com/First_Contact.html#

New Chupacabra Revealed As A Montauk Monster
<http://tinyurl.com/ylxkn4p>

Mexican Airbus A-320 Flies Near UFO
<http://inexplicata.blogspot.com/>

A Procession Of Numbers
Billy Cox
<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/10526/a-procession-of-numbers/>

The Brit With 10 Lives
Billy Cox
<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/10533/the-brit-with-10-lives/>

When Earthlings Invade

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<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/10541/when-earthlings-invade/>

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>>I invite criticism but ask that readers not attempt to invoke a
>>mystery in order to explain a mystery.

>>-Jason Gammon

>Hello Jason,

>You seem to be getting a rise out of people because of your
>certainty that only your explanation is correct. I suppose if
>you allowed the possibility that there are other legitimate
>hypotheses, you might not get any response at all from the list.
>So I'll give you the benefit of the doubt and see your argument
>as a kind of straw man to be knocked over. So here goes.

Hello Mr. Treurniet. Thanks for replying.

>You can't seriously believe that research yielding statistical
>evidence for telepathy in controlled laboratory experiments over
>the last 50 years or so is voodoo science. These experiments may
>not be backed by theoretical understanding, but that does not
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Yes, I am stating that research into paranormal mental powers
such as telepathy, psychic abilities, and mind-over-matter, is
in fact voodoo science or pathological science. Such may also
fall under pseudoscience if the researcher is depending upon
supernatural explanations.

The key thing to realize is that when these researchers claim
they have proven these abilities to be real they are talking
about results that are so incredibly small beyond the
statistical average that it's hard to rule out error or bias. I
seriously doubt such a stance weakens my argument by making me
appear uninformed.

>There are physics experiments having to do with tunneling
>effects, quantum entanglement, etc. that are also based on
>statistical results. Relatively recent theory is well enough
>developed to provide at least a mathematical explanation.
>Quantum theory in general is a mathematical structure that
>predicts effects but does not really explain them. That's why we

>have the Copenhagen interpretation or the many-worlds
>interpretation, because mathematical certainty is not enough. So
>if physicists can't agree on what their theory means in a
>metaphysical sense, then how is it justifiable to dismiss
>results of parapsychology experiments that can't be
>satisfactorily explained?

There's absolutely no need to invoke quantum mechanics.
Also, physicists would not be using terms like metaphysics
with regards to science.

>"Grays as cybernetic organisms" is an hypothesis to explain the
>mechanism of the apparent telepathy, but some other mechanism
>could do as well.

Yes and it also is a possible explanation for the other mental
abilities of the aliens. What is remarkable is that the
technology of Brain-Computer Interface is capable of a wide-
variety of expression and can be inferred to be the technology
that is involved in other reported observations from abductees.

An alternative hypothesis would be that the aliens are fully
robotic and contain no organic systems in their bodies. I only
slightly touched on this. The reason why I didn't address it
outright is because it would disprove or significantly modify
certain aspects of the abduction phenomenon and I feared the
line of reasoning would be too complex for many to follow, or to
complex for me to properly communicate. However, I do admit that
my observations can be interpreted as the aliens being either
cyborgs or fully robotic.

>The element moving behind the eye cover could
>be an engineered device or it could be an evolved eyeball.

Yes. It's possible.

>Engineered vs biological telepathy would be interesting
>competing hypotheses were we ever able to do a controlled
>experiment. For example, a faraday cage might block engineered
>telepathy via EM radiation, but not biological telepathy using
>some kind of mind-to-mind tunneling. If you argue that mind-to-
>mind tunneling of information might also be engineered, then
>perhaps the distinction between an engineered and evolved
>mechanism is not very meaningful.

I'm not sure if you read my blog, but choosing biologically
engineered telepathy is not the logical choice as one
would be invoking a mystery in order to explain a mystery.

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<http://tinyurl.com/yzkcgrx>

>All of which makes me wonder why you think the distinction
>regarding mechanism is so important since the effect is the
>same. Could it be that you are just trying to drive a spike
>into the so-called "voodoo science"?

>William

The distinction behind the mechanism is extremely important. To
put it frankly, it's just not logical to argue for naturally
evolved telepathy or biologically engineered telepathy when we
are currently creating synthetic or technological telepathy.

Sure the probability for naturally evolved and biologically
engineered telepathy isn't zero, but it's pretty darn close to
it.

I would suggest researching more into the subject of Brain-
Computer Interfaces. This technology will revolutionize the
world.

I'm not just talking about synthetic telepathy, I'm talking
about driving a car by thought alone, surfing the Internet by
thought alone, playing video games by thought alone, operating
kitchen appliances and other devices by thought alone. I'm
talking about controlling robots by thought alone and of fully
functional robotic prosthetics.

I mention fully functional robotic prosthetics because this
technology is the means by which we will create advanced

cyborgs. By advanced cyborgs I am referring to beings who are born cyborgs, having the technology Incorporated into the fetus. These beings would never experience life as a 'normal' human.

When you think you understand the potential of Brain- Computer Interface then go back and look at the reports of abductees. It's amazing how so much of alien technology is remarkably similar to Brain- Computer Interface.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 2010 15:43:38 -0500
Archived: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 07:33:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Geoff Blackmore <geoff_184.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 02:42:40 +1300
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>200 years ago, we would all be incapable of remotely
>>understanding television or 3D movies.

>Hello Eleanor,

>I don't believe that to be the case, as the human brain was the
>same 200 years ago as it is today. People then would be just as
>capable of learning about, then understanding, television or 3D
>movies, if explained to them.

That was my point. I was saying that with education and
experience, we can understand technology in the future which
baffles us now.

Eleanor White

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From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Sun, 24 Jan 2010 15:59:49 -0500
Archived: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 07:35:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 15:22:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 19:06:34 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

<snip>

>>>The main thing holding us back is mainstream science's
>>>treating anything they can't recreate on demand as "not real."
>>>When they should be rolling up their sleeves and starting to
>>>actually do the job their intellectual accomplishments have
>>>created the expectation they are capable of.

>>Absolutely correct, except you missed the boat completely.

>>It's technology. We can understand telepathy because we are
>>currently creating it via technology.

>You don't have to convince me of that, bro! I've been doused
>with such for 30 years now!

>I'm just ticked off because people can be harassed without any
>hope of relief, using the advanced technologies which are at the
>sophistication level of what are commonly called "paranormal"
>events, and because we could be up there flying antigrav
>machines right now, if it weren't for the carefully created
>attitude of ridiculing anything that can't be created by anyone
>who tries on demand.

>We are ignorant because of an attitude problem, no other reason!

>Eleanor White

You are absolutely correct that the military/government is
withholding advanced technologies and for a variety of
reasons, some reasonable, some unreasonable.

One of the reasons why I believe these advanced technologies are
being withheld is to prevent or at least stall the changes to
society that they will induce. I'm referring to the
technological singularity here.

As you may know, noted transhumanist Ray Kurzweil predicts that
the first artificial brain will be produced by 2029. This is
interesting because we know that DARPA has already shown an
interest in the development of an artificial brain.

It's SYNAPSE, short for "Systems of Neuromorphic
Adaptive Plastic Scalable Electronics"

SYNAPSE
<http://tinyurl.com/yhzzayx>

The info at the above link may be hard to understand, so let me

put it in simple terms:

DARPA wants an artificial brain and is willing to shell out big bucks to anyone who can produce it.

This indicates that Kurzweil maybe right on the money with regards to his predictions concerning the coming singularity.

Not only does DARPA want an artificial brain it wants advanced Brain-Computer Interface (BCI).

<http://tinyurl.com/yl6gykw>

On top of that, the JASON Group (wonderful name!) has warned DARPA of the dangers of enemy soldiers having this technology. This means that we are going to develop it. When the military fears the enemy will get the technology first, it will rush to attempt to develop it first.

<http://tinyurl.com/yh7mm8k>

The reason I bring up this technology is that I do fear that the government's decision to keep advanced technology secret and for the most part outside of public knowledge, will ultimately spark the mother of all wars.

-Jason Gammon

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PRG Update - 1/25/10 - X-Conference 2010

From: **Steven Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 01:09:49 -0800
Archived: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 07:37:56 -0500
Subject: PRG Update - 1/25/10 - X-Conference 2010

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - January 24, 2010

X-Conference 2010 - May 7-9 - National Press Club
www.x-conference.com

X-Conference 2010 has been scheduled for May 7-9 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The NPC is 2 blocks from the White House, 8 blocks from the Capitol and 15 blocks from nearly all national media covering Washington, DC. This improves the prospects of members of the White House or Congressional staffs or national political press attending the weekend lectures. PRG will also hold a press conference at the NPC on Monday morning.

Should any political staffers or press attend that weekend, it will send a strong message if they see the Main Ballroom of the NPC filled from balcony to balcony. So please consider attending this year during a very nice time for touring the nation's capital.

For those on Facebook please consider joining the X-Conference group page and invite your FB friends to join as well.

www.facebook.com/#/group.php?gid=3D260156013243&ref=3Dts

New Zealand Climbs on Board the Disclosure Train

www.stuff.co.nz/national/3255716/UFO-papers-to-be-made-public

Another nation has announced the release of UFO files from its archives. New Zealand now joins France, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Uruguay, Brazil, Mexico, and Russia.

And Let's Not Forget Chile

www.cefaa.cl/web/home.html

[Translated] The State Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGAC) has reactivated the Committee for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena, which analyzes unidentified flying objects (UFOs) from a scientific perspective. The Committee for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena was created in 1997 but in recent years has kept a low profile due to a shortage of funds. The committee now has an annual budget of \$100,000.

The secretary general of the DGAC, Pablo Ortega, told reporters today that "there is more information, technology and international collaboration to study these anomalous phenomena" that affect flight operation and flight safety. He acknowledged that "there are photographs and reports from pilots who talk of situations that are worthy of being studied" by the committee, where they will work two experts in air traffic. The committee will be headed by retired officer of the Air Force of Chile, Ricardo Bermudez. Ricardo Bermudez became interested in the phenomenon several years ago and has addressed it from a

scientific standpoint.

And Then There's Brazil
<http://www.ufo.com.br/>

The former Brazil=92s Air Force minister S=F3crates Monteiro was interviewed by the Brazilian UFO Magazine and made astonishing statements about the action of extraterrestrial intelligences in the country.

Monteiro is retired from the Brazilian Air Force (FAB) for a number of years, but keeps his bounds with active militaries from various sectors of the Brazilian military. He has an extremely lucid memory of the major facts of his activities in the Air Force and -- of special interest to the Ufology -- about how the country handled with the matter during the time when he was on active duty. Like other ministers, before and after him, Monteiro also had access to sensitive information on the interaction of other cosmic species in Brazil, reporting a few cases.....

What are These?

www.youtube.com/watch?v=3D8POHkMOg0Dw

This video and others like it are turning up. Anyone who thinks they know what is being seen here, please let PRG know?

Dr. Edgar Mitchell Speaks in the UK

ken.willoughby.nul

Apollo 14 astronaut and Disclosure advocate, Dr. Edgar Mitchell, will speak at St. Wilfrid's Catholic High School, Cutsyke Road, Featherstone, UK on Friday April 16, 2010 at 7:30pm local time. For more information email the above address.

PRG sees this and other Presidential Memoranda and Orders as preparing the basis for information flow post-Disclosure.

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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 13:42:07 +0000
Archived: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 07:33:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
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Jason, please be realistic about this. The track record of USA Military and Intelligence organisations is notoriously well-established in this connection: they routinely raise the spectre of 'enemy' advances in hardware and capability in order crank up paranoia and thereby their own operating budgets. This holds for the non-existent 50s/60s 'missile gap' all the way through to Iraq's fictional 'weapons of mass-destruction'.

It is notable from the standpoint of military analysis that when serious conflict does occur, from Vietnam through to Desert Storm and beyond, USA superiority is demonstrated in terms of far greater conventional firepower rather than any deployment of more radically advanced systems and weaponry.

It is worth remembering that there is no credible evidence for any technical advances that have been able to overturn one long-established fact: superior fieldcraft is the best advantage a military force can have. The relative success of Hezbollah in dealing with Israel's most recent Lebanese incursion was ample evidence of this.

I'm not saying that the American military doesn't have a massive black budget and constant interest in innovative, leading-edge ideas and technology. But I am saying that the resultant output is incredibly poor value (except for the Internet, that is: we are all grateful for the American taxpayer's funding of that particular advance) and that 'fear of the enemy getting the technology first' is simply a hollow excuse for keeping the military-industrial gravy train on track.

Gerald O'Connell
<http://www.onlyport.com>

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Alien Telepathy Explained? Berliner Responds

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 13:58:56 -0500
Archived: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 07:40:42 -0500
Subject: Alien Telepathy Explained? Berliner Responds

I was forwarded this response from the Fund for UFO Research
Chairman Don Berliner, who reads posts on the web:

Steve,

Could you post this on UFO UpDates when you get time. It
concerns Jason Gammon's insistence that UFO crew members must be
robots if they are capable of telepathy. He may not be correct.

Sometime in the mid-1960's, three of us had been working late
in the NICAP office in Washington, D.C.: The late Assistant
Director Richard Hall, volunteer Joan Lusby and the undersigned,
who was a part-time employee at the time. After a trying day's
work, we needed some recreation, and one of us suggested an ESP
experiment, though none of us had any great knowledge of, nor
interest in, such matters. We decided on what we understood was
a popular experiment: one of us would choose one of four symbols
on pieces of paper, one would act as a confirming witness, and
one would try to guess (or otherwise determine) the identity of
the symbol. I was the first, Joan the second and Hall the third.
Hall was the only one of us who would speak during the
experiment.

I chose the first of the symbols, showed it to Joan, who was out
of sight of Hall, then replaced it on the desk and rapped on the
desk with my knuckles as a signal to Hall, whose back was turned
to me, that he should call out the answer. For 12-15 tries, he
was correct in 1 out of 4 tries, which is pure chance. Then,
without saying a word to either of the others, I decided to add
a step, since it was getting a bit boring. Henceforth I would
mentally shout the correct answer at the back of Hall's head.

From that point on, he correctly called 10 straight, which was
later determined to have a probability of just over 1 in
1,000,000. I then interrupted the proceedings to announce the
improved results and my having changed the rules, and Hall said
this was too spooky and he wanted nothing more to do with it!
That was the end of the experiment, and it was never repeated,
at least not in my presence.

We didn't tell anyone else for a long time, mainly because we
were up to our ears in UFO matters, which seemed a lot more
interesting.

I make no claims of bizarre powers, nor anything else. We
played a game with reasonable safeguards, and produced
surprising results.

Don Berliner
Alexandria, VA

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 14:19:06 -0500
Archived: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 07:41:55 -0500
Subject: Re: The Life Cybernetic

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 2010 13:55:28 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Life Cybernetic

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 13:01:29 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Life Cybernetic

>>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 00:56:10 -0500
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>appear uninformed.

But here is where you show how uninformed you are. Some effects
are small but others aren't. Take a look, for example, at
Spottiswoode's papers at

<http://www.jsasoc.com/docs/JSE-LST.pdf>

<http://www.jsasoc.com/docs/PA-GMF.pdf>

for a meta-analysis of a number of anomalous cognition
experiments. The papers show a significant increase in effect
size around 13:00 local sidereal time, suggesting a causal
effect related to the positions of the fixed stars relative to

the "receiver". There is also an indication that the effect could be related to solar wind speed.

The fact that environmental conditions affect effect size, is itself an argument that the effects are real and not statistical artifacts. Sometimes the effects are small, but other times they're not, maybe for good reason. You are wrong to dismiss this research.

><snip>

>The distinction behind the mechanism is extremely important. To >put it frankly, it's just not logical to argue for naturally >evolved telepathy or biologically engineered telepathy when we >are currently creating synthetic or technological telepathy.

But it is logical to argue for natural telepathy when experiments already show it exists to some degree. Just because people like Kurtzweil think that fancy technology will enable engineered telepathy in the future does not make that the only game in town.

>I would suggest researching more into the subject of Brain->Computer Interfaces. This technology will revolutionize the >world.

That's what they were saying about expert systems technology back in the 1980s.

>When you think you understand the potential of Brain- Computer >Interface then go back and look at the reports of abductees. >It's amazing how so much of alien technology is remarkably >similar to Brain- Computer Interface.

I do not reject the technological explanation, but I don't think it's the only possibility as you seem to think. It's even possible that some beings use a technological mechanism and others use an evolved capability.

William

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The Faking Hoaxer

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 23:18:29 EST
Archived: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 07:44:18 -0500
Subject: The Faking Hoaxer

Nowadays it's getting tougher to detect fake UFO photos and video and this guy named The Fake Hoaxer is one of the best out there and he's still a work in progress!

Check out some of his videos. They're startling and only a trained eye can detect that they're computer generated imagery.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/TheFakingHoaxer#p/u/18/4zD2Ove2EZI>

We've got to be on the lookout as UFO videos and pics are big website traffic that people use to convert into notoriety or sales via some program they're hawking.

Yes, it muddies the waters and makes UFO research an even bigger chore than it is but it's wise to familiarize oneself with the state of the art techniques used in today's special effects.

The fact that one can sit at home with some software and a decent computer and create these remarkable effects is amazing.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com
ufofight.com

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>engineered telepathy isn't zero, but it's pretty darn close to
>it.

To identical twins who experience remote contact through non-
technological means, such as feeling sympathy pain for an injury
one incurs without the knowledge of the other and at the same
time. Such concepts are not only not close to zero in
probability, they are accepted as reality.

There are many documented cases of remote contact between
people, and in a variety of different ways. That science has not
taken the matter seriously is not reason to dismiss it.

The ETH is treated the same way by mainstream science after all.

Kind regards,

Geoff B.

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Now A Stationary Research Platform, NASA's Mars Rover Spirit Starts A New Chapter In Red Planet Scientific Studies

WASHINGTON -- After six years of unprecedented exploration of the Red Planet, NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Spirit no longer will be a fully mobile robot. NASA has designated the once-roving scientific explorer a stationary science platform after efforts during the past several months to free it from a sand trap have been unsuccessful.

The venerable robot's primary task in the next few weeks will be to position itself to combat the severe Martian winter. If Spirit survives, it will continue conducting significant new science from its final location. The rover's mission could continue for several months to years.

"Spirit is not dead; it has just entered another phase of its long life," said Doug McCuistion, director of the Mars Exploration Program at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "We told the world last year that attempts to set the beloved robot free may not be successful. It looks like Spirit's current location on Mars will be its final resting place."

Ten months ago, as Spirit was driving south beside the western edge of a low plateau called Home Plate, its wheels broke through a crusty surface and churned into soft sand hidden underneath.

After Spirit became embedded, the rover team crafted plans for trying to get the six-wheeled vehicle free using its five functioning wheels -the sixth wheel quit working in 2006, limiting Spirit's mobility. The planning included experiments with a test rover in a sandbox at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., plus analysis, modeling and reviews. In November, another wheel quit working, making a difficult situation even worse.

Recent drives have yielded the best results since Spirit became embedded. However, the coming winter mandates a change in strategy. It is mid-autumn at the solar-powered robot's home on Mars. Winter will begin in May. Solar energy is declining and expected to become insufficient to power further driving by mid-February. The rover team plans to use those remaining potential drives for improving the rover's tilt. Spirit currently tilts slightly toward the south. The winter sun stays in the northern sky, so decreasing the southward tilt would boost the amount of

sunshine on the rover's solar panels.

"We need to lift the rear of the rover, or the left side of the rover, or both," said Ashley Stroupe, a rover driver at JPL. "Lifting the rear wheels out of their ruts by driving backward and slightly uphill will help. If necessary, we can try to lower the front right of the rover by attempting to drop the right-front wheel into a rut or dig it into a hole."

At its current angle, Spirit probably would not have enough power to keep communicating with Earth through the Martian winter. Even a few degrees of improvement in tilt might make enough difference to enable communication every few days.

"Getting through the winter will all come down to temperature and how cold the rover electronics will get," said John Callas, project manager at JPL for Spirit and its twin rover, Opportunity. "Every bit of energy produced by Spirit's solar arrays will go into keeping the rover's critical electronics warm, either by having the electronics on or by turning on essential heaters."

Even in a stationary state, Spirit continues scientific research.

"There's a class of science we can do only with a stationary vehicle that we had put off during the years of driving," said Steve Squyres, a researcher at Cornell University and principal investigator for Spirit and Opportunity. "Degraded mobility does not mean the mission ends abruptly. Instead, it lets us transition to stationary science."

One stationary experiment Spirit has begun studies tiny wobbles in the rotation of Mars to gain insight about the planet's core. This requires months of radio-tracking the motion of a point on the surface of Mars to calculate long-term motion with an accuracy of a few inches.

"If the final scientific feather in Spirit's cap is determining whether the core of Mars is liquid or solid, that would be wonderful -- it's so different from the other knowledge we've gained from Spirit," said Squyres.

Tools on Spirit's robotic arm can study variations in the composition of nearby soil, which has been affected by water. Stationary science also includes watching how wind moves soil particles and monitoring the Martian atmosphere.

Spirit and Opportunity landed on Mars in January 2004. They have been exploring for six years, far surpassing their original 90-day mission. Opportunity currently is driving toward a large crater called Endeavor and continues to make scientific discoveries. It has driven approximately 12 miles and returned more than 133,000 images.

JPL manages the rovers for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington. For more information about Spirit and Opportunity, visit:

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>Subject: PRG Update - 1/25/10 - X-Conference 2010

>PRG
>Paradigm Research Group

>PRG Update - January 24, 2010

>What are These?

>www.youtube.com/watch?v=8POHkMOg0Dw

>This video and others like it are turning up. Anyone who thinks
>they know what is being seen here, please let PRG know?

The shaded sides of the so-called orbs are often not where I would expect to see them if they were real objects. In several cases, when the light source (the sun) is to the side of the object, the top half of the object is in shadow instead of the side opposite to the sun. In another case where the sun is above the object, the shadow is toward the sun side. The incorrect positions of the shadows suggests to me that these are not real objects but rather some kind of processing artifact.

-wct

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Dave/List:

Many others have considered and responded to your question,
previously on this List. I also have said it before and I'll say
it again:

If we are ignorant of the truth, whatever it is, "they" have
won.

If we, as the ostrich with it's sand or the turtle with it's
shell, hide from truth, whatever it is, "they" have won.

When facing potential hardship, I choose truth, and the company
of friends.

Don't you?

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The Argentine Omar Gonza CE-2

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Subject: The Argentine Omar Gonza CE-2

Argentina: UFO in the Ravine - The Omar Gonza Case

INEXPLICATA

Contributing editor Guillermo Gimenez has kindly been sending us reports from Argentina's Gaceta OVNI which showcase incidents that occurred in the 1990s or earlier but are no less impressive by the amount of time that separates us from them. What shines through these reports is the simplicity and honesty of the inhabitants of rural Argentina, who simply report what they are seeing without further embellishment. This new "old" report should be of great interest to our readers - SC

Argentina: The Omar Gonza Case - A UFO Floats Over The Ravine

=46rom Gaceta OVNI

This young man's case impressed us greatly, not only due to the characteristics of the sighting but the way in which it marked his life. Given that this was a recent event, he still shows signs of the ordeal during the conversation we held at his home, in the company of his parents and some friends. Omar was willing to retell [his story], but not without showing signs of being affected by his recollections. At one point, he was on the verge of breaking into tears, but he held back. It is important to note that in a society like that of the Valles [region], manful behavior and bravery are still important. Discussing UFOs isn't easy due to a fear of mockery, and much less to weep when remembering the experience.

It's evident that this experience marked him greatly. For this reason we prefer to transcribe the interview and abide by his simple descriptions. A second person could not be interviewed: although he was not a direct witness to the event, he would have been able to contribute valuable information, but we must set this aside for another time, as we are separated by a distance of nearly 1600 km.

As a narration, the event is solid and without contradictions. What underlies the story is the difficulty in describing a truly strange thing, and as we always say, we must understand that we're talking about ordinary people facing extraordinary events.

Eyewitness Interview

Omar: It was before the festival. I was still working at the confectioner's shop - a bar owned by Martin Oliver - and I went to sleep at my girlfriend's house. The time was 01:00 hours. I spoke with her and then we went to bed. But around 02:00 hours a little dog belonging to the household started barking, something it never does. It barked at the door until I got up and took it outside.

Gaceta: Where was the dog?

Omar: I have a room there, but there's another that still has to

be completed - it connects to the street and is covered by a board that acts like a door, covering the entrance to half-height. The dog was there. I left room and tossed him outside - through the open upper section - because the door isn't finished yet. Then I went back to bed. The dog barked again and scratched the door, I didn't know why.

Gaceta: He was restless?

Omar: Yes, and I asked my girlfriend what was going on for the dog to act this way. I got out of bed again, went to the door, put him back inside and scolded him. I took him outside, shut the other door (street) and went back to bed. Then the dog started pestering us again for the third time, crying even stronger and scratching the wood. I got up thinking that the dog must want something-- that something was happening...I got dressed and went outside. Opened the door to see the little dog with [eyes full of tears], as if telling me "come see this, what's over here", so I went outside, removed the board (that covers the unfinished opening) and the dog went out ahead of me as if leading me. I followed him, looking at the ground, watching him walk. We reached the ravine, I raised my eyes (suddenly) and there it was...it was impressive, I don't know...I was speechless and couldn't move. I was completely frozen."

Gaceta: Can you describe what you saw?

Omar: Yes, I saw red and green lights.

Gaceta: Several?

Omar: A single thing that had those lights. It couldn't be clearly seen because it was nighttime, and I stayed like this (paralyzed); it was large, was seven meters in diameter more or less, I don't know...

Gaceta: Where was the object, specifically?

Omar: It hovered over the ravine. It wasn't resting there - it was floating, and when I saw it, I wanted to turn around to go tell my girlfriend and...I couldn't. It was like keeping still. I didn't move even though I strained to move. I reacted, I wanted to force myself and I could [make myself move] slowly, slowly but straining a lot. Tears filled my eyes...and I wanted to run but I couldn't. It was something grabbing me (against my will) and holding me there. I could only look...then it let me go, and I nearly fell down, but I supported my hand (against the ground) and ran away to report it, to have everyone come and see what I had seen. Well, they couldn't believe it. When I went out with my girlfriend it wasn't there. It vanished completely, I don't know..."

Gaceta: Did you feel you couldn't move out of fear, or was something keeping you from moving?

Omar: "Something" kept me from moving, because I strained and it felt as if I was being held...

Gaceta: How did your body feel?

Omar: I felt something like shivers. I felt fear. There was a knot in my throat, I was actually speechless...I couldn't scream...

Gaceta: Do you remember if it was cold?

Omar: I felt cold, but it was a warm night. It was two days before the festival, Thursday and it was very hot.

Gaceta: When you tried to move, did you feel pain, or just felt rigid?

Omar: I could move if I tried, but something held me down. I wanted to move, but moved slowly...

Gaceta: Were you looking at the object meanwhile?

Omar: When I wanted to turn around, in slow motion, so to speak, I could see it, observe it. It was a thing there, floating, but made no noise. The silence was absolute.

Gaceta: Did it shed light?

Omar: No. It had a powerful reflection, but I could see it. It didn't cast any light.

Gaceta: Did you notice any change in the light during your paralysis?

Omar: No, everything remained the same. There was no change. That thing (the object) wanted to hold onto me, I don't know...

Gaceta: Could you make out any shapes?

Omar: I could see lights that could be like this (makes a circle with his hands), half rounded, not very tall, some 7 meters in diameter, but it couldn't be more than 5 meters

Gaceta: Oval?

Omar: Yes. Some 2 meters off the ground, a meter and a half. I was some 14, 15 meters away.

Gaceta: How long did the sensation of being paralyzed last?

Omar: 20 or 25 seconds. When I saw it I wanted to should but couldn't. Then I struggled to warn others, so they would see it, but my girlfriend says she didn't see me.

We should highlight that the window to the home, through which the young woman was peering, faces the exact position from which Omar could see the object. Even so, she claimed not being able to see it, something impossible at a distance no greater than 15 meters, since behind this - some 100 meters away - is a row of houses and streetlights that make it even easier to see a person standing where Omar happened to be. The witness's position was at an overhang facing a ravine that causes the terrain to plunge some 10 meters. This is the place over which the UFO was stationed. It was possible that its height made it invisible, but the young man never descended into the ravine.

Gaceta: Your girlfriend couldn't see the object?

Omar: No, because it was in the ravine, which is below and beside the street. She told me that when I went out I was following the dog and I got [to that point]. Later she lost sight of me. She was seated in bed, looking through the window, and I came back shouting for her to come and see. She ran outside in her nightgown.

Gaceta: When you began to feel the paralysis: you were standing still and then felt it, or did it happened as you walked.

Omar: It happened as I raised my eyes. When the dog stopped I saw some lights ahead of me and that's where I stopped. I barely looked at it.

Gaceta: How did your experience unfold?

Omar: I struggled and ran back to warn her, and then when we returned to the ravine there was nothing - no sign of anything.

Gaceta: And then?

Omar: Well...we returned to the room, and I swear to you that there was something in my mind that...I was scared, I couldn't stop crying. I spent the night crying. I dreamed that I appeared here, in the town, and that many showed up, 10 or 20. I dreamed that they came down at Cachi's main square. And yesterday, when Antonio told me that you [the UFO researchers] were coming, I had a dream again last night. Every time I remember or am asked something, I get a headache.

Gaceta: After seeing that, did you get a headache? Did you feel nausea?

Omar: No, only headache.

Gaceta: You weren't able to overcome it?

Omar: At first I said no, I don't believe in that stuff. Well, seeing is believing, and I saw it by surprise.

Gaceta: What were the lights doing?

Omar: Turned on and off. The green one went off and the red one turned on. Beacon-type.

Gaceta: How long did the sensation of cold last?

Omar: When I strained it went away, but the fear stayed here, at the nape of my neck. And I felt a knot in my throat.

Gaceta: Did you ever feel anything similar in your life?

Omar: No, never. Never felt it before.

Gaceta: Any further symptoms, pain, physical maladies...could you move properly after what happened?

Omar: No, just the headache.

Gaceta: What did the dog do?

Omar: When I looked up, I lost sight of him. Didn't see him until the next day. He was fine.

Gaceta: Is it possible that the dog led you there?

Omar: Yes, that's how it was, as if telling me to go, let's go see what's out there. He scratched the door and cried until I went.

Gaceta: Are you fond of the dog?

Omar: No, not much. He's my girlfriend's dog. The first time he did something similar was that night.

Gaceta: What made you go out at 2 in the morning?

Omar: My dad told me that dogs can foretell things such as earthquakes. When the dog scratched the door, I remembered it and went out to see what happened. I thought something weird was going on. I think the dog wanted to lead me [there].

Gaceta: What did he do specifically?

Omar: First he looked at me with tearful eyes, and then he went straight for the ravine and went down a little. After I saw [the object] I lost track of [the dog].

Gaceta: Could the lights be clearly seen?

Omar: yes, some turned on and others went off. All around.

Gaceta: Like lighted advertisements?

Omar: Yes, but there were no other colors. Red and green. The were clearly visible although weren't strong. It's as though they were lighting something, but could be seen clearly.

The witness believes that what impressed him most was that such an object made no noise at all.

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I catch your drift, pardner, and I commiserate, truly, but
whatever the actuality of this "thing" is? I remain driven to my
conviction that we are ill served by "blissful ignorance," of
any stripe or manner.

Perhaps a systemic non-disclosure of the ufological is imposed
upon us... for our own good? We can't... uh, "handle the truth"?
Our sensibilities are assessed as too delicate to be able to
tolerate an informed counsel? Our "allowed" ignorance must be
"bliss," no?

No. Good friend Dave, is ignorance ever bliss?

No! I implor you to reject that disgusting and ultimately demoralizing concept with no equivocation as I have! Reject it, Dave, as you would reject the disrespect extended to you from it!

Verily, reject "blissful ignorance" for many reasons! Chief among them? Blissful ignorance does not work.

Moreover, it does not respect you, as I said. It considers you of no value. There is not the smallest deference from it to you, individually. You are as dust non-regarded but for the annoyance you cause with your pesky and inconvenient non-corporate human needs.

No, blissful ignorance only facilitates your manipulator, an entity, wherever that alluded to entity manifests "here" or "there," an entity striving very purposefully to achieve that very contrary but blissful awareness! What's up with that? Why is an ignorance your wage?

Consider, Dave, when has it ever been demonstrated that something kept from us was for our own good, or that we were ever remotely served in the aggregate by our ignorance! Is forewarned not forearmed?

No, blissful ignorance seems to prove, invariably, only that it is a mechanism for the ultimate control of your energies and your efforts, friend Dave, on projects or activities about which you are, by design, not well informed or have no input upon, and of which you can't know costs or consequences. Impressed overtly with the roiling and troubled surface of a storm cast sea, who can know what lies just beneath that suggestively turbulent plane, eh, Dave? Too, sometimes miles down in the inky depths.

Seriously, to let some trusting individual go injuriously along in an ignorance suiting the mendacious manipulator is to facilitate that unconscionable lie of omission! This is an evil prosecuted audaciously and without shame! How can that ever be allowed in an upright and progressive society?

You are being lied to if your leadership knows better and doesn't tell you. See, that's not informed consent. That is a duplicity and obfuscation! You and I would be expected to be jailed or otherwise discredited if it was us engaged in that behavior... eh?

Yet, consider! Has it not ever been pompously intoned that "It is folly to be wise when ignorance is bliss"? True enough in an extremely limited fashion, but, you see, that old proverb is corrupted to make the errant assumption that "continued ignorance equals continued bliss," and this is not the case! If it were, cancer could be ignored until it was too late to do anything about it! There are many varieties of cancer. Moreover, it is an instruction from on high that your input on the subject is dismissed... by default! You don't count. Yet, the rent comes due for you, still, eh?

Ignorance, from my experience, can be bliss as already admitted, sure... but only for the remotest moment of the short term when measured against the business-end of the hot barreled pistol at the reader's temple on the needlessly surprising denouement! That's "no bliss at all"... as an eventuality! How does an "ignorant bliss" stack up to that?

No. In the real world there is always a premium paid for ignorance; the more complete the ignorance the greater the premium. A bill must eventually come due just like the aforementioned rent.

See? In the real world ignorance equals loss, injustice, sickness, and failure... abject failure... failure to grow, failure to achieve, and failure to make meaningful progress! One begins to understand at the "business-end" alluded to that there is only one life worth living. That would be, of course, the life examined in an unhindered flow of ideas and those ideas facilitated by an increasingly effortless communication. We should have both as birth right.

Ignorant bliss, on the other hand, is a tragic booby-trap of miscommunication where the individual concerned is not made

aware that his primrose path is a well planted minefield! All very nice until you put your foot wrong.

More obfuscation! It has been proclaimed that we won't have any significant ufological disclosure out of niggardly interests regarding National Security... but anyone who has remotely skimmed Richard Dolan's book "UFO's and the National Security State," knows that to be the vapid, overused, and shopworn rubric that it really is!

Richard Dolan? Dismiss RD at your peril as a "tin-foil hat wearing conspiracy whacko." The self-impressed and canted crowd dismissing him as such bases their equally canted critique on presumptions as errant as their porcine hubris.

Chief among these errant presumptions is that UFOs should be able to be historically researched in the manner of any historical research. No... that information or data, if not removed from the record, lost, or destroyed outright is scattered, misfiled, mislabeled, or buried in plain sight at the National Enquirer!

Another errant presumption is that science is the default lens, and the only lens, with which the UFO, occupant, or abductee problems can be addressed. No, science has only ever failed to remotely address UFOs and ancillaries because the UFO steadfastly refuses to be measured, predicted, or numbered in the myopic manner science insists is the sum and total of their materialistic reality. Too much Aristotle and not enough Plato.

Another faulty presumption right off the top of my head concerns the contrary persons proclivity to anthropomorphism, that humanity is the center jewel in the crown of creation, the measurer of all things real and imagined, and so justified in an arrogance actually as undeserved as it is facile - as overweening as it is fatuous. I digress.

I've beat this to death, I know, but if you had cancer, you'd want to know, right? Forewarned is forearmed, after all.

Be brave, old friend, and mighty forces WILL come to your aid!

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**Commission Of Inquiry On Torture: A Road Not Taken
**Unmanned Aerial Systems In Joint Air Operations

Commission Of Inquiry On Torture: A Road Not Taken

Last year the Senate Judiciary Committee considered a proposal by Senator Patrick Leahy to establish a formal "commission of inquiry" that would investigate the conduct of the post-9/11 war on terrorism, including detention, rendition and interrogation policies. The record of a Senate hearing on the proposal was published earlier this month, but that seems to be all that remains of it.

"It is not enough to say that America is discontinuing the policies and practices of the recent past," said Amb. Thomas Pickering, one of the witnesses who testified in favor of the idea at the March 2009 hearing. "We must, as a country, take stock of where we have been and determine what was and is not acceptable, what should not have been done, and what we will never do again. It is my sincere hope that the commission will confront and reject the notion, still powerful in our midst, that these policies were and are a proper choice and that they could be implemented again in the future."

While commissions are rarely effective in advancing policy changes, they often serve to produce a detailed public accounting and an expanded documentary record, even when the subject matter is otherwise generally classified. From the Church Committee to the 9/11 Commission, such investigations have provided permanently valuable bodies of knowledge. And from that point of view, the failure to pursue a commission of inquiry to ventilate the persistent controversies of the recent past seems regrettable.

Opponents argued that the commission would inevitably turn into a partisan witch hunt; that it was unnecessary, since the Obama Administration had already pledged to chart a different course; that the Justice Department was responsible for ascertaining if any crimes had been committed, and prosecuting them; and that anyway, it was time to move onward.

"We really ought to follow regular order here," argued Senator Arlen Specter. "You have a Department of Justice which is fully capable of doing an investigation. They are not going to pull any punches on the prior administration."

Senator Patrick Leahy, who sponsored the proposal and convened the hearing, said he would only move the idea forward if there was a bipartisan consensus behind it.

"This idea for a commission of inquiry is not something to be imposed," Sen. Leahy said. "Its potential is lost if we do not join together. Today is another opportunity to come forward to find the facts and join, all of us, Republicans and Democrats, in developing a process to reach a mutual understanding of what went wrong and then to learn from it. If one party remains absent or resistant, the opportunity can be lost, and calls for accountability through more traditional means will then become more insistent and compelling."

No such consensus could be achieved, and the proposal was abandoned.

See "Getting to the Truth Through a Nonpartisan Commission of Inquiry," Senate Judiciary Committee, March 4, 2009:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2009_hr/truth.html

Unmanned Aerial Systems In Joint Air Operations

Unmanned aerial systems (UASs) like the Predator drone, which are increasingly in demand for U.S. military missions in Afghanistan and elsewhere, involve challenges to mission control, according to a new Pentagon publication on joint air operations.

"Recent operations have demonstrated that UASs can be critical to the success of dynamic targeting missions and prosecution of targets of opportunity (unplanned, unanticipated) or TSTs [time sensitive targets]."

However, "UAS communication links are generally more critical than for manned systems, relying on a nearly continuous stream of communications for both flight control and payload for mission success. Therefore, communications security, and specifically bandwidth protection (from both friendly interference and adversary action), is imperative."

Furthermore, DoD says, "Our adversaries are developing and acquiring UASs, so it is imperative our C2 [command and control] and DCA [defensive counterair] nodes are able to differentiate between friendly and enemy UAs and cruise missiles."

See "Command and Control for Joint Air Operations," Joint Publication 3-30, Joint Chiefs of Staff, January 12, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3-30.pdf>

"Drones are more glitch-prone than traditional planes," wrote Noah Shachtman in Wired's Danger Room on January 25, and a U.S. drone reportedly crashed last weekend in Pakistan.

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/asiapcf/01/25/pakistan.crash/>

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Re: The Faking Hoaxer

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 12:22:38 -0500
Archived: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 14:41:53 -0500
Subject: Re: The Faking Hoaxer

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 23:18:29 EST
>Subject: The Faking Hoaxer

>Nowadays it's getting tougher to detect fake UFO photos and
>video and this guy named The Fake Hoaxer is one of the best out
>there and he's still a work in progress!

>Check out some of his videos. They're startling and only a
>trained eye can detect that they're computer generated imagery.

><http://www.youtube.com/user/TheFakingHoaxer#p/u/18/4zD2Ove2EZI>

>We've got to be on the lookout as UFO videos and pics are big
>website traffic that people use to convert into notoriety or
>sales via some program they're hawking.

>Yes, it muddies the waters and makes UFO research an even bigger
>chore than it is but it's wise to familiarize oneself with the
>state of the art techniques used in today's special effects.
>The fact that one can sit at home with some software and a
>decent computer and create these remarkable effects is amazing.

Yes, I can understand your yearning for 'simpler days'. But
remember, each photo/video must have a story behind it. In this
particular case, for example, if presented with the claim that
"I saw and videotaped this amazing V shaped craft flying
around", I would probe carefully the story behind the video. It
had better be able to explain the apparent flight path the
object.

It apparently went "past the witness" twice and the second time
the witness managed to hold the camera steady while turning the
camera to follow the 'craft' as it apparently went directly
overhead.

Ever try holding a home video camera, or better quality, steady
while pointing it straight up? Where is the hand vibration? What
about small "microvariations" in the recording speed (sync
signals) caused by hand vibration?

Would need to analyze the original recording medium, tape or
disc, to look for this effect.

Yes, CGI complicates matters, but a UFO report is not just
the imagery.

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From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 13:05:34 -0500
Archived: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 14:43:09 -0500
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>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 13:42:07 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 2010 15:59:49 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>>On top of that, the JASON Group (wonderful name!) has warned
>>DARPA of the dangers of enemy soldiers having this technology.
>>This means that we are going to develop it. When the military
>>fears the enemy will get the technology first, it will rush to
>>attempt to develop it first.

>><http://tinyurl.com/yh7mm8k>

>Jason, please be realistic about this. The track record of USA
>Military and Intelligence organisations is notoriously well-
>established in this connection: they routinely raise the spectre
>of 'enemy' advances in hardware and capability in order crank up
>paranoia and thereby their own operating budgets. This holds for
>the non-existent 50s/60s 'missile gap' all the way through to
>Iraq's fictional 'weapons of mass-destruction'.

>It is notable from the standpoint of military analysis that when
>serious conflict does occur, from Vietnam through to Desert
>Storm and beyond, USA superiority is demonstrated in terms of
>far greater conventional firepower rather than any deployment of
>more radically advanced systems and weaponry.

>It is worth remembering that there is no credible evidence for
>any technical advances that have been able to overturn one long-
>established fact: superior fieldcraft is the best advantage a
>military force can have. The relative success of Hezbollah in
>dealing with Israel's most recent Lebanese incursion was ample
>evidence of this.

>I'm not saying that the American military doesn't have a massive
>black budget and constant interest in innovative, leading-edge
>ideas and technology. But I am saying that the resultant output
>is incredibly poor value (except for the Internet, that is: we
>are all grateful for the American taxpayer's funding of that
>particular advance) and that 'fear of the enemy getting the
>technology first' is simply a hollow excuse for keeping the
>military-industrial gravy train on track.

>Gerald O'Connell
><http://www.onlyport.com>

You are absolutely correct and I'm not in disagreement with you.

DARPA has funded all kind of programs that have never produced results.

However, this is different. I'm referring to the technological singularity. You would be surprised by how many people still have not heard of this term.

The concept of the technological singularity dates back to 1958 and to a conversation held between Stanislaw Ulam and John von Neumann, in which Ulam wrote:

"One conversation centered on the ever accelerating progress of technology and changes in the mode of human life, which gives the appearance of approaching some essential singularity in the history of the race beyond which human affairs, as we know them, could not continue."

In a nutshell, the technological singularity is the point in the near, not distant, future where technological breakthroughs will converge to completely alter our concept of what it is to be human.

I'm referring to artificial intelligence, brain-computer interface, virtual reality, clinical immortality, uploading of brains into computers, genetic engineering/trans-genetics, and the creation of advanced cyborgs, to name just a few.

When will this change take place? Noted inventor and transhumanist Ray Kurzweil predicts that it will occur by the 2050's, with the creation of an artificial brain by 2029.

Michael Vasser, the president of the Singularity Institute for Artificial Intelligence is even bolder with his predictions. Vasser predicts the singularity to begin by 2040. To paraphrase Vasser;

"The singularity should begin by 2040. If by chance it doesn't begin by 2070 then it means we are wrong about our basic fundamental understanding of the universe, such as in that we think we are brains and that matter is made up of atoms."

Both Vasser and Kurzweil agree that the technology that will ultimately revolutionize the world is the creation of AGI, a machine intelligence that will at first equal human intelligence and then later drastically exceed human intelligence until it reaches a god-like level of intelligence, millions if not billions of times more intelligent than human beings. Of course the unknown factor is time, as in how long would it take for such machine intelligence to reach a god-like state?

I've suggested that UFO researchers begin to research this and similar topics such as trans-humanism/posthumanism, the philosophy of A.I., and the origin of the word cyborg. The reason why I must insist that researchers do so is because such subject point to the nature of any visitors from beyond. We aren't talking about beings just like us, but are instead talking about cyborgs, being that have uploaded their minds into machines, and A.I. that has reached a god-like level of intelligence.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: The Perils of ET Certainty

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Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 18:19:57 +0000
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>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 07:49:32 -0500
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: The Perils of ET Certainty

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 18:44:48 -0000
>Subject: The Perils of ET Certainty

<snip>

>But it seems no secret that David has been literally in fear of
>his life and for the safety of his family from his perceived
>threat of ET hybrids.

>And it's claimed what has followed is the extreme distress and
>trauma of at least one of his abductee clients who is now no
>longer working with him.

>So I ask - what price truth and disclosure if David's
>experiences are anything to go by?

Dave:

I recently challenged Don Schmitt - of Roswell Incident fame -
as to whether he understood the consequences of interaction with
an alien civilization. I have never heard back from him, and we
are supposed to be friends.

I believe almost all ufologists have never seen nor interacted
with an alien entity or craft.

You are correct, David. For almost all of them the entire focus
is just an intellectual exercise.

When I tried to include an incident I experienced first hand as
part of an article for publication, I was encouraged to delete
the incident. The excuse given by the editor is that including
the incident would lessen my creditability. My, my, you would
have thought it would have increased my credibility. As the
incident would have sharpened my ability to determine what
elements of the event were real - linked to the physical world -
and which elements were triggers eliciting a response from my
subconscious/conscious mind.

Instead, ufologists react with "Oooh, look out, someone might be
having a fantasy or, gawd forbid, loosing it." What a paradox.
The phenomena involves 'real' craft, but are piloted by...

It must be a real dilemma for ufologists. And, yes, taking a
position without seeing and interacting first-hand is in fact an
act of faith.

So, ufology has become a faith based field. Not a very
scientific approach at all.

No wonder the solution has never appeared. Looking for the

solution without having experienced the phenomena? Wow, what are we to do.

KK

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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 13:58:56 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained? Berliner Responds

>I was forwarded this response from the Fund for UFO Research
>Chairman Don Berliner, who reads posts on the web:

>Steve,

>Could you post this on UFO UpDates when you get time. It
>concerns Jason Gammon's insistence that UFO crew members must be
>robots if they are capable of telepathy. He may not be correct.

Mr. Berliner, thank you for response.

Just to clarify:

I am suggesting the aliens are cyborgs or cybernetic organisms
and not robots per say.

The word 'cyborg' was coined in 1960 by Manfred Clynes and
Nathan Kline to refer to theoretical beings, part human and part
machine, specifically designed for space travel.

Cyborg
<http://tinyurl.com/7xzet>

I back this up with observations from abductees, a logical
inference of the aliens actions while performing their abilities,
and the fact that we are currently creating synthetic or
technological telepathy. I explain this in great detail in my
blog, which you are free to read.

The Life Cybernetic: Why Aliens Must Be Cyborgs

<http://tinyurl.com/yzkcgrr>

I think confusion has arisen due to my mentioning of my opinion
that the ultimate intelligence behind the UFO phenomenon, as in
who is building the cyborgs, is an advanced machine
intelligence.

I can't argue this opinion because it's based on my intuition
and my understanding of what lies in the future for humanity,
but none of the things that I backed up my with my cyborg
hypothesis.

>Sometime in the mid-1960's, three of us had been working late
>in the NICAP office in Washington, D.C.: The late Assistant
>Director Richard Hall, volunteer Joan Lusby and the undersigned,
>who was a part-time employee at the time. After a trying day's
>work, we needed some recreation, and one of us suggested an ESP
>experiment, though none of us had any great knowledge of, nor
>interest in, such matters. We decided on what we understood was
>a popular experiment: one of us would choose one of four symbols
>on pieces of paper, one would act as a confirming witness, and

>one would try to guess (or otherwise determine) the identity of
>the symbol. I was the first, Joan the second and Hall the third.
>Hall was the only one of us who would speak during the
>experiment.

>I chose the first of the symbols, showed it to Joan, who was out
>of sight of Hall, then replaced it on the desk and rapped on the
>desk with my knuckles as a signal to Hall, whose back was turned
>to me, that he should call out the answer. For 12-15 tries, he
>was correct in 1 out of 4 tries, which is pure chance. Then,
>without saying a word to either of the others, I decided to add
>a step, since it was getting a bit boring. Henceforth I would
>mentally shout the correct answer at the back of Hall's head.

>From that point on, he correctly called 10 straight, which was
>later determined to have a probability of just over 1 in
>1,000,000. I then interrupted the proceedings to announce the
>improved results and my having changed the rules, and Hall said
>this was too spooky and he wanted nothing more to do with it!
>That was the end of the experiment, and it was never repeated,
>at least not in my presence.

>We didn't tell anyone else for a long time, mainly because we
>were up to our ears in UFO matters, which seemed a lot more
>interesting.

>I make no claims of bizarre powers, nor anything else. We
>played a game with reasonable safeguards, and produced
>surprising results.

>Don Berliner
>Alexandria, VA

Many people have had similar experiences and have interpreted it to mean that humans possess these amazing psychic or mental abilities. However, when it comes down to actual testing of such abilities all produce the same results, mainly a slight and insignificant number above the statistical average, or in simple terms just a tiny bit above what would be expected from mere guessing or chance.

On top of that we have something called cognitive bias, which in this case refers to people remembering when they were right, and using it as evidence for these powers, and then forgetting or ignoring the times they were wrong and not using such as proof against such powers.

I would add that I've had similar experiences as well. On two occasions I seemingly 'pulled' information from people's minds. When I was a child I looked into my father's eyes and correctly told him one of the presents he had bought me for Christmas. This present wasn't anything I was interested in or even wanted.

On another occasion I 'pulled' a detailed memory from a female co-worker's mind and scared her something bad. The memory was that of the last vacation she had with her mother before she died of cancer. I correctly told her that they went camping and that they were going to toast marsh- mallows but there was a thunderstorm. I correctly told her they piled into their station- wagon and ended up using a cigarette lighter to toast their marshmallows. She almost passed out from shock.

However, my experiences aren't scientific proof because I have been wrong on many occasions. I'm just sharing these experiences with you to show you that I understand where you are coming from.

And if anyone is interested, I received the impression from the co-worker that she viewed me as a demoniac from that point forward. <LOL>

-Jason Gammon

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>From: Geoff Blackmore <geoff_184.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 19:30:17 +1300
>Subject: Re: The Life Cybernetic

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 2010 13:55:28 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Life Cybernetic

>>Sure the probability for naturally evolved and biologically
>>engineered telepathy isn't zero, but it's pretty darn close to
>>it.

>To identical twins who experience remote contact through non-
>technological means, such as feeling sympathy pain for an injury
>one incurs without the knowledge of the other and at the same
>time. Such concepts are not only not close to zero in
>probability, they are accepted as reality.

>There are many documented cases of remote contact between
>people, and in a variety of different ways. That science has not
>taken the matter seriously is not reason to dismiss it.

>The ETH is treated the same way by mainstream science after all.

Dear People:

A couple of years ago, I wrote an article called Politics Of
Consciousness: Shaman'S Art Becomes Science for Paranoia
Magazine where I collected most of the research into distant
influence on the mind into one article. At the time I was
researching for the article, I came to believe I was one of the
few people aware of just how powerful and real this ability of
humans was and the dangers of misusing this ability.

I ended the article with:

"Distant mental influence is being touted by many researchers in
the field as the new breakthrough in humanity's evolution. A
giant leap forward in understanding what is the human potential.
I would hope that before distant mental influence becomes the
"latest rage" that serious researchers discover effective mental
shielding techniques and pass those techniques on to the public.
Just to keep the paranoia in check."

For those of you who want to understand more, I provide a
Reading List:

Braud, William; Distant Mental Influence;
Eisenbud, Jule; Parapsychology and the Unconscious;

McTaggart, Lynne; The Field, The Quest for the
Secret Force of the Universe;
Radin, Dean; The Conscious Universe;
Sheldrake, Rupert; The Sense of Being Stared At;
Targ, Russell; Limitless Mind.

A very short list which does not include the many articles
written by the Russian psychologist, Leonid Vasiliev - a pioneer
in this area.

Happy reading,

KK

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PEAR

<http://www.skeptdic.com/pear.html>

>for a meta-analysis of a number of anomalous cognition
>experiments. The papers show a significant increase in effect
>size around 13:00 local sidereal time, suggesting a causal
>effect related to the positions of the fixed stars relative to
>the "receiver". There is also an indication that the effect
>could be related to solar wind speed.

Please.

>The fact that environmental conditions affect effect size, is
>itself an argument that the effects are real and not statistical
>artifacts. Sometimes the effects are small, but other times
>they're not, maybe for good reason. You are wrong to dismiss
>this research.

<snip>

>>The distinction behind the mechanism is extremely important. To

>>put it frankly, it's just not logical to argue for naturally
>>evolved telepathy or biologically engineered telepathy when we
>>are currently creating synthetic or technological telepathy.

>But it is logical to argue for natural telepathy when
>experiments already show it exists to some degree. Just because
>people like Kurtzweil think that fancy technology will enable
>engineered telepathy in the future does not make that the only
>game in town.

You are relying on voodoo science because of a bias for
naturally evolved telepathy and other abilities.

>>I would suggest researching more into the subject of Brain-
>>Computer Interfaces. This technology will revolutionize the
>>world.

>That's what they were saying about expert systems technology
>back in the 1980s.

>>When you think you understand the potential of Brain- Computer
>>Interface then go back and look at the reports of abductees.
>>It's amazing how so much of alien technology is remarkably
>>similar to Brain- Computer Interface.

>I do not reject the technological explanation, but I don't think
>it's the only possibility as you seem to think. It's even
>possible that some beings use a technological mechanism and
>others use an evolved capability.

>William

I'm not saying that a technological explanation is the only
explanation. I'm saying it's the better and even more likelier
choice.

If a species or race of advanced beings are using telepathy then
the logical choice of explanation is that such is a result of
technology.

-Jason Gammon

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Dr. David Jacobs [was: Perils of E.T. Certainty]

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Archived: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 15:30:01 -0500
Subject: Dr. David Jacobs [was: Perils of E.T. Certainty]

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 18:44:48 -0000
>Subject: The Perils of ET Certainty

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>would be anything but intellectual fulfilment.

>But considering the experiences of researcher Dr David Jacobs
>and his conviction of the reality of ETs and the hybrid program,
>I am now doubtful of the joys of true knowledge.

>I remember hearing Dr Jacobs interviewed by Errol on SDI
>expressing his total conviction of an ET presence and his fears
>for the future.

>I also remember Errol asking him if he had ever been threatened
>and David indicating he had - by aliens.

>But this blog:

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>takes this story to new depths.

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>onger working with him.

>So I ask - what price truth and disclosure if David's
>experiences are anything to go by?

>Dave Haith

I learned of this early last year. I have previously
communicated with Emma and have heard her side. I am completely
neutral in the matter, I was not swayed one bit in either
direction from what I heard.

This means I am open-minded however I have not taken any sides.

Interesting, I was contacted off-List by a member who attempted
to push me toward siding with Emma, however I resisted. I'm not
in a position to judge whether or not Dr. Jacobs performed any
misconduct. Nor is anyone else, IMHO.

I have heard from a few people that Dr. Jacobs is letting three or four abductees ruin his life, and letting them drive him to paranoia by trying to incorporate him into their own paranoid delusions involving the hybrids.

If anyone knows Jacobs personally, and regularly communicates with him, please tell him for his own sanity to cut off contact with these people.

Please pass on to him this message:

Dr. Jacobs,

If what you have put forth with regard to the aliens is real then you must be aware that you cannot trust your abductees as they are working for the aliens, or at the very least controlled by the aliens.

You have nothing to fear. You only know what you are allowed to know, what they want you to know, what they want you to divulge. Understand?

If the rumors are true, don't let these 3-4 individual ruin your life with their paranoid fantasies.

Because of human ego, abductees think the phenomenon centers around them. Because of human ego, abduction researchers think they are more important to the phenomenon than they actually are.

So, in a nutshell, you are safe because you mean nothing to the phenomenon. Abductees are safe because they mean nothing to the phenomenon. Nobody knows anything that the 'they' don't want divulged.

Oh, and about your supposed new book about abductees helping hybrids assimilate into society... It's bogus. It's the paranoid fantasies of abductees who refuse to admit they are nothing more than glorified sperm and egg donors.

Dr. David Jacobs, it's not going to go down like these abductees are describing. If the hybrids are real, then they will be born into society and grow up in society. They won't call on abductees to help them move into an apartment. That's just plain absurd, and I've hear your book contains just such scenarios.

So basically, I'm saying that if you are correct then the hybrids will be implanted as fetuses into women who will carry them to full term. These hybrids will not know of their true identity until perhaps the will be activated as adults.

Oh, and one more thing. The hybrids are cyborgs.

Check my blog:

The Life Cybernetic: Why The Aliens Must Be Cyborgs

<http://tinyurl.com/yzkcgrx>

-Jason Gammon

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>From: Geoff Blackmore <geoff_184.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 19:30:17 +1300
>Subject: Re: The Life Cybernetic

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 2010 13:55:28 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Life Cybernetic

>>Sure the probability for naturally evolved and biologically
>>engineered telepathy isn't zero, but it's pretty darn close to
>>it.

>To identical twins who experience remote contact through non-
>technological means, such as feeling sympathy pain for an injury
>one incurs without the knowledge of the other and at the same
>time. Such concepts are not only not close to zero in
>probability, they are accepted as reality.

Yes, many people believe these stories. However, remember that
there is a thing called cognitive bias. People will remember the
times where they were correct and forget or ignore the times
they were wrong.

Also, twins by very nature share similar thought patterns,
biology, and personality traits.

>There are many documented cases of remote contact between
>people, and in a variety of different ways. That science has not
>taken the matter seriously is not reason to dismiss it.

Yes, many people believe the stories but technically it is
voodoo or pathological science.

>The ETH is treated the same way by mainstream science after
all. >Kind regards,

>Geoff B.

Not ETH, but rather Ufology as a whole is viewed as voodoo or
pathological science, especially the areas like alien abduction
that are not based on anything but anecdotal evidence.

I would disagree but the problem is that the field is over run
with crystal wand wavers, E.T. shamans, space brother nuts,
galactic federation clowns, and wannabe spiritual gurus.

In order to be taken seriously we have to act seriously, and
Ufology just doesn't cut it as a 'real' science at this point.
There's a handful of people doing serious work in the field and
then there is a whole bunch of nuts ruining it for them.

Don't send the hate mail, as I wouldn't be here if I didn't
believe there wasn't a genuine reality to the phenomenon.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: The Perils of ET Certainty

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 21:05:14 +0000
Archived: Wed, 27 Jan 2010 06:06:24 -0500
Subject: Re: The Perils of ET Certainty

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 18:19:57 +0000
>Subject: Re: The Perils of ET Certainty

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>It must be a real dilemma for ufologists. And, yes, taking a
>position without seeing and interacting first-hand is in fact an
>act of faith.

>So, ufology has become a faith based field. Not a very
>scientific approach at all.

>No wonder the solution has never appeared. Looking for the
>solution without having experienced the phenomena? Wow, what are
>we to do.

So how do you suggest that we ufologists join the ranks of the
'chosen ones' Kathy?

Joe

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Now I understand the source of our disagreement. For me, data
has priority over theory. That is, if theory can't explain the
data, then the theory is at fault. For you, if theory can't
explain the data, then dismiss the data as the result of voodoo
science.

Your position is not unlike that of typical ufo debunkers. I'm
surprised that you allow yourself to believe that abductions
might be real. Where is the theoretical rationale for that?

You should ask Langmuir who decides what can be legitimately
studied by scientists. What is "so" depends on each person's
personal understanding of how the world works. So his seems like
a pretty egotistical point of view.

>Also, the paper sources the work of PEAR, an organization that
>no longer exists and is also voodoo or pathological science.

You probably did not read the papers. They include more than a
thousand studies in the analysis. PEAR may have been mentioned,

I don't know off-hand. PEAR has since evolved into the Global Consciousness Project. Of course, by your definition, the GCP also is doing voodoo science since you don't have a theoretical rationale to even look at the data it is collecting.

><snip>

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I have not heard an alternative from you. The study of natural telepathic abilities is voodoo science to you, so you have eliminated that from consideration. What else do you have?

William

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I'm so stupid. It just dawned on me that she did tell me.

According to Emma, David did this to fool the aliens into
thinking she was just receiving therapy for a mental illness.
This way she would be free to talk of her experience without
fear of repercussions from the aliens. Please disregard my
previous post.

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I very much appreciate the interesting responses to this post
including the latest from Jason Gammon under the title Dr David
Jacobs.

I just wanted to make it clear that my 'what price truth and
disclosure' question was meant as a discussion point rather than
a personal opinion that UFO truth should be censored.

I am as on the fence about this as I am about the whole UFO
origin issue.

I concede most of the points made by Alfred, Kathy and Rick but
still wonder for instance about the wisdom for instance in
making free energy available for all in a world that can't be
trusted with nuclear power which is still only accessible to
very few.

Just for argument's sake, if you had concrete evidence a hostile alien takeover was coming and there was nothing anyone could do about it, would you make a decision to warn the world and cause total panic because they have a moral right to know?

I think on balance I probably would but Alfred, I do know people who would not want to know if they had cancer.

And I'm sure there are some who avoid Jacobs' opinions not because they can prove his research is wrong but through fear, prefer to believe the love and light scenarios of Greer and company.

That said I agree with Jason that Jacobs may be being panicked into some paranoid apocalypse based on abductee testimonies.

But as he clearly states on some of those website recordings - if they are genuine - he's well aware belief in these warnings may be irrational but he's not prepared to risk his neck and his family's future.

Dave Haith

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Sighting Puzzles Newfoundland Residents

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 20:16:44 EST
Archived: Wed, 27 Jan 2010 06:30:10 -0500
Subject: Sighting Puzzles Newfoundland Residents

This sighting is a good one:

<http://tinyurl.com/ykwuynm>

Several witnesses, a decent picture to analyze and reported to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Newfoundland.

They always get their man but will they get their UFO?

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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>From: Geoff Blackmore <geoff_184.nul>
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>Subject: Re: The Life Cybernetic

>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 24 Jan 2010 13:55:28 -0500
>>Subject: Re: The Life Cybernetic

>>Sure the probability for naturally evolved and biologically
>>engineered telepathy isn't zero, but it's pretty darn close to
>>it.

>To identical twins who experience remote contact through non-
>technological means, such as feeling sympathy pain for an injury
>one incurs without the knowledge of the other and at the same
>time. Such concepts are not only not close to zero in
>probability, they are accepted as reality.

>There are many documented cases of remote contact between
>people, and in a variety of different ways. That science has not
>taken the matter seriously is not reason to dismiss it.

I noticed my first sentence had been split into two sentences.

It was to read:

"To identical twins who experience remote contact through non-
technological means, such as feeling sympathy pain for an injury
one incurs without the knowledge of the other (and at the same
time), such concepts are not only not close to zero in
probability, they are accepted as reality. There are many
documented cases of remote contact between people, and in a
variety of different ways. That science has not taken the matter
seriously is not reason to dismiss it. The ETH is treated the
same way by mainstream science after all."

But the word "such" became the start of a new sentence, making
the wording of the first part inappropriate.

Sorry to be nitpicky, but I don't wish to present my posts to
readers in a way that gives the impression of poor sentence
structure, as it is a reflection on me, the writer.

Kind regards,

Geoff Blackmore

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Humans Not Allowed Proof Of UFO aNd Extraterrestrial Existence
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/allowed-proof.php>

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Highlands Ranch Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/yec3519>

UFO With Triangular Formation Of Lights Filmed In Dublin, Ireland
PeopleMagazineDaily.com
<http://peoplemagazinedaily.com/?p=4437>

UK's The Sun Creates UFO News Now?
Ghost Theory
<http://tinyurl.com/y8eehkn>

Dublin UFO Actually From Iraq Or California: British Press Deception
PeopleMagazineDaily.com
<http://peoplemagazinedaily.com/?p=4442>

ASU Professor Tells British UFO Conference That Aliens May
Already Be Among Us
Phoenix New Times
<http://tinyurl.com/y9txmjh>

Belper teen spots UFO
Belper News
<http://tinyurl.com/yzqmr3>

From Greg Boone:

Aliens Might Not Be Friendly Warns Astronomer
<http://tinyurl.com/yexanm>

Oops, That Was a Bad Call, Earth
<http://tinyurl.com/y9bv85>

The Search For Extraterrestrial Life, Looking For Clues In A
Distant Planet's Atmosphere
<http://freeinternetpress.com/story.php?sid=24286>

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Major North Carolina UFO Case Reopened With New Evidence
Roger Marsh
<http://tinyurl.com/ydxxyt1>

Eight UFO Cases That Generate Buzz
Investigators see references to rockets and aliens going back
6,000 years
<http://tinyurl.com/y9ytgoh>

Search For Aliens Should Start On Earth, Says Scientist

<http://tinyurl.com/yev72y9>

Law Of Probabilities Backs Hopes For E.T., Conference Hears

<http://www.physorg.com/news183642293.html>

Crop Circles: The Art of the Hoax

By Rob Irving & Peter Brookesmith

smithsonianmag.com

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Comparison Of Two Leading Crop Circle Formation Theories

<http://tinyurl.com/yhngvw9>

More Than Just A Bad Dream A Nightmare's Impact On The Waking
Brain

Nightmares may fuel anxiety rather than serving as an emotional
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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2010 11:53:24 +0000
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Subject: Re: The Perils of ET Certainty

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 09:00:57 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Perils of ET Certainty

>Too much Aristotle and not enough Plato.

What an excellent point. At stake here is a fundamental ontology.

We cannot interpret the facts until we know what they really are...

Gerald O'Connell
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>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 17:05:18 -0500
>Subject: Re: MPD

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>thinking she was just receiving therapy for a mental illness.
>This way she would be free to talk of her experience without
>fear of repercussions from the aliens. Please disregard my
>previous post.

>-Jason Gammon

Yes Jason that's the explanation - and I have no reason not to believe it is the correct one.

But it just goes to show the level of Jacobs' anxiety over this issue, which must serve as a caution to other regressionists to be guarded that something similar doesn't happen to them.

And it makes it all the more surprising in my view that in another radio interview I heard Jacobs say that he is writing a book giving specific instructions how anybody can regress others.

He said there can be no legislation against lay people hypnotising others because it is simply talking to them.

A professional psycho-therapist who listened to this interview with me was horrified because she knows the special training she has been given to deal with such things as abreactions which sometimes occur with patients.

Further insight into Jacobs fears which led to the Multiple Personality Disorder call and instructions to Kim even to send her emails in code to prevent hybrid hacking, can be heard by Listers on this link:

<http://tiny.cc/Gdv30>

Scroll down to the clips - there are hours of them - but I listened to Clip 2 - the one in which Kim and he sever their therapist/abductee relationship.

Dave Haith

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>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 14:51:22 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Life Cybernetic

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<snip>

>Ufology just doesn't cut it as a 'real' science at this point.

<snip>

I suspect that "real science" doesn't cut it as 'real' science at this point. I steadfastly point to to science's abject and utter failure to address UFOs and ancillaries compounded by its lack of candor regarding same.

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From: Philippa Wintle <philippa.wintle.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2010 05:06:57 -0800 (PST)
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>To: [post.nul](#)
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>>I have not heard this particular clip before and quite
>>frankly, it disturbs me greatly.

>>All I can say is that there are portions of the clip that are
>>edited out, so I'm wondering >if someone might be able to obtain
>>the full clip?

>>What bothers me is that I communicated with Emma early last
>>year and she never told >me about this clip.

>>I really don't know what to think. Wow.

>I'm so stupid. It just dawned on me that she did tell me.

>According to Emma, David did this to fool the aliens into
>thinking she was just receiving therapy for a mental illness.
>This way she would be free to talk of her experience without
>fear of repercussions from the aliens. Please disregard my
>previous post.

Hi List,

I am personally acquainted with Emma, and I thought I should
respond to the post by Jason Gammon quoted above.

In regard to Jason's claim that Emma told him about the MPD
clip, she says that she never told him about it. She says that
she hardly discussed the issue of Dr. Jacobs with him at all.
Emma says that at no stage has she ever told anyone that Jacobs
did this so to her that =E2=80=9Cshe would be free to talk of her
experience without fear of repercussions from the aliens=E2=80=9D as
Jason has claimed.

She is dumbfounded by his statements.

According to Emma, Jacobs did this to her without asking her
permission, and she did not know that he was going to do it.

She says that he did it to protect himself from the hybrids that
he told her were a threat to him.

Emma says that she only ever communicated with Jason by e-mail.

She has suggested that perhaps he would care to produce a copy
of the section of an e-mail in which she said what he claims in
it.

Otherwise, perhaps Jason could explain to the List why he made

these statements.

Philippa

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Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2010 13:27:14 +0000
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Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 13:05:34 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>In a nutshell, the technological singularity is the point in the
>near, not distant, future where technological breakthroughs will
>converge to completely alter our concept of what it is to be
>human.

>I'm referring to artificial intelligence, brain-computer
>interface, virtual reality, clinical immortality, uploading of
>brains into computers, genetic engineering/trans- genetics, and
>the creation of advanced cyborgs, to name just a few.

>When will this change take place? Noted inventor and
>transhumanist Ray Kurzweil predicts that it will occur by the
>2050's, with the creation of an artificial brain by 2029.

>Michael Vasser, the president of the Singularity Institute for
>Artificial Intelligence is even bolder with his predictions.
>Vasser predicts the singularity to begin by 2040. To paraphrase
>Vasser;

>"The singularity should begin by 2040. If by chance it doesn't
>begin by 2070 then it means we are wrong about our basic
>fundamental understanding of the universe, such as in that we

>Both Vasser and Kurzweil agree that the technology that will
>ultimately revolutionize the world is the creation of AGI, a
>machine intelligence that will at first equal human intelligence
>and then later drastically exceed human intelligence until it
>reaches a god-like level of intelligence, millions if not
>billions of times more intelligent than human beings. Of course
>the unknown factor is time, as in how long would it take for
>such machine intelligence to reach a god-like state?

I understand that this is your view, and I understand the sources upon which it is based. But I disagree, on a priori grounds, with the conclusions drawn. As I indicated in a previous post, our understanding of what human intelligence actually is, never mind the question of how it works, is so limited, so flawed, that we are in no position at all to make the kind of predictions involved here. No doubt we will be able to create unbelievably powerful data-processing engines, but we actually have no idea at all about whether these will succeed in replicating or surpassing human intelligence. Given our state of ignorance on the fundamental issues, the chances are that we will simply create engines with a different type of intelligence, one that, irrespective of its 'power' (see also my previous point about the impossibilities of measuring when we don't understand what it is we are measuring!), resists any meaningful comparison with human intelligence.

>I've suggested that UFO researchers begin to research this and
>similar topics such as trans- humanism/posthumanism, the
>philosophy of A.I., and the origin of the word cyborg.

Again, you are absolutely right..

>The
>reason why I must insist that researchers do so is because such
>subject point to the nature of any visitors from beyond. We
>aren't talking about beings just like us, but are instead
>talking about cyborgs,

...but, for the reasons stated above, I think you are wrong -
or, at least, arriving at an unsupported conclusion.

>being that have uploaded their minds into
>machines,

Yes, this may be a step that can be taken, but have you thought
about steps other than or beyond that step? We may be dealing
with concepts here that go way beyond ideas like the
technological singularity: states where the distinction between
technology and biology are erased; states where the distinction
between biological evolution and technical progress are erased
and have been left far behind (to coin a term: 'provolution'),
in both historical and provolutionary terms; why are you talking
about 'machines' rather than networks?; what about, inter alia,
networked hive intelligence?; what about issues that spin out
from these like 'locus of initiative'?; what about the
combinatorial effects of all the foregoing and a host of et
ceteras?

So we may not be talking about cyborgs at all, but something
unimaginably more provolved and more complex. Again, your line
of thought is sound enough, but your conclusions feel unduly
simplistic and hasty.

>and A.I. that has reached a god-like level of
>intelligence.

The 'god-like' epithet betrays an anthropocentric bias in all of
this. Such a bias may be inescapable in the circumstances, but
it can be misleading nonetheless. We can have no way of knowing
whether the differential is linear/exponential and expressible
in terms of 'intelligence power', or rather qualitative and
inexpressible within the concepts and categories currently
available to us.

Indeed, in such a context, and taking on board my other remarks
about intelligence, above, the very concept of 'A.I. that has
reached a god-like level of intelligence' is laughable. There
are dimensions of intelligence in which A.I. is currently a long
way short of even insect-like levels of intelligence. Again, as
I remarked in a previous post, the entire field is so deeply
contaminated by overclaim that absolutely none of the
predictions surrounding the technological singularity, insofar
as they involve comparative claims concerning non-A.I.
intelligence, stand up to more than cursory consideration.

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>>people, and in a variety of different ways. That science has not
>>taken the matter seriously is not reason to dismiss it.

>Yes, many people believe the stories but technically it is
>voodoo or pathological science.

From the perspective of social science, Jason, you are engaging
in labelling here.

Because physical science lacks a paradigm within which
explanatory hypotheses for the data can be framed, those who
attempt to examine/explain the data become a deviant group, and
are labelled as practitioners of voodoo science or pathological
science.

Practitioners of physical science do this in order to keep their
business clean, and one can sympathise with that motive.
However, this labelling does not make the data go away, and does
not amount to a scientific critique of its validity or
significance.

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>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 16:21:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Life Cybernetic

<snip>

>I have not heard an alternative from you. The study of natural
>telepathic abilities is voodoo science to you, so you have
>eliminated that from consideration. What else do you have?

>William

Mr. Treurniet, I believe we are done. I will no longer be
replying to you regarding your belief in naturally evolved
telepathy.

If the best you can do is to site a paper that refers to a
possible link between natural mental abilities of telepathy and
the like as being connected to the stars, then I'm afraid you
may not even know how to think scientifically.

I stand by my previous assessment, that you Mr. Treurniet are
biased in favor of naturally evolved telepathy and other mental
abilities.

-Jason Gammon

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>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 23:36:29 -0000
>Subject: The Perils of ET Certainty

<snip>

>That said I agree with Jason that Jacobs may be being panicked
>into some paranoid apocalypse based on abductee testimonies.

Now it's just a rumor, and I don't know if it's true, but the
word is that three or four abductees have convinced Dr. Jacobs
that he is in danger from the hybrids for 'knowing too much'.

If this is the case, then I would recommend that Dr. Jacobs
immediately cut off all contact with these abductees, to drop
them completely.

I seriously do not believe Jacobs is in any danger. If the
aliens and hybrids are real, then Jacobs only knows what they
want him to know and can only divulge what they want him to
divulge.

-Jason Gammon

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>I noticed my first sentence had been split into two sentences.

It's happened to me too. It's almost like somebody is retyping it.

I am notorious for spelling errors but I've noticed other errors that didn't appear in my post when I sent it. I usually just let it go.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: MPD

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2010 14:00:19 -0500
Archived: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 06:45:30 -0500
Subject: Re: MPD

>From: Philippa Wintle <philippa.wintle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2010 05:06:57 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: MPD

>Hi List,

>I am personally acquainted with Emma, and I thought I should
>respond to the post by Jason Gammon quoted above.

>In regard to Jason's claim that Emma told him about the MPD
>clip, she says that she never told him about it. She says that
>she hardly discussed the issue of Dr.. Jacobs with him at all.
>Emma says that at no stage has she ever told anyone that Jacobs
>did this so to her that =C3=A2=E2=82=AC=C5=93she would be free to talk of=
>her
>experience without fear of repurcussions from the aliens=C3=A2=E2=82=AC=C2=
>=9D as
>Jason has claimed.

>She is dumbfounded by his statements.

>According to Emma, Jacobs did this to her without asking her
>permission, and she did not know that he was going to do it.
>She says that he did it to protect himself from the hybrids that
>he told her were a threat to him.

>Emma says that she only ever communicated with Jason by e-mail.
>She has suggested that perhaps he would care to produce a copy
>of the section of an e-mail in which she said what he claims in
>it.

>Otherwise, perhaps Jason could explain to the List why he made
>these statements.

>Philippa

Philippa failed to mention that she also communicated with me
via email and desperately tried to get me side with Emma. I'm
sorry, but I am remaining open-minded and have not taken sides.

Emma has sent me an email denying she told me this and accusing
me of making it up. I will respond to it, but as for this
subject, I'm bowing out.

What I wrote is to the best of my memory. I refuse to get into
a 'he-says/she-says' situation.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Sighting Puzzles Newfoundland Residents

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2010 14:46:19 -0400
Archived: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 06:50:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Sighting Puzzles Newfoundland Residents

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 20:16:44 EST
>Subject: Sighting Puzzles Newfoundland Residents

>This sighting is a good one:

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

>Several witnesses, a decent picture to analyze and reported to
>the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Newfoundland.

Most recent update:

<http://tinyurl.com/yz7bda5>

DND, RCMP Mum On UFO Mystery
Latest update from CBC - January 27, 2010

Looks like a missile to me and a real screw-up in the making.
DND is in cover mode it appears. This is a not a military
operations area - its all fishing zone through there the CADIZ
[Candaian Air Defence Interdiction Zone] is 80 miles south of
tip of the Burin Penninsula and 100 miles south of Mille Harbour
- well out over the ocean.

It's a UFO alright but only in the sense that this remains
unidentified.

Don Ledger

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>>billions of times more intelligent than human beings. Of course
>>the unknown factor is time, as in how long would it take for
>>such machine intelligence to reach a god-like state?

>I understand that this is your view, and I understand the
>sources upon which it is based. But I disagree, on a priori
>grounds, with the conclusions drawn. As I indicated in a
>previous post, our understanding of what human intelligence
>actually is, never mind the question of how it works, is so
>limited, so flawed, that we are in no position at all to make
>the kind of predictions involved here.

Your counter-arguments have been addressed by the philosophy of
A.I. In order to argue against such, you must prove there is
something special, something unique about humans that would
prevent the emulation or reproduction of intelligence in a
machine.

To date, over the past 60 years or so, none of brightest minds
who have attempted to tackle just such has succeeded. They have
all failed. The philosophy of A.I. is quite strong, as it has
continued to remain standing over the years.

>No doubt we will be able
>to create unbelievably powerful data-processing engines, but we
>actually have no idea at all about whether these will succeed in
>replicating or surpassing human intelligence. Given our state of
>ignorance on the fundamental issues, the chances are that we
>will simply create engines with a different type of
>intelligence, one that, irrespective of its 'power' (see also my
>previous point about the impossibilities of measuring when we
>don't understand what it is we are measuring!), resists any
>meaningful comparison with human intelligence.

Listen to this clip from Prof. Hanz Morevec, Carnegie Mellon
University:

<http://tinyurl.com/yg4eaum>

I do agree that intelligent machines will possess an intelligence
that is ultimately different to human intelligence, but it will
still be intelligence.

>>I've suggested that UFO researchers begin to research this and
>>similar topics such as trans- humanism/posthumanism, the
>>philosophy of A.I., and the origin of the word cyborg.

>Again, you are absolutely right..

>>The
>>reason why I must insist that researchers do so is because such
>>subject point to the nature of any visitors from beyond. We
>>aren't talking about beings just like us, but are instead
>>talking about cyborgs,

>...but, for the reasons stated above, I think you are wrong -
>or, at least, arriving at an unsupported conclusion.

I disagree, mainly because your disagreement is based on your
faulty understanding of the philosophy of A.I. and of your
insistence that we must define the concept of what intelligence
is. In reality, both you and I know that intelligence is a
result of function. I can't prove you are intelligent, you can't
prove I am intelligent, however we both assume each other is
intelligent because we both function intelligently.

The fact that you interact with me in a convincing manner is
enough to fool me into assuming you are an intelligent being
that possesses consciousness.

It will be exactly the same thing with machines. It will begin
as perfect mimics, but in time as the functions of the brain are
better understood they will be emulated and reproduced in
machines, ultimately creating an artificial brain. Such
artificial brains will be equal to, yet also different from
human brains.

>>being that have uploaded their minds into
>>machines,

>Yes, this may be a step that can be taken, but have you thought
>about steps other than or beyond that step? We may be dealing
>with concepts here that go way beyond ideas like the
>technological singularity: states where the distinction between
>technology and biology are erased;

You mean like advance cyborgs? :)

>states where the distinction
>between biological evolution and technical progress are erased
>and have been left far behind (to coin a term: 'provolution'),
>in both historical and provolutionary terms; why are you talking
>about 'machines' rather than networks?; what about, inter alia,
>networked hive intelligence?; what about issues that spin out
>from these like 'locus of initiative'?; what about the
>combinatorial effects of all the foregoing and a host of et
>ceteras?

You just described the technological singularity without even
realizing it.

>So we may not be talking about cyborgs at all, but something
>unimaginably more provolved and more complex.

Yes, like advanced cyborgs!

>Again, your line
>of thought is sound enough, but your conclusions feel unduly
>simplistic and hasty.

>>and A.I. that has reached a god-like level of
>>intelligence.

>The 'god-like' epithet betrays an anthropocentric bias in all of
>this. Such a bias may be inescapable in the circumstances, but
>it can be misleading nonetheless. We can have no way of knowing
>whether the differential is linear/exponential and expressible
>in terms of 'intelligence power', or rather qualitative and
>inexpressible within the concepts and categories currently
>available to us.

Moore's Law. It's a 45 year prediction that has held true. Some
predict it will fail in about 5-10 years, however other people

have pointed out similar notions that never failed because the technology has increased to the point the predicted circumstances leading to the failure are rendered inane.

>Indeed, in such a context, and taking on board my other remarks
>about intelligence, above, the very concept of 'A.I. that has
>reached a god-like level of intelligence' is laughable.

Perhaps to those who fail to understand that machine-based intelligences are not bound by the restrictions of human intelligence.

You do realize that human intelligence has not increased, or increases at such a slow level it cannot be detected? Instead, the only thing that has changed for humans is the level of our technology. We acquire more technology, but we don't become more intelligent.

>There
>are dimensions of intelligence in which A.I. is currently a long
>way short of even insect-like levels of intelligence. Again, as
>I remarked in a previous post, the entire field is so deeply
>contaminated by overclaim that absolutely none of the
>predictions surrounding the technological singularity, insofar
>as they involve comparative claims concerning non-A.I.
>intelligence, stand up to more than cursory consideration.

Yes, this would be your opinion and your opinion is not held by the majority of scientists and researchers, especially those working in the field of robotics and A.I.

-Jason Gammon

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Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2010 20:15:05 +0000
Archived: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 07:14:58 -0500
Subject: Re: The Perils of ET Certainty

>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2010 06:06:24 -0500
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: The Perils of ET Certaint

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 21:05:14 +0000
>Subject: Re: The Perils of ET Certainty

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 18:19:57 +0000
>>Subject: Re: The Perils of ET Certainty

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>>It must be a real dilemma for ufologists. And, yes, taking a
>>position without seeing and interacting first-hand is in fact an
>>act of faith.

>>So, ufology has become a faith based field. Not a very
>>scientific approach at all.

>>No wonder the solution has never appeared. Looking for the
>>solution without having experienced the phenomena? Wow, what are
>>we to do.

>So how do you suggest that we ufologists join the ranks of the
>'chosen ones' Kathy?

Well, Joe, I guess you proved my editor right.

In your mind anyone claiming interaction with some type of
other-than-human-entity must be part of the "chosen ones". The
implication being someone who is delusional. As opposed to
yourself, someone who is not delusional.

Most scientists I have read, have conversations with, usually
start out in their field of research by interacting with
something that causes them to want to discover the source of the
phenomena. Whatever that phenomena.

Perhaps, the problem is that UFO researchers lack experience
with the subject of their research. It seems this is what you
are implying.

KK

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Subject: Secrecy News -- 01/27/10

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
Volume 2010, Issue No. 9
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Secrecy News Blog: <http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/>

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OSC TRANSLATES THE 2009 FATAH CHARTER

Last year, the Palestine National Liberation Movement (Fatah in the Arabic acronym) led by Palestinian National Authority president Mahmoud Abbas gathered in Bethlehem and approved a revision of its charter for the first time since the 1960s. That revised charter has recently been translated into English by the DNI Open Source Center.

The document is not particularly conciliatory in tone or content. It is a call to revolution, confrontation with the enemy, and the liberation of Palestine, "free and Arab." Interestingly, it stresses the role of women in the movement. "The leading bodies will work to arrive at 20 percent participation for women, provided this does not conflict with organizational standards or the Internal Charter." And it insists repeatedly on the need to safeguard the movement's "secrets."

But what is perhaps most significant is what is not in the document. The original Fatah charter (or constitution) from the 1960s embraced "the world-wide struggle against Zionism," denied Jewish historical or religious ties to the land, and called for the "eradication of Zionist economic, political, military and cultural existence." None of that language is carried over into the new charter, which manages not to mention Israel, Zionism, or Jews at all.

The English translation of the new Charter, which does not seem to be available elsewhere, has not been approved for public release by the DNI Open Source Center. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/osc/fatah-charter.pdf>

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Noteworthy new reports from the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include the following.

"Terrorist Attacks on Commercial Airlines: Federal Criminal Prohibitions," January 22, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/R41035.pdf>

"Project BioShield: Authorities, Appropriations, Acquisitions, and Issues for Congress," January 22, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/R41033.pdf>

"Charitable Contributions for Haiti's Earthquake Victims," January 22, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41036.pdf>

"U.S. and South Korean Cooperation in the World Nuclear Energy Market: Major Policy Considerations," January 21, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41032.pdf>

"Argentina's Defaulted Sovereign Debt: Dealing with the 'Holdouts'," January 21, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/R41029.pdf>

"Honey Bee Colony Collapse Disorder," updated January 7, 2010:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33938.pdf>

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Subject: News Links 27-01-10

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'UFO Cloud' Mystery After Worldwide Sightings
Bild.com
<http://tinyurl.com/yb9swyf>

Alien Invasion Across Europe
The Sun
<http://tinyurl.com/yenu5k4>

Seven Tips To Better Ufo Photos And Videos
UFODigest
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/tips.php>

Do The UFOs And Aliens Exist?
<http://www.astronomind.com/culture/do-the-ufo-and-aliens-exist>

Filer's Files 2010 - #5
<http://www.nationalufocenter.com/>

From Dave Haith:

UK Farmer's Amazing UFO Spectacle
What do you mean - it's not genuine?
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wk-HoMBkTJc>

From 'The Norm':

Aurora Mystery Solved?
<http://news.discovery.com/space/aurora-mystery-solved.html>

The Book Of Hillary
Billy Cox
<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/10548/the-book-of-hillary/>

Laying Odds On The Odd
Billy Cox
<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/10556/laying-odds-on-the-odd/>

Full Disclosure: I Quit
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<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/10568/full-disclosure-i-quit/>

Scientists Focus Spotlight On Aliens
<http://tinyurl.com/ygvm8ro>

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Please correct me if I have misunderstood, but you appear to be saying that only experiencers are qualified to investigate their experiences objectively.

If my understanding is correct, then it is akin to saying that only people who have had a religious experience are qualified to objectively investigate the existence of their deity.

I can't imagine any investigation by the Vatican concluding that God does not exist, can you?

Regards,

Joe

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><snip>

>>I have not heard an alternative from you. The study of natural
>>telepathic abilities is voodoo science to you, so you have
>>eliminated that from consideration. What else do you have?

>>William

>Mr. Treurniet, I believe we are done. I will no longer be
>replying to you regarding your belief in naturally evolved
>telepathy.

>If the best you can do is to site a paper that refers to a
>possible link between natural mental abilities of telepathy and
>the like as being connected to the stars, then I'm afraid you
>may not even know how to think scientifically.

It's not the best I could do. It's an example, a summary of a
lot of the research that you dismiss so readily. It shows a
correlation, so does not say anything about the cause. That's
for future research to discover.

>I stand by my previous assessment, that you Mr. Treurniet are
>biased in favor of naturally evolved telepathy and other mental
>abilities.

In case you hadn't noticed, I allowed the possibility of both a
technological or a natural basis for telepathy. It is you who
have the bias. You said there is an unlikely alternative to the
technological mechanism, but you won't say what it is.

I agree that we seem to have reached an impasse.

William

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>>I understand that this is your view, and I understand the
>>sources upon which it is based. But I disagree, on a priori
>>grounds, with the conclusions drawn. As I indicated in a
>>previous post, our understanding of what human intelligence
>>actually is, never mind the question of how it works, is so
>>limited, so flawed, that we are in no position at all to make
>>the kind of predictions involved here.

>Your counter-arguments have been addressed by the philosophy of
>A.I. In order to argue against such, you must prove there is
>something special, something unique about humans that would
>prevent the emulation or reproduction of intelligence in a
>machine.

>To date, over the past 60 years or so, none of brightest minds
>who have attempted to tackle just such has succeeded. They have
>all failed. The philosophy of A.I. is quite strong, as it has
>continued to remain standing over the years.

John Searle, philosopher at U Cal, Berkeley, presented the
Chinese Room argument against the possibility of creating a
duplicate of human intelligence in a computer.

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/chinese-room/#6>

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

"The heart of the argument is an imagined human simulation of a
computer, similar to Turing's Paper Machine. The human in the
Chinese Room follows English instructions for manipulating
Chinese symbols, where a computer 'follows' a program written in
a computing language. The human produces the appearance of
understanding Chinese by following the symbol manipulating

instructions, but does not thereby come to understand Chinese. Since a computer just does what the human does =97 manipulate symbols on the basis of their syntax alone =97 no computer, merely by following a program, comes to genuinely understand Chinese."

Searle's argument shows that there is, in fact, something special about human intelligence. It is is more than following a set of rules based on syntax. No one, to my knowledge, has satisfactorily countered Searle's argument.

So the issue of what constitutes human intelligence has been "addressed by the philosophy of AI", but it has not been resolved.

William

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Re: MPD

From: Philippa Wintle <philippa.wintle.nul>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 14:30:08 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Fri, 29 Jan 2010 06:14:42 -0500
Subject: Re: MPD

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 17:05:18 -0500
>Subject: Re: MPD

>>I just wanted to first say a thank you to David
>>Haith for providing the below link in his post.

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

>>I have not heard this particular clip before and quite
>>frankly, it disturbs me greatly.

>>All I can say is that there are portions of the clip that are
>>edited out, so I'm wondering >if someone might be able to obtain
>>the full clip?

>>What bothers me is that I communicated with Emma early last
>>year and she never told >me about this clip.

>>I really don't know what to think. Wow.

>>-Jason Gammon

>I'm so stupid. It just dawned on me that she did tell me.

>According to Emma, David did this to fool the aliens into
>thinking she was just receiving therapy for a mental illness.
>This way she would be free to talk of her experience without
>fear of repercussions from the aliens. Please disregard my
>previous post.

>>From: Philippa Wintle <philippa.wintle.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2010 05:06:57 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: MPD

>>Hi List,

>>In regard to Jason's claim that Emma told him about the MPD
>>clip, she says that she never told him about it. She says that
>>she hardly discussed the issue of Dr.. Jacobs with him at all.
>>Emma says that at no stage has she ever told anyone that Jacobs
>>did this so to her that "she would be free to talk of her
>>experience without fear of repercussions from the alien" as
>>Jason has claimed.

>>She is dumbfounded by his statements.

>>According to Emma, Jacobs did this to her without asking her
>>permission, and she did not know that he was going to do it.
>>She says that he did it to protect himself from the hybrids that
>>he told her were a threat to him.

>>Emma says that she only ever communicated with Jason by e-mail.
>>She has suggested that perhaps he would care to produce a copy

Re: MPD

>>of the section of an e-mail in which she said what he claims in
>>it.

>>Otherwise, perhaps Jason could explain to the List why he made
>>these statements.

>>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 27 Jan 2010 14:00:19 -0500
>>>Archived: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 06:45:30 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: MPD

>>>Philippa failed to mention that she also communicated with me
>>>via email and desperately tried to get me side with Emma. I'm
>>>sorry, but I am remaining open-minded and have not taken sides.

>>>Emma has sent me an email denying she told me this and accusing
>>>me of making it up. I will respond to it, but as for this
>>>subject, I'm bowing out.

>>>What I wrote is to the best of my memory. I refuse to get into
>>>a 'he-says/she-says' situation.

Jason, as you have not been able to produce any email from Emma
telling you this, I think it is clear that she never said
anything of the sort to you.

Perhaps you should show more respect in the future, and stick to
the facts.

I will take anything you have to say in the future with a
boulder of salt.

As for Jason's comments to the list about my own emails to him,
I'll provide them here so people can judge them for themselves.

1st Email:

"Having abduction research open to scrutiny in the way that
mainstream science is would help significantly.

Instead of abduction researchers keeping the transcripts of
their hypnosis sessions private, the full transcripts should be
made available so that they can be scrutinized.

In addition, hypnosis should be seen only as a way of obtaining
more information about a case that already has other physical
evidence. If the case relies solely on hypnotically retrieved
memories, then it is relying on a tool that is inherently faulty
to obtain "evidence", even if the case is genuine. In fact,
hypnosis could even distort the real evidence, or create false
evidence that over-writes the real evidence, so it is lost."

2nd Email:

Thanks for the reply.

"I remember reading a while ago that there was a debate in the
field of psychology in the early years of the last century about
how science could be used to study psychology. Some behavioral
psychologists thought that if things could not be examined
directly, that they should not be included in the science of
psychology, for instance people's thoughts and feelings (if I am
remembering it correctly.) Other people thought that they should
be, and began to develop new ways to study those things using
the scientific method.

I think that the same principle could be applied in ufology.

Some of the things in the abduction phenomenon are pretty far
out and hard to figure out how to study scientifically, such as
the altered states, imagery, and so on. But if there is the will
to use science to study it, then probably people will come up
with new ways to do that, without having to resort to non-
scientific theories to deal with it.

I personally am very doubtful about Jacobs' hypnosis.

I think he engages in practices that are bound to lead to confabulation, such as having his research subjects transcribe each other's hypnosis sessions see:

<http://magonia.haaan.com/2009/david-jacobs-the-threat/>

I think that all three of them would be very careful not to lead people while they were being observed, but the only way to know what they do the rest of the time is for the transcripts of every session that they do to be public.

That way all the data is out in the open, like data in mainstream research, and it can be subjected to the same scrutiny that mainstream scientific data is. I think it is essential both to have many minds look at the data to create the depth of understanding that comes from a field of people studying the data rather than just the single researcher, and it also prevents researchers from engaging in dodgy practices.

Having said that, I am in no doubt that abduction experiences are real. I am sure that the people themselves are mostly genuine, and have really valuable information to give.

Personally I think that the ETH is a pretty good explanation, and I would not be surprised if it turns out to be the case. "

3rd Email:

"Since we've exchanged a few emails on the subject, I should probably tell you that I am personally acquainted with Jacobs' research subject "Emma".

She does not doubt her own experiences. In fact, she's publishing a research project she did on them on her website. She just doubts the reality of some of the "memories" she got under hypnosis with Jacobs.

This is mainly because of the amount of leading and suggestion he engaged in. She is in the process of taking action against him regarding his misconduct towards her (sorry I can't be more specific), and the recordings of all the hypnosis sessions he had with her are now being gone through to prepare for that. Even she was not aware of how extensive his use of suggestion and leading was until then.

In regard to Jacobs having his research subjects Transcribe each other's hypnosis sessions, they are not done as volunteer work. He hires them as a paid job. Actually, he hires a mix of people, some who are his research subjects and some not. Anyway, even if it was voluntary, it is a practice that can lead to huge contamination of memory under hypnosis.

I know that "Emma" is not the only one of Jacobs' Research subjects who is critical of his work. However, I don't know of anyone else who has gone public with it at this time. I don't think it really matters how many people have criticized him publicly though. It is whether the criticisms are valid that is of importance. "Emma" has the recordings of a series of phone conversations that she had with Jacobs on her website:

<http://www.ufoalienabductee.com/david-jacobs-audio-clips.html>

and it is obvious from those discussions that there are serious problems with his research. Because he is a leading researcher in the field, and is influencing many people's thinking about the phenomenon, it is important that his work be openly scrutinized. And, not just his work, but the work of all researchers in the area. That is the only way that research can be really scientific. Otherwise people have to take things on faith, and because researchers are just human, that is open to both misinterpretation and abuse.

Yes, like you, I also assess each abduction account that I come across. Even though I think most people are genuine, there are so many reasons why people can be mistaken that it is important to do that.

I know what you are saying about researchers keeping details

back to check for verification. Obviously that has been a valuable tool in some cases, even when it was done for other reasons like in the Hill case. However, I think the downside of that, which is not having the research open to scrutiny, outweighs the benefits. Perhaps if hypnosis transcripts were made public, but a few sentences were blocked out with a note saying that a few specific details had been removed to keep to use for verification would be a way around it.

I think the best way to answer debunkers is to have scientific research that has all the safeguards that mainstream research has. Right now, we have a tiny number of researchers, using hypnosis behind closed doors with no one having access to their raw data, and the researchers being "celebrities", being interviewed on radio and documentaries, giving lectures, publishing books, and so on. It really is more of an entertainment industry than a scientific research area. That means debunkers can have a field day with it. It also means that mainstream science won't touch it with a barge pole. If that doesn't change, we are never going to get scientific proof of the ETH."

4th Email:

"Don't worry about the spelling. I'm sure there are probably typos in mine as well.

Emma does not doubt her own experiences. She has an open mind about the cause of them, meaning she thinks the ETH is one possible answer, but that other theories could explain them, such as parallel universes, or whatever. Perhaps that's where there has been a misunderstanding between you. The only doubt she has are about some of the "memories" she got under hypnosis, for obvious reasons.

I did not know that Budd Hopkins had a skeptic pretend to be an abductee in order to destroy his work. Is there anything online about that you could point me to? I would be interested to know more about it.

In regard to Emma, I can't go into details about what action she is taking, but I know that she will not be denying her experiences.. The action she is taking is about Jacobs' misconduct towards, which she has evidence to support.

I know that "Emma" does think that some of the memories she got under hypnosis were confabulation that came about because of Jacobs' suggestion, and that it will be part of the action that she takes. However, it is perfectly legitimate for an abductees to do that. It does not mean that she will be denying her experiences. It just means that abductees have the same right as anyone else to judge the veracity of memories obtained under hypnosis, and the role of the hypnotist in that. Abduction researchers are not gods who must not be criticized. They are living human beings, who make mistakes. Some of them behave abusively, the way humans sometimes do. And abductees have the right to recognize that, and if it happens to them to defend themselves against it.

I know the audio clip that you are referring to on Emma's" site. She herself was aware that people might think that she edited it creatively to discredit Jacobs, and she has since put up an audio clip of the complete conversation, with just people's names, and some private stuff that is mainly to do with other people removed. She also put up clips of several other conversations with Jacobs in which you can hear the whole conversations. If you listen to them (there is several hours worth), I am sure that you will be in no doubt that the "back story" that "Emma" related was correct. I also think that not many people listening to those conversations could be in any doubt that Jacobs' conduct has been pretty outrageous on a lot of different levels.

It think it is important to realize that other research subjects who see what happens to "Emma" for speaking out publicly, and how hard it has been for her to be heard within the field because of Jacobs' status, may be intimidated into not speaking out themselves. I imagine that not many people would want to run that gauntlet.

I understand your caution. I am like that myself. However, if a leading researcher is challenged, and that might give fuel to debunkers, if that challenge is legitimate, then it should be acknowledged as such, and taken on the chin by the field as a lesson to be learned, rather than trying to sweep it under the carpet to protect the field from debunkers criticisms, which I have a sense could be the response of some people. I hope that people will give "Emma" a fair chance to be heard, as it is every body's right to be, and that people will not just immediately turn on her because she is challenging a leading researcher."

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No Evidence UFO Was Rocket: PMO

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 22:04:52 EST
Archived: Fri, 29 Jan 2010 06:25:57 -0500
Subject: No Evidence UFO Was Rocket: PMO

Evidence UFO Was Rocket Says Canadian Prime Minister's Office

<http://tinyurl.com/yfcdm8g>

This story still has legs.

We have a confusion going on and only good detective work is going to get to the bottom of it.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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UFOs Spotted Over Brooklyn?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 23:47:24 EST
Archived: Fri, 29 Jan 2010 06:28:34 -0500
Subject: UFOs Spotted Over Brooklyn?

Now this story about UFOs over Brooklyn are from my old stomping grounds.

<http://tinyurl.com/yglez4n>

There's been a long history of UFOs over Brooklyn, Queens, and the rest of Long Island but the local tv station picked up on this story which is unusual.

Let's see if the other NY stations pick it up.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com
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UFO Clouds Spark Possibility Of Alien Life

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 2010 04:00:18 EST
Archived: Fri, 29 Jan 2010 06:31:20 -0500
Subject: UFO Clouds Spark Possibility Of Alien Life

The video here is just spectacular:

<http://tinyurl.com/yjfeoy>

Best,

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NASA Provides ISS Streaming Video

From: **NASA News** <hqnews.nul>
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 15:00:14 -0700
Archived: Fri, 29 Jan 2010 06:33:25 -0500
Subject: NASA Provides ISS Streaming Video

Jan. 28, 2010

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NASA Provides Inside Look At International Space Station With Streaming Video

HOUSTON -- NASA soon will provide Internet viewers an inside look at astronauts working in space by streaming video live from the International Space Station's laboratories. The internal views are set to begin Feb. 1 and will be available during all crew duty hours.

Since March 2009, NASA has provided streaming video online of Earth and the station's exterior as the laboratory complex orbits 220 miles above Earth at 17,500 miles per hour. The new in-cabin streaming video includes audio of communications between Mission Control and the astronauts, when available.

Television from the station is available only when the complex is in contact with the ground through its high-speed communications antenna and NASA's Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System. During "loss of signal" periods, Internet viewers may see a test pattern. When the space shuttle is docked to the station, the stream will include video and audio of those activities.

The station is a unique partnership between the space agencies of the United States, Canada, Europe, Japan and Russia. Construction began in 1998 and will be completed in 2010. Twenty-two crews have lived aboard the orbiting laboratory since 2000, including the current crew of five. Station residents have conducted important scientific experiments and gathered data to help assist future missions.

To view the streaming station video on Feb. 1, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/station>

To find out when the station will be visible over your city, visit:

<http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/sightings>

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'UFO Cloud' Mystery After Worldwide Sightings
Bild.com
<http://tinyurl.com/yb9swyf>

Alien Invasion Across Europe
The Sun
<http://tinyurl.com/yenu5k4>

Seven Tips To Better UFO Photos And Videos
UFODigest
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/tips.php>

UFO in the Ravine: The Omar Gonza Case
Scott Corrales
UFODigest
<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0110/omar-gonza.php>

NASA Backs The Sun's X-Files
The Sun
<http://tinyurl.com/y94qgon>

UFO And World Mysteries Discussion Group
Rundtownnews.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/yc7477b>

Return Of UFO That Mined Uranium In Argentina In 1970s?
io9
<http://tinyurl.com/yddx4rn>

If The Cosmic Phone Rings... Don't Answer
The Sun
<http://tinyurl.com/yayw9gc>

New book By Stoyan Sarg, Ph.D Offers Scientific Reasoning For
UFO Technology
MMD Newswire
<http://www.mmdnewswire.com/stoyan-sarg-phd-6841.html>

Mystery sighting has tongues wagging in Newfoundland
<http://tinyurl.com/yflrqj4>

From Dave Haith:

UK Farmer's Amazing UFO Spectacle
What do you mean - it's not genuine?
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wk-HoMBkTJc>

From 'The Norm':

The Real Search For UFOs
By Tracey Logan
<http://www.nhpr.org/node/29076>

The Celtic Alien: Fairy Faith In The UFO Era
<http://tinyurl.com/y8bdmh9>

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Secrecy News -- 01/29/10

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
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** BOMB POWER AND THE ROOTS OF GOVERNMENT SECRECY
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Bomb Power And The Roots Of Government Secrecy

In his provocative new book "Bomb Power" (Penguin Press, 2010) historian Garry Wills argues that the rise of the National Security State and the ongoing expansion of presidential authority, including the spread of government secrecy, are rooted in the development of the atomic bomb in World War II.

<http://tinyurl.com/ycf3zxx>

"At the bottom of it all has been the Bomb," writes Prof. Wills. "All this grew out of the Manhattan Project, out of its product, and even more out of its process. The project's secret work, secretly funded at the behest of the President, was a model for the covert activities and overt authority of the government we now experience."

The thesis of the book is not always clear or consistent. Most often, the author refers to the secret creation of the bomb as a "model" or a precedent that would later be exploited in other contexts. But sometimes the bomb project is seen as an integral part of other seemingly unrelated expressions of presidential authority and "the seed of all the growing powers that followed." And sometimes, for Prof. Wills, there is nothing else besides the bomb: "Executive power has basically been, since World II, Bomb Power" (p. 4).

The failure to clearly distinguish or demonstrate the bomb's asserted role -- whether it is the model, the origin or the driving influence behind the growth of executive power -- limits the force of the book's argument. If the bomb project was merely a model for organizing government activity ("the Manhattan Project showed modern Presidents the way"), then it should in principle be subject to replacement by other models. But if it is now inextricably intertwined with the whole machinery of government, then government might be beyond the possibility of reform unless and until the bomb itself can be eliminated.

Prof. Wills, the author of many award-winning books, writes fluently and engagingly on a wide range of topics. But in "Bomb Power," his history is occasionally garbled.

In a chronology of the development of the National Security State, he says that covert action was authorized and defined in 1947 in the National Security Act, "despite misgivings expressed by Dean Acheson and others," and that the 1947 Act also required

regular notification to congressional intelligence committees (pp. 82-84). But the original National Security Act was famously silent on covert action, only assigning to CIA "such other functions and duties... as the President... may direct." The statutory definition of covert action that Prof. Wills quotes was not enacted into law until 1991. Likewise, notification to Congress of intelligence operations abroad was not required by law until the Hughes-Ryan Act in 1974.

But what is most disturbing of all is the author's casual, world-weary dismissal of the possibility of change, and especially of efforts to rein in government secrecy. "The hope of decreasing the mountains of secrecy is vanishing or gone," he declares flatly (p. 138). "Consider all of the classified material [now in existence]," he told National Public Radio earlier this week. "To declassify that is immensely time consuming and expensive. So, it's not going to happen."

This is a lazy and destructive message and, I think, a false one.

Though it is hard to reconcile with Prof. Wills' theory of inexorably expanding executive power, the President of the United States last month issued an order imposing significant new limits on national security secrecy. Stating that "No information may remain classified indefinitely," President Obama set maximum classification lifetimes for all records, including intelligence records. He directed that a backlog of 400 million pages of records awaiting declassification will not only be declassified but will also be made publicly available within four years. He established a new internal review process, with public reporting requirements, to eliminate obsolete classification practices in every classifying agency at the front end of the process. Perhaps these and numerous other related steps will all fail. But nothing in Prof. Wills' argument dictates that outcome, and "Bomb Power" does no one any favors by fostering public cynicism and declaring defeat before the battle is over.

PHYSICS AND SECRECY

The American Physical Society will feature a session of "physics and secrecy" at its annual meeting in Washington DC on February 13. I will be one of the three presenters.

In one sense, the whole enterprise of physics is a contest with secrecy and an attempt to discern the order that is hidden in natural phenomena. But next month's session is devoted to the more mundane form of national security secrecy and its impact on physicists and other scientists.

<http://tinyurl.com/yezkmdb>

INTERSTELLAR ARCHEOLOGY

The search for signs of intelligent life elsewhere in the universe should not only focus on detection of electromagnetic signals, but should also seek evidence of the physical artifacts that an intelligence life form might produce, a scientist at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory suggested in a paper last month.

"Searching for signatures of cosmic-scale archaeological artifacts such as Dyson spheres or Kardashev civilizations is an interesting alternative to conventional SETI [Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, which searches for radio waves]. Uncovering such an artifact does not require the intentional transmission of a signal on the part of the original civilization. This type of search is called interstellar archaeology or sometimes cosmic archaeology."

All of this of course is quite speculative, not to say whimsical. "With few exceptions interstellar archeological signatures are clouded and beyond current technological capabilities," the author notes.

But the concept and the logic behind it are explained with pleasant clarity in "Starry Messages: Searching for Signatures of Interstellar Archaeology" by Richard A. Carrigan, Jr., Fermi

National Accelerator Laboratory, December 1, 2009.

<http://www.fas.org/spp/eprint/starry.pdf>

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Re: UFOs Spotted Over Brooklyn?

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 2010 13:21:26 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Sat, 30 Jan 2010 10:36:36 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Spotted Over Brooklyn?

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 23:47:24 EST
>Subject: UFOs Spotted Over Brooklyn?

>Now this story about UFOs over Brooklyn are from my old stomping
>grounds.

><http://tinyurl.com/yglez4n>

Out of focus most of the time. Images look like what you might
get by videotaping a star or planet not far above the horizon.

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Archived: Sat, 30 Jan 2010 10:38:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 2010 18:14:06 +0000
Archived: Sun, 31 Jan 2010 08:57:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Telepathy Explained?

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 29 Jan 2010 13:36:36 -0500
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Jason,

The line of argument you are taking falls into the classic behaviourist error that A.I. advocates always fall into. It is an entirely self-serving argument because it sets up the target intelligence to be assessed as a black box and then selects an arbitrary set of criteria for determining whether the target intelligence is human or artificial.

As I have argued, repeatedly now, we are actually in no position at all to establish these criteria. It therefore makes no difference at all as to whether a particular individual under particular circumstances cannot make a clear distinction. As it happens, the kind of examples, experiments and simulations that are the stuff of theoretical debate in this field all fall pathetically short of any kind of real test of what is at stake.

The argument can drag on indefinitely, and will do so if you don't care to address the key issues I have raised: the fact that we don't have a sufficiently clear understanding of human intelligence to be able to replicate it artificially, and the issue of 'overclaim' that has led to the 'I' in 'A.I.' constituting a misnomer.

The 'technological singularity' on which your arguments are pinned looks a lot less impressive if we call it for what it is: a computational singularity. Thought and computation are not the same thing. Human intelligence is qualitatively different from both. As it happens, the Searles of this world have done a poor job of indicating the general nature of that difference, and its extreme complexity. --

Gerald O'Connell
<http://www.onlyport.com>

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Newfoundland UFO Not Model Rockets

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 30 Jan 2010 14:50:06 EST
Archived: Sun, 31 Jan 2010 09:01:12 -0500
Subject: Newfoundland UFO Not Model Rockets

This is getting laughable:

<http://tinyurl.com/y96d9kn>

According to this story, the officials up in Canada are saying those missiles off Newfoundland were model rockets.

Anyone whose made those things knows better and this story has a model rocket enthusiast here giving his opinion.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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So you acknowledge the difference in principle, made clear by Searle, but dismiss it in practice because your not capable of actually discerning the difference. A pragmatic approach, I suppose, and probably handy for having sex with a blow-up doll, but by no means does it nullify Searle's result.

On the other hand, as to the original topic, the only result established in this mind-numbing thread so far is the following vacuous triviality: given that telepathy is synthetic rather than naturally evolved, then, if the 'Grays' exist and are telepathic, then they are synthetic. You have to get up pretty early in the morning to find anything more iron-clad than that.

This is fun! Proceeding from the assumption that intelligence itself must be synthetic rather than naturally evolved, I conclude that humans themselves are actually advanced robots (oops! I mean cyborgs). As with the 'artificial telepathy' apparatus, the fact that we are making machines that behave with apparent intelligence simply confirms the technological origins of intelligence.

How effortless this is, now that I understand the rules. I now present, All Is Machine! Better start a new thread... I'll trouble you no further in this one.

Mike

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
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The following is the relevant quote from one of your earlier
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explanation. I'm saying it's the better and even more likelier
choice."

If the technological explanation is not the only explanation,
what was the implied alternative?

This is an important question, because the answer would show
whether or not your mind is already totally made up. Our entire
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William

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Searle argues that an AI can, in principle, be made to simulate human intelligence. It just won't be able to understand the information it is processing. So I agree that his argument can't be used to say that human AI can't be simulated.

But you go much further than this. You predict that AI will far outstrip human intelligence. Explain how this is possible when the AI begins as a mindless simulation of human intelligence. Why would a simulation be any more capable than humans of eventually achieving super-intelligence?

William

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Re: UFOs & Ball Lightning

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 2010 01:33:19 -0400
Archived: Sun, 31 Jan 2010 09:06:36 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs & Ball Lightning

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 19:07:51 -0700
>Subject: Re: UFOs & Ball Lightning

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2010 17:17:59 -0400
>>Subject: UFOs & Ball Lightning

>>>From National Geographic

>><http://tinyurl.com/oo2cg>

>>Ball Lightning: A Shocking Scientific Mystery

>>I could not help but note the similarities in this article.
>>Substituute UFO for some of the comments.

>Phil Plait is asking (substitute as necessary): why don't
>meteorologists see ball lightning?

Sorry for the response delay, Mike. But it is a fair question.
Why don't they?

I'm interested in hearing about very large ball lighting events.

Don Ledger

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Royston Crow
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NL UFO Still A UFO
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Kansas 5-year-Old Draws UFO aFter Reporting 'round Plane With Bolts'
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/ya934ca>

Three UFO Missiles Spotted And Filmed Over Newfoundland, Canada:
Possible Illegal French Launch
PeopleMagazineDaily.com
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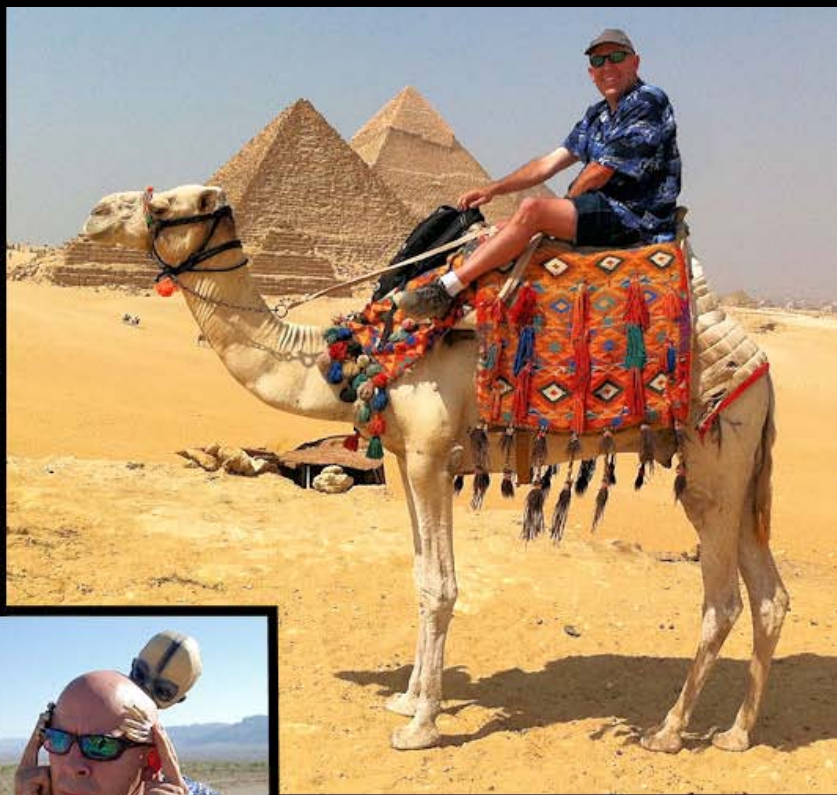
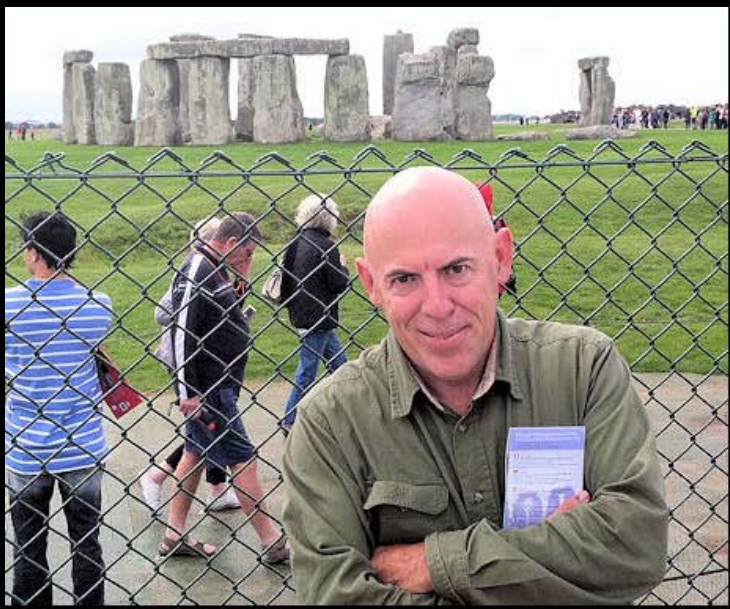
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