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Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

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>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 13:40:46 +0100
>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>>From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 16:46:58 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

><snip>

>[CONTEXT: on "anti-grav warp drive" as discussed by Professor
>Sarfatti]

Hi Ray,

I'm terribly sorry I missed this comment as gmail sometimes reorders inbound mail to maintain thread coherency, which is great for following context but sometimes leads me to miss messages. My apologies.

[CONTEXT: Propulsion via ejected thrust]

>[...]the three types of UFO, "none show any signs of
>significant interaction with atmosphere - their movements are
>not aerodynamic or even ballistic. That is, they seem to be
>able to choose their position and velocity in space with
>impunity, >and are able to disregard the rules of human 'flight'
>- which is >dependent on directed thrust and/or lift."

Yeah, I saw one. That disc certainly seemed to have one hell of a large performance envelope. The reason I've been going on and on with "ion propulsion" instead of "anti-grav warp drive", as Professor Sarfatti calls it, is because I spent a childhood tearing apart electric brush motors and winding my own electromagnet coils for fun. One might call it "being blinded by the thing one knows rather than taking a leap into what everyone else doesn't know." If that makes any sense. I guess I'd say that even though I'm pretty limited in my real physics knowledge (my dad used to say, "If you don't know the math, you *don't* understand the physics."), I'm still trying to fit that crazy experience into the best so-called "rational framework" I possibly can. If you want to claim "category error" on my part, it might be a fair critique.

However, I want to speculatively dispute your claim of the "non-aerodynamic" nature of disc shaped craft. This may be unfair, as you state, "...their movements are non-aerodynamic" not their shape. But still, one must admit that a disc is beautifully shaped to reduce atmospheric drag. It's really a backwards wing. I'll explain:

Take a standard wing: the leading edge is a bit thicker than the trailing edge, which tapers off to a point. Air flows around the leading edge to the trailing edge of the top and bottom portions of a wing. Due to Bernoulli effects, a pressure differential between the air flowing across the top and bottom portions of the wing helps to generate lift via a downward thrust. I

previously used a wikipedia link to reference the Bernoulli Principle, but this wikipedia entry on wings has a couple of neat images showing wing shape and airflow:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wing>

Image 1 of the shape of a wing:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Wing_mono_spar.svg

Image 2 of the airflow around a wing:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Aircraft_flaps.svg

Anyway, to illustrate my point, take any wing from a model aircraft. Use an equilateral triangle cut-out, just to make it easy, then mark up the wing with the triangle's tip at the leading edge and the base at its trailing edge. Now go grab a Dremel tool. Cut up the wing into a triangle. Do this four times and join the parts. Now you have a regular polygon in the shape of a square, top down.

Next, imagine chopping up a wing into eighths (octagon), and further into sixteenths (hexadecagon), and so on - just like the approximation of an integral. Pretty soon you'll have a smooth saucer shape. Of course, a saucer shape certainly does **not** generate aerodynamic lift. But air should flow from the leading edge of its tip to the central base of its axis in its direction of motion, leading to much greater aerodynamic efficiency than other non-aerodynamic shapes like boxes and such. One might call the shape optimally aerodynamically efficient. And it does so in all directions of movement - unlike a wing, which is only efficient in one direction of motion. In other words, a saucer shape could pull a 90 degree turn on a dime and remain aerodynamically efficient due to its shape.

And it's also structurally efficient! Just one look at a Bucky dome shows that the basic shape contains the most volume for the least structural support of any others:

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

>And the most commonly observed type (that seen in the atmosphere >or near ground level), at slow speeds almost always displays a >'falling-leaf' or rocking motion. That is typical, not of >'propulsion' but of an inertial-drive when used as 'anti-gravity' of a sort.

You know, I saw just that type of pendulum waving back and forth motion on descent during my sighting. Yeah. Beats me why the thing did that, but I sure as hell saw it.

Thanks so much for your reply, it was a really interesting read. I'll dig through those links you posted once I get a chance.

-M

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Re: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET

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Archived: Wed, 01 Sep 2010 08:10:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET

>From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 19:37:05 -0400
>Subject: Re: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET Origin

Just an addendum:

>My recollection is that space typically has a density of one
>hydrogen atom per cubic centimeter(1)[...]

[cut]

>[...]speculative approach to use microwaves to push air molecules
>away from the leading edge of wings and the surface of craft in
>an atmosphere. ... it is potentially possible to expel enough
>electromagnetic energy to push objects away from oncoming craft.

It occurs to me that at such speeds even one hydrogen atom per cubic centimeter ought to show so-called aerodynamic drag effects, including "air resistance" drag and surface heating from friction - just like a fast moving craft in the Earth's atmosphere. Thus, without some EM or other mechanism to push those hydrogen atoms away from the surface of the craft, accelerating up to relativistic speeds would face a double problem of increasing mass due to relativistic effects at such velocities, along with the previously discussed air resistance drag effects.

Am I right about this? Perhaps a real list physicist might chime in. I'm just guessing here.

-M

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Re: Are UFOs Real? Maybe, Says Historian

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 21:28:55 -0300
Archived: Wed, 01 Sep 2010 08:13:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Are UFOs Real? Maybe, Says Historian

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 17:56:24 EDT
>Subject: Are UFOs Real? Maybe, Says Historian

>This is a nice and tight article looking at the history of the
>UFO Phenoma:

><http://tinyurl.com/3546je3>

>It covers a lot of ground and doesn't meander into the realm of
>absurdity nor invalidation of witnesses and researchers.

Tight? Hmm.

Quote; "The term 'flying saucer' apparently entered our lexicon
in 1947 when aviator Kenneth Arnold was flying over the Cascade
Mountains in Washington state and saw a tailless, flat, disc-
shaped object flying off the water below him, Horner said."

Bit off actually. There were 9 objects and water wasn't
involved. Horner needs to bone up on his history a little before
leading others through UFO history.

Don Ledger

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Archived: Wed, 01 Sep 2010 08:16:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 11:04:43 -0500
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>To: post.nul: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 00:14:49 -0400
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 00:14:49 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 19:06:01 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>>>From: David Haith <visions1.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>>>>Date: Mon, 30 Aug 2010 18:26:30 +0100
>>>>Subject: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

<snip>

>>At the end of the day, the best thing to do might be to judge
>>arguments on their face value.

>>You may have a problem with Hastings, but I think you should
>>look at what he has to say.

>>Unless, of course, your real problem relies in the nature of his
>>discourse, ufologically-wise.

>>I do not think Hasting is in the business of misrepresentation.

>>He seems to be rather on the other side: the side of the ones
>>who expose the ones who misrepresent things.

>>I followed the tinyurls.

>>The guy has a point.

>More than mere point, eh?

<snip>

Hello Alfred and List,

Well, yeah, Hastings has more than a point.

<snip>

>Moreover, how is this mechanism of
>Hastings detraction somehow the preferred and considered correct
>behavior?

<snip>

Not.

<snip>

>Genuinely, in an examination of both, where the arguments of
>each camp are weighed and sifted, which shows more depth? Which
>proves to be more inclusive? Which demonstrates more
>intellectual bravery? Which uses more science of best practice?
>Which is more consistent, reliable, and dependable?

>Contrarily, which one uses mockery, ad hominem, character
>assassination, intellectual fallacy, smirking banter and bald
>obfuscation? Which is the dimensionless and dogmatic ideologue,
>and which is the inspired idealist? Which hounds and which is
>hounded?

>Further, which is deliberately abusive and which is
>realistically accusative? Which won't address the points already
>made, and which will concede the point well made? Which one
>follows the data and which one cherry-picks it? In the view of
>the observer: Hastings or McGonagle?

>The individuals observing fall on either side of this cowardly
>divide while the difference between them, on reflection, is like
>the difference between sulfurous yellow clouds and clear blue
>sky.

<snip>

I have learned, over the years, that the best way to address
digressions is to steer back the conversation towards the
matters at hand.

In the present situation, does Hastings have a case?

I believe he does.

I think we should simply address the points of his case.

Very simple matter.

Love or hate the guy.

I know the temptation is great to succumb to provocation. But I
think one should never lose his/her bearing.

In the present case, Hastings casts serious doubts on Dr. David
Clarke's assertion that the Brits are completely transparent
about the UFO issue.

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process: he infers what the "Dr" particle [in journalism] Mr.
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"license to comprehend".

Mr. Hastings puts Mr. Clarke's status in perspective. For some,
that would be considered "about time".

<snip>

>Hastings has been a true stalwart for me since 1995...

<snip>

Yes.

Vincent Boudreau

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>From: David Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 18:20:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>Dr Clarke thinks a lighthouse may have been the root cause of
>the Rendlesham lights UFO scare.

Not "the root cause". If you read my FT article carefully that is not what I say. I quote: "Their original accounts [i.e. of the airmen on the first night] describe following a light or lights among the trees that moved away as they walked towards what they came to believe was a UFO. Eventually, they realised that at least one of the the mysterious lights was the flashing beacon of the Orfordness lighthouse...."

This is a summary of the original witness accounts of airmen Burroughs, Cabansag etc which can be read here:

<http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendlesham2c.htm>

So not the "root cause", more of a contributing factor.

If there was any root cause - the trigger which sent the men into the woods in the first place - then it was likely to have been the bright meteor that was seen falling to earth shortly before 3 AM on 26 December 1980. See:

<http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendlesham1d.htm>

Long experience has demonstrated that UFO scares rarely have one explanation. There can be any number of contributory factors, which come together to create an extraordinary experience.

My own view is that all the explanations added together do not resolve the Rendlesham mysterious lights. I have yet to see a convincing explanation of the experiences reported by the airmen inside the forest (e.g. of the lights seen after the fireball, but before the men saw and followed the flashing lighthouse out of the forest).

My own personal opinion is that the lights seen at Woodbridge and Durham bear comparison with those reported from places like Marfa and Hessdalen. As I point out in the FT piece, similar lights were described as jack o'lanterns or will o'the wisps centuries ago. No one sees jack o'lanterns today, as they have been replaced by UFOs.

But they keep turning up at Rendlesham, Longdendale, Hessdalen, and other places. See, for example, the Peak District lights discussed here:

<http://www.drdavidclarke.co.uk/longden.htm>

I even found evidence of a similar light display seen from the tower of RAF Woodbridge in 1946. This led the RAF to divert aircraft to investigate and the cause remained unexplained. There are other accounts of balls of flame and mysterious dancing lights from the forest and surrounding areas from the

1950s and late 19th century. All of which points to some kind of extraordinary light phenomena, the origin of which remains unexplained.

>Now he's the guy who uncovers an odd story of lighted 'UFOs'
>which even he will admit were definitely nothing to do with a
>lighthouse.

Well not quite - the Sunderland pilots who gave evidence to the British police inquiry in 1866 were convinced the 'false lights' that led ships to their doom were caused by the Tynemouth Lighthouse beacon, further north along the Durham coastline.

But as at Rendlesham, they said this beacon light was visible only in certain unusual weather conditions when seen from Sunderland, looking in the direction of Souter Point.

This is where the two stories - separated by a century - have uncanny parallels as the details intertwine.

But as with the Rendlesham lights, I'm pleased to say that I simply don't know the answer and keep an open mind as to the ultimate explanation. In my view that is the only honest approach to take to these phenomena.

>How bizarre and how odd!

Most definitely - isn't that what makes this subject so fascinating?

--

Dr David Clarke

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Tennessee Family Gets A Close-Up Glimpse Of UFO Underbody
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/2fz7h6l>

Brisbane Man Finally Spots 'UFO' After 30 Years Of Waiting
Sify
<http://tinyurl.com/2wp8tou>

UFO Investigators: Sorry, It's Not a UFO
NBC Dallas-Fort Worth
<http://tinyurl.com/36dfblh>

UFO Entertains Salida Residents
Mountain Mail Newspaper
<http://tinyurl.com/36dxhmp>

Mighty Casey Has Struck Out
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/2uhcn3v>

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Herald Sun

Vanity Fair Poll Results
CBSNews.Com
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The Phenomenon Real?
UFOFlying.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/33exzxc>

Kecksburg Festival Will Recall Its Famous UFO
Pittsburgh Tribune-Review
<http://tinyurl.com/27yxj2n>

Maury Island UFO Incident
By The Meck
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io9
<http://tinyurl.com/24ct27u>

Author Appeals For Witnesses To 1976 Cuttesslowe UFO
Banbury Cake
<http://tinyurl.com/2fj8qgw>

Are UFOs real? Maybe, says historian
Catskill Daily Mail
<http://tinyurl.com/3546je3>

Journalist Tim Russert's 2007 UFO Question To Candidates
Resonates Now

Transcendent TV & Media
<http://tinyurl.com/365kd34>

The Investigators - Wilbert B. Smith and Project Magnet
<http://tinyurl.com/36gny8y>

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<http://tinyurl.com/3xeb74f>

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Item 2.76: Whither All the Army's Ufology Files?
<http://tinyurl.com/36zyyxp>

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Extraordinary Phenomena - .pdf
1st Edition Scientific American August 28, 1845
Centre column 3rd item
<http://tinyurl.com/3ytzoya>

UFOs And The Negative
Kevin Randle
<http://tinyurl.com/29fnx32>

Alien Planetary Systems Are Both Familiar And Surprising
<http://tinyurl.com/2c6vzb7>

Bad Universe Preview
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Hello Maynard, thanks for those links.

Maybe we're coming at the same answers from different directions.

If you had an 'anti-gravity' drive and wanted its vehicle to have least interaction with the atmosphere (i.e. to minimise 'drag' and also 'lift' from any quarter), you'd go for a disk-shape (flat-bottomed) or a sphere (if you didn't intend setting down). Both would also permit quick maneuvering in any direction.

BTW - that maybe means we have to look for another reason for someone using those large triangular craft.

Cheers

Ray D

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>think one should never loose his/her bearing.

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>Clarke's assertion that the Brits are completely transparent
>about the UFO issue.

That's Hastings opinion. Equally, I have the right to express my
opinion, which is all that I am doing. There is no "provocation"
involved.

My opinion is based upon 10 years work in the archives, dozens
of FOI requests to force disclosure of documents and dozens of
interviews with former MoD and RAF employees.

The ongoing disclosure programme speaks for itself. If the Brits
are not being "completely transparent" then time will tell. On
the subject of the MoD's disclosure of documents on the
Rendlesham incident, which was one of Hasting's objections, I
note that even Jim Penniston has now said he doesn't believe the
British files contain anything significant on the case.

He is completely right. The MoD didn't investigate the incident
and therefore there can be no files, other than the ones already
released.

Furthermore, the very title of this thread, "Hastings V Clarke",
is designed to encourage conflict rather than constructive
debate.

I don't see myself "versus" anyone. All I'm interested in is
establishing the truth, wherever that may lie.

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>process: he infers what the "Dr" particle [in journalism] Mr.
>Clarke always puts there does not mean "license to know" or
>"license to comprehend".

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>that would be considered "about time".

This is pure sour grapes. I don't use my doctorate to suggest
that I have "a license to know" anything, other than the subject
in which I graduated.

My opinion is no more valid than anyone else's, including Robert
Hastings. But if it upsets you so much to see "Dr" in front of
my name, I've removed it so as not to cause offence in future.

Best regards

--

David Clarke

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Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 10:29:51 +0100
>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>>From: David Haith <visions1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 18:20:50 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>>Dr Clarke thinks a lighthouse may have been the root cause of
>>the Rendlesham lights UFO scare.

>Not "the root cause". If you read my FT article carefully that
>is not what I say. I quote: "Their original accounts [i.e. of
>the airmen on the first night] describe following a light or
>lights among the trees that moved away as they walked towards
>what they came to believe was a UFO. Eventually, they realised
>that at least one of the the mysterious lights was the flashing
>beacon of the Orfordness lighthouse...."

>This is a summary of the original witness accounts of airmen
>Burroughs, Cabansag etc which can be read here:

><http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendlesham2c.htm>

>So not the "root cause", more of a contributing factor.

>If there was any root cause - the trigger which sent the men
>into the woods in the first place - then it was likely to have
>been the bright meteor that was seen falling to earth shortly
>before 3 AM on 26 December 1980. See:

><http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendlesham1d.htm>

I would love to have been there that cold December night/morning
when that meteor weaved in and out of the trees.

I would have also liked to set traps for those crafty
radioactive hares. I mean, they put the Trix rabbit to shame
with regard to crazy antics.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Britain's First X-File?

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 17:01:01 +0100
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Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 10:22:43 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

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>when that meteor weaved in and out of the trees.

>I would have also liked to set traps for those crafty
>radioactive hares. I mean, they put the Trix rabbit to shame
>with regard to crazy antics.

Jason & List,

From what I have been observing over the last few months or so there seems to be an uptake of attack on any 'known' cases whereupon UFOs are hard to rule out as the most absolute answer.

The BBC it seems has got itself entangled in this attack by openly allowing it's broadcasters to wrecklessly spout on about UFO cases they know nothing about, but adds to public distaste on UFOs per say. This link tells you everything you need to know:

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

Always remember this fact: There are multiples of UFO sceptics who can be plucked out of the air within in any journo time-frame, to abuse, shout down, disseminate, destroy and render UFO cases untouchable due to the high nature of doubt expressed publicly by such sceptics, it is a scene that will not die out just yet.

My suggestion is to keep away from those people your mother advised you to stay away from!

Reagrds,

Roy

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Re: Are UFOs Real? Maybe, Says Historian

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 08:58:11 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 01 Sep 2010 13:19:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Are UFOs Real? Maybe, Says Historian

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 21:28:55 -0300
>Subject: Re: Are UFOs Real? Maybe, Says Historian

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 17:56:24 EDT
>>Subject: Are UFOs Real? Maybe, Says Historian

>>This is a nice and tight article looking at the history of the
>>UFO Phenoma:

>><http://tinyurl.com/3546je3>

>>It covers a lot of ground and doesn't meander into the realm of
>>absurdity nor invalidation of witnesses and researchers.

>Tight? Hmmm.

>Quote; "The term 'flying saucer' apparently entered our lexicon
>in 1947 when aviator Kenneth Arnold was flying over the Cascade
>Mountains in Washington state and saw a tailless, flat, disc-
>shaped object flying off the water below him, Horner said."

>Bit off actually. There were 9 objects and water wasn't
>involved. Horner needs to bone up on his history a little before
>leading others through UFO history.

He was also wrong about the press coverage...

The Walter Haut Press release appeared in evening newspapers
from Chicago, West not just in California on July 8. Came out
about noon NM time... too late for morning and evening East Coast
Papers.

The LA Herald Express at the original and cover up stories. See
front page of the Chicago Daily News, New Orleans and many other
papers...

He was also wrong about interstellar travel feasibility. He
needs to read the chapter You Can Get Here From There in my
Flying Saucers and Scienc... besides Crash At Corona.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Britain's First X-File?

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 17:34:51 +0100
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Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 10:22:43 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>I would love to have been there that cold December night/morning
>when that meteor weaved in and out of the trees.

You're right. Meteors don't "weave in and out of the trees". But they do appear to fall from the sky to the ground, which is precisely what the airmen reported, just before 3 AM when astronomers recorded a bright fireball meteor.

As the two events happened in the same area and at the same time it's entirely possible they were observations of the same event.

But there is no reason to assume the light seen falling into the trees by one patrol was the same light/s seen in the forest - at a later stage - by other airmen. A period of time separated the two events, but one triggered the other - leading connections to be made.

Neither does it logically follow that any of these lights, seen on 26 December, were the same lights seen by Halt and his men, on a different night.

Minutes separate the events on the first night.

48 hours separate the events of the first night and the events of the '2nd night' (27/28 December).

All three sets of lights could be completely different phenomena, with different origins.

Why assume that all the UAPs seen in Rendlesham forest were the same phenomena, when minutes/hours/days separated each set of observations?

>I would have also liked to set traps for those crafty
>radioactive hares. I mean, they put the Trix rabbit to shame
>with regard to crazy antics.

Well if there really was hazardous radiation it would not have disappeared overnight in 1980. Traces should be detectable today. Yet a scientist commissioned by the Sci Fi channel in 2003 found nothing unusual.

Rendlesham forest today is used for cycling, picnics and UFO legend tripping. It is actively promoted by the Suffolk tourist board as a place for young families to visit. There have been no sightings of radioactive rabbits by visitors so far, nor any cases of radiation sickness.

Bests
--
David Clarke

<http://drdavidclarke.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.drdaavidclarke.co.uk/>

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Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 14:40:09 -0300
Archived: Wed, 01 Sep 2010 15:44:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 00:43:27 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 31 Aug 2010 11:04:43 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

<snip>

>In the present situation, does Hastings have a case?

>I believe he does.

>I think we should simply address the points of his case.

>Very simple matter.

>Love or hate the guy.

>I know the temptation is great to succumb to provocation. But I
>think one should never loose his/her bearing.

>In the present case, Hastings casts serious doubts on Dr. David
>Clarke's assertion that the Brits are completely transparent
>about the UFO issue.

>Hastings cannot refrain from scratching Clarke's persona in the
>process: he infers what the "Dr" particle [in journalism] Mr.
>Clarke always puts there does not mean "license to know" or
>"license to comprehend".

>Mr. Hastings puts Mr. Clarke's status in perspective. For some,
>that would be considered "about time".

><snip>

>>Hastings has been a true stalwart for me since 1995...

><snip>

>Yes.

David and I sometimes disagee on some points but if he spent the
time money and energy on getting a doctorate I don't see any
problem with him using it in front of his name.

I suppose there are some problems with the media for instance
where they might construe David's doctorate as having some
impact on his study of the UFO phenomenon. And it might where it
employs the use of basic scientific methodology and he has then
training in same. But there's nothing wrong with that either.

As for Bentwaters, I don't take the lighthouse theory seriously,
not if one takes Halt's and the security police's comments into
consideration.

Google Earth experimentation shows that Ridpath's theory is very slim judging by the path - Left At Eastgate for example - that Halt and the others would have had to have taken in order to arrive at the farmhouse when there were plenty of other farmhouses in the area near a field with a field behind.

And it just happens that the position that Ridpath chose is the about furthest north that one could be - while well south of where Halt and the others might have been - to see the lighthouse flashes around the edge of the backshield on Ordforness light.

Meteor theories belie witness statements; it's grasping at straws. You might as well toss Venus into the mix as well.

Don Ledger

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Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 20:46:44 +0100
Archived: Thu, 02 Sep 2010 06:55:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 14:22:13 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 00:43:27 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

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>>Clarke always puts there does not mean "license to know" or
>>"license to comprehend".

>>Mr. Hastings puts Mr. Clarke's status in perspective. For some,
>>that would be considered "about time".

There should be no place for this sort of nonsense. If somebody wants to disagree with what Dr. Clarke says or writes, then fine (I often do), but to attempt to conduct the discussion by attempting to denigrate his academic qualifications and to deny him his rightful and chosen appellation is at best an unacceptably ad hominem mode of argument and at worst a form of cyber-bullying.

It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to obtain a doctorate in the UK higher education system, and whether or not the qualification is in a field relevant to the subject matter of this list, it at least indicates that the holder is possessed of some modicum of respectable intellectual attainment - no small consideration in the context of some of the posts I read here.

>This is pure sour grapes. I don't use my doctorate to suggest
>that I have "a license to know" anything, other than the subject
>in which I graduated.

>My opinion is no more valid than anyone else's, including Robert
>Hastings. But if it upsets you so much to see "Dr" in front of
>my name, I've removed it so as not to cause offence in future.

Well, Dr. Clarke, I disagree with you yet again! I think it is wrong to give way on the matter when those whom you seek (however tongue-in-cheek) to assuage have offered no good reason for you to do so.

There Vincent - you see how easy it is to disagree with Dr. Clarke without having to insult him?

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Gerald O'Connell
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From: David Haith <visions1.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 02 Sep 2010 06:57:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 14:22:13 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

<snip>

>On the subject of the MoD's disclosure of documents on the
>Rendlesham incident, which was one of Hasting's objections, I
>note that even Jim Penniston has now said he doesn't believe the
>British files contain anything significant on the case.

>He is completely right. The MoD didn't investigate the incident
>and therefore there can be no files, other than the ones already
>released.

If Penniston did say this David, then he probably has a point
and Hastings may be wrong.

After all this was a USAF base so I would expect the UK MOD to
have no involvement in its operation and therefore minimal
participation in any investigation of the UFO incidents

>Furthermore, the very title of this thread, "Hastings V Clarke",
>is designed to encourage conflict rather than constructive
>debate.

>I don't see myself "versus" anyone. All I'm interested in is
>establishing the truth, wherever that may lie.

This is unfair David. I didn't 'encourage conflict' by naming
this thread. The conflict was already there twixt you and he on
that website discussion.

Conflict in the verbal sense is not necessarily divisive, it can
be - in your words - constructive debate.

You and Hastings have conflicting views.

And one dictionary definition of 'versus' - from the Latin
'vertere' to turn - is 'as opposed to': 'in contrast with'.

In my view this whole MOD secret documents or not, is a side
issue.

The main matter is what the heck did happen on those nights at
Rendlesham?

As others have pointed out on this thread, the testimonies of
Halt and the security police - men who were trusted to be in
charge of nuclear weapons - just don't gel with any of your
'explanations'.

If Jim Penniston says he touched the solid craft for instance,
you are faced with a few alternatives.

Either he's a liar, insane, deluded or mindwashed.

Mistaken won't do.

Dave Haith

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Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 20:34:06 -0400
Archived: Thu, 02 Sep 2010 07:01:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

To the List,

On my credentials (or lack thereof):

I've received several private emails from various individual list members asking me questions about physics. This distresses me because I am the *wrong* man to ask such questions. For I am not a physicist, or even a scientist. I am a private layperson trying to understand my own sighting for entirely personal reasons. My knowledge of *real* physics is somewhere around a 1st year undergraduate level, if that. I mean I took a class once, but that doesn't mean I was any good at it. A *real* physicist could take the many concepts I'm spouting on about here and actually push pencil to paper, crunch the math, and derive *real* answers about the viability of some of these ideas. A *real* physicist could then show his or her work to a funding agency and apply for a grant. A *real* physicist, with grant money in hand, could then go on and build a *real* device. AND IT WOULD WORK! Probably.

There are *real* physicists who are members of this list. I believe I've seen Dr. Bruce Maccabee post here, who is a *real* Ph.D physicist with a specialty in optics. He can give authoritative answers within his specialty, and probably very good answers in general about physics. I believe Mr. Stanton Friedman has an MS in either electrical engineering or physics. I'm not sure of that, so if I'm wrong I hope he chimes in and corrects me. However, regardless, he could probably give pretty good authoritative answers to serious questions. I CANNOT. Thus, I am not qualified to make any authoritative statements about *real* physics. I am, however, fully unqualified enough to trouble the list by spouting on about some of these conceptual ideas just like other laypeople. I do think, however, that my writing chops are good enough that I could probably make a pretty good science journalist, science historian, or science fiction writer, for whatever that's worth.

With that disclaimer out of the way, now for my reply to Ray Dickenson:

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 13:46:30 +0100
>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>If you had an 'anti-gravity' drive and wanted its vehicle to >have least interaction with the atmosphere (i.e. to minimise >'drag' and also 'lift' from any quarter), you'd go for a disk->shape (flat-bottomed) or a sphere (if you didn't intend setting >down). Both would also permit quick maneuvering in any >direction.

I think this is right. However, the implication of this is that a saucer shape may be at least partially designed for operation in an atmosphere. It may not be designed strictly for space travel (if at all).

>BTW - that maybe means we have to look for another reason for

>someone using those large triangular craft.

I've been wondering about that too.

I read about the '89 - '90 Belgian flap some time ago. However, I've just finished the first three chapters of Ms. Kean's recent book, "UFOs: Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials go on the Record". Major General Wilfried De Brouwer's statement covered in Chapter 2 is of interest here. Within this chapter, much is made of a well known photograph of a flying triangular object taken from underneath. Wikipedia has a nice article on this subject and includes a digital copy of a photograph that resembles the one used in the book:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_triangle_%28UFO%29

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:TriangleBelgium1990.jpg>

It's unclear to me whether they are the same photos, but they both certainly resemble one another. The photos cited in the book are to be found in a color photos section right after page 178. Included is discussion of an analysis performed, according to Mr. De Broweur, by physics Professor Andre Marion, of the University of Paris-Sud. Paraphrasing the professor's findings, De Broweur wrote:

[Quote]

Professor Marion's more recent analysis in 2002 used more sophisticated technology. He confirmed previous findings, while explaining a new discovery: Numeric treatment of the photograph revealed a halo of something lighter surrounding the craft. Special optical processing shows that within the halo, light particles form a certain pattern around the craft like snowflakes in turbulence. This is very similar to the pattern of iron filings which is caused by "the lines of force" in a magnetic field. This could indicate the craft is moving by using a magnetoplasma dynamic propulsion system as suggested by Professor Aguste Meesen in one of his studies. [Pg. 30]

[End Quote]

What the hell is "magneto-plasma-dynamic propulsion"? I don't know. I got to thinking about that last night and have a speculative idea to offer though: a Fusion Propulsion Drive.

Let's start with Tokamak experimental fusion reactors currently in testing. Here's a nifty Wikipedia article that describes the mechanism better than I could:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tokamak>

The upshot is that the device employs a series of high powered electromagnets arranged such that they use the Lorentz force to both accelerate an ionized plasma while at the same time magnetically confining it such that it doesn't damage the interior chamber. This acceleration chamber is arranged in a toroid, or donut shape, such that the plasma circulates around the acceleration chamber building momentum. Energy is added to the plasma, sometimes in the form of EM radio waves, to build up heat. This photo from the Wiki site offers a nice representation of how the confinement works:

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4b/Tokamak_fields_lg.png

There are additional aspects to its operation, descriptions of which are to be found in the referenced Wiki article, but the upshot is that this plasma is accelerated and heated to such a degree that by further injecting Deuterium and Tritium the thermodynamic energy of the combined ion plasma and hydrogen fuel create enough kinetics to cross the threshold of the so-called "Coulomb barrier" such that these hydrogen nuclei fuse. That, in turn, releases significant additional energy, which can be used to enable further fusion of additional injected hydrogen in a cascade reaction. The hope is to one day create a device large enough to cross a so-called net positive energy generation threshold. By doing so, fusion researchers hope to one day build commercial fusion reactors for everyday electricity generation. No such Tokamak device has met that threshold yet, but the

forthcoming International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) promises to do so in the next decade or two:

<http://www.iter.org/>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ITER>

A Tokamak device is remarkably similar to more common particle accelerators in use today for experimental high energy physics via particle collision. A look at the Fermilab Tevatron and newly built Large Hadron Collider show that a common element to the operation of high energy accelerators is the acceleration of charged particles in a ring to build up momentum prior to collision.

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

Nifty aerial shot of Fermilab:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Fermilab.jpg>

But there is a different kind of particle accelerator that doesn't use a ring shape, the Linear Particle Accelerator. It's basically the same thing except instead of being arranged in a ring, it's a long straight line:

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

There's a proposed next generation linear accelerator currently in development, the International Linear Collider:

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

None of these colliders are really applied research for fusion physics, they are typically built for basic research to explore fundamental physics at high energies. But a linear collider is instructive, combined with the Tokamak, as examples of working mechanisms from which to speculate about how a so-called "magneto-plasma-dynamic drive" thing-a-ma-bob might actually work.

Unlike Magneto-Hydrodynamic and Magneto-Aerodynamic (thanks Mr. Friedman), devices which accelerate and then eject ambient ions as reaction mass, the world is not surrounded by available ionized plasma to collect, accelerate, and then eject. That is why the speculative leap to fusion physics.

My guess, and this is a *layperson's* *guess* (because, for the umpteenth time I'll repeat that I'm not a professional physicist and don't have the skill to become one), is that such a system would accelerate combined ion plasma down many linear tubes, whereupon they would meet in another magnetic reaction chamber for compression, whereby possibly isotopes of hydrogen would then be injected in the compression chamber, resulting in fusion, with at least some of that generated energy then ejected outward for propulsion.

Following this speculative line of thinking, I can imagine something like a cone with a soccer ball at its tip. In the cone would be many linear acceleration chambers, designed more like a Tokamak reactor in linear form than an experimental particle accelerator. These might then accelerate ions from the cone's base to the tip, focusing an ejected particle stream into a fusion chamber, which is represented by that "soccer ball". This soccer ball would have many electromagnets on its outside forcing compression inward, which might initiate a fusion reaction between compressed hydrogen nuclei, with something like a hole and perhaps a magnetic nozzle on the opposite end of the ball allowing for ejection.

This is a big guess. Almost certainly any real physics professional could do better with the theory and engineering, as I'm certain to have all sorts of details wrong here. But the principle might be somewhere close to correct. Maybe. I'm just taking the term "magneto-plasma-dynamic", grabbing a few real world devices used by actual scientists as comparison, and extrapolating from there. And if even if this description is wildly off the mark, it would probably work as fun 'hard science fiction.' lol

But I wonder, assuming this line of thinking is somewhat close:

If the propulsion mechanism recorded in that photograph actually *is* "magneto-plasma-dynamic fusion", why did witnesses report no sound? Could a fusion device work so silently? (I honestly don't know).

I have no idea if those triangular objects so many Belgians claim to have witnessed, and Major General De Brouwer claims was genuinely investigated by Belgian scientists and authorities, are anything at all; I never saw one. For all I know they are made of massive sheets of paper, folded into triangles, for use with giant finger football games by the Gods. And BTW: that's US football, not to be confused with _soccer_, which is what the rest of the world mistakes for the term. (lol! I'm in for it now... :) But his written account in that book is very courageous to publish on the record. I have a great deal of respect for such a formerly highly placed military professional to risk his personal reputation with such statements. In my opinion, he should be commended.

I'd love to hear from some of the pros on list what they think of this. Thanks for reading.

-M

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>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 17:01:01 +0100
>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>Jason & List,

>From what I have been observing over the last few months or so
>there seems to be an uptake of attack on any 'known' cases
>whereupon UFOs are hard to rule out as the most absolute
>answer.

Yes, we wouldn't want any inconvenient answers to turn up,
would we?

Hasn't it occurred to you that it is what you call the 'known'
cases (and which everyone else would call 'unknowns') which are
actually the only ones worth 'attacking' (or what everyone else
would call 'investigating')

The BBC is of course as superficial in its UFO coverage as it is
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Jerry Clark

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I think you are plain wrong on that one John.

BBC as superficial as Sky/Fox? Difficult to countenance.

Coverage in the spheres you mention is in depth, and with due regard for balance and facts. It's far from perfect, but still streets ahead of nearly all the competition, both locally and globally.

Furthermore, the BBC is not in the ownership of a media entrepreneur with a particular private agenda to push, nor does it have to pay regard to the 'interests' of advertisers or (often institutional) shareholders - a simple fact that elevates its general trustworthiness to a plane unfamiliar to most other mass media.

Even more furthermore, as a public body the BBC is relatively free of direct governmental control - a fact supported by the constant complaints of UK governments of every political stripe to the effect that the BBC is somehow 'against them': for which read that the BBC is in the habit of asking awkward questions and of not allowing politicians in power to get away with failing to answer them.

Even if you stand a long way back and take a Marcusian or Chomskian view of mass media, then there is a distinct difference between the BBC and those organisations that you regard as no worse.

By contrast, its UFO coverage is, indeed, superficial and fundamentally unbalanced, a problem attributable to the general mass media view that the subject is fair game for 'silly season' and/or 'giggle factor' light relief.

--

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Archived: Thu, 02 Sep 2010 12:22:59 -0400
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>From: David Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 22:14:40 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>Conflict in the verbal sense is not necessarily divisive, it can
>be - in your words - constructive debate.

>You and Hastings have conflicting views.

>And one dictionary definition of 'versus' - from the Latin
>'vertere' to turn - is 'as opposed to':'in contrast with'.

You are correct and I agree. I have no wish to be 'in conflict'
with anyone. However, Hastings posted what went much further
than a conflicting opinion. As anyone can see it was more of an
attempt to denigrate my qualifications to even hold an opinion.
If by responding robustly to him that creates "conflict", then
the conflict was hardly of my own making.

I simply expressed the view that MoD's disclosure of documents
was open and honest, and nothing was being held back on
Rendlesham. I believe the facts show that I was completely
right.

Having had access to virtually the full run of surviving MoD
documents from WW1 to present, and being responsible for the
release of a number of the key files (including that on
Rendlesham) through FOI requests, I think my considered opinion
is worth something.

I may be wrong. I don't know everything. But I do know what I've
seen and I know that view is shared by everyone I have
interviewed who is named in those documents.

>In my view this whole MOD secret documents or not, is a side
>issue.

>The main matter is what the heck did happen on those nights at
>Rendlesham?

I fully agree with you.

>As others have pointed out on this thread, the testimonies of
>Halt and the security police - men who were trusted to be in
>charge of nuclear weapons - just don't gel with any of your
>'explanations'.

>If Jim Penniston says he touched the solid craft for instance,
>you are faced with a few alternatives.

>Either he's a liar, insane, deluded or mindwashed.

>Mistaken won't do.

If only it was as simple as you suggest!.

You must be aware that Jim Penniston's account is riddled with
contradictions. It does gel with the account of John Burroughs,

for instance, who says that he saw only lights and no craft -
neither

For a whole list of further problems read this:

<http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendlesham2b.htm>

I'm waiting for someone to explain these contradictions - no one
has so far.

But very soon I will be revealing some new evidence from a
senior USAF source that will come as a real surprise to those
who have taken the popular version of the story at face value.

Keep watching this space!

--

David Clarke

<http://drdavidclarke.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.drdavidclarke.co.uk/>

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David:

Really, if you want people to keep watching this space, you're going to have to do better than throw them a "senior USAF source." Senior USAF sources, for many good reasons, have severe credibility problems among history-minded ufologists.

Remember, the last time we heard from these elevated authorities, it was to try to get us to believe in a Mogul balloon which never flew.

Jerry Clark

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Unless your source can provide actual evidence then all you will
be accomplishing is to muddy the waters even further.

With regards to the Bentwaters incident, I am open to the idea
of it being a continuation of the Project MKULTRA mind control
experiments. This would be confused by others as being psyops.

The drugging and interrogations of the men suggest that this
might be the case, however I could never say that this is what
happened without actual evidence.

-Jason Gammon

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[Current Encounters] Blockbuster Dec. 6, 1950

From: Francis Ridge <nicap.nul>
Date: Thu, 02 Sep 2010 10:18:44 -0500
Archived: Thu, 02 Sep 2010 13:46:39 -0400
Subject: [Current Encounters] Blockbuster Dec. 6, 1950

http://www.nicap.org/501206rina_dir.htm

Dec. 6, 1950; Northeast Area of the United States 10:30 a.m.

For an hour the United States military was under a condition of national emergency. Two days later the FBI was informed that the Army's Counter Intelligence Corps had been placed on Immediate High Alert for any information related to flying saucers. Were these two documented events related? This paper contains a discussion of the possibility that a flight of saucers caused the emergency and that the crash of one of them near the Texas-Mexico border on or about December 6, 1950 caused the immediate high alert.

Fran

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Hello,

I do not agree with your assessment about the BBC and it's stance on UFOs, mostly one can place the BBC firmly in the camp of skeptics who have employed the presence of such well known UK skeptics over time to educate the UK populous that UFOs are a non happening event boiled down to pathetic simple natural explanations that do not hold water in the most part.

I recently also had the chance of sitting and reviewing a documentary " Britain's Closest Encounters" which you starred in, anyone watching the whole set would if they had any rational thinking open mind left, come to the conclusion, that apart from being filled with every known UK skeptic that is still breathing, was nothing more than a debunking program for the UK public.

The worst answer I saw was Andy Robert's answer to the Alan Godfrey case, who he had concluded had an instant " Transcendental Consciousness shift" which made Alan Godfrey 'think' he saw a hovering UFO before his police car!

I have never seen so many skeptics in one program in my whole UFO viewing, they even dug out Ms Randles who for some odd reason would not look straight at the camera when being interviewed about various UFO cases but would just stare at the table or look down?

I must give applause to the UFO witnesses who stood there ground amongst the gut wrenching ridiculous answers that were given by the skeptics to 99.9% of those shown.

If anyone wishes to see such a terrible display of bare UFO debunking then click here: <http://tinyurl.com/2vekorx>

Oh look out for Mr Rimmers role in the film!

Some IMDB reviews on the above:

<http://tinyurl.com/33p88qd>

So since this program in 2008 and possibly longer there has been an active debunking program in full swing in the UK on UFOs by as many skeptics as possible!

Roy

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Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 15:17:30 +0100
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>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 20:34:06 -0400
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>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
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>I think this is right. However, the implication of this is that
>a saucer shape may be at least partially designed for operation
>in an atmosphere. It may not be designed strictly for space
>travel (if at all).

Hi Maynard.

Again, thanks for some interesting links.

Yup, fully agree, for at least two reasons:

i) Martyn Stubbs' downloaded NASA films, at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=iev9x24shGk

www.youtube.com/watch?v=8S6c5BYGHpM

show various spherical craft (or bodies) predominating in the upper atmosphere; and massive spheres, maybe 5 miles in diameter, coming in from outer space;

ii) theoretical speculation - at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#a-g

says that, while a simple inertia-drive (in a disk craft) is fine for lower planetary use, a larger and more elaborate version of the principle is needed for safe inter-planetary travel, and most definitely when at inter-stellar speeds. That would seem to warrant those very large spherical craft.

>>BTW - that maybe means we have to look for another reason for
>>someone using those large triangular craft.

>I've been wondering about that too.

Right. Yet we have every reason to believe there are more than one type (or species) of visitor. Perhaps the others use different power and drive sources in a gravity field (or maybe triangles are just fashionable with them).

Cheers

Ray D

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>I agree.

I agree, too, in principle. Though, 'Dr. Nickell' insipid
journeyman klasskurtxian of CSicopia, 'burns still', in the
manner accused, so I suppose that might be why anyone might be
'twice shy'.

It remains, who supposes a value where the immaterial, and often
wrong, doctorate proposes, especially when the aforementioned
letters -only a BS or BA piled higher and deeper- contrive to
pronounce on what they have not remotely investigated, still?

I suspect this may be the crux of ones seeming irritation with
letters propounding tediously ignorant arguments against that
which is confounding, but who take pains to to assure their
proper address.

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Thanks to you and to Jerry and Don for your support. You are quite right this is a form of bullying and the best way to deal with bullies is for others to speak up in the way you have done, to the credit of yourselves and this subject.

First I should point out that my doctorate is not, as Vincent appears to believe, in journalism - although I worked for 15 years as an investigative journalist in order to fund my post-graduate studies in Folklore at the University of Sheffield (completed in 1999).

Sheffield is the only UK university where students can pursue folklore to M.Phil and Ph.D and is one of the most highly respected institutions in the British Isles, part of the Russell Group that produce key academic research for the public sector.

>It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to obtain a doctorate >in the UK higher education system, and whether or not the >qualification is in a field relevant to the subject matter of >this list, it at least indicates that the holder is possessed of >some modicum of respectable intellectual attainment - no small >consideration in the context of some of the posts I read here.

As far as I am aware there is no accredited postgraduate degree in UFOs or UFOlogy, certainly not in the UK. In the absence of such a qualification I would argue that Folklore is the nearest and certainly the most appropriate discipline.

Folklore is the study of people's beliefs and traditions, in a non-judgemental way, combining elements from related but more established disciplines such as sociology, psychology and anthropology in its methodology.

Part of the field is the study of supernatural belief and tradition. No one can seriously deny that UFOs are an aspect of contemporary supernatural belief and tradition, therefore folklore is not only directly relevant but is in my view the only multidisciplinary field of study that can truly examine the UFO phenomenon in all its variegated human manifestations.

In my opinion some of the finest contributions to the understanding of the UFO mystery have originated from folklore - including papers by Eddie Bullard and Bill Dewan to the Journal of American Folklore, and of course the writings of David Hufford. These all correctly categorise UFO experiences -

whatever their ultimate reductionist 'explanations' - as examples of extraordinary experiences.

Furthermore, in my view, apart from these few honourable exceptions, folklorists per se have tended to overlook the rich and fascinating content of the UFO mystery, perhaps because it is too "contemporary" for their narrow view of what constitutes folklore.

Most of my work in the past ten years has been towards redressing this balance - and arguing with my peers that the study of UFO experiences should be a respected and valid part of folklore scholarship. Indeed, by the end of this year I will have presented papers at four separate academic conferences in the UK and The Netherlands making this very same point.

UFology needs all the friends it can get in academia, if it wishes to be taken seriously by the wider public and media - a plea often heard on lists like this one.

But given the outright hostility and base jealousy I've encountered from some of the more extreme elements of UFology, whilst trying to comment fairly and objectively - as best I can - on aspects of UFology that interest me, I have come to realise why academics tend to avoid the subject like the plague. I can't say I blame them.

Ultimately this attitude - which in no way reflects upon the majority of students of UFology - will damage the subject. If left unchallenged it will continue to be marginalised and regarded, quite unfairly in my view, as a haven for charlatans and fanatics.

Don't let that happen, folks.

>Well, Dr. Clarke, I disagree with you yet again!

Gerald, I'm always pleased to hear that you disagree with me - because it is usually the trigger for an intellectually stimulating conversation that is always conducted politely and guaranteed to be nourishing and though provoking.

>I think it is wrong to give way on the matter when >those whom you seek (however tongue-in-cheek) >to assuage have offered no good reason >for you to do so.

OK, you win. Point taken, Dr it is then.

best regards

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Dr David Clarke

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Re: The Forgotten Man Of Roswell? - Correction

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 18:31:25 +0100
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 07:54:02 -0400
Subject: Re: The Forgotten Man Of Roswell? - Correction

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 21:11:36 +0100
>Subject: The Forgotten Man Of Roswell? - Correction

>>I find this story all over the web but the report itself
>>suggests that Ralph Multer has never been mentioned in a book.

>>Can this be true?

>>I searched the UpDates archives but found no match for Multer.

>>May I ask the Roswell experts on this List - is this just a tall
>>story or does it have any substance?

>Sorry List - I somehow got the wrong 'tiny' link. Now the right
>one!

><http://tiny.cc/squj7>

>Thanks

>Dave Haith

Did anyone have any thoughts on this?

Nobody responded - although I know Don Ledger tried to look
before I posted the correct link.

Thanks

Dave Haith

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Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 19:24:06 +0100
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 07:55:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 11:48:48 -0500
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

Jerry said:

>Really, if you want people to keep watching this space, you're
>going to have to do better than throw them a "senior USAF
>source." Senior USAF sources, for many good reasons, have severe
>credibility problems among history-minded ufologists.

>Remember, the last time we heard from these elevated
>authorities, it was to try to get us to believe in a Mogul
>balloon which never flew.

Sorry. The posting you responded to was full of typos (more than usual) and disappeared from my inbox before I had the opportunity to correct it.

For senior USAF source, read "a USAF source who was present on the base and who claims he carried out the only official investigation of the incident."

I've no doubt what he has to say will be treated with a great deal of suspicion, but it's worth reading and does add new information to the sum of knowledge about the case.

I intend to publish a detailed paper on my research, including a statement from this person and from the MoD desk officer who dealt with the incident, within the next few days.

In the same post I said, in response to David Haith:

>You must be aware that Jim Penniston's account is
>riddled with contradictions. It does gel with the account
>of John Burroughs....

Of course what I meant to say was "it doesn't gel with that of John Burroughs."

Again, apologies for any confusion,

bests,

--

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Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 12:25:28 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 08:00:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>From: J. Maynard Gelinis <j.maynard.gelinis.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 20:34:06 -0400
>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>To the List,

>On my credentials (or lack thereof):

<snip>

>I'd love to hear from some of the pros on list what they think
>of this. Thanks for reading.

Just a couple of quick comments as I leave early in the morning
for New Hampshire.

1. There have been a number of studies published about Fusion
Propulsion for deep space travel. Focus is on the D-He3 reaction
because more than 90% of the energy goes into charged particles
which have 10 million times as much energy per particle as in a
chemical rocket. D-T produces lots of neutrons which cannot
easily be accelerated. Check the work of John Hilton and John
Luce at Aerojet General Nucleonics in the 1960s. I worked on
those too

2. There is no reason to expect the same system to be used in
deep space between the stars where the gravitational forces are
very much smaller along with drag, heating etc than they are in
the atmosphere of a planet. We use nuclear powered aircraft
carriers which can operate for 18 years without refueling to
carry maybe 75 much smaller aircraft which use jet engines to
fly for a few hours.

Incidentally programs to produce such systems cost billions and
thousands of people... These are not basement projects.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 16:00:54 -0400
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 08:02:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 20:46:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 14:22:13 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 00:43:27 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

<snip>

>>>Hastings cannot refrain from scratching Clarke's persona in the
>>>process: he infers what the "Dr" particle [in journalism] Mr.
>>>Clarke always puts there does not mean "license to know" or
>>>"license to comprehend".

>>>Mr. Hastings puts Mr. Clarke's status in perspective. For some,
>>>that would be considered "about time".

>There should be no place for this sort of nonsense. If somebody
>>wants to disagree with what Dr. Clarke says or writes, then fine
>(I often do), but to attempt to conduct the discussion by
>attempting to denigrate his academic qualifications and to deny
>him his rightful and chosen appellation is at best an
>unacceptably ad hominem mode of argument and at worst a form of
>cyber-bullying.

<snip>

My apologies to David Clarke as his post has not reached my inbox.

I can only reply to Gerald O'Connell...

So, Gerald...

You are putting spin on this: you invent denigration then finish
it up with cyberbullying.

Hastings has reminded the reader the meaning of "Dr." in "Dr.
David Clarke".

Don't you think that presenting yourself as "Dr." in an argument
is a bit trying to establish some sort of intellectual play from
the beginning?

I don't see Kevin Randle or Jacques Vallée use the "Dr." title
very often.

All things being equal: does the particle "Dr." lend the same
credibility on the subject of UFOs to Hynek and to Clarke?

What if David Clarke had a PhD in bakery?

<snip>

>It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to obtain a doctorate
>in the UK higher education system

<snip>

Oh, a lot of things take a lot of hard work in life.

Take for example a military career.

Am I the only one who senses a form of denigration from the part
of Dr. Clarke towards all those military guys who, evidently, in
his view, do not know what they are talking about?

<snip>

>and whether or not the
>qualification is in a field relevant to the subject matter

<snip>

Well it is.

Would you get your teeth pulled by a PhD in Physics or your
brain operated by a PhD in literature?

<snip>

>it at least indicates that the holder is possessed of
>some modicum of respectable intellectual attainment - no small
>consideration in the context of some of the posts I read here.

<snip>

Am I mistaking in thinking that, Rendelsham-wise, Dr. Clarke
does not live up to his particle?

<snip>

>>This is pure sour grapes. I don't use my doctorate to suggest
>>that I have "a license to know" anything, other than the subject
>>in which I graduated.

>>My opinion is no more valid than anyone else's, including Robert
>>Hastings. But if it upsets you so much to see "Dr" in front of
>>my name, I've removed it so as not to cause offence in future.

>Well, Dr. Clarke, I disagree with you yet again! I think it is
>wrong to give way on the matter when those whom you seek
>(however tongue-in-cheek) to assuage have offered no good reason
>for you to do so.

>There Vincent - you see how easy it is to disagree with Dr.
>Clarke without having to insult him?

<snip>

Wow.

I must have hit a nerve.

Now that you are done with me, Gerald, are you going to slap Joe
McGonagle's hand for hinting that Mr. Hastings is in the
business of misrepresentation?

No?

I thought so.

Define bullying and denigration.

Vincent Boudreau

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Molecular Engineering, The Singularity And...

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 00:23:28 -0400
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 08:06:10 -0400
Subject: Molecular Engineering, The Singularity And...

On Molecular Engineering, The Singularity And General Stages Of Societal Development

Many years ago I once had an almost certainly wrong idea about the Casimir effect, which puts me in good company with all sorts of nutty folks on the Internet. The Casimir effect is a somewhat poorly understood phenomena by even professional physicists, seen at nanometer and micrometer scales whereby a (usually) attractive force between two conductive plates pulls them together without any seeming energy input to the system. This force comes from something called the "zero point field", which is so far over my head I can't even conceptualize, never mind bothering to explain. Perhaps a real list physicist might chime in, but I've included some basic links as reading material. Not that I understand any of it.

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

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

A lot of armchair physicists and other amateurs have used the very real Casimir effect to claim almost certainly false conservation of energy violations. That is, the "Free Energy"; "Overunity"; "Perpetual Motion" crowd points to the Casimir effect as a rationale for their unlikely proposals. I'll read just about anything for fun, so I've run across some of this stuff. Most of it is ridiculous, yet still masochistic fun. Of course, I doubt there is a single professional physicist alive today who takes such ideas seriously. Though I do know of one who had once printed up material from Time Cube and posted it on his office door as an ironic joke, so that TC guy ought to at least know that some academics have actually read him. However, ignorant though I am about the underlying physics behind the Casimir effect, I'd say the smart money is still on the pros. This universe does not allow for conservation of energy violations. Those who think it does have one hell of an extraordinary claim to back up. Yet this is exactly the kind of skepticism that UFO witnesses cringe at hearing. "No, it's swamp gas"; "No, it was a meteor"; "No, a RADAR anomaly - heat inversion"; "No, the crowd just saw Venus moving about because of eye saccade." Of course, while the vast majority of sightings can be explained by simple prosaic means, most on this list would accept that at least some recorded events represent the culmination of highly strange circumstances.

But that doesn't mean all criticism and skepticism is wrong or useless. Back in the mid '90s I had one of many (for me almost all) 'potentially interesting but thoroughly wrong' ideas, in this case a mechanical concept for using the Casimir effect as part of the compression end of a compression / expansion work cycle at the atomic scale. This came to me after reading and thinking about Dr. K. Eric Drexler's "Engines of Creation" back in the late 1980s and then leafing through his later, more technical work, Nanosystems, published in '92. These books read like science fiction turned science faction: molecular robots able to self-reproduce to assemble scaffolding, and from that scaffolding build just about anything. I mean, anything. He proposed a Universal Molecular Assembler that could manufacture any arbitrary material object from a vat of raw mass, which

might use libraries of material patterns whereby one stored all the information atom by atom necessary to build any arbitrary object. In Drexler's future, material goods would become cheap, storing the data for molecular manufacture would be even cheaper, whereas the new ideas for what to produce - software - would become absolute gold. To Drexler, the economy would shift away from valuing material goods to valuing the ideas that could use molecular manufacturing to produce them. Engines of Creation is still well worth reading today, and it's free online:

http://e-drexler.com/d/06/00/EOC/EOC_Table_of_Contents.html

Dr. Drexler did not come up with this idea himself. It is based on a classic talk given in 1959 by former Cal Tech Professor Richard Feynman, "There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom". It's an absolute pleasure to read, Professor Feynman's predictions were decades ahead of his time, and it too is available online for free:

<http://www.zyvex.com/nanotech/feynman.html>

However, whereas Feynman put forth a theoretical argument, Drexler attempted the hard engineering work to move from theory to practical application. Feynman had argued that virtually all macroscopic mechanical components - and thus devices - known to man could be shrunk down to molecular size. Drexler continued this line of thinking, further arguing that since atomic level devices would be made of the most basic unit of matter - atoms - a mechanical robot arm at the molecular scale able to grip and position individual atoms might manually form arbitrary chemical bonds, leading to a technology that could allow for all possible chemical combinations of matter to be crafted into complex devices. Robots could even build copies of themselves (mechanical self-replication, like biological cell division, is core to his ideas), allowing for scale up to macro manufacturing.

Portions of Engines of Creation was conceived of by Drexler first an undergraduate in the late 1970s and then a graduate student in the 1980s. Much of the material at the time was so speculative that he faced severe criticism and skepticism from his colleagues in the scientific community. Some of the more vociferous criticisms have come particularly by Nobel Laureate Richard Smalley and Harvard chemist George M. Whitesides, for what they consider to be outlandish and unlikely claims. Yet Drexler followed that work up with a technical treatise, Nanosystems, that addressed some of the criticisms by burrowing down into a more careful analysis of the problems the field faced. Still, criticism continues. However, unlike some professional skeptics who make a business of the craft, it should be fairly said that these are serious criticisms in his field and worth perusing for a fair comparison between Drexler's somewhat positivist position on the potential of this field versus might his critics would call over-optimism. Here is a good overview of the critic's positions:

<http://www.softmachines.org/wordpress/?p=175>

If Engines was a fun breezy read, I found Nanosystems to be utterly captivating but far too dense and technical for my capacity to understand. However, Drexler included a bunch of beautiful images depicting computer modeled molecular sized mechanical engineering components like gears, latches, and pulleys, culminating with a model of parts for an entire molecular electric motor. This blew my skull. A motor? Drexler's skeptics immediately claimed that such devices could not possibly work, while Drexler pointed to biological analogues like bacterial flagella, which he argued represented exactly the type of molecular motor he proposed in evolved form. The logic was simple: if evolved bacteria can build molecular motors, why not people?

But it was from this proposed electric molecular motor that an idea occurred to me: what if it's possible to use the Casimir effect as the compression side of a molecular internal combustion engine (ICE) instead? The Casimir force is typically explained as an attractive force between two conductive plates separated by no more than about 100 nanometers (nm). The closer the two plates are, the more powerful the attractive effect. That is, plates separated by 10nm will experience significantly stronger force than those separated by 50nm, dropping off to

near zero much past 100nm. Most atoms on the periodic table are typically somewhere around .01nm to .1nm in size, to give a scale comparison. Well, 100nm might represent something akin to several thousand atoms lined up, depending on the elements in question. Would it be possible to build a chamber of 100nm or less to hold two conductive plates apart, one bound to the chamber the other not, feed in hydrogen and oxygen as fuel in between the two conductive plates, burn that fuel, and then use the chemical energy output from that combustion to force the plates apart? Water would thus be ejected as waste, of course. The system might then feed another batch of hydrogen and oxygen into the combustion chamber and wait for the Casimir effect to attract the two plates back together, thus compressing the hydrogen and oxygen atoms as fuel to initiate the next combustive cycle. The moving conductive plate thus represents a piston in this model, which attached to a crankshaft could then be converted to rotational work.

There was no consideration of a conservation violation, I just wanted to understand a possible approach to a molecular ICE. Still, I didn't know if that idea was even close to feasible. Since I was pretty blown away by the first book, Engines, I showed it to my father in order to ask what he thought of the molecular ICE approach. He debunked it immediately, arguing that combustion at that scale was physically impossible. He then debunked the whole idea of molecular nanotechnology, suggesting that manufacturing at that scale would require computing power and software far in advance of anything possible at the time or the near future. And, further, no one knew whether building such arbitrary chemical bonds was at all possible - it was too far in advance of the science of its day; to him it was science fiction. Of course I was dejected, and left that conversation feeling as though my father - rather brilliant - had missed out on an emerging technology he would one day wish he had paid attention to. Also, I wanted my idea to work; I wanted my father to be wrong about that. Boys and their father complexes. Interestingly, though I hadn't read it at that time, Feynman had also argued in his talk that internal combustion at that scale is not possible, due to fundamental physical constraints....

Ah, the Kubler-Ross model writ small in miniature... oh well. Sadly, I was wrong while both my father and - from the opposite perspective Feynman - was right. I was the clueless one. Though dad may well still have missed the forest for the trees, because he was then still focused on the impossibility of nanotechnology, he rightly pegged my obvious idea as simply unworkable. Even so, I still think the Casimir effect as part of a functional molecular mechanism fits more within the realm of 'plausible' than any free energy claims. It's a way to hold my head up high, I guess. And anyway, who cares but me? The topic of this list is not focused on free energy or Casimir effect studies, it's about these weird seemingly technological flying things people all over the world keep claiming to have seen yet governments and other skeptics counter-claim don't exist. Those of us who have seen one know better. Which is not to say that one must choose to believe and argue a point on some continuum of reality where on one side the nuttiest so-called 'free energy' theory must somehow be possible while on the other side all non-prosaic events like UFO activity must therefore somehow be conventional misunderstandings or errors in perception. Such false dichotomies are rarely instructive as reality has a funny habit of offering its own proof, regardless of where on that continuum human musings may choose to go. But, regardless, I'm convinced that K. Eric Drexler was prescient, even if I was wrong, and his ideas are relevant to this list. And that is because I'm convinced that any technological civilization capable of interstellar travel, far in advance of current human development, absolutely must be able to control manufacturing at the atomic scale. That is, such a civilization would have to have the capacity to manufacture their devices and goods atom by atom. Assuming this, such a technological leap may have vast implications for all societies, even an unknown and thoroughly opaque ET society.

Here on Earth, there are groups making predictions about what impact molecular nanotechnology might have in the near future. These folks call the development of molecular manufacturing a "Technological Singularity". Ray Kurzweil, as well as Vernor Vinge, are two of the people most commonly associated with these ideas. Kurzweil is a famous inventor and futurist, Vinge a former Professor of Mathematics at San Diego State University.

Both have been claiming for some time that the advent of nanotechnology heralds a potential future with no disease, near endless energy (without conservation of energy violations), incredible new discoveries in materials science, and the possibility of creating vast new artificial intelligence systems that would far outstrip the intellectual capacity of humankind. It might also bake a fairy cake in order to craft a Total Perspective Vortex too.

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

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

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

With such a technology all sorts of strange material things might be made easily: Sheets of diamond that could be used as windows or even structural building material; carbon nanotubes, twisted together like a rope, which might then be then used as the cable for an elevator to planetary orbit; shape memory alloys, which remember and return to their forged shape regardless of how they may have been deformed; metamaterials with negative refractive indexes, capable of bending light in strange new ways, even allowing for invisibility cloaks (that is to bend light around an object such that the light from behind the object is collected, redirected, and then re-emitted in front as though that object never existed); parallel collections of Babbage machine like mechanical computers built at the nano-scale, operating at terahertz frequencies due to their incredibly small size. Some of these ideas are either already coming to fruition or being actively worked on today, some of them seem like the myths and unverified testimony by claimed witnesses of alien disc crashes past.

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

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

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metamaterial>:

Invisibility Cloak made of metamaterials:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/08/080811092450.htm>

These science fiction like ideas are coming to fruition as science fiction today. Regardless of whether stories about so-called 'alien technology' really hold a factual basis in reality, such things as 'foil metal that bends back to its original shape' as told by Brazel of Roswell are coming as human built reality. Roswell may or may not have happened, but at least some so-called alien technology - as depicted by the claimed witnesses - seems to be coming true. And the people who created it, Drexler and his proponents Ray Kurzweil and Vernor Vinge, would never have associated themselves with such outlandish claims as the UFO community offers. Yet does that matter? Or does what matter is that technological gains have shown that such things as a memory metal might be possible to manufacture? Because ultimately, if we want the stars, it is the technology that we must create - not narratives. Still, what happens to us - humanity - in that process? Further, by extrapolating from ideas about the Technological Singularity, can we also extrapolate what may well have happened to them?

Perhaps real interstellar space ships, built from the molecular level on up, have distributed throughout them vast vascular systems branching within and throughout, designed as highways to transport molecular machinery, fuel and wastes throughout their mechanisms - just like a body has for red blood cells. Perhaps these machines are capable of automated self-repair and maintenance like evolved biological systems. Perhaps ET intelligences might interface with their technology like a finger interfaces with a hand and a hand interfaces with a brain - completely integrated and wholly unified. If so, would such a ship, and those creatures that inhabit it, be biological or mechanical in nature? What is the threshold between biology and technology here? Does one call molecular devices that have been naturally evolved "biological" while what has been engineered "mechanical"? Because the underlying mechanisms appear little different at this scale.

The question for this list is not so much what are the likely

outcomes of a Technological Singularity on human communities and society on Earth... a lot of people are already thinking about that, and while nobody knows right now humanity may find out soon enough - perhaps even in some list members' lifetimes if Kurzweil and Vinge are correct. Such questions less relevant to the list as: "Will advances in computing and artificial intelligence someday leave knowledge workers as nearly useless as factory hands and other manual laborers find themselves today?" are definitely worth considering, but don't say much about the topic at hand. Such questions are probably more relevant to human centered lists discussing the intersection of technological, social and political concerns, unless we start assuming that social and political issues seen in human society are also universal.

A better question revolves around the nature of progress for all technological civilizations: Is this so-called Technological Singularity a cornerstone developmental event like the discovery of fire, the creation of writing, and the industrial revolution? Is this Singularity an event that's predictable across a continuum of discovery for all civilizations, one that is absolutely critical for building the technologies necessary for even reasonable interplanetary space travel, never mind interstellar? Thus, should one assume that any species or intelligence capable of traveling interstellar distances must - by definition - also have already gone through this event at some point in their developmental past?

So, perhaps any vastly superior technology might look a lot like a combination of molecular biology and mechanical engineering at the nano scale. And, if so, perhaps the Casimir effect might be used at that scale to do useful work, without any conservation of energy violations whatsoever (a given), just as it may well affect such biological processes as protein folding. Thus, perhaps humanity's transition to a Technological Singularity, assuming Kurzweil and Vinge are right, is a critical stage of development all technological civilizations face prior to becoming space faring. Meaning that however the intelligence of an interstellar civilization might be physically organized, their naturally evolved biological systems would have long since been shed.

What would the rational skeptical arguments be against that?

-M

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Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 13:34:49 -0300
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 08:09:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Aug 2010 08:50:23 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 18 Aug 2010 13:19:53 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>>>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>>>To: ufo update <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 17 Aug 2010 12:46:39 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Kentaro Mori On Roswell

>><snip>

>>>http://br.groups.yahoo.com/group/UFO_PORTUGAL/message/58589

>>>Please Mr. Kentaro, just answer my question, simply and
>>>straight: All the UFO researches are not serious if they believe
>>>in the Roswell Crash? Make it clear for us.

>>I wrote that:

>>"no serious Ufologist has Roswell in that much of a high regard.
>>That includes researchers like Jacques Vallee, who doesn't think
>>it worth of much attention. ... But of course, I'm talking about
>>real ufologists. Many other consider the case sacred. It's not
>>necessary for me to post about it on Updates [as you, Thiago,
>>have demanded], as the case has already been discussed ad
>>nauseam. You seem not very able to read the referred list,
>>otherwise you would have noticed that."

>>I think what I originally wrote more than answers your question
>>about my own personal opinion. I stand by it, including the part
>>about not being necessary to drag this to Updates, but if you
>>insisted, well, there you have it.

>>I really think our international fellows may be bored with all
>>of this, and if your actual intention is to divert from actual,
>>relevant issues being discussed, then I think you are succeeding
>>by bringing things like this up.

>>By the way, you originally included Wendelle Stevens in your
>>list of "serious ufologists", I wonder why you didn't mention
>>him here.

>Surely, Sir, you can't be serious...

>Don Schmitt, Thomas Carey, Dr. Kevin Randle, Dr, David Rudiak,
>Dennis Balthaser, and myself are all serious ufologists and take
>Roswelll very seriously.

>Primarily we have done a great deal of first-hand investigation,
>found witnesses,checked records, etc.

>Just what have you contributed to research re Roswell besides
>making claims from your armchair?

>How about a list of books and papers you have written about the
>case, including all your on site witnesses?

>Research by proclamation is not the same as research by
>investigation.

>I was there 6 weeks ago. When was your last visit?

Come on, Stan! You want Kentaro Mori to go to Roswell to understand what really happened there if he hasn't even taken the time to go to the Amazon, which is so much closer to his home, Sao Paulo, to check out Operation Saucer stuff; or Varginha, which is just a few hundred miles from him, to check out the case...

That is a lot to ask from someone whose investigation is all conducted over the internet...

A. J.

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Re: Britain's First X-File?

From: **Andy Roberts** <meugher.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 12:59:36 +0100
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 08:28:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 13:50:06 +0100
>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>The worst answer I saw was Andy Robert's answer to the Alan
>Godfrey case, who he had concluded had an instant "
>Transcendental Consciousness shift" which made Alan Godfrey
>'think' he saw a hovering UFO before his police car!

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thinking t this statement, never mind writing it! Therefore, I
would very much like Roy to tell me where I wrote it and to
quote it in context. If I did use those exact words I will
freely admit they are nonsense and publically apologise for
being stupid!

>I have never seen so many skeptics in one program in my whole
>UFO viewing, they even dug out Ms Randles who for some odd

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than 'believers' is because the sceptics exhibit reasoned,
analytical thinking and can speak in logical and structured
sentences. I have been told several times by TV producers that-
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the above.

Happy Trails

Andy

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New Light On Rendlesham

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 12:09:27 +0100
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 08:30:41 -0400
Subject: New Light On Rendlesham

Greetings list:

See:

<http://drdavidclarke.blogspot.com/>

and:

<http://drdavidclarke.blogspot.com/p/rendlesham-files.html>

I hope this adds something to the sum of knowledge about this puzzling, fascinating and unresolved mystery.

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Dr David Clarke

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<http://www.drdavidclarke.co.uk/>

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Re: Britain's First X-File?

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 08:10:49 -0500
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 09:47:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>From: Andy Roberts <meugher.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 12:59:36 +0100
>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
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>in their opinion- most ETH oriented types can do very little of
>the above.

The above, of course, is pretty much a self-fulfilling prophecy.
It brings to mind the old saw: "You can always tell a brilliant
man. He agrees with you."

"Reasoned, analytical thinking" is not a quality I've observed
among self-described "skeptics" in the United States (a ghastly
example appears in today's New York Times [September 2]. As a
clich=E9, however, I imagine it serves those whom "skeptics" tell
what they want to hear -- individuals whose knowledge of the UFO
phenomenon consists in its entirety of the conviction that it's
all nonsense. "Skeptics" merely provide them with a desired
rationale.

My experience with media in the United States is that generally
(with the occasional honorable exception) media personalities
assume that ufologist =3D nut. They're shocked when they interview
you and disappointed that, alas, you aren't one and they can't
use you accordingly. Often enough, the interview with me (and
the likes of me) gets dumped into a black hole, never to be seen
again.

In other words, the narrative is written long before anybody is
interviewed or a single word escapes the keyboard.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Britain's First X-File?

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 14:21:09 +0100
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 09:49:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>From: Andy Roberts <meugher.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 12:59:36 +0100
>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

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>being stupid!

Andy,

You said it whilst being interviewed on the Britain's Closest Encounters whereupon you were asked what you thought was the cause of Alan Godfreys UFO Encounter, on this episode (may not have been released on TV but is on DVD) you explain how Mr. Godfrey happens to have had some kind of Transcendental shift of consciousness: here is the link to the trailer:

<http://tinyurl.com/2vyage2>

Alan Godfrey then goes on to tell the cameras that he saw a UFO of unknown origin and nothing else.

Roy

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Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 09:31:59 -0500
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 13:49:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 15:48:56 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 20:46:44 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

<snip>

>But given the outright hostility and base jealousy I've
>encountered from some of the more extreme elements of Ufology,
>whilst trying to comment fairly and objectively - as best I can
>- on aspects of UFology that interest me, I have come to realise
>why academics tend to avoid the subject like the plague. I can't
>say I blame them.

>Ultimately this attitude - which in no way reflects upon the
>majority of students of UFology - will damage the subject. If
>left unchallenged it will continue to be marginalised and
>regarded, quite unfairly in my view, as a haven for charlatans
>and fanatics.

>Don't let that happen, folks.

>>Well, Dr. Clarke, I disagree with you yet again!

>Gerald, I'm always pleased to hear that you disagree with me -
>because it is usually the trigger for an intellectually
>stimulating conversation that is always conducted politely and
>guaranteed to be nourishing and though provoking.

>I think it is wrong to give way on the matter when >those whom
>you seek (however tongue-in-cheek) to assuage have offered no
>good reason >for you to do so.

>OK, you win. Point taken, Dr it is then.

Hi David,

You have an interesting argument on ufology and folklore.

There are definitely some similarities as I'm also aware from
some of Jerry Clark's and Mike Sword's writings. However,
there are some interesting differences that perhaps you could
comment upon.

One is that this is probably the first time in history that a
folklore has been actively investigated by various world
governments in real time. Unless the Irish government created a
Green Book group to check out leprechauns a while back. :-)

A second difference is that most folklore such as leprechauns,
Bigfoot, fairies, dragons, etc., are either unique to a given
culture or geography. Last, but not least, the sighting of a UFO
at close range seems to have an effect that I have not heard
about in folklore.

The witness seems to often become obsessed with discovering the truth behind the phenomenon or the witness sometimes will block the event from their memory and not discuss it.

So, although the folklore has some interesting similarities, I can't see folklore in the same category as ufology.

Robert

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Re: New Light On Rendlesham

From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 10:26:32 -0500
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 13:52:16 -0400
Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 12:09:27 +0100
>Subject: New Light On Rendlesham

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>and:

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>I hope this adds something to the sum of knowledge about this
>puzzling, fascinating and unresolved mystery.

Hi David,

I read your Rendlesham blog with interest. I carefully read and reread through your article.

There is definite disagreement between Colonels Halt and Conrad as to whether there was any government cover up. But I saw nothing to deny the story told by Colonel Halt and Sergeant Penniston.

There is one point when Conrad indicates that he and individuals with him could not see the lights. But there is nothing to indicate how close Conrad was to the light source or whether it would necessarily be expected that he would see the lights.

Conrad points out that they had no hard evidence, which is true.

But what hard evidence could they have obtained other than to bring back a piece of the craft itself?

It is also clear that from the beginning, Conrad wanted the entire episode to go away.

I understand Conrad's viewpoint but I see nothing in his story that says Penniston and Halt were hallucinating or that they were liars. This does seem to be somewhat black or white. Either they made their story up or they told the truth.

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Re: Britain's First X-File?

From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 16:06:17 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Sat, 04 Sep 2010 06:55:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 13:50:06 +0100
>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>>From: John Rimmer <johnrimmer.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 07:23:13 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

<snip>

>>The BBC is of course as superficial in its UFO coverage as it is
>>with its political coverage (or sports, or science, or arts, or
>>entertainment, or social issues, or etc, etc.) and as is
>>any other mass medium.

>I do not agree with your assessment about the BBC and it's
>stance on UFOs, mostly one can place the BBC firmly in the camp
>of skeptics who have employed the presence of such well known UK
>skeptics over time to educate the UK populous that UFOs are a
>non happening event boiled down to pathetic simple natural
>explanations that do not hold water in the most part.

>I recently also had the chance of sitting and reviewing a
>documentary "Britain's Closest Encounters" which you starred
>in, anyone watching the whole set would if they had any rational
>thinking open mind left, come to the conclusion, that apart from
>being filled with every known UK skeptic that is still
>breathing, was nothing more than a debunking program for the UK
>public.

This was not for the BBC. If it was I would have been paid more
than the piddling sum for expenses I did receive, which barely
covered the cost of a three-course meal and a bottle of mediocre
wine in one of St Johns Wood's more moderately priced restaurants.

<snip>

>If anyone wishes to see such a terrible display of bare UFO
>debunking then click here: <http://tinyurl.com/2vekox>

>Oh look out for Mr Rimmers role in the film!

Please do, According to the aforementioned Mr Roberts I looked
as though I was auditioning for a Werthers Originals commercial.

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John Rimmer

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 09:14:58 -0400
Archived: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 09:14:58 -0400
Subject: News Links - 02-09-10

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Why Astronomers Don't Report UFOs
Discover Magazine
<http://tinyurl.com/38mbudv>

UFO Witnessed In Eastern China Again
People's Daily Online
<http://tinyurl.com/2ekwkzc>

Expert In China Weighs In On Aliens, UFOs And Voyager
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/39towwl>

Emenegger Interview - Holloman AFB Incident/Alien Technology
<http://tinyurl.com/2b7l5lj>

UFO Tales And Other Scary Stories
Veterans Today Network
<http://tinyurl.com/3xh7jcs>

Alien Lore No. 180 - The Alien Moon Base
AllThisIsThat
<http://tinyurl.com/28ocu9y>

NASA HD App For iPad With Expanded Content Available Free
<http://tinyurl.com/yhbqaxn>

The Weird, Weird World Of William Shatner
Victoria Times Colonist
<http://tinyurl.com/2c62jhs>

Adorable Handmade Space Alien Sculptures "For The Conspiracy
Theorist In Us All"
BoingBoing.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/39u2v29>

From Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles:

My UFO Experience: Huge UFO 'Rumbles' Over House In Pittsfield, NH
<http://tinyurl.com/2a6xltz>

Hum a Few Bars for Me
A Theory on the Humming and Buzzing Sounds Reported by Some
Abductees
<http://tinyurl.com/2eukvqr>

Dr. Michio Kaku Speaks About 3 Types of Extraterrestrial
Civilizations
<http://tinyurl.com/28qp3g6>

The Clovis UFO, Finally Getting Some Answers
<http://tinyurl.com/26jjk6e>

From 'The Norm':

Colorado Ranch Horse Mutilation Investigated By MUFON's Chuck
Zukowski - Video
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/2vwu5hy>

Debate Over ET Contact Continues Among The Experts
<http://tinyurl.com/2c8yzfm>

Hawking - God Not Needed For Universe To Be Created
<http://tinyurl.com/38zpw9n>

Stephen Hawking Says There's No Theory Of Everything
<http://tinyurl.com/258z2or>

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Red Rain Contains Un-Earthly Life

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 12:15:25 -0400
Archived: Sat, 04 Sep 2010 07:05:17 -0400
Subject: Red Rain Contains Un-Earthly Life

Source: News.Com.Au

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

September 03, 2010

Panspermia Theorists Say India's Red Rain Contains Life Not Seen On Earth

Alien life may already exist on Earth - us.

There's an idea - common, but not popular in scientific circles - that all life on Earth was seeded from comets, asteroids or meteors which struck the planet and contained the building blocks necessary to kickstart the evolutionary process.

It's called "panspermia" and it caused an all-in boffin barney some 15 years ago when several scientists backed claims there was evidence of life in a Martian meteorite found in the Allan Hills in Antarctica.

It's been proven that life can survive in space, just as it's been proven that the interior of the Mars meteorite never rose above 50C during its journey to Earth.

Unfortunately for alien-spotters, those cells can also be found on Earth, so the argument's never been settled.

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Then in July 2001, the rain turned red in India.

And not just red - The Hindu claimed witness reports of yellow, green and black rain in the months that followed.

The first theory to emerge was that it was simply sand or dust picked up from a desert, but a local physicist, Godfrey Louis, found that under a microscope, the water contained cells that looked like bugs.

Five years later, he published a theory suggesting the bugs that turned the rain red in India may have come from a comet that exploded above the Earth and seeded clouds.

Today, after a further four years of studying the cells, joined by a leading panspermia theorist from the UK, Chandra Wickramasinghe, Professor Louis has published claims that they are unlike anything found on Earth.

He says the cells - inert at room temperature - begin to reproduce at 121C.

Within two hours of being exposed to the heat, "daughter cells appear within the original mother cells and the number of cells in the samples increases with length of exposure", they say in the new report.

While many spores on Earth can survive that kind of extreme heat, none have yet been discovered that can reproduce in those

conditions, much less require it to begin reproducing.

The team also found an unusual pattern in the way the cells changed colour under UV light, known as "fluorescence behaviour".

They said it was "in remarkable correspondence" with red emissions from the Red Rectangle planetary nebula some 2300 light years away, "suggesting, though not proving, an extraterrestrial origin".

While the panspermia angle is already being rejected by the scientific community at large, there's plenty of interest in the final finding of Prof Louis's team - the cells contain no DNA.

"As a biologist, let me assure you that a cell-sized and shaped organism that reproduces, lives off LB and doesn't appear to have any nucleic acid template (DNA or RNA) is a revolutionary discovery in and of itself," one commenter wrote at TechnologyReview.

The only lifeforms that occur on Earth without DNA, according to another commenter, are proteins known as "prions", best known on Earth as the cause of Mad Cow Disease.

The team's findings are yet to be verified.

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>Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 10:26:32 -0500
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>I understand Conrad's viewpoint but I see nothing in his
>story that says Penniston and Halt were hallucinating or that
>they were liars. This does seem to be somewhat black or
>white. Either they made their story up or they told the truth.

Neither Conrad nor indeed I am suggesting that Penniston or Halt
"were hallucinating or that they were liars".

It is not necessarily for there to be a stark choice between ET
spaceship and hallucination/lies.

Human beings have extraordinary experiences. Halt and Penniston
had an extraordinary experience.

At present we don't know the source of that experience,
but experiences of this kind are recorded throughout
human history. They have been happening since ever.

That's where the folklore element comes into this, Robert. It's
a case of not being able to see the wood for the trees!

bests
--
David Clarke

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>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 15:48:56 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 20:46:44 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>There are definitely some similarities as I'm also aware from
>some of Jerry Clark's and Mike Sword's writings. However,
>there are some interesting differences that perhaps you could
>comment upon.

>One is that this is probably the first time in history that a
>folklore has been actively investigated by various world
>governments in real time. Unless the Irish government created a
>Green Book group to check out leprechauns a while back. :-)

>A second difference is that most folklore such as leprechauns,
>Bigfoot, fairies, dragons, etc., are either unique to a given
>culture or geography. Last, but not least, the sighting of a UFO
>at close range seems to have an effect that I have not heard
>about in folklore.

Hi, Robert,

The best way to think about folklore is as a kind of popular literature, communicated orally or via modern media and communications. To say something is "folklore" is not the same thing as saying it is false. It simply refers to the manner in which the claim was related and how it was altered in the process of transmission from individual/audience to individual/audience.

As I remarked to David in a recent private communication, folklore studies have great utility for anomalists because, since much folklore exists outside official culture, folklorists have preserved lots of material from persons and societies on the margins. Thus, while elite skepticism of (for example) fairies was firmly in place centuries ago, folklorists (then known as antiquarians) preserved beliefs and experiences, put them in print, and saved what otherwise would have been lost because these matters were judged beneath the dignity of those elites. (The same is true, by the way, of another interest of mine: folk song.)

My experience with folklorists is that the proportion open-minded about or actively supportive of the authenticity of anomalous experience is probably higher than among any other academic, professional group. Yes, there are - inevitably - the hard-cover rationalists, but just as often there are those genuinely puzzled or moved by the testimony they collect. A book

on the Scottish fairy tradition published in 2001, written by two academics, expressed the conundrum well: we can believe our informants without necessarily embracing their explanations.

In other words, anomalous experiences are "real" even if their causes remain open only to speculation. Any sensible anomalist would surely agree.

Jerry Clark

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>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>Hi David,

<snip>

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>Bigfoot, fairies, dragons, etc., are either unique to a given
>culture or geography. Last, but not least, the sighting of a UFO
>at close range seems to have an effect that I have not heard
>about in folklore.

Before Jerry leaps in, may I invite you to read David Hufford's
'The Terror that Comes in the Night', which describes a folklore
experience which seems to be universal, and appear to have
definite physical effects on percipients.

As far as fairies and leprechauns are concerned, most cultures
have traditions of small elusive creatures who interact with
humans in very similar ways. These are not at all culturally
specific. I'm sure David could recommend any number of books
which would explain more about this.

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John Rimmer

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>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 09:31:59 -0500
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>So, although the folklore has some interesting similarities, I
>can't see folklore in the same category as ufology.

With the greatest of respect Robert, you miss the point.
Folklore is not "in the same category as Ufology", but UFO
experiences are part and parcel of the subject matter studied by
folklorists - i.e. supernatural belief and experience.

I suggest you read the paper by Bill Dewan published in the
Journal of American Folklore, 2006, which Jerry Clark
recommended here on Updates:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2006/may/m24-008.shtml>

Or better still get yourself a copy of Eddie Bullard's much
anticipated 'Myth and Mystery of UFOs', published by the
University Press of Kansas next month, see:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2010/may/m02-006.shtml>

Both men are fine scholars of folklore who appreciate the
importance of UFO experiences in the context of their field of
study.

best regards
--
David Clarke

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Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 17:17:11 -0400
Archived: Sat, 04 Sep 2010 07:13:20 -0400
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>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>>From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 20:34:06 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 13:46:30 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>>I think this is right. However, the implication of this is that
>>a saucer shape may be at least partially designed for operation
>>in an atmosphere. It may not be designed strictly for space
>>travel (if at all).

>Hi Maynard.

>Again, thanks for some interesting links.

>Yup, fully agree, for at least two reasons:

>i) Martyn Stubbs' downloaded NASA films, at:

>www.youtube.com/watch?v=iev9x24shGk

>www.youtube.com/watch?v=8S6c5BYGHpM

>show varous spherical craft (or bodies) predominating in the
>upper atmosphere; and massive spheres, maybe 5 miles in
>diameter, coming in from outer space;

>ii) theoretical speculation - at:

>www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#a-g

>says that, while a simple inertia-drive (in a disk craft) is
>fine for lower planetary use, a larger and more elaborate
>version of the principle is needed for safe inter-planetary
>travel, and most definitely when at inter-stellar speeds. That
>would seem to warrant those very large spherical craft.

>>>BTW - that maybe means we have to look for another reason for
>>>someone using those large triangular craft.

>>I've been wondering about that too.

>Right. Yet we have every reason to believe there are more than
>one type (or species) of visitor. Perhaps the others use
>different power and drive sources in a gravity field (or maybe
>triangles are just fashionable with them).

If my interpretation of what Paul Hill says in his book
Unconventional Flying Objects is right, the shape of the craft
is unimportant for flying through atmosphere. If force field

generators are positioned correctly for any given shape, a constant-pressure air flow would be created around the craft no matter the velocity.

I think the propulsive field would be shape-independent as well, so long as the field can be balanced inside the craft to prevent high acceleration from damaging the occupants.

So, as you suggest, the shape may be a matter of preference.

William

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>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 15:48:56 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

Hi David,

(Or Dr. Clarke, as you prefer, per the discussion upstream... I default to first names in general, while acknowledging the effort and ability required to obtain such title.)

<snip>

>As far as I am aware there is no accredited postgraduate degree
>in UFOs or UFology, certainly not in the UK. In the absence of
>such a qualification I would argue that Folklore is the nearest
>and certainly the most appropriate discipline.

I might agree that this holds true with regard to the study of the cultural aspects and influences of UFOs, but I don't see at all how it holds generally, absent the presumption that UFOs are not objective, physical phenomenon, or further, that UFOs are essentially a cultural 'artifact'.

On the other hand, given the presumption, or even the possibility, that UFOs are objective and physical, and potentially of non-prosaic origin, then there is a good argument to be made that the physical sciences are the most "appropriate discipline"(s) to apply to their investigation. Cultural studies and/or historical reviews, however scholarly and well-reasoned, cannot convincingly establish or refute the objective reality of the phenomenon, whether prosaic in origin or not. The physical sciences at least have the potential to do so.

>Part of the field is the study of supernatural belief and
>tradition. No one can seriously deny that UFOs are an aspect of
>contemporary supernatural belief and tradition, therefore
>folklore is not only directly relevant but is in my view the
>only multidisciplinary field of study that can truly examine the
>UFO phenomenon in all its variegated human manifestations.

But beware the tacit suggestion that, by being "an aspect of contemporary supernatural belief", UFOs are themselves supernatural, i.e., non-physical. Prior to the mid-19th century, most scientists (and, I presume, folklorists) considered the idea of stones falling from the sky to likewise be "an aspect of contemporary supernatural belief".

I would agree that expertise in folklore studies is appropriate (albeit not exclusively) for examination of "the UFO phenomenon in all its variegated _human_ manifestations" [emphasis mine].

<snip>

>Ufology needs all the friends it can get in academia, if it
>wishes to be taken seriously by the wider public and media - a
>plea often heard on lists like this one.

That would depend on what is meant by both "friends" and "academia". For my own part, I do not clamor for the UFO phenomenon to become a forefront of investigation among, say, psychiatrists, or even cultural historians, if it is to be examined simply as some kind of cognitive pathology or 'tradition'.

Hence I reveal bias on my own part. I don't reject the possibility that the phenomenon is a subjective human delusion. But if it is such, the topic would frankly cease to be of much interest to me, and, I suspect, to many others approaching the subject via the physical sciences. I remain intrigued by the possibility that, as with stones falling from the sky, there is something tangible involved.

Regards-

Mike

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>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 20:46:44 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>There should be no place for this sort of nonsense. If somebody
>>wants to disagree with what Dr. Clarke says or writes, then fine
>>(I often do), but to attempt to conduct the discussion by
>>attempting to denigrate his academic qualifications and to deny
>>him his rightful and chosen appellation is at best an
>>unacceptably ad hominem mode of argument and at worst a form of
>>cyber-bullying.

>As far as I am aware there is no accredited postgraduate degree
>in UFOs or UFOlogy, certainly not in the UK. In the absence of
>such a qualification I would argue that Folklore is the nearest
>and certainly the most appropriate discipline.

<LOL> "Certainly the most appropriate discipline?" I guess that
says it all about David Clarke's belief system. It's all
folklore.

Odd how government studies never seem to employ PhD's in "the
most appropriate discipline." Why is that? Instead, how about
intelligence analysts, radar experts, physicists, aeronautical
and aerospace engineers, astronomers, etc.? Maybe David Clarke
forgot about those.

>Folklore is the study of people's beliefs and traditions, in a
>non-judgemental way, combining elements from related but more
>established disciplines such as sociology, psychology and
>anthropology in its methodology.

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>only multidisciplinary field of study that can truly examine the
>UFO phenomenon in all its variegated human manifestations.

Wow, there he goes again! To governments who have sponsored UFO
studies, UFOs are about as "supernatural" as the space shuttle
or a Boeing 747. The first U.S. military studies explicitly
stated they were real high-performance aircraft. "UFO" as
originally defined by Air Force Regulation 200-2 in 1953 stated
these were real "objects" (not figments of people's imagination)
of unusual shape and/or performance characteristics that
remained unidentified even after being investigated by experts
(therefore not a generic UFO, but a true UFO), and that they
were being investigated for their technical aspects as well as
reasons of national security.

I am unaware of any nation or military sponsoring studies into
ghosts, poltergeists, leprechauns, elves, fairies, angels,

demons and other "supernatural" critters, particularly for their technical aspects or for national security.

>In my opinion some of the finest contributions to the
>understanding of the UFO mystery have originated from folklore -
>including papers by Eddie Bullard and Bill Dewan to the Journal
>of American Folklore, and of course the writings of David
>Hufford. These all correctly categorise UFO experiences -
>whatever their ultimate reductionist 'explanations' - as
>examples of extraordinary experiences.

Which only means some aspects of the phenomenon might benefit from such analysis, but doesn't exactly explain how UFOs also produce physical effects, such as show up simultaneously on radar, film/video, radiation detectors, gravimeters, microwave receivers, produce EM interference effects such as blocking radio transmission, stalling vehicles, causing power blackouts, leave burned vegetation and landing marks on the ground, cause physiological effects in people, animals, and plants, etc., etc.

In other words, I don't remotely see how some PhD in folklore is going to have a clue as to how to study UFOs as real physical objects instead of objects of people's imagination or fantasies.

>Furthermore, in my view, apart from these few honourable
>exceptions, folklorists per se have tended to overlook the rich
>and fascinating content of the UFO mystery, perhaps because it
>is too "contemporary" for their narrow view of what constitutes
>folklore.

>Most of my work in the past ten years has been towards
>redressing this balance - and arguing with my peers that the
>study of UFO experiences should be a respected and valid part of
>folklore scholarship. Indeed, by the end of this year I will
>have presented papers at four separate academic conferences in
>the UK and The Netherlands making this very same point.

>Ufology needs all the friends it can get in academia, if it
>wishes to be taken seriously by the wider public and media - a
>plea often heard on lists like this one.

When someone equates UFOs strictly to "supernatural" and claims approaching them as nothing but folklore, in fact, folklorists are absolutely the best people to study them, then it is clear this person does not really take the subject seriously. "Friends" like this we don't need. Physical scientists we do need.

David Rudiak

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Kean's Book 29th On NYT Bestseller List

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Dear colleagues.

Leslie Kean's book is 29th on the New York Times Bestseller list:

<http://tinyurl.com/34nvm5u>

<http://tinyurl.com/39sywuf>

Best Wishes,

Giuliano

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Jerry, David, and John,

I knew that I would be get pointed in the correct direction to update my knowledge on folklore. I will read up more on the subject. Thanks for the info!

Robert

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Re: New Light On Rendlesham

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2010 14:19:46 +0100
Archived: Sat, 04 Sep 2010 12:07:38 -0400
Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
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>Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>It is not necessarily for there to be a stark choice between ET
>spaceship and hallucination/lies.

>Human beings have extraordinary experiences. Halt and Penniston
>had an extraordinary experience.

>At present we don't know the source of that experience,
>but experiences of this kind are recorded throughout
>human history. They have been happening since ever.

>That's where the folklore element comes into this, Robert. It's
>a case of not being able to see the wood for the trees!

Hello There,

Instead of blackening the water with all this folklore stuff from way back when goblins were wrote about by those who knew only how to describe an event or creature they had never had come upon before you should be more forthcoming and accommodating, in respect of not placing modern humans beings with their ancestral counterparts each time you wish to rubbish a story or sighting about a UFO event that was quite spectacular for those modern day individuals to have witnessed. Continuing to do so in my opinion makes a mockery on your part to constantly align any modern citizens story with those from centuries gone by, I think that skeptics like yourself need to show a tad more respect for the intelligence of modern man and woman to actually dissect what it is they have witnessed rather than to be thrown a tale about fairies and goblins from the what ever century you pick.

The facts are all laid bare for us to view, some skeptics remain with their thinking locked inside a pseudo intellectual snobbery which reminds me of the blatant ' we know better than your own mind ' stance that I have seen repeatedly rolled out over time by skeptics who wish to retain a sense of importance within a subject that in most part has left them and their centuries past thinking behind.

Too many people over too much time have bore witness to these UFOs not just to be told they are hallucinating and they should read up on goblins and fairies from centuries gone by, so they best equip their modern day mind with all the necessary answers to such a modern day phenomena.

Personally I cannot think for one second why a Dr with a Ph.D. in folklore got himself so wrapped in the corridors of Whitehall and the UFO phenomena if he soul existence tells him that the subject is a non starter? Why would one waste all this time and effort being the public face of releasing UK UFO Classified DATA if your presentation to the public table is that this is all baloney or should I say fairies from days gone by?

Roy

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Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs

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>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
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>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 15:48:56 +0100
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<snip>

David Rudiak makes some excellent points here but touches on what I see as the core dilemma with UFO researchers and the subject in general.

Some like David and Stan focus quite understandably on the 'nuts and bolts' aspects, others on the so called supernatural connections or 'high strangeness' events and a third group, perhaps like David Clarke, fall somewhere in between suggesting, as in the Bentwaters case, that some people like Penniston have "extraordinary experiences" but giving the impression that what they see isn't somehow the physical 'truth' at least as perceived by others.

Now and again all these aspects come together, maybe Bentwaters is an example, I'm unsure, but certainly the Skinwalker ranch case is one where phenomena was both physical and non-physical.

Physical creatures like prize bulls were somehow transported 'impossibly' into a closed metal container while witnesses reported firing guns at supersize ephemeral wolves who wouldn't die!

In the face of such apparent absurdities one can understand why Leslie Kean and Robert Hastings sees the way forward to encourage public acceptance of this phenomenon is to focus on 'responsible' humans' interaction with physical craft.

I think many of us can relate to Michael Tarbell's recent posting suggesting that he might lose interest if the answer to all this doesn't have a physical solution.

This is where I can feel Jerry Clark and others bristling as I venture into 'pure speculation'.

But as I see it the evidence points to a multi- aspected phenomenon suggesting reality ranges from the physical to the non-physical (I dislike the term supernatural because if it happens, it's natural).

And if whatever this is we are interacting with, can transport people through walls and mess around with time, should we be surprised if some Bentwaters witnesses don't agree on some details - maybe minds can be scrambled too?

I've seen enough and experienced enough around this and related

subjects for long enough now to feel strongly that all these paths being explored by minds far brighter than mine on this List, all converge at the same point some way ahead.

There is no division among researchers - just a spectrum between the aspects studied with huge gaps in knowledge which appear to set us apart from one another.

Dave Haith

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Re: Britain's First X-File?

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 04 Sep 2010 12:21:37 -0400
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>From: Andy Roberts <meugher.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 12:59:36 +0100
>Subject: Re: Britain's First X-File?

>The reason TV companies - in the UK at least - use more sceptics
>than 'believers' is because the sceptics exhibit reasoned,
>analytical thinking and can speak in logical and structured
>sentences. I have been told several times by TV producers that-
>in their opinion- most ETH oriented types can do very little of
>the above.

I'm amused by the idea that there actually are TV producers who
can recognize reasoned, analytical thinking in the first place.
I wish the work of these marvelous individuals was more in
evidence.

Cathy

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Folklore And Ufology [was: Hastings Vs Clarke]

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 04 Sep 2010 12:23:16 -0400
Subject: Folklore And Ufology [was: Hastings Vs Clarke]

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
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>Subject: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>As far as I am aware there is no accredited postgraduate degree
>in UFOs or UFOlogy, certainly not in the UK. In the absence of
>such a qualification I would argue that Folklore is the nearest
>and certainly the most appropriate discipline.

But unless I'm mistaken (and I'm sure you'll correct me if I am)
Folklore is not a scientific discipline - that is to say, it
doesn't proceed by constructing and then testing hypotheses. So
presumably you're either limited to collating and classifying
raw data, or else you're into the litcrit world of extravagant
theories which have no empirical basis.

>Folklore is the study of people's beliefs and traditions, in a
>non-judgemental way, combining elements from related but more
>established disciplines such as sociology, psychology and
>anthropology in its methodology.

Which I can't say gives me much confidence at all.

<snip>

>UFOlogy needs all the friends it can get in academia, if it
>wishes to be taken seriously by the wider public and media - a
>plea often heard on lists like this one.

I think this obsession Ufologists have with being taken
seriously by the rest of the world is a complete waste of time.

The reason Ufology is going nowhere has nothing to do with the
lack of interest from academics or TV personalities - it's the
lack of results arising from a complete absence of testable
hypotheses. No amount of evangelism is going to change this.

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Re: Kean's Book 29th On NYT Bestseller List

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2010 11:50:10 -0300
Archived: Sat, 04 Sep 2010 12:24:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Kean's Book 29th On NYT Bestseller List

>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2010 13:28:32 +0200
>Subject: Kean's Book 29th On NYT Bestseller List

>Dear Colleagues.

>Leslie Kean's book is 29th on the New York Times Bestseller
>list:

><http://tinyurl.com/34nvm5u>

><http://tinyurl.com/39sywuf>

When you consider about 130,000 books will be published in the United States (out of a couple of million which have been sent in by writers) 29th on the NYTBSL is very good.

Don Ledger

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Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 04 Sep 2010 12:25:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 17:17:11 -0400
>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 15:17:30 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>>>From: J. Maynard Gelinis <j.maynard.gelinis.nul>
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 20:34:06 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

<snip>

>>>>BTW - that maybe means we have to look for another reason for
>>>>someone using those large triangular craft.

>>>>I've been wondering about that too.

>>Right. Yet we have every reason to believe there are more than
>>one type (or species) of visitor. Perhaps the others use
>>different power and drive sources in a gravity field (or maybe
>>triangles are just fashionable with them).

>If my interpretation of what Paul Hill says in his book
>Unconventional Flying Objects is right, the shape of the craft
>is unimportant for flying through atmosphere. If force field
>generators are positioned correctly for any given shape, a
>constant-pressure air flow would be created around the craft no
>matter the velocity.

>I think the propulsive field would be shape-independent as well,
>so long as the field can be balanced inside the craft to prevent
>high acceleration from damaging the occupants.

>So, as you suggest, the shape may be a matter of preference.

Great. Good thinking William. I hadn't got that far.

So maybe our `triangle question' could boil down to one visitor
species being stuck with plain inertia-drives (in disks &
spheres), and another species having added a more advanced
force-field technology in craft of any desired size and shape?

It would be nice if things are that simple, yet suspect more
complications will turn up.

Cheers

Ray D

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Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2010 11:34:17 -0500
Archived: Sun, 05 Sep 2010 07:23:27 -0400
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If this writer had to put his money anywhere it would be on
the facilitations of an ardent desire to keep things as they are
contrived to be and deny all that might yet inevitably be. The
irony in all this is not that the aliens are faeries, but the
inverse of that, as you point out. Very possibly, and much more
likely, the faeries were aliens.

Suffer this as an illustration:

"I don't 'believe' in UFO's, and I'm not splitting hairs, but
'something' haunts the skies above, and shames us well down
here."

"And not just now, but 'way back when'... when flight was just a
dream. Yes, well before the pyramids that began it all, it
seems... "

"Back before we sailed our seas we prayed to brutal gods - gods
as thick as errant fleas who gave their "needed" nod. Back
before... when just a few, we wandered plains in bands askew,
and we were almost innocent then... an uncorrupted kith and
kin. "

More, with illustrations and epic in four parts:

<http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2005/10/ink-and-stone.html>

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Taranis BAE Systems' New UAV

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BAE Systems Display Futuristic Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

[Begin Citation]

With a great deal of ceremony and pomp, and in a facility the intelligence world recognizes as being at the cutting edge of secret aviation technology (Warton, Lancashire), BAE Systems rolled out its first demonstrator Taranis. The futuristic Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UVA) project, named after the Celtic god of thunder, has been around for several years, indeed, there are some aviation watchers who will tell you Taranis is the result of similar secret stealth-like projects the best of two decades old.

<snip>

Britain's Taranis looks very similar in design to Boeing's Phantom Ray demonstrator, which was revealed just months ago and featured in Eye Spy 68. Indeed, even the dimensions are similar - both aircraft are around 40ft long and feature an even longer wingspan. Taranis has also been compared to Phantom Ray in respect to its featured technology, and experts agree - there is absolutely nothing to choose between the aircraft in terms of their performance.

<snip>

Almost £150m has thus been spent on the demonstrator, which is virtually invisible to ground radar, and designed to travel at very high speeds. Traversing thousands of miles from continent to continent will pose no problem to the UAV, giving an insight into the type of advanced technology used by BAE Systems in the aircraft.

<snip>

It has been designed to carry a variety of weapons, including missiles, bombs. However, unlike other UAV's, including Phantom Ray (to our knowledge) Taranis carries a powerful self-defense capability, and also, interestingly, weaponry to bring down other UAVs. It goes without saying, cameras and surveillance equipment are also supported within its advanced metal frame.

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The platform will operate well into the 21st century, and probably beyond.

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For your information. Please see website for photo of Taranis.

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The Moon: Damp From Day One

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Sky & Telescope, October 4, 2010, page 20
News Notes
The Moon: Damp from Day One

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The latest on Moon water is that, in addition to ice deposits buried in shadowed polar craters and water molecules stuck to the sunlit surface, traces also exist in rocks from deep underground.

Researchers led by Francis McCubbin (Carnegie Institution of Washington) have announced that using new microanalysis techniques, they found water (in the form of its ion hydroxyl, OH) in tiny mineral grains brought back by the Apollo 14 mission. The "steaming gun" is the calcium-rich mineral apatite, which incorporates an OH radical into its crystals. Some of the microscopic specimens contain 1% water or more, suggesting that water-laced lunar magma was ubiquitous in the Moon's early history - and that the Moon as a whole may contain water at an abundance of 5 parts per million or more. Previous estimates were orders of magnitude lower.

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Water, water, everywhere.

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It's Ball Lightning!

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Archived: Sun, 05 Sep 2010 08:19:23 -0400
Subject: It's Ball Lightning!

A plasma caught passing in front of a power pole is the leading image.

Terry

Source: io9.com

<http://tinyurl.com/28w8sdf>

Date: Sep 4, 2010

It's Ball Lightning!

It skitters across the ground, floats in the air, is cold to the touch, and leaves scorch marks. It's been scientifically explained, or hey, it might be a total hallucination. It's ball lightning!

Ball lightning is the name given to a group of phenomena that have not been completely explained, or even agreed upon. Of the two words in its name, only the first is shared by all witnesses. According to most eyewitnesses, it glows and is shaped like a ball.

Everything else varies. Most reports say the balls are orange to beach ball size, but some say they've seen ball lightning the size of a bus. The ball can float, roll and bounce around solid objects, or do both. They're seen indoors or out. Ball lightning has reportedly been cold to the touch, left burn marks in rock, and electrocuted people. It fades away, or explodes and sputters out. Anything goes.

Since the exact properties of ball lightning are not agreed upon, a single explanation for the phenomena can't be reached. Those who believe that ball lightning is cool, consider it to be corona discharge - the same thing that is responsible for Saint Elmo's Fire, which produces light but not much heat. Those who believe it burns what it touches believe that it's a bunch of burning dust kicked up and ignited by lightning strikes. It could also be a plasma ball. Many explanations are out there.

One theory nosed its way ahead of the others in 2007, when Antonio Pav=C3=A3o and Gerson Paiva of Brazil's Federal University of Pernambuco reported making small glowing balls that bounced around the room and scorched their surroundings. These balls made of silicon particles which were shocked by scientists until they produce a burning vapor. The balls only lasted a few seconds in the lab before dissipating, a shorter time than some witnesses of ball lightning say the phenomenon endures in a natural environment, but otherwise the spitting image of the glowing balls that have baffled people for centuries.

But three years after Pav=C3=A3o and Paiva lit up silicon, Alexander Kendl and Joseph Peer from the University of Innsbruck in Austria put forward an alternate theory: ball lightning is just

a hallucination brought on by a rapidly changing magnetic field. This is not as unbelievable as it sounds. Subjecting someone's brain to rapidly changing magnetic field can cause electrical activity, which in turn cause the neurons to cook up something good an crazy for the brain to see, hear, or think about. Psychiatrists sometimes use this technique to cause their patients to hallucinate (how forcing someone to hallucinate is therapeutic is something only your psychiatrist can explain). Seeing glowing lights is a common hallucination, so it makes sense that a lot of people would see such a thing if the very atmosphere around them is messing with their head.

There are problems with the idea. To hallucinate strongly, people would have to be closer to an area of intensely shifting magnetic fields than many observers of ball lightning have been. There have been plenty of accounts of ball lightning killing people and doing property damage. And of course there are those balls skittering around a lab.

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>List, all converge at the same point some way ahead.

>There is no division among researchers - just a spectrum between
>the aspects studied with huge gaps in knowledge which appear to
>set us apart from one another.

Well put, Dave. There seems to be a spectrum of phenomena, and
each of us can choose to accept any part we are comfortable
with.

Let's assume for the moment there is the equivalent of a
Starship Enterprise out there, and cloaked monitoring stations
scattered around the earth.

The prime directive of non-interference rules, otherwise we
don't have free will. So we are allowed to experience just
enough of this spectrum of phenomena to maintain the right level
of ambiguity. It's up to each individual to work it all out.

OK, now you can go back to your usual assumptions.

William

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Re: Folklore And Ufology

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2010 10:54:36 +0100
Archived: Sun, 05 Sep 2010 09:56:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Folklore And Ufology

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2010 14:25:23 +0100
>Subject: Folklore And Ufology [was: Hastings Vs Clarke]

>But unless I'm mistaken (and I'm sure you'll correct me if I am)
>Folklore is not a scientific discipline - that is to say, it
>doesn't proceed by constructing and then testing hypotheses. So
>presumably you're either limited to collating and classifying
>raw data, or else you're into the litcrit world of extravagant
>theories which have no empirical basis.

Folklore is "the study of the traditional beliefs and stories of [the] people" (OED). If you take the time to read some peer-reviewed folklore literature - say, Folklore or Journal of American Folklore, you will find examples both of collation and classification of raw data, plus the construction and testing of hypothesis where appropriate. The study of supernatural folklore is a relatively new development within the discipline, hence the paucity of good research and testable hypotheses to date - with the exception of Hufford (1982) and Dewan (2006), whose work and methodology I recommend.

Dewan makes the point that half a century has passed with little research done into the nature of what he calls "extraordinary experiences". He sees this as an outcome of a) the multidisciplinary nature of the subject and b) the outcome of the compartmentalised nature of science. Folklore is both multidisciplinary by definition and, as it is not an "established scientific discipline" per se, its scholars don't tend, on the whole, to hold the same traditions of disbelief found in more established disciplines like psychology, for instance.

While not dealing with "hard science" like physics or chemistry, folklore is nevertheless a recognised social science discipline represented in universities across the world. A recent contemporary folklore conference I attended in Amsterdam was attended by scholars who are involved in both teaching and active fieldwork and research, representing university folklore departments in the USA, Canada, France, Scotland, Estonia, Germany and further afield.

>>Folklore is the study of people's beliefs and traditions, in a
>>non-judgemental way, combining elements from related but more
>>established disciplines such as sociology, psychology and
>>anthropology in its methodology.

>Which I can't say gives me much confidence at all.

See my comments above.

Jerry Clark summed up the folkloric approach to the study of anomalous experiences, which I was trying to express, another way:

"Anomalous experiences are 'real' even if their causes remain open only to speculation."

I would suggest that makes folklore scholars far more open-minded to the authenticity of anomalous experience than psychology, for instance. Again, on this point, Jerry and I are in complete agreement.

>>Ufology needs all the friends it can get in academia, if it >>wishes to be taken seriously by the wider public and media - a >>plea often heard on lists like this one.

>I think this obsession Ufologists have with being taken >seriously by the rest of the world is a complete waste of time.

You make a very good point, it is a chimera.

Equally, the obsession with attracting physical scientists to study UFO propulsion systems is a waste of time.

Without hard data to subject to testing or replication, physical scientists have absolutely no role to play in UFology, despite what David Rudiak may claim.

Until such hard evidence is brought to the table, the only data we have to collate and classify, and to build hypotheses upon, are the stories of the people who report extraordinary experiences.

Furthermore, elaborate catalogs of lights in the sky and that tell us that more people see green lights in the sky on Wednesdays than on Mondays won't reveal much either.

But the study of, again quoting Jerry Clark, "the manner in which the claim was related and how it was altered in the process of transmission from individual/audience to individual/audience" may well be very revealing. This is the bread and butter of folklore research and scholarship, which is why we both believe it is relevant to the understanding of UFOs and other anomalous phenomena. Relevant, but not necessarily providing any empirical answers or testable hypotheses - at this early stage anyway.

>The reason Ufology is going nowhere has nothing to do with the >lack of interest from academics or TV personalities - it's the >lack of results arising from a complete absence of testable >hypotheses. No amount of evangelism is going to change this.

I agree. You have highlighted the shortcomings of compartmentalised science when it comes to this subject and they are well made. In turn all I'm doing is highlighting the areas of the human experience of anomalous phenomena (including UFOs) that can be usefully studied by folklorists. Nothing more, nothing less.

--
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Re: New Light On Rendlesham

From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2010 11:46:20 +0100
Archived: Sun, 05 Sep 2010 09:57:58 -0400
Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2010 14:19:46 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

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>show a tad more respect for the intelligence of modern man and
>woman to actually dissect what it is they have witnessed rather
>than to be thrown a tale about fairies and goblins from the what
>ever century you pick.

Quite what this gobbledygook is supposed to mean I've no idea,
but I guess it's leading up to yet another example of what
Gerald O'Connell described as "an attempt to conduct an ad
hominem argument" by denigrating my academic qualifications and
my right to hold an opinion:

>The facts are all laid bare for us to view, some skeptics remain
>with their thinking locked inside a pseudo intellectual snobbery
>which reminds me of the blatant ' we know better than your own
>mind ' stance that I have seen repeatedly rolled out over time
>by skeptics who wish to retain a sense of importance within a
>subject that in most part has left them and their centuries past
>thinking behind.

Spoken like a true Ufological coelacanth.

>Too many people over too much time have bore witness to these
>UFOs not just to be told they are hallucinating and they should
>read up on goblins and fairies from centuries gone by, so they
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it is false. It simply refers to the manner in which the claim
was related and how it was altered in the process of
transmission from individual/audience to individual/audience."

Prove this is not an ad hominem argument by directing your
attack at Jerry. I predict you won't because this is all about
me, yet another form of cyber-bullying.

Quoting Jerry again, my position is that "we can believe our
informants without necessarily embracing their explanations."

If we embraced their explanations at face value we would have to accept, without question, the stories not only those who believe they have met the greys, reptilians and Zeta Reticulians, time travellers, inter-dimensionals, intra-dimensionals, but also, to be fair and not discriminate against other informants those who have claimed to have communicated with Venusians, Saturnians, Mars Sector 6, Deros, Teros visitors from Lanulos etc etc.

That's before we even reach the personal experiences of those (numbering in the thousands) who say they have met angels, spirits of the dead, and - yes, even though I have not mentioned these - goblins and fairies too.

Far better to treat them all equally as "extraordinary experiences", the ultimate origin of which is open to question.

If that equates to "intellectual snobbery" then I'm proud to be an intellectual snob.

>Personally I cannot think for one second why a Dr with a Ph.D.
>in folklore got himself so wrapped in the corridors of Whitehall
>and the UFO phenomena if he soul existence tells him that the
>subject is a non starter? Why would one waste all this time and
>effort being the public face of releasing UK UFO Classified DATA
>if your presentation to the public table is that this is all
>baloney or should I say fairies from days gone by?

The simple answer is I don't think the subject is "a non starter", neither do I feel it is "baloney". Spouting baloney is more your field, Roy, as is evident from your paranoid ramblings.

And as for why a PhD in folklore "got himself wrapped up in the corridors of Whitehall", the answer is quite simple and was explained by Jerry Clark yesterday.

Jerry said "since much folklore exists outside official culture, folklorists have preserved lots of material from persons and societies on the margins..." UFO reports and experiences made to official bodies in the UK fit this description perfectly, and were treated until recently as being of no historical interest - suitable for nothing more than the furnace or the shredder.

Until 1967 the MoD destroyed their files on UFOs ever five years. Even after the intervention of Julian Hennessey, which brought this process to an end, the MoD have continued to destroy what I believe is valuable material - both for future generations of historians, folklorists and UFologists.

One of the functions of folklorists, as Jerry observed, is to "preserve beliefs and experiences [and] put them in print", for posterity, in the same way that others preserve folk songs and other aspects of folklore.

That is why a PhD in folklore got "wrapped up in the corridors of Whitehall", Roy. Along with others who valued the contents of these archives I argued, fought, pestered and demanded that MoD stopped treating their files on UFOs as suitable for the shredder only - and in the process not only saved a number from destruction but persuaded them to release the entire surviving collection to the public in what has become the largest release of data younger than 30 years in the entire history of the Ministry of Defence.

I'm proud of having played a small part in that achievement. If you and other mean spirited individuals wish to denigrate it, go ahead if it makes you feel better. Sour grapes are no substitute for hard work and results.

--

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2010 09:43:45 -0500
Archived: Sun, 05 Sep 2010 10:58:09 -0400
Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2010 11:34:17 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2010 14:19:46 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>>>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 20:02:00 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>If this writer had to put his money anywhere it would be on
>the facilitations of an ardent desire to keep things as they are
>contrived to be and deny all that might yet inevitably be. The
>irony in all this is not that the aliens are faeries, but the
>inverse of that, as you point out. Very possibly, and much more
>likely, the faeries were aliens.

Hi, Alfred,

Whatever the fairies were or are (the tradition isn't dead, only less visible than it used to be), they can't be called "aliens" in the sense ufologists, astronomers, and modern popular culture define the term. According to a massive international tradition of elfin beliefs and experiences, these entities have their own very distinct identities in which UFOs play no part. To conflate fairies and extraterrestrials, one would have to reinvent the fairy faith from ground up, and to do so with no demonstrable justification.

This is something I know a fair amount about, having devoted years to study of the relevant literature (most of it from the collections of folklorists, a gold mine for anomalists as any of my colleagues who have gone there is well aware). I have written about fairy beliefs over the years, most recently in a chapter, "The Road to Fair Elfland: Fairies Experienced," in my book *Hidden Realms, Lost Continents, and Beings from Old Worlds* (Visible Ink Press, 2010). (That chapter also discusses how fairy traditions are both relevant and irrelevant to questions ufologists face, all depending upon which question one is asking.) I also discussed the significance of fairylore to anomalists in my June 2008 Dinsdale Award lecture to the Society for Scientific Exploration. That lecture was subsequently published in *Fortean Times* 243 (2008) under the title "Experience Anomalies." The actual lecture, for those who have half an hour to spare, can be accessed from, for example, here:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread569648/pg1>

My view is simply -- really, not so simply -- that anomalous events and experience anomalies have historically coexisted, and they are often confused for the reason that human beings think simplistically about how they process the elements of "reality." Either something is so, we presume, or it isn't so. As a general principle that's useful, but it's where it isn't useful that an

interesting discussion begins.

With experience anomalies we confront the liminal, where those neat categories break down. It is within the liminal (threshold) realm that fairies and other fantastic phenomena are encountered, and it is a place in which science as currently constituted speaks with no authority. It is my view that most high-strangeness elements of UFO reporting are not occurring at an event level, but elsewhere on the scale of the profoundly anomalous. As a culture we call such experiences "visionary," though that is a description, not an explanation.

Which is to say that while fairylore can't teach us anything about hard-core CE2s or radar/visuals -- which, whatever they're about (here, the ETH strikes me as a perfectly reasonable provisional idea), are occurring at an event level -- it may have a great deal to teach us about the phenomenology of, say, abduction encounters, men in black, otherworld journeys, and the like. This is a point made by no less than the radically pro-anomaly folklorist David Hufford, mentioned at various points by Dave Clarke and me. Hufford also contributes the foreword to Wonders in the Sky, the magisterial Vallee/Aubeck study of proto-UFOs up to 1879, to be published next month by Tarcher/Penguin.

In my judgment the old debates, which insist on an unsupportable, overwhelming literalism, have run their course. A folkloric perspective doesn't "explain" puzzling experiences, but it gives us, in my judgment (and Dave Clarke's, too), a much broader context in which to place them.

Jerry Clark

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Archived: Sun, 05 Sep 2010 21:48:54 -0400
Subject: News Links - 04-09-10

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UFO Sighted In Sky Over Selby, North Yorkshire
The Press, York
<http://tinyurl.com/2938aex>

Another UFO Reported Over Shropshire
shropshirestar.com
<http://tinyurl.com/26wvfox>

Exeter, NH Has 2nd UFO Festival
WCAX
<http://tinyurl.com/33vgqs3>

When Life Gives You UFOs, Make Lemonade
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/27trrzv>

Residents Phoned 999 Dozens Of Times Over 'ghost And UFO Worries'
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/25mtrmb>

UFO Idea Gains Fans
NTNews.com.au
<http://tinyurl.com/2vojxt5>

Dolan's Upcoming Book 'After Disclosure' Is Guide To UFOs, ET
Contact
Transcendent TV & Media
<http://tinyurl.com/27trrzv>

FMU Professor Releases New Book
'The UFO Christianity Connection: Fact or Fiction'
South Carolina Now
<http://tinyurl.com/35ckuau>

Why UFOs Slowed Down
New York Times
<http://tinyurl.com/38rnbht>

Resort Prepares For UFO Landings
myfoxny.com
<http://tinyurl.com/255hzeh>

French Town Builds UFO Landing Pad
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/2wwznnk>

From George Filer:

Filer's Files #36 - 2010
<http://tinyurl.com/232ql31>

From 'The Norm':

Photo OF Earth And Moon, As Seen From The Planet Mercury
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Reconsidering ET Visitation

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2010 12:12:35 -0400
Archived: Mon, 06 Sep 2010 07:59:34 -0400
Subject: Reconsidering ET Visitation

Source: Harvard Crimson

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

September 01, 2010

The modern UFO phenomenon began in the 1940s. Yet despite decades of evidence, and the fact that opinion polls (such as Gallup) have consistently shown that the majority of people believe that flying saucers are real, this phenomenon has yet to be seriously and systematically investigated by the academic and scientific mainstream. Why?

<snip>

Figuring out how many planets contain intelligent beings of sufficient technological sophistication to perform interstellar travel is barely (if at all) even on the radar screen yet. As such, the prevailing assumption=97that interstellar travel is extremely rare or even non-existent (in our corner of the galaxy at least) =97is made with no basis whatsoever in observable fact. As such, the notion that reports of objects appearing to be intelligently controlled craft of non-terrestrial origin must be subjected to extremely high standards of evidence similarly lacks basis in fact.

<snip>

Even the most rudimentary survey of human history compels any thinking person to accept the potential for technology based on principles that we do not at the moment comprehend, and be open-minded about the possibility that maybe, just maybe others have solved advanced technological riddles before we have. Otherwise, we shall be no wiser than the Aztecs, who thought the Spaniards were gods due simply to their technological head start on things like ship design and metallic weaponry, or those (at the time) eminent scholars at the turn of the last century, who loudly proclaimed from the heights of academic authority that powered flight simply could not be done.

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2010 13:59:11 -0300
Archived: Mon, 06 Sep 2010 08:01:10 -0400
Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 20:02:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 10:26:32 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>>I understand Conrad's viewpoint but I see nothing in his
>>story that says Penniston and Halt were hallucinating or that
>>they were liars. This does seem to be somewhat black or
>>white. Either they made their story up or they told the truth.

>Neither Conrad nor indeed I am suggesting that Penniston or Halt
>"were hallucinating or that they were liars".

>It is not necessarily for there to be a stark choice between ET
>spaceship and hallucination/lies.

>Human beings have extraordinary experiences. Halt and Penniston
>had an extraordinary experience.

>At present we don't know the source of that experience,
>but experiences of this kind are recorded throughout
>human history. They have been happening since ever.

>That's where the folklore element comes into this, Robert. It's
>a case of not being able to see the wood for the trees!

More likely David a more educated population with a larger
catalogue of possibilities to draw from. My guess is we are
dealing with the same thing but with religious dogma and
superstition stripped away.

I doubt if this has escaped your thinking; folklore background
or not.

Don Ledger

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>To: post.nul
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Roy will no doubt reply in his own way but I think rather than
gobbledegook I get the flavour of what he was driving at.
He simply was feeling - as I do sometimes - that it can be
offensive to a responsible witness to assume, as it seems you
often do, that their story is NOT factual - especially if
for instance fairy lore is quoted as an alternative way of
viewing their experience.
And it's not OK to argue as you do that it's only the
interpretation of what they see that you are questioning
because often an experience cannot be separated from
an interpretation.
If somebody picks up a stone is it the picking up or the
stone which is interpreted - neither or both because it's
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<snip>

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I don't quite see how this applies in the Rendlesham case - this was not something that was passed Chinese whispers-style down the centuries - Halt wrote that memo pretty soon after it had all happened. OK I appreciate there are differences but it is generally accepted with a lot of UFO cases there seems to be an oz factor where things are perceived in slightly different ways.

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>Quoting Jerry again, my position is that "we can believe our >informants without necessarily embracing their explanations."

>If we embraced their explanations at face value we would have to >accept, without question, the stories not only those who believe >they have met the greys, reptilians and Zeta Reticulians, time >travellers, inter-dimensionals, intra-dimensionals, but also, to >be fair and not discriminate against other informants those who >have claimed to have communicated with Venusians, Saturnians, >Mars Sector 6, Deros, Teros visitors from Lanulos etc etc.

Those cases you mention were first examined on the basis of 'could this be literally what happened?' and then upon investigation it was found for instance that some contactees were hoaxers, charlatans or simply nuts.

But your assumption that if we accept for instance Penniston's story that he saw and touched some kind of craft then we might as well accept any weird tale, is throwing the baby out with the bathwater. We should give him the benefit of the doubt unless we have good evidence to disprove his story.

After all if it looks like a duck, and sounds like a duck, then sometimes it is a duck - even if it might match somebody's fairy sighting.

>That's before we even reach the personal experiences of those >(numbering in the thousands) who say they have met angels, >spirits of the dead, and - yes, even though I have not mentioned >these - goblins and fairies too.

Again you are making the assumption that angels and spirits of the dead do not exist - when there's a world of parapsychology which details evidence that they might.

<snip>

You quote Jerry Clark a lot David but in his latest posting to the List he writes:

"Whatever the fairies were or are (the tradition isn't dead, only less visible than it used to be), they can't be called "aliens" in the sense ufologists, astronomers, and modern popular culture define the term. According to a massive international tradition of elfin beliefs and experiences, these entities have their own very distinct identities in which UFOs play no part. To conflate fairies and extraterrestrials, one would have to reinvent the fairy faith from ground up, and to do so with no demonstrable justification."

So if Jerry makes a firm distinction between UFOs and this tradition, maybe you could consider just for a moment, whether it could be a duck (UFO) rather than what gives rise to fairies?

<snip>

>Along with others who valued the contents of >these archives I argued, fought, pestered and demanded that MoD >stopped treating their files on UFOs as suitable for the >shredder only - and in the process not only saved a number from >destruction but persuaded them to release the entire surviving >collection to the public in what has become the largest release >of data younger than 30 years in the entire history of the >Ministry of Defence.

I for one David give you full credit for your massive amount of

work on getting the release of these documents.

My argument with you is simply with your approach in assuming this subject might not have a nuts and bolts aspect in addition to yes, even a folkloric one.

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>>From: Cathy Reason<CathyM.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 4 Sep 2010 14:25:23 +0100
>>Subject: Folklore And Ufology [was: Hastings Vs Clarke]

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><snip>

>I agree. You have highlighted the shortcomings of
>compartmentalised science when it comes to this subject and they
>are well made. In turn all I'm doing is highlighting the areas
>of the human experience of anomalous phenomena (including UFOs)
>that can be usefully studied by folklorists. Nothing more,
>nothing less.

I very much recognize the value of recording and analyzing
extraordinary experiences like folklorists do. But I would like
to take issue with your assessment that such information is of
no value to physical scientists. It is true that the events
cannot be reproduced on demand so that controlled experiments
can be done, but even physical scientists can do exploratory
research. Tentative physical models can be developed based on
verified reports and used to look for new phenomena predicted by
the model.

For example, Dr. Bruce Maccabee's article on the spatial extent
of a strong magnetic field measured after a Gulf Breeze sighting
is one kind of data that could be useful for building a physical
model.

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

In my own way, I've also tried to make sense out of what people
have reported and photographs that have been taken over the
years. I've found that, although events can rarely be produced
at will, there is at least repetition of observations.

For example, after seeing them in multiple photos of UFOs, I
have come to expect to see a subtle toroidal shape adjacent to
the UFO. When it is seen, the object is always near the ring of

the torus and is never positioned in the center. One of the images even indicates that the torus has a different refractive index from the surrounding space. Other images show that the torus bends a passing light beam. These observations might prompt a physicist to construct a model of how to generate a toroidal region of space with this spatial relationship to the UFO and with these properties. It might even be possible to say something about the nature of the proposed field. For more details about these observations, see

Examples of tori near UFOs:

<http://www.treurniet.ca/tori/tori.htm>

find picture gallery link.

A torus refracting light from a rainbow:

<http://www.treurniet.ca/torifract/torifract.htm>

Examples of a torus bending beams from spotlights:

<http://www.treurniet.ca/tori/toriphys/toriphys.htm>

I've tried to make sense of such observations by drawing some parallels with the Hutchison effect, which actually consists of several anomalous physical effects. The effect has been known for many years now, and Hutchison says that the military industrial complex has shown considerable interest during that time. A weak but impressive form of the effect has recently been described by Dr. Stoyan Sarg at York University, Canada.

The Hutchison effect and UFOs:

<http://www.treurniet.ca/physics/hutch.htm>

Circumstantial evidence for a technology that disrupts cohesion of matter:

<http://www.treurniet.ca/physics/mbftech.htm>

Like I said, it's all exploratory stuff. I would welcome anyone with a different skill set and knowledge base to make more of it. My purpose here is to show how even my modest efforts can begin to make physical sense of uncontrolled observations of the UFO phenomenon.

William

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Archived: Mon, 06 Sep 2010 08:08:47 -0400
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>Subject: It's Ball Lightning!

>A plasma caught passing in front of a power pole is the
>leading image.

>Terry

><http://tinyurl.com/28w8sdf>

Hi, Terry and List:

Within the scope of the FOTOCAT Project:

<http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

I am compiling a catalogue of photographs, films and videos of phenomena purported to be ball or bead lightning. If anyone is interested in receiving the draft catalogue in order to contribute any further information, please write to me privately.

Sincerely,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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Prime Directive [was: Re: Bentwaters & 'Secret']

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>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2010 13:12:31 -0400
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>Let's assume for the moment there is the equivalent of a
>Starship Enterprise out there, and cloaked monitoring stations
>scattered around the earth.

>The prime directive of non-interference rules, otherwise we
>don't have free will. So we are allowed to experience just
>enough of this spectrum of phenomena to maintain the right level
>of ambiguity. It's up to each individual to work it all out.

That's a thought William. After all, in the most efficient (and
'humane') zoos, the animals won't realize they're caged.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
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>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2010 10:54:36 +0100
>Subject: Re: Folklore And Ufology

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>Without hard data to subject to testing or replication, physical
>scientists have absolutely no role to play in UFology, despite
>what David Rudiak may claim.

I was able to accommodate your previous notion that folklore studies are an appropriate venue for examination of (at least some aspects of) the UFO phenomenon, but with this I'm afraid you're veering off into the ditch.

Even the most superficial UFO report contains some data, otherwise it wouldn't constitute a report at all. "The object flashed red", "the object passed in front of Mt. Rainier", "the object was as large as the full moon", etc., all constitute data, of greater or lesser utility. On rare occasions there are 'hard' data, such as radar returns, photographs, and physical traces/effects. Scientists can use these data to obtain clues as to what may or may not have been observed, i.e., they can put rigorous constraints on size and/or distance, can assess whether the phenomenon is inside or outside the envelope of human technology, can rule out or implicate various naturally-occurring causes, and can discover inconsistencies that expose fraud.

Since you're expounding on who has a role to play or not, I'd be interested in hearing what folklorists bring to the table in such circumstances. Perhaps to draw parallels with some medieval storytelling tradition, or legends of supernatural beings from the underworld, with citations from Huffard and Dewan? Can we anticipate anything like an objective result that has practical consequences or implications?

I don't begrudge your field of study or your application of it to the topic, but it is simply ridiculous to dismiss the role of the physical sciences in the investigation of UFOs, unless you have established that they have no physical basis. Absent the latter, whatever cultural correspondences may be found between the UFO phenomenon and poltergeists, fairies, etc., while no doubt interesting, are, in my opinion, secondary to investigation of the phenomenon itself.

Ancient cultures often wove grand spiritual narratives around, and attached supernatural meanings to, various events that were ultimately identified with objective, physical processes (e.g., comets, eclipses, supernovae, etc). How many of these now-prosaic mechanisms were elucidated through "the study of the traditional beliefs and stories of people", rather than through the physical sciences?

Mike

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>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2010 10:54:36 +0100
>Subject: Re: Folklore And Ufology

>Folklore is "the study of the traditional beliefs and stories of
>[the] people" (OED). If you take the time to read some peer-
>reviewed folklore literature - say, Folklore or Journal of
>American Folklore, you will find examples both of collation and
>classification of raw data, plus the construction and testing of
>hypothesis where appropriate.

For heaven's sake, where would it not be appropriate?

>The study of supernatural folklore
>is a relatively new development within the discipline, hence the
>paucity of good research and testable hypotheses to date - with
>the exception of Hufford (1982) and Dewan (2006), whose work and
>methodology I recommend.

Do you have any idea how often I've heard this excuse from
social scientists of one stripe or another?

>Dewan makes the point that half a century has passed with little
>research done into the nature of what he calls "extraordinary
>experiences". He sees this as an outcome of a) the
>multidisciplinary nature of the subject and b) the outcome of
>the compartmentalised nature of science. Folklore is both
>multidisciplinary by definition and,

Oh, please. Do you really not know how old and tired this is?
Universities these days have multidisciplinary departments coming
out of their ears. They all make exactly the same claims: the
compartmentalization of academia is holding back the avalanche of
progress, yada yada yada. Except - where is the avalanche of
progress now these antisocial impediments have been swept away?

Multidisciplinary fields also have a well-deserved reputation
for being woolly-minded, vague and lacking in rigor. When people
start meddling in fields they haven't been trained in, they tend
to take things out of context and to pick up bits of theory and
method without having any idea of their correct applications or
limitations. I've seen this happen in two multidisciplinary
fields I have some familiarity with - computational (now
theoretical) neuroscience, and consciousness studies. There has
certainly been some very good work done in these fields - but
there has also been a hell of a lot of meaningless froth. The
key to doing the good work is to realize why there is such a
lot of meaningless froth.

>as it is not an
>"established scientific discipline" per se, its scholars don't
>tend, on the whole, to hold the same traditions of disbelief
>found in more established disciplines like psychology, for
>instance.

So you are less skeptical than psychologists - and this is
supposed to be a good thing?

>While not dealing with "hard science" like physics or chemistry,
>folklore is nevertheless a recognised social science discipline
>represented in universities across the world.

Of course what people recognize is one thing, and what is an
actual matter of fact is something else - the latter state of
affairs being quite independent of the former.

<snip>

>>>Folklore is the study of people's beliefs and traditions, in a
>>>non-judgemental way, combining elements from related but more
>>>established disciplines such as sociology, psychology and
>>anthropology in its methodology.

>>Which I can't say gives me much confidence at all.

>See my comments above.

The point is, how do you know you aren't just codging up a
Frankenstein's monster of academic disciplines which is of no
use to anyone?

>Jerry Clark summed up the folkloric approach to the study
>of anomalous experiences, which I was trying to express,
>another way:

>"Anomalous experiences are 'real' even if their causes remain
>open only to speculation."

>I would suggest that makes folklore scholars far more
>open-minded to the authenticity of anomalous experience
>than psychology, for instance. Again, on this point, Jerry
>and I are in complete agreement.

I think this issue of open-mindedness is a complete shibboleth -
if only because I don't believe people are ever very reliable
judges of their own open-mindedness.

Science doesn't advance because people are open-minded - it
advances because individuals are passionately committed to a
wide variety of contradictory points of view which ultimately
have to be tested against reality.

<snip>

>Equally, the obsession with attracting physical scientists to
>study UFO propulsion systems is a waste of time.

I agree. If there are any UFO propulsion systems to be studied,
people should study them in their spare time.

>Without hard data to subject to testing or replication, physical
>scientists have absolutely no role to play in UFOlogy, despite
>what David Rudiak may claim.

I'm not in a position to agree or disagree with this, because
the supposedly hard data in question - such as radar traces,
photos, landing traces etc - is all stuff I know nothing at all
about and have no competence to evaluate.

>Until such hard evidence is brought to the table, the only data
>we have to collate and classify, and to build hypotheses upon,
>are the stories of the people who report extraordinary
>experiences.

Who says you need to build hypotheses on anything? It doesn't
matter what you build your hypotheses on, what matters is that
you test them. You're talking like an artschool rationalist,
not a scientist.

>Furthermore, elaborate catalogs of lights in the sky and that
>tell us that more people see green lights in the sky on
>Wednesdays than on Mondays won't reveal much either.

I tend to agree, but on the other hand, I have nothing better to
offer. A long shot is better than no shot at all.

>But the study of, again quoting Jerry Clark, "the manner in
>which the claim was related and how it was altered in the
>process of transmission from individual/audience to

>individual/audience" may well be very revealing.

But how are you going to do this? Is it even possible to do this while retaining an agnostic approach to the origin of the phenomenon? I think it just as likely that your new multidisciplinary approach is bringing all sorts of assumptions to the table that you aren't even aware of. We all have assumptions we aren't even aware of. It's only through conflict with alternative points of view - passionate, often ill-tempered conflict - that these assumptions become evident.

I wonder how many assumptions you might be importing from psychology, for example, that you aren't even aware are assumptions. The top-down approach to perception, for instance. Or the idea that the brain contains a narrative-constructing homunculus. Likewise, how much methodological naughtiness have you imported from the social sciences generally - such as the fact that hypotheses and experimental tests of hypotheses are often published by the same person and in the same paper. (Meaning the experimental tests aren't tests at all, but merely replications of the pilot study from which the hypothesis was derived in the first place.)

>This is the
>bread and butter of folklore research and scholarship, which is
>why we both believe it is relevant to the understanding of UFOs
>and other anomalous phenomena. Relevant, but not necessarily
>providing any empirical answers or testable hypotheses - at this
>early stage anyway.

Thank you - you've just confirmed what I asserted at the outset, which is that Folklore is not a scientific discipline because it doesn't generate testable hypotheses. (We'll leave aside the rider about "early stages" - anyone with experience of the social sciences knows how many times this excuse has been used before.)

If the "bread and butter" of Folklore is producing hardly any testable hypotheses - then what on earth is it doing?

Cathy

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>Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 09:29:59 -0400
>Subject: Re: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET Origin

>>From: Eustaquio Andrea Patounas <socex.ufobras.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 14:04:59 -0300
>>Subject: Chinese Astronomer Claims Some UFOs Of ET Origin

>>A veteran Chinese planetary astronomer has announced his
>>conclusion that some UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin.

>>During his August 23 speech in Guangzhou, Sichao stated that
>>UFOs have been observed by astronomers traveling as fast as 80
>>percent of the speed of light at distances of between 150 and
>>1,500 km from Earth.

>Hello List,

>I'd like to offer some speculative thoughts based on this news
>report:

>Without accepting on faith the factual nature of the Roswell
>stories, as I do not think the current collection of witness
>testimony accounts as a smoking gun (but I do thank those such
>as Stan Friedman who engaged in the hard work of FOIA requests
>and testimony collection), it occurs to me that were it the case
>- that it actually happened - the summer of 1952 UFO flap over
>Washington DC and the Presidential White House may have been a
>response by ET to the US government having kept the wreckage and
>perhaps a prisoner from the craft.

>Assuming that was true, it would likely have been an
>incredibly stupid move on the part of the Truman Administration.
>That might explain the many repeated stories of UFO overflights
>above many nuclear military installations: intimidation. Warning
>human governments that they act with impunity in "our" skies.

>However, I quote Professor Wang's statement about recording a
>ship traveling at 80% the speed of light for a reason. For the
>time between Roswell and the '52 flap was about five years. The
>distance from the nearest star to Sol, Alpha Centauri, is about
>4.3 light years. 80% light speed would take a bit more than five
>years observer time one way. Due to time dilation effects the
>occupants might experience some number of weeks or months of
>travel time.

>
>Assuming Einstein is right, and there is no faster than light
>(FTL) travel and assuming the '52 flap was a response to
>Roswell, the time difference between Roswell and the '52 flap at
>80% light speed should give a calculable distance shell around
>our sun showing the furthest round trip distance that could
>have been traveled. And that distance is not to any nearby
>star. Meaning that five years is not long enough to travel to
>even Alpha Centauri and back to decide upon and organize a
>response like the '52 UFO flap. This means they may have a base
>somewhere nearby.

>Further, assuming FTL communication is impossible as well (which
>is probably a good assumption), they could not have communicated
>with any nearby star as their homeworld due to the same limits
>of lightspeed. That implies a hierarchical command center
>whereby local commanders have the authority to act on their own.

>Any thoughts in reply?

Ben Rich, the "Father of the Stealth Fighter-Bomber" and former head of Lockheed Skunk Works: Extraterrestrial UFO Visitors Are Real And U.S. Military Travel To Stars.

<http://tinyurl.com/3yqr7xe>

NUGGET TWO: "We already have the means to travel among the stars, but these technologies are locked up in black projects, and it would take an act of God to ever get them out to benefit humanity. Anything you can imagine, we already know how to do."

NUGGET THREE: "We now have the technology to take ET home. No, it won't take someone's lifetime to do it. There is an error in the equations. We know what it is. We now have the capability to travel to the stars. First, you have to understand that we will not get to the stars using chemical propulsion. Second, we have to devise a new propulsion technology. What we have to do is find out where Einstein went wrong."

NUGGET FOUR: When Rich was asked how UFO propulsion worked, he said, "Let me ask you. How does ESP work?" The questioner responded with, "All points in time and space are connected?" Rich then said, "That's how it works!"

Bert (A W RvB)

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>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Sun, 05 Sep 2010 17:00:01 -0600
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>>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2010 10:54:36 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Folklore And Ufology

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>>Without hard data to subject to testing or replication, physical
>>scientists have absolutely no role to play in UFology, despite
>>what David Rudiak may claim.

>I was able to accommodate your previous notion that folklore
>studies are an appropriate venue for examination of (at least
>some aspects of) the UFO phenomenon, but with this I'm afraid
>you're veering off into the ditch.

>Even the most superficial UFO report contains some data,
>otherwise it wouldn't constitute a report at all. "The object
>flashed red", "the object passed in front of Mt. Rainier", "the
>object was as large as the full moon", etc., all constitute data,
>of greater or lesser utility. On rare occasions there are 'hard'
>data, such as radar returns, photographs, and physical
>traces/effects. Scientists can use these data to obtain clues as
>to what may or may not have been observed, i.e., they can put
>rigorous constraints on size and/or distance, can assess whether
>the phenomenon is inside or outside the envelope of human
>technology, can rule out or implicate various naturally-occurring
>causes, and can discover inconsistencies that expose fraud.

>Since you're expounding on who has a role to play or not, I'd be
>interested in hearing what folklorists bring to the table in such
>circumstances. Perhaps to draw parallels with some medieval
>storytelling tradition, or legends of supernatural beings from
>the underworld, with citations from Huffard and Dewan? Can we
>anticipate anything like an objective result that has practical
>consequences or implications?

>I don't begrudge your field of study or your application of
>it to the topic, but it is simply ridiculous to dismiss the role
>of the physical sciences in the investigation of UFOs, unless you
>have established that they have no physical basis. Absent the
>latter, whatever cultural correspondences may be found between
>the UFO phenomenon and poltergeists, fairies, etc., while no
>doubt interesting, are, in my opinion, secondary to investigation
>of the phenomenon itself.

>Ancient cultures often wove grand spiritual narratives around,
>and attached supernatural meanings to, various events that were
>ultimately identified with objective, physical processes (e.g.,
>comets, eclipses, supernovae, etc). How many of these now-prosaic
>mechanisms were elucidated through "the study of the traditional
>beliefs and stories of people", rather than through the physical
>sciences?

Mike, you are right on. The notion that without hard data (not defined) physical scientists have no role to play, is absurd. Science consists of far more than replicable controllable experiments. Think eclipses and earthquakes, solar storms. The scientist in these cases cannot replicate because he cannot control. He can observe, collect and review data. Radar systems such as in the JAL case certainly gave data appropriate for a physical scientist as do photographs as do measurements of soil at physical trace cases, etc. Meteorites have been found on the ground because of eyeball observations of fast moving objects in the sky. The reason most cases can be identified is because witnesses are reasonably accurate. Should we throw out these, too, because of an absence of 'hard' data?

There are also many hypotheses that can be generated and tested. Blue Book Special Report 14 provided much data, for example, showing that the better the quality of a case the more likely to be unexplainable. Carl Sagan said there were no unexplainable and high quality cases. No data was cited. The facts indicate the better the reliability the more likely to be unexplainable.

Cross comparison via chi square analyses showed, based on 6 different observable characteristics, that the probability that the UNKNOWNs were just "missed" knows was less than 1%. I see no role here for folklorists in reviewing the data. I should note that Blue Book Special Report 14 isn't referenced in Dr. Clarke's book. I can see why. Data not suitable for folkloric investigation. The report was prepared by Battelle Memorial Institute which is loaded with physical scientists.. as was the Foreign Technology Div. of the USAF for which it was prepared. It is of course discussed in my Flying Saucers And Science.

Stan Friedman

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Phil Plait - writing in 'Bad Astronomy' - is either singularly ill-informed or actively deceiving his readers.

Public domain reports show that professional astronomers made many reports of Unidentified Flying Objects, both in Earth's atmosphere and further afield.

See www.perceptions.couk.com/fortrel883.html

Mind you - most reports stopped afterr about 1950'ish. Wonder why?

Cheers

Ray D

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Hello William and Dave

Sorry to say I've gotten past those expectations - based on the
experiences of people 'under the heel' around the world.

Here's an earlier quote, of mine:

>4) The best we could expect is intended non-interference - We may
>be living in a reservation, ghetto, or off-limits area.

>5) From our own experience we could expect only: exploitative or
>meddling officials, careless patronizing tourists, murderous
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>Armed with 'magic' technology.

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Mon Sep 6, 2010

The seeming infinity of stars we see in deep exposures of the Milky Way belies the fact that our galaxy has been dead silent when it comes to detecting a radio or optical signal saying "hello" from any neighboring extraterrestrial civilization.

Maybe extraterrestrials are out there but they might not have gone to the effort and expense of building a powerful radio beam and aiming it at us. This may not be in their annual science budget. Or they simply may not want to make their presence known to the universe, as astrophysicist Stephen Hawking recently warned us not to do.

Therefore the idea of eavesdropping on the normal telecommunications of a civilization has always been compelling because it doesn't require that aliens do anything special for our sake.

Any civilization within a few dozen light-years of Earth -- having comparable technological capabilities -- could be detecting our artificially produced electromagnetic radiation right now. The major component would be from the radar of our defense systems, which pours out 2 billion watts in all directions.

Nearly 40 years ago SETI astronomers were thinking big, really big about how to do this kind of search. A design study at Stanford University in the summer of 1971 looked at the feasibility of deploying a vast array of steerable radio dishes in an attempt to listen in on the radio transmissions leaking off into space from the day-to-day telecommunications of extraterrestrial civilizations.

The scientists and engineers envisioned a vast "orchard" of one thousand 100-meter antennas covering a total area some 10 kilometers across (pictured top). They gave it a cinematic name: "Project Cyclops." But the "big cinema" \$10 billion price tag scared away NASA. More modest SETI eavesdropping experiments took place in the subsequent decades.

Fast-forward to the near future. The planned monstrous \$1 billion Square Kilometer Array of 1,000 radio antennas would be powerful enough to pick-up on telecommunications signals leaking off a civilization's home planet 300 light-years from us.

But the dilemma is that our world is already growing fainter and harder to detect by extraterrestrials. We are rapidly moving into digital communications, cable and fiber optic transmission. Within 100 years Earth will be "radio quiet," save for defense radars.

Any nearby extraterrestrials would have to get extremely lucky to be able to find us in such a comparatively short window of time.

This dilemma has been revisited in a recent paper by Duncan Forgan of the University of Edinburgh and Robert Nichol of the Institute of Cosmology and Gravitation, Portsmouth, UK. They conclude the chances of a SETI eavesdropping strategy being successful are one in ten million! You'd have better luck winning a fortune with a lottery ticket.

Because the number of variables and uncertainties in estimating the abundance of extraterrestrial civilizations is so huge, the researchers ran a string of Monte Carlo simulations. These simulations generated a catalog of hypothetical planets that were home to civilizations that developed at various times and locations in the galaxy.

In one set of simulations the team imagined a civilization that puts out detectable radio signals for the duration of its existence. This is as unlikely as us still using horse-drawn trolleys for mass transit today. The simulation results, not surprisingly, were optimistic.

The second, and far more realistic, set of simulations assumed that a civilization leaks radiation into space for only about 100 years. The chances for success plummeted. Even if a dedicated Cyclops-array ran for 10 years nonstop, odds were reduced to one in ten thousand.

Targeted Signals Only

The big conclusion here is that for SETI success, someone has to be targeting us with radio or optical transmissions. Or, an even more exotic medium we have not even realized: neutrino particles?

We now have the privately funded Allen Telescope Array (ATA) that is operating and expanding to a total size of 350 commercial TV-satellite sized antennas. SETI astronomers are using the Allen Array to look for targeted signals from 250,000 stars (including stars with known exoplanets).

The dilemma is that the aliens first have to suspect intelligent life is here on Earth. This would most likely be attempted with astronomical observations that would lead an extraterrestrial civilization to conclude that Earth is habitable and old enough for advanced forms of life to evolve.

Those civilizations lying along the ecliptic plane would see Earth transiting the Sun and be able to do spectroscopic studies of our atmosphere. We are planning to attempt just such observations with NASA's upcoming Webb Space Telescope and much larger envisioned optical space observatories.

Alien civilizations located at stars along the ecliptic plane might be aiming SETI beam at us right now, as veteran SETI astronomer Seth Shostak and I proposed in a paper in 2002. We've teamed up with other astronomers -- who independently came to the same conclusion -- to do an ecliptic search with the ATA.

It seems that the only indirect way to remotely observe evidence of intelligent life would be to see some sort of immense astroengineering project, such as a Dyson sphere around a star. And, the odds of coming across such a super-civilization within just a few hundred light-years are probably astronomically unlikely.

So today we remain in a cosmic isolation and loneliness, like a prisoner in a cell waiting to hear a tap on the wall.

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Hi, William, Ray, & List,

The last paragraph above reminds me of Dr. James Deardorff's
"leaky embargo" hypothesis, which suggests a gradual exposure
over time and in varying ways to the possibility of actual
"aliens" or other non-human intelligence being present within
our earthly domain, as a means of slow acclimatization, perhaps
gauged to our cultural and individual beliefs and limitations.

This theory seems much more likely as a realistic hypothesis
than any kind of Star Trekkian "prime imperative" of strict non-
interference, and given the post-WW II history of the UFO
phenomenon, it seems fairly likely that some kind of unknown
"presence" has made itself known at times, if you consider the
best UFO cases on record. A fascinating aspect of this possible
presence is the ever-changing, evolving, and polymorphic kinds
of incidents recorded over time.

What concerns me more than the evidence for some kind of advanced non-human intelligence, if such is actually genuine, is what might be the purpose or intent behind this presence and the potential effects and influence on human consciousness, our future, and evolutionary prospects, as the phenomenon much more often than not displays itself in usually subtle, plausibly deniable, and covert or deceptive ways. I can think of many different reasons why that may be, and how it may be intended to be minimally disruptive to humanity while still allowing this presence to make itself known in elusive, not directly threatening ways, but I can't help but be concerned about what "they" might actually be doing here, why, and the related potential impact on humanity, if in fact it is some other form of non-human intelligence or consciousness we are actually being confronted and challenged by.

If so, the famous quote by Charles Fort occurs to me:

"The Earth is a farm. We are someone else's property."

Not a very comforting thought, if in any way true.

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A small but important misinterpretation, Dave, of what I wrote.
I did not say the parent was walking the child into the water. I
meant the child would independently choose to deal with the cold
water when he thinks he sees someone already enjoying the water
farther out. So he takes a chance on his own to expand his world
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But the flashing of the shiny craft does not force anyone to deal with what it is, especially when the level of ambiguity is high enough. Rather, because we are curious creatures by nature, it may motivate us to think about our world view. If we then decide to alter it, the choice is ours and our free will is not violated. That, to me, is the essence of the prime directive.

I guess this scenario makes the assumption that someone out there is trying to herd us in a certain direction for some reason. Where they want us to go seems to require that the choice be ours. That is, we need to want to go there, else we will never arrive. So the ambiguity knob is adjusted now and then to keep the percentage of the population that is indecisive at a certain level.

William

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He has been informed before and follows Rule No. 1 for
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Drs. McDonald, Hynek and Sturrock all noted sightings by
astronomers. The last 2 are astronomers.

He is not interested in the truth.

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Re: Prime Directive

From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2010 10:47:06 +0200
Archived: Tue, 07 Sep 2010 08:06:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Prime Directive

>From: Dave Haith<visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates<post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2010 16:11:33 +0100
>Subject: Re: Prime Directive

>Non-interference as per this fictional prime directive would be
>for our folkloric visitors to stop flashing their shiny craft in
>our skies and keep the hell out of here - letting us mature into
>a civilised society or wipe ourselves out.

Hi,

As far as I understood it only political, economical and scientific interference is prohibited by the prime directive, not showing up or visitation.

But it seems to me that there is no prime directive in our universe because we are all and constantly linked with everything on sub-atomic levels. This is a universe of communication and watching and not of separation.

Joachim

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Re: Folklore And Ufology

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2010 12:37:05 +0100
Archived: Tue, 07 Sep 2010 08:07:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Folklore And Ufology

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2010 08:32:42 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Folklore And Ufology

>Science consists of far more than replicable controllable
>experiments. Think eclipses and earthquakes, solar storms.

Of course these things aren't controllable or replicable. But
their understanding depends on the study of things which are.

Cathy

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Martyn Stubbs Speaks Out

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2010 13:08:03 +0100
Archived: Tue, 07 Sep 2010 10:30:09 -0400
Subject: Martyn Stubbs Speaks Out

Hello List

Finally re-found a video copy of 'The Secret NASA Transmissions - Part 2', where Martyn is released from his promises of confidentiality (to various scientist and astro-folk).

It should be at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#yu-th

It contains a lot of interesting background to that "Smoking Gun" video, which apparently upset folk, not least many 'traditional' ufologists. Like it says, personally liked Martyn's challenge to NASA's fake 'debunker' - J. Oberg.

Don't know how long it will be there - maybe get it while you can.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Prime Directive

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2010 10:00:54 -0400
Archived: Tue, 07 Sep 2010 10:45:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Prime Directive

>From: Steve Sawyer<stevesaw.nul>
>To:<post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 6 Sep 2010 13:35:38 -0700
>Subject: Re: Prime Directive

>>From: William Treurniet<wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 06 Sep 2010 10:40:52 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Prime Directive

>>>From: Ray Dickenson<r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To:<post.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 5 Sep 2010 22:42:15 +0100
>>>Subject: Prime Directive [was: Re: Bentwaters& 'Secret' Documents]

>>>>From: William Treurniet<wtreurniet.nul>
>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>Date: Sat, 04 Sep 2010 13:12:31 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Bentwaters& 'Secret' Documents - Hastings Vs Clarke

>>>><snip>

>>>>Let's assume for the moment there is the equivalent of a
>>>>Starship Enterprise out there, and cloaked monitoring stations
>>>>scattered around the earth.

>>>>The prime directive of non-interference rules, otherwise we
>>>>don't have free will. So we are allowed to experience just
>>>>enough of this spectrum of phenomena to maintain the right level
>>>>of ambiguity. It's up to each individual to work it all out.

>>>>That's a thought William. After all, in the most efficient (and
>>>>'humane') zoos, the animals won't realize they're caged.

>>>>That suggests that some or all of us will eventually wake up to
>>>>the realization that we are caged. This would be a definite
>>>>violation of the prime directive, given this scenario exists.

>>>>I was thinking the situation may be more like slowly wading into
>>>>cold water at the beach versus being thrown into the water by a
>>>>parent who doesn't have the patience to wait for you to adapt to
>>>>the new situation at your own rate. The ambiguities let us each
>>>>find our own comfort zone regarding what we believe. A sky
>>>>filled with spacecraft would be like being tossed into the cold
>>>>water - not something everyone is ready for.

>Hi, William, Ray,& List,

>The last paragraph above reminds me of Dr. James Deardorff's
>"leaky embargo" hypothesis, which suggests a gradual exposure
>over time and in varying ways to the possibility of actual
>"aliens" or other non-human intelligence being present within
>our earthly domain, as a means of slow acclimatization, perhaps
>gauged to our cultural and individual beliefs and limitations.

>This theory seems much more likely as a realistic hypothesis
>than any kind of Star Trekkian "prime imperative" of strict non-
>interference, and given the post-WW II history of the UFO
>phenomenon, it seems fairly likely that some kind of unknown

>"presence" has made itself known at times, if you consider the
>best UFO cases on record. A fascinating aspect of this possible
>presence is the ever-changing, evolving, and polymorphic kinds
>of incidents recorded over time.

Thanks for bringing this up, Steve. The "leaky embargo"
hypothesis is similar to what I was trying to express. However,
the word "embargo" has certain implications. It suggests the
prevention of humanity against its will from following a course
of action. That's only one possible motive. Another more hopeful
one could be to alter the direction our society is taking in
order to avoid predicted negative outcomes. Why choose the down
side when it is not yet forced upon us?

>What concerns me more than the evidence for some kind of
>advanced non-human intelligence, if such is actually genuine, is
>what might be the purpose or intent behind this presence and the
>potential effects and influence on human consciousness, our
>future, and evolutionary prospects, as the phenomenon much more
>often than not displays itself in usually subtle, plausibly
>deniable, and covert or deceptive ways. I can think of many
>different reasons why that may be, and how it may be intended to
>be minimally disruptive to humanity while still allowing this
>presence to make itself known in elusive, not directly threat-
>ening ways, but I can't help but be concerned about what "they"
>might actually be doing here, why, and the related potential
>impact on humanity, if in fact it is some other form of non-
>human intelligence or consciousness we are actually being
>confronted and challenged by.

>If so, the famous quote by Charles Fort occurs to me:

>"The Earth is a farm. We are someone else's property."

>Not a very comforting thought, if in any way true.

The questions raised about motive are likely shared by many of
us. But to give credence to the Fort quote is an as yet
unnecessary negative way of thinking. Until we know more about
what's going on, it's probably healthier for us to give positive
motivations equal or greater weight.

William

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Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

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Skeptic Misses Point Behind UFO Book
Solid sightings cited in 'UFOs'; serious investigation needed

By Leslie Kean

When I wrote my book about officially documented UFO reports, I fully expected the skeptics to react. That's why I was careful to focus only on the very best evidence from the most credible sources in "UFOs: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go on the Record". Since 95 percent of all sightings are eventually identified, the book is concerned only with the remaining 5 percent - those UFO events that have been thoroughly investigated, involve multiple witnesses and ample data, but still cannot be explained.

That didn't stop James Oberg, a space analyst for NBC News, from complaining that the book was based on a "questionable foundation". In the biographical note appended to his commentary, he notes that he spent 22 years at NASA's Mission Control and has written books about space policy and exploration. But he neglects to inform readers of something UFO researchers already know all too well: that he is a founding fellow of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI, formerly CSICOP), a group whose aim is to debunk UFOs and any other unexplained phenomena that challenge our familiar ways of thinking.

For many years, Oberg, while retaining his stance as an objective student of the UFO phenomenon, has been a consistently vocal skeptic. His long list of articles dealing with UFOs date from the 1970s and are posted on his website under the heading "space folklore", which accurately sums up his attitude towards the subject. He may be qualified to serve as an unbiased, expert consultant on Russian or Chinese missile systems, but not on UFOs. His objection to my many varied cases has to do with his notion that pilots are poor observers. To buttress this idea, he quotes J. Allen Hynek referring to questionable statistics compiled in the 1960s by Project Blue Book. He also cites Russian researchers describing two events in 1982 when pilot sightings were accurately identified as "military balloons" after the fact.

This is not surprising, since the vast majority of sightings can be explained, and this kind of identification is made all the time. However, such solved sightings - whether made by pilots or anyone else - have absolutely nothing to do with the cases presented in my book. I wonder if Oberg gave "UFOs" a careful read. He spent many paragraphs quoting me concerning a report on aviation cases by French researcher Dominique Weinstein. The problem is, those are not my quotes. The chapter from which he extracted them was written by Jean-Jacques Velasco, head of the French government's UFO agency for over 20 years, as is obvious

in his byline and narrative about French research.

Oberg gleefully proclaims that I have "faithfully vouched for" the cases in Weinstein's list, but actually, I have respectfully allowed Velasco to write his own chapter. (About half the chapters in my book were written by highly credentialed authorities and expert witnesses.) If Oberg wants to discuss the Weinstein study, he'll have to contact Velasco.

Oberg's fixation on the question of the reliability of pilots as witnesses is not raised by the Generals and aviation experts I have interviewed - officials who have studied pilot cases and interviewed pilot witnesses for decades. As described in "UFOs", French Air Force Maj. Gen. Denis Letty initiated an extensive study of UFO data because competent pilots he knew personally were confronted by the phenomenon. Chilean Gen. Ricardo Bermudez was instrumental in the founding of his country's official UFO investigative agency in 1997 because of inexplicable sightings involving pilots.

Richard Haines, who has written more than 70 papers in leading scientific journals and published more than 25 U.S. government reports for NASA, was formerly chief of the space agency's Space Human Factors Office and served for 21 years as a retired senior aerospace scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center. Having studied pilot sightings and related aviation safety issues for more than 30 years, and having personally interviewed hundreds of pilots during that time, Haines has concluded that pilots are indeed excellent witnesses, given their thorough training, expertise and hours of flying time.

Haines is now chief scientist for the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena. Sadly, most pilots never report their sightings, as he points out in "UFOs".

Most importantly, the aerial cases documented in "UFOs" - and many more on the record elsewhere - involve multiple factors such as:

- . Sightings of long duration, allowing for accurate voice transmissions and the refinement of the initial identification.

- . Multiple witnesses - co-pilot, crew, passengers, other aircraft in different locations, and occasionally observers from the ground.

- . Onboard radar and ground radar recording the presence of a physical object, often corresponding exactly to the visual sighting.

- . Direct physical effects on the aircraft, such as equipment malfunction.

As an example, Brig. Gen. Jose Periera of Brazil, commander of air force operations until 2005, reports on an "array of UFOs" observed over his country in 1986. Two pilots chased one of the objects for 30 minutes. Numerous other pilots saw the objects. Radar recorded them. Six jets were scrambled from two Brazilian air force bases to pursue them. Some of the pilots made visual contact corresponding to radar registrations. Both military and commercial pilots were involved. Onboard as well as ground radar systems confirmed the presence of the objects.

"We have the correlation of independent readings from different sources," Periera writes. "These data have nothing to do with human eyes. When, along with the radar, a pilot's pair of eyes sees that same thing, and then another pilot's, and so on, the incident has real credibility and stands on a solid foundation."

In 2007, airline captain Ray Bowyer saw two gigantic, bright yellow objects suspended over the English Channel, which he observed carefully for 15 minutes. His passengers saw them, another pilot on a second aircraft was also a witness, and an object was registered on radar. In 1986, three Japan Airlines pilots watched a series of UFOs for 30 minutes, communicating with air traffic control while radar operators picked up the objects in corresponding locations.

I could go on with many more examples, presented in detail in the book. Oberg says pilots may misinterpret visual phenomena when forced to make a split-second diagnosis before taking

immediate action - very rare cases, I would assume - and no one would disagree with that. But, just as was the case with the solved Russian sightings I discussed earlier, this is entirely beside the point with respect to my book, because the cases presented do not involve such a scenario.

In addition, "UFOs: General, Pilots and Government Officials Go on the Record" presents many other cases that do not involve pilots at all - but often military personnel and police officers - including:

. The famous 1980 incident near RAF Bentwaters in Britain, involving the landing of a UFO and objects sending beams of light to the ground.

. The 1981 "Trans-en-Provence" landing case in France, investigated by the official French agency GEPAN. . Belgian Maj. Gen. Wilfried De Brouwer's report on the wave of sightings in Belgium in 1989-90, which includes a spectacular photograph.

. The 1993 "Cosford Incident" involving a UFO over two Air Force bases in Britain, investigated by the Ministry of Defense.

. The 1997 Phoenix Lights incident that former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington described.

These are just a few of a host of cases with abundant data that don't rely on pilot observations - and which are still unsolved. It's the aggregate of cases, the accumulation of evidence and the long-running but unsuccessful attempts of qualified experts to resolve them that establishes the reality of a yet-unexplained physical phenomenon with extraordinary capabilities. Oberg says that "if investigators are unable to find the explanation for a particular UFO case, that doesn't constitute proof that the case is unexplainable". Fair enough. Perhaps there is some prosaic explanation still to be discovered. There's always that possibility, no matter how small. But we remain in a state of ignorance concerning UFOs, leaving us with the conclusion presented in the book: We need a systematic, scientific investigation of the skies that actively looks for these mysterious and elusive objects. In the meantime, all I ask is that devout skeptics like Oberg read the entire book before raising objections that actually have no bearing on the matter at hand.

Investigative journalist Leslie Kean is the author of the New York Times bestseller "UFOs: General, Pilots and Government Officials Go on the Record" (Harmony/Crown). Her work has appeared in many publications including The Nation, International Herald Tribune and the Boston Globe. She is also the co-author of "Burma's Revolution of the Spirit" and co-founder of the Coalition for Freedom of Information.

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Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

From: **Alejandro R** <alejandro.nul>
Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2010 02:15:54 +0000
Archived: Wed, 08 Sep 2010 07:18:30 -0400
Subject: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

Unfortunately today I am the bearer of sad news...

UFO research pioneer, Lt. Col. (USAF Ret.) Wendelle Stevens passed today at 4:44 pm in his home in Tucson, Arizona of respiratory failure. He was 87.

He was in our offices about 10 days ago, he would visit often. He had been in a wheel chair and on oxygen, but his mind was definitely very much there. We thought he had more time.

<http://www.openminds.tv/wendelle-stevens-passes-214/>

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Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

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>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2010 18:52:06 +0200
>Subject: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

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>yellow objects suspended over the English Channel, which he
>observed carefully for 15 minutes. His passengers saw them,
>another pilot on a second aircraft was also a witness, and an
>object was registered on radar.

I'm sure that Martin Shough will wish to comment on that.

>. The famous 1980 incident near RAF Bentwaters in Britain,
>involving the landing of a UFO and objects sending beams of
>light to the ground.

This is a pretty dangerous case to rely on, given the various
altered accounts of events.

<snip>

>The 1993 "Cosford Incident" involving a UFO over two Air Force
>bases in Britain, investigated by the Ministry of Defense.

This is possibly the most disappointing comment in her defence.
I pointed out to her a long time ago that the bulk of reports
associated with this 'case' were related to a re-entry. It is
the inclusion of contaminated data such as this (and the
'Weinstein list', which also lists this and other explained
cases) which makes ufology such an easy target.

Joe

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Re: The Forgotten Man Of Roswell? - Correction

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>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 18:31:25 +0100
>Subject: The Forgotten Man Of Roswell? - Correction

>>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Aug 2010 21:11:36 +0100
>>Subject: The Forgotten Man Of Roswell? - Correction

>>>I find this story all over the web but the report itself
>>>suggests that Ralph Multer has never been mentioned in a book.

>>>Can this be true?

>>>I searched the UpDates archives but found no match for Multer.

>>>May I ask the Roswell experts on this List - is this just a tall
>>>story or does it have any substance?

>>Sorry List - I somehow got the wrong 'tiny' link. Now the right
>>one!

>><http://tiny.cc/squj7>

>Did anyone have any thoughts on this?

>Nobody responded - although I know Don Ledger tried to look
>before I posted the correct link.

Hi, Dave & List,

Kevin Randle just posted today on his blog a short article about
Ralph Multer, at:

<http://tinyurl.com/293df8s>

Randle's article is fairly short, and from a skeptical point of
view, but I think I agree with his viewpoint that the story does
not make much sense, and is unlikely to be true for various
pragmatic and security-related reasons.

Steve

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Re: Molecular Engineering, The Singularity And...

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Archived: Wed, 08 Sep 2010 07:57:21 -0400
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 00:23:28 -0400
>Subject: Molecular Engineering, The Singularity And...

>On Molecular Engineering, The Singularity And General Stages Of
>Societal Development

Continuation:

On The Technological Singularity, Transhumanism, And
Speculations On The Organization Of Possible Alien Intelligence

The prior post brought forth ideas on the potential of molecular nanotechnology to use all elements in the periodic table to form arbitrary chemical bonds in the manufacture of complex macro-scale objects; material goods. The notion of a Universal Molecular Assembler - or, an atomic-scale robot - was offered, originally conceived of by Dr. K. Eric Drexler, that could replicate itself to form three dimensional scaffolding within a vat of raw matter, make use of that available matter by these arrays of molecular assemblers, thus filling out its scaffolding like bricklayers might lay a house. Only instead of only working with bricks, molecular assemblers, working with the most base unit of matter - atoms - could build just about anything that conforms to the known laws of physics (and to any unknown laws of physics). Such technology would not be magic fairy pixie dust; it could not do the impossible such as run on free energy, only the vastly unexpected (by us) yet physically possible. However, what might happen when such technology is applied not just to manufacturing goods but to changing the nature of one's own biological form and functionality?

Perusing various UFO and alien lore and mythology web sites, one is confronted by numerous witnesses who claim to having seen various alien life forms, all of which visit earth using highly sophisticated technological machinery. The presumption is that, like on Earth, evolved biological life forms elsewhere have built up a great technological society, used this technology to craft vacuum sealed tin-bucket space ships, and then left their home world for the great beyond. Many depictions of these aliens range from outgrowths of Earth like creatures, such as intelligent Reptilians. They are all bilateral in form and almost all bipedal, such as the well known "Greys". Some claimants even go so far as to say they have met a type of space faring human being, the so-called Nordics, who came from a place that presumably evolved mammalian form, ape form, and then an exact replica of human form on some distant planet. I am highly skeptical of such claims. There are many reasons to be skeptical of the mythology surrounding popularized alien biological forms: It would be highly unlikely for evolution to derive similar bilateral and bipedal forms regularly across many alternate environments; bipedalism, never mind all evolved biological forms, would likely be a poor design choice for the environment of space (random evolution would select against these morphological forms in space, given enough time); and, from a more speculative standpoint, a space faring society capable of interstellar travel, also capable of molecular engineering,

would have the capacity not just to change their environment to suit their needs (a core human trait), but also the capacity to change themselves at the molecular level to fit their environment.

Drexler's original image of the Universal Molecular Assembler was that of a box made of as few atoms as possible. It contained a power connect, a computing element with some memory storage, and finally a robot arm with a gripper emanating outward in order to manipulate other nearby atoms to connect them together, thus forming chemical bonds. From this basic assembler unit he envisioned self-replication of assemblers by assemblers. With exponential growth of one unit making two, making four, making eight, and so on, this would allow for the creation of arrays of assemblers, first lined up like transistors on a two dimensional chip, then as three dimensional scaffolding of assemblers built out like the steel structure of a building. Assemblers are thus able to build additional assemblers, just like a cell divides itself to form new additional cells. And, like biological organisms, form follows underlying functionality. =46rom this perspective, the individual assembler is a mechanical analogue to biological molecular assemblers: Cells. The question then becomes, what happens when a general purpose molecular assembler, like as envisioned by Drexler, replaces its biological counterpart? The so-called "Transhumanist" movement explores some of these ideas.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transhumanism>

To understand Transhumanist thinking, one might begin with a person like Aubrey De Grey, who is feverishly attempting to learn how to modify human biology in order to end aging related death as people know it. He argues that one day soon it will be possible to modify human biological systems at the molecular level such that aging is reversed, bodies are restored, and thus death might come only by severe accident - not due to the inexorable claim of time over a lifespan. To succeed, this might require modifying the human body in ways that many bio-ethicists find difficult to accept. And many religious persons, already bothered by just the stem cell debate, would find such ideas much too close with "Playing God." But he is convinced that the body is a mechanism, bound by universal physical laws and not the laws of God, and that as such it can and should be modified with better functionality; in this case, with longer - perhaps even indefinite - life. The question for skeptics to ask is: how is he wrong? For those who believe that such technology is impossible must reconcile whether their views are held together by age old tenants of philosophy, such as Dualism, long since surpassed by the Enlightenment, or if the arguments are strictly technical in nature. If they are Dualist arguments, there is no debate since current science eschews Dualism as an unverifiable anachronism. If the arguments are technical in nature, then the problem is one of building the right technology to get the job done. For, if one buys the Stewart Kauffman view that life is an array of molecular systems that convert ambient energy to the task of thwarting entropy, then the systems are ultimately mechanistic in nature, and thus prone to engineering.

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

However, as radical as that might seem, there are others who envision stepping completely outside the constraints of Earthly biology. They envision creating huge computers built at the molecular scale, containing vast artificial intelligences patterned out of their own minds. That is, to analyze their own brains and bodies at the molecular level, tease out from this a mechanistic model of all potential inputs, outputs and the computational elements in between, in order to convert the mechanism from its original biological substrate to something formed of a different complex of atoms (a different mechanism). They would then live on "within the computer" forever so to speak; real ghosts in real machines. In this sense, these Transhumanists argue for moving beyond biological systems and random evolution toward a self-directed approach whereby all possible forms of chemically bound matter might be used within a functioning biomechanical morphology. Such systems may resemble a fixed and localized "computer brain", or they might be entirely different in scope with entirely new types of cells and cell organization to facilitate survival in varying environments.

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

These ideas have been formed before the human Technological Singularity, in preparation for what these people think might come. Yet, while speculative, from this perspective, if these potential consequences are faced by humanity within only a few generations of our time, what might an alien species become after eons of having already passed through such an event? I want to offer just a simple thought experiment depicting how of how vastly different from their biological origins a technological organism and its society might become after transitioning past a Singularity event. From this perspective, I'd ask list readers to reconsider what stories about bipedal aliens, the "little people", might really mean.

To understand the possible, it's instructive to consider the constraints Earth based biological systems face due to their evolutionary baggage. One might begin by conceiving of a three dimensional Cartesian coordinate system whereby in each cubic grid point an individual atom might be contained. Then, step out from this coordinate system several orders of magnitude such that a biological cell, operating as a collection of atoms, functions as a purposeful unit to manipulate other nearby atoms and self-replicate. A cell has a defined inside and outside, as separated by its cell wall. In multicellular organisms it is bound to nearby cells, a mechanism formed in three dimensions. Some cells specialize to handle specific tasks, such as muscle, kidney, heart, and brain tissue, others remain undifferentiated as templates to repair old broken down tissue. By this complex system an organism is able to perceive its world, maintain homeostasis, and ultimately reproduce. However, what would such a system look like assuming cells were replaced by nanotechnology? Imagine a Drexlerian Universal Molecular Assembler used to build a new cellular system composed of an amalgam of atoms that perhaps looks like a virus sized mite. Just as how our current 'wiggling bag of chemicals' approach to cellular machinery functions as a purposeful unit, this system would have the capacity to manipulate atoms such that it could build copies of itself too. However, it could also do much more.

If an atom is a base unit of all matter, perhaps one billion atoms might be enough in volume to contain this new molecular cell that resembles a mite. However, if a one billion atoms is enough to contain a this new cell, perhaps one billion assemblers is enough to contain a small organism on the scale of a gnat or a fly. The actual number of atoms per assembler, or assemblers per organism is not relevant - all that matters is the perception of scale within this atomic sized Cartesian coordinate system. This scale continues on up, for if one considers a hive society like ants, there might exist for them three levels of organization: The cell, the individual ant, and the entire collective, all operating toward a unified goal. The question then becomes, how many levels of organization is possible once one sheds an evolved biological substrate? Could this new system redesign itself atom by atom to shift from one environment to the next? For example, if the 'bag of chemicals in water' approach is good for life around the so-called 'habitable zone' of a star, might another chemistry be good in liquid methane as a solvent? What about open space? Is there a chemistry that might allow for an organism to survive in open space? If so, one assumes Earth evolved biology could not handle that task. To transition to that environment would require not modifying cells, but transitioning to an entirely new kind of cell.

And suppose a creature did just that. What new options might it have available to it that constrain our biological form and function? One consideration for change might be inter-cellular communication; in other words, how biological cells talk to one another. Typically, they take as input a chemical messenger which has a three dimensional shape that uniquely identifies its communicative meaning. This messenger attaches to a receptor, often at the cell wall, which then communicates to the interior cellular machinery some instructions for what the cell must do next. That might involve activating a series of genes, which then responds by directing cellular machinery to molecularly build proteins that might very well also be released to other nearby cells, representing further "messages". While some messages diffuse throughout the body, like hormones, many messages exist only to inform local collections of cells about the state of nearby neighbors. In this way, one can view local

cell interactions as a cascade of chemical communications, often at the local level of groups of cells and organs within an organism. Data propagation is slow; bandwidth is limited. Such physical limits to communication is a severe constraint to any complex organism.

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

To give some measure in scale of such a power as molecular engineering on biology might have, consider the signaling problem biological cells face in our all too fragile and human bodies. Biochemical messages spread out like a wave from the central cellular emitter. It might be copied, or acted upon by other nearby cells, but a central point is that direct cell to cell communication across an organism is very limited. In response, imagine our hypothetical alien species modifying their own cells such that these Next Generation Cells included something akin to wireless networking as their primary communications mechanism. Cells wouldn't have to be nearby to one another to communicate, they could be anywhere within RF range, in order to send or receive a point to point message. Thus, an organism could still maintain systems coherence while not necessarily being held together physically at all. Thus, in time the cells within an organism might separate from one another, spreading out while gaining the power to move - like a swarm. Perhaps, after many iterations of development, the cells might transition away from their biological underpinnings, resembling less a wiggling bag of chemicals and more like something closer to what a universal molecular assembler might build.

If a simple change so basic as a new form of intercellular communication might effect such radical functionality enhancements at the organism level, imagine what these changes might have on collections of organisms working as a unified colony. These colony members might be separated by space yet connected by a wireless communications channel at their most fundamental unit of functioning. Such a swarm might spread apart at danger and come together close when safe, just as do mayflies and schools of fish. It might consume raw matter at the discovery of a good energy source and grow itself via molecular self-replication. It might form new group amalgamations by consuming the molecular patterns of others, leading to a kind of ecology of morphological diversity, while also retaining communications unity. Form and shape could be changed at will, down to the resolution of atoms if given enough time and energy. If the organism needs to transition to a new environment, it could rebuild itself into a new cellular form at the atomic scale; from wiggling bags of protein run by hydrocarbons and oxygen to carbon-diamond mechanisms run directly by electrons. It would then simply need to transition higher level functionality to the new cellular substrate. Such a _Next-Next Generation Cell_ might have full mobility, atomic sized grippers, and full wireless communication with all other members. It might look more like an insect than a bag of chemicals. Such life forms might even be able to live in raw space. For just how different is the environment of raw space to that of the oceans on Earth?

Such a distributed collection of atomic sized agents elicits the question: how would such a thing be controlled? Within Earth based biology brains evolved as specialized organs to handle complex decision-making. But, if like cells, we assume that brains are no more special than the genetic computations underlying cellular systems, a brain can't be much different. That is, like a 'genome computer' that takes protein signals as input to compute a protein output,, a brain also performs computation like a parallel computer. Unlike a genome, the mechanism of computation made of an amalgam of specialized cells, neurons, connected together in a network by a complex of interconnected wires, called axons and dendrites. And here we have suspiciously the same problem as that of cellular signal transduction: Communications pathways are hard coded in the mechanism, and the mechanism itself is both slow and easily damaged.

Brains work well enough to have evolved from unthinking single celled organisms a multicellular creature that appears capable of understanding the underlying mechanisms we are composed of. While humanity still does not understand how a massively parallel complex of neurons and its interconnects might somehow

form consciousness and mind, in the same line of thought, neither do we understand how cells perform their functions either. Some continue to believe in the dualist nature of existence: our physical existence versus a so-called "spiritual existence", as embodied by an unknown non-material substance that we call a "soul". To many, religious people, this soul lives on in life after death. It is the seat of all "consciousness" and, for many, is a fundamental property of the universe. These ideas are not recent and have been held by humanity since writing began. Yet such pre-enlightenment ideas are slowly ceding from societal awareness, as the mystical and supernatural fade as organized social forces. But the supernatural and the mystical remains of interest to many, even as such thoughts obscure physical reality. Is Consciousness, an emergent property from the underlying computational nature of brains, relevant at all to Transhumanism and Transalienism?

Throughout human history great thinkers repeatedly asked: What is consciousness? What is this "I" that I perceive as myself? Whole human religions and ways of life were centered around various interpretations of that experience. Every human feels it, every human builds a value system based around their beliefs regarding it. Yet it can be fairly argued that the human perception of "consciousness" - self-awareness - is not key to understanding intelligence, the universe, or anything at all beyond human brain functioning. This is an anathema to most every human being, for we place great importance on our own perceptions of self in order to understand the greater universe around us. From New Age revisionists to age old Asceticists, the notion of "self" (whether by self exploration or self abnegation) is central to an understanding of a universal whole. Even scientists have been caught in this Dualist trap, like Roger Penrose, who proposed that cellular scaffolding - micro-tubules - might also be quantum computers, and thus the fountain of "consciousness" via spooky and poorly understood quantum effects. See, The Emperors New Mind:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Emperor%27s_New_Mind

But there's another perspective very unsettling to many: Consciousness is nothing but a systemic process. And while a process may not exist materially, that doesn't imply a non-material state of conscious existence commonly defined as a soul, nor any universal physics related to self-awareness. When one says that "consciousness is a process" the term is in reference to its formal meaning within computer science: that of state and meta-state coordinated to perform computation over time. Yet, strangely, a computational process does also hold an analogue to that old-time term 'soul': it too is ephemeral, existing not as a nonphysical everlasting entity, but as a nonphysical collection of "informational states" bound within a computational substrate made of matter. A process exists at the resolution of its most basic computational elements; that is: the total system instruction set availability and total data storage, contrasted against the content - both data and instructions - within data stores for each given computational cycle over many potential cycles of time. But a process is unaware of itself. It does useful work without ever knowing that is *IS*. A useful analogy of this concept at the perceptual level is blindsight. Some people who have had severe brain damage -- typically via stroke - connecting the visual cortex to other brain areas still retain some level of unconscious visual functioning. The individual is sightless and can no longer perceive vision. Yet that individual can answer questions about objects placed in front of him or her without ever perceiving the sight of it consciously.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blindsight>

Thus, by this perspective, human consciousness is not mystical, it is a systems tax on all available computational workers functioning within an organism. This tax can be calculated as a fraction of the total computational elements available to an organism against the total used to maintain this sense of "self-awareness". That is, if one were to fully model and then reproduce a human brain within a very large computer, one could search out and find all of the brain and body systems involved in handling self-awareness and self-regulation. In this computer model, one might create a fully self-aware artificial intelligence that could then be experimented with. Based on these experiments, one could selectively remove certain

functions from the "virtual brain" in order to determine which systems are responsible for "feeling self-aware consciousness". But if one were to remove those systems, would this virtual brain still be "intelligent"? If it responds to external stimuli with goal directed intent, even though not perceiving any sense of self-awareness - or "consciousness" - how could one not term it intelligent? Ant colonies do many seemingly "intelligent" things, even though one assumes they thoroughly lack self-awareness. Is an organism capable of directed intelligence that doesn't feel =93conscious=94 more efficient than one that does?

To return to the first example of a Next Generation Cell with wireless intercommunication capability, imagine a Next Generation Brain that too removes wires -- its axons and dendrites -- from physical space and abstracts the communications channel to a wireless network. Thus, each cell need not differentiate; each one could be a part of a swarm with all of the functionality of a normal organism yet none of the physical confines that our evolved biological organization demands. The intercellular signaling networks might share a wireless channel with neurological networks. And with a top-down control from the primary organism level to the atomic level, one could envision a distributed organism bound in space only by its communications mechanisms and their bandwidth requirements. The collective's EM communications system could include not just cellular inter-messaging, but gain also neural communication. An entire brain could be distributed across the entire swarm, with no specialty organs or systems embedded within. It's actions per individual swarm member might be intentional, while also collectively coordinated as a group. It might walk in a herd, swim in a school, or fly like a swarm, but unlike a flock, it would need no leader and no central brain or organs; not even a consistent form. There are no swarms or flocks on Earth that could compare to an intelligence fully unembodied yet fully distributed, while also being vastly more complex than any intelligence seen on Earth. Would it be self aware? Who knows? Who could even relate to such an organism well enough to understand the difference.

An organism of this nature would rely on consistent communications standards as its means of determining =93self=94. It could be contain a whole ecosystem of morphologies, while retaining a unifying communications standard. It might swarm, forming one shape, reforming into other shapes, breaking apart into multiple units and then coming back together again, depending on its varying needs. Whether such an organism would require =93conscious self direction=94 is moot, for even if it does humanity is so far from such a dynamic morphology that we simply could never understand it. Yet, such a vastly larger requisite variety an organism like that might have in dealing with environmental change, looks quite a lot like many of the more outlandish UFO reports of objects breaking apart and coming back together again, objects behaving more like swarms than individuals, objects even disappearing like smoke into thin air. An organism that gained control of itself at the atomic level could achieve such functioning, with many layers of organization from the cellular, to a small organism, to even larger conglomerations of small organisms like ant colonies, and beyond, all without ever breaking a single known law of physics. Thus, within this thought experiment, it is the limits of the communications substrate that matters, not the physical location of the collective's members.

These ideas seem so unsettling because they tear us away from our own humanity; they are dehumanizing. Yet DE-humanizing is exactly the intended purpose of the Transhumanist movement. DE-human, is the very thing we explore when thinking about potential 'alien intelligence', by definition. Further, the power and potential selectivity of a molecular editing process, allowing an organism so technically inclined, could offer total systemic control down to the atomic level. Such an advancement should - over time - lead to radical change in form and functionality. Inevitably, step by step changes should unfold that, over time, would seem to resemble an evolutionary process. What was would no longer be. Just as the endless sands of time have turned dinosaurs into petrified rock. Whatever the views of those remnants that might remain, thousands of years hence, they would likely be meaningless to those who had once been the original templates long before. And that is assuming those descendants refrained from self-directed change. To direct change at the molecular level is to both subvert random evolution, all the while creating a new evolutionary path before

it. Perhaps a core of a society's ethics and values might be also be retained with the new programming, kept as a guiding principle. Or maybe not. Who knows? That's a real leap into life's abyss.

Is it even possible to consider building an interstellar space faring technology and society without the capacity to manufacture at the atomic level? From extending biological and biomechanical existence and form indefinitely to transforming into a wholly different kind of biomechanical creature transcendent unto a new beyond, such possibilities may await us and might have already long past them. Why should reports of so many biological and bipedal aliens make sense then? It might be reasonable to consider that in a universe filled with many habitable planets having highly diverse ecosystems, creating biological forms similar to local natives for contextual purposes might make sense - if they cared. But why should they care? The gulf between our existence and such a life form might be too vast for it or them to care. We couldn't even be compared to ants.

Such ideas turn away from the common mythology of biological mostly bi-pedal aliens flying space ships that is the staple of UFO folklore and popular science fiction. Such biological things as Grey aliens might have physical form, as they -- like we -- would exist as simply patterns of atoms. However, a good question to ask is: Why would such things like bipedal life forms crammed inside of vacuum proof metallic shells with 'space warp' engines remain in existence? Wouldn't such biological forms be an anachronism? Which questions the supposed reality of alien folklore. For if interstellar travel does requires nanotechnology, and thus a Singularity transition, what do repeated claims of witnessing (or being abducted by) bipedal aliens really mean? Might some swarm intelligence create and destroy these forms for the purpose of communication and interaction with minuscule entities like humans? Or would such an intelligence be part of a panoply of biomechanical and biological organisms spread across the galaxy like bacteria on jam?

If such things as Grey aliens are real, they most likely have not fulfilled the dreams our Transhumanists have for us. Perhaps that makes them far less advanced than we believe. Perhaps such a creature might only be a few hundred or a few thousand years in advance of current human technology, thus giving us an opportunity to catch up. Or perhaps they simply don't exist at all. For while I accept the physical possibility that bipedal alien life forms might exist, I find the factual basis for such claims lacking in sufficient evidence. I want to that see hard evidence. Of which, sadly, I offer nothing to the list in this musing. :)

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>>In 2007, airline captain Ray Bowyer saw two gigantic, bright
>>yellow objects suspended over the English Channel, which he
>>observed carefully for 15 minutes. His passengers saw them,
>>another pilot on a second aircraft was also a witness, and an
>>object was registered on radar.

>I'm sure that Martin Shough will wish to comment on that.

OK, since you ask:

One trivial point is that according to the reconstruction we were able to make using the Jersey ATC radar and radio tapes, supplemented by Capt Bowyer's best recollection in 2007, the total duration was about 12 minutes, not 15 minutes. But the claim of radar contact is not supported by any evidence we could find, and that isn't trivial.

I don't regard this incident as explained, but there are definitely features strongly suggestive of some atmospheric-optical effect creating these brilliant "sunlight yellow" shapes near the azimuth of the sun and at the apparent altitude of a haze layer. This would make them unexplained, but probably not objects and probably not flying.

Feeding into this conclusion is the fact that we were unable to find any convincing evidence of unidentified primary radar echoes where the things appeared to be. Understandably Capt Bowyer was somewhat reluctant to accept this finding, but when we studied the two slow-moving primary contacts which originally excited him we found that Jersey radar engineers believed these were commonplace ship echoes. We found no evidence that they could not be ship echoes. We were able to match one with the time and course of a scheduled Brittany Ferries vessel from St Malo. The other remains untraced. These echoes moreover did not fit the positions of the lights reported by Capt Bowyer, conveniently limited by the known location of the Casquets Rock lighthouse. We were advised that logs of the nearby French military radar on the Cotentin peninsular recorded nothing unusual for the time and region in question. We also obtained the Jersey weather radar images. Although for technical reasons this was not a conclusive check, we found no evidence of anything anomalous.

It is certainly true that another pilot saw near the position indicated by Capt Bowyer, from a very different angle, a yellowish shape that he could not identify and independently estimated it to be at the same altitude as Capt Bowyer. But this

phenomenon was not bright or well-defined and the observer believed it was probably some unusual atmospheric effect.

Several other aircrews in the area who were asked by ATC to look from various other directions at various times saw nothing at all. We found no sightings from observers at sea or on land. So on the whole the evidence favours an atmospheric-optical effect of some kind - interesting and unusual, and not satisfactorily explained, but not a solid flying object.

Capt Bowyer understandably feels that this was not a satisfying answer for what he experienced, and has reverted to his original enthusiasm for the two primary radar contacts which we believe to have been surface ships. Other eyewitnesses in his Aurigny plane did not feel the same dissatisfaction, neither did the pilot of the second plane. These witnesses all found what they saw to be puzzling but were inclined to think that it was an atmospheric effect of some kind.

However there appears to be no public appetite for TV shows and press briefings about odd atmospheric effects.

Neither is there any public appetite for difficult and subtly-qualified explications of complicated uncertainties, such as this. But the short paragraph I am trying to unpick will have huge influence. I heard a quote just the other day (from Winston Churchill I think) which seems apposite: An untruth will be halfway around the world before truth gets its boots on.

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That's from Mark Twain, Martin.

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I was terribly sorry to learn about his death. He contributed to ufology in many ways. Wendelle Stevens will be sadly missed.

With my deepest sympathy,

Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Co-author of UFOs Contact From Undersea

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>De: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
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>Para: "- UFO UpDates Subscribers -" <ufo-updates-list.nul>
>Fecha: mi=E9rcoles, 8 de septiembre, 2010 14:52

>Are UFOs Targeting Majorca?
>Telegraph.co.uk
><http://tinyurl.com/2w7n6w8>

List members:

I trust experienced UFO researchers will guess the picture Jos=E9 Climent is holding is just an example of a most typical lens flare. More here:

<http://www.anomalia.org/fotocat/fotosoller.pdf>

and

http://fotocat.blogspot.com/2009_10_21_archive.html

Best regards,

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>> The famous 1980 incident near RAF Bentwaters in Britain,
>>involving the landing of a UFO and objects sending beams of
>>light to the ground.

>This is a pretty dangerous case to rely on, given the various
>altered accounts of events.

><snip>

>>The 1993 "Cosford Incident" involving a UFO over two Air Force
>>bases in Britain, investigated by the Ministry of Defense.

>This is possibly the most disappointing comment in her defence.
>I pointed out to her a long time ago that the bulk of reports
>associated with this 'case' were related to a re-entry. It is
>the inclusion of contaminated data such as this (and the
>'Weinstein list', which also lists this and other explained
>cases) which makes ufology such an easy target.

Joe,

Let Oberg counter Kean's argument. Let him do the scut work for a change. He will know practically nothing about Channel Islands or Cosford but that won't stop him from making broad statements; proclaiming rather than explaining the cases.

As for Rendlesham, he will automatically adopt Ian's very thin theory. Your remarks re. altering in this case still seems to ignore the difference between testimony of a witness with the threat of loosing rank or a job verses a witness who is retired with nothing to fear.

Also you are now attacking the witnesses veracity rather than coming to grips their testimony?

As for Cosford, perhaps Martin might like to comment on your "bulk" verses "all" of the sightings as well.

As far as I know, Oberg had never done an analyses of any of the heavily documented cases. His is the standard, "it couldn't have happened therefore it didn't" proclamation for the media.

He trots out the Hynek statement about pilots every few years which even Hynek admitted later on was not true; but he ignores his much more experienced, qualified and higher ranked colleague at NASA, Richard Haines, who is a noted scientist to Oberg's middle level engineer and therefore better qualified to comment on pilot reports than either Hynek or Oberg.

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And I didn't miss your point, Joe.

Don Ledger

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Re: Of Kean, Oberg, Churchill, Twain & Boots

From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Wed, 08 Sep 2010 11:03:25 -0500
Archived: Wed, 08 Sep 2010 12:21:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Of Kean, Oberg, Churchill, Twain & Boots

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2010 10:27:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2010 15:35:35 +0100
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>>Churchill I think) which seems apposite: An untruth will be
>>halfway around the world before truth gets its boots on.

>That's from Mark Twain, Martin.

See. There you go. Churchill gets credited with an incorrect
quote and I have already heard about it on this side of the
world and I still have not gotten my boots on.

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Subject: Troggs Reg Presley Suffers Stroke

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Sixties pop icon and seriously UFO interested Reg Presley is recovering in Spain after suffering a stroke.

The 68-year-old singer was playing with his grandchildren on holiday when he had to be taken to hospital in Malaga.

He is said to be recuperating but is not expected to return to the United Kingdom for a while.

Much more at Colin Andrews site:

<http://tinyurl.com/29q9pbs>

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2010 13:00:10 -0300
>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

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I won't trouble myself to point them out for you, given your
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Joe

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>OK, since you ask:

>One trivial point is that according to the reconstruction we
>were able to make using the Jersey ATC radar and radio tapes,
>supplemented by Capt Bowyer's best recollection in 2007, the
>total duration was about 12 minutes, not 15 minutes. But the
>claim of radar contact is not supported by any evidence we could
>find, and that isn't trivial.

>I don't regard this incident as explained, but there are
>definitely features strongly suggestive of some atmospheric-
>optical effect creating these brilliant "sunlight yellow" shapes
>near the azimuth of the sun and at the apparent altitude of a
>haze layer. This would make them unexplained, but probably not
>objects and probably not flying.

>Feeding into this conclusion is the fact that we were unable to
>find any convincing evidence of unidentified primary radar
>echoes where the things appeared to be. Understandably Capt
>Bowyer was somewhat reluctant to accept this finding, but when
>we studied the two slow-moving primary contacts which originally
>excited him we found that Jersey radar engineers believed these
>were commonplace ship echoes. We found no evidence that they
>could not be ship echoes. We were able to match one with the
>time and course of a scheduled Brittany Ferries vessel from St
>Malo. The other remains untraced. These echoes moreover did not
>fit the positions of the lights reported by Capt Bowyer,
>conveniently limited by the known location of the Casquets Rock
>lighthouse. We were advised that logs of the nearby French
>military radar on the Cotentin peninsular recorded nothing
>unusual fore the time and region in question. We also obtained
>the Jersey weather radar images. Although for technical reasons
>this was not a conclusive check, we found no evidence of
>anything anomalous.

>It is certainly true that another pilot saw near the position
>indicated by Capt Bowyer, from a very different angle, a yellow-
>ish shape that he could not identify and independently estimated
>it to be at the same altitude as Capt Bowyer. But this
>phenomenon was not bright or well-defined and the observer
>believed it was probably some unusual atmospheric effect.

>Several other aircrews in the area who were asked by ATC to look
>from various other directions at various times saw nothing at
>all. We found no sightings from observers at sea or on land. So
>on the whole the evidence favours an atmospheric-optical effect
>of some kind - interesting and unusual, and not satisfactorily
>explained, but not a solid flying object.

>Capt Bowyer understandably feels that this was not a satisfying
>answer for what he experienced, and has reverted to his original
>enthusiasm for the two primary radar contacts which we believe
>to have been surface ships. Other eyewitnesses in his Aurigny
>plane did not feel the same dissatisfaction, neither did the the
>pilot of the second plane. These witnesses all found what they
>saw to be puzzling but were inclined to think that it was an
>atmospheric effect of some kind.

>However there appears to be no public appetite for TV shows and
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Here's are some other trivial points you might want to consider
Martin. Does the depression angle of the radar allowed the radar
to see ships on the water? Were they using raw returns or
computer generated data with it set to ignore slow moving or
stationary returns?

Did Bowyer report seeing any ships same area that could explain
the radar return? That is a theory, let's not forget. It could
be that the returns were coming off the UAP-correct?

What about civilian marine radar or marine radar control in that
area? Is there any? Many ports have harbour traffic control
these days with coverage up to about 300 feet or so. (Se my IUR
article re the Cow Bay Incident) The Channel Islands and the
coast of France etc. at this position seems to be conjested so
surely there is fixed based marine or coast guard radar coverage
n this area.

The second pilot's angle of view must be eliminated to further
tarnish this case. The pilot was very reluctant to come forward-
for reasons we can all imagine-in order to shoot down the sun
phenomenon theory-and since said pilot is looking to come out of
this unscathed-frankly I would be surprised if he did not agree
with some optical phenomenon. It gets him off the hook. I
watched a documentary a couple of weeks ago where passengers on
Bowyer's Tri-Islander were interviewed and I don't recall any of
them admitting to this being a slam dunk sunrelated phenomenon.

Was the lighthouse thrown in there for irony's sake? The beam
angle on that light, was it angled upward to be bouncing off
cloud or some moisture layer (which is still a cloud) at about
2,000 feet? Why? I've flown by many lighthouses, the coast
around Nova Scotia is festooned with them. Light houses figure
in my book Swissair Down during the last 6 minutes of the crash
scenario. In the air (~2,000 to 2,500 feet) you can see that the
light is on but the lenses are angled to a focal point at about
15 to 20 miles out to the horizon, sometimes further depending
on the height of light above the water. They are not angled
upward.

As for the time factor. Could go either way right; 15 versus 13
minutes? As you say a trvial point. Bowyer didn't have a co-
pilot on board, one isn't required in the weight and engine (3)
catagory, so he had to fly the airplane and observe at the same
time.

I don't consider this case solved, Martin. At this point it's a theory. I don't blame Bowyers for being pissed. He was the man at the scene. He worked for a small airline as opposed to the other pilot who worked for a much larger company which probably looks dimly on their pilots being involved in a UAP/UFO case.

Don Ledger

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To All,

While saying kind things about the late Wendelle Stevens, let us not forget that he was a degenerate who served a prison term for sexually molesting young girls.

No amount of good UFO research (none of which am I aware of) would come close to counter-balancing his dark side.

May he rest in great discomfort.

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Dear Listers:

Despite the polemic about his work, Wendelle Stevens contributed to Ufology in many ways, especially motivating so many new and young people to joining the research. They are countless. I guess that is the biggest reason way he was loved by so many people, next to his great charisma, sense of humour and incredible generosity.

I owe a lot to Wendelle Stevens. He was a good friend and the first person to give me an opportunity to lecture outside Brazil, when he invited me to speak in Tucson, some 20-25 years ago or more. He also published in a book under his name and mine the reports I sent him about an abduction case involving two brothers in Brazil, "UFO Abduction at Maringa". Receiving that book in my P. O. Box in the earlies 80s, without any notice, was a great surprise I will never forget.

Many of us will miss Wendelle very much.

God bless his good, human and generous soul.

A. J.

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>day 1.

There you go with the standby blanket term 'ufology'. There is
no such entity. You and some others constantly throw out this
silly appellation as if there is a company name somewhere with a
board of directors who make policy decisions. BTW would you not
be part of this vast community called ufology?

>If you actually looked at the 'Weinstein' list I would hope that
>you would also recognise some cases included which have
>explanations.

So what? Cases have been 'solved'. The list I have is about 12
years old. How does the solving of a few cases taint the whole
list and by association a whole book of which the list is a very
small part. The participants in this book for the most part know
nothing of Dominique Weinstein's catalogue of cases. Your
accusations make it appear as if the whole book is based on the
catalogue.

But you also have to ask, to who's satisfaction have said cases
been solved. What perhaps you consider solved is not necessarily

what I or some others might consider solved.

And you can't discard a whole catalogue over a low percentage that might have been solved. Look at Blue Book. There are many hundreds of cases-if not thousands-in that so called investigation that were claimed as being solved that have since been discovered to have been just rubber stamped as solved with virtually no investigation.

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Why would I have to offer up any excuses at all. I realize there are a few feathers ruffled over there but the response to a book that gets it's basis from the direct testimony of some heavyweight and connected people deserves more than a lot of contamination BS about a few cases solved on the Weinstein list.

I'd be interested to know your feelings about the Condon study and that other farce the Condign (sp) Report-you know the MoD 'study' that forebade its author to interview of witnesses.

And Joe, maybe you should actually read the book. Frankly your continuous kneejerk reactions to any other person who sees some recognition for a case or book that isn't part of your group over there is tiresome and non-constructive. Try to get past the massive publicity and interest this book has generated.

Don Ledger

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>>From: Alejandro R <alejandro.nul>
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>>He was in our offices about 10 days ago, he would visit often.
>>He had been in a wheel chair and on oxygen, but his mind was
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>><http://www.openminds.tv/wendelle-stevens-passes-214/>

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Don,

Wendelle paid his debt to society. Both in a state prison for
many years and also in his own mental prison, where his soul
was kept with great discomfort.

Believe me, he really paid what he owed.

A. J.

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>>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2010 15:35:35 +0100
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>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2010 18:34:50 +0100
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>>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>>Date: Tue, 7 Sep 2010 18:52:06 +0200
>>>>Subject: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

>>>><snip>

>>>>>In 2007, airline captain Ray Bowyer saw two gigantic, bright
>>>>>yellow objects suspended over the English Channel, which he
>>>>>observed carefully for 15 minutes. His passengers saw them,
>>>>>another pilot on a second aircraft was also a witness, and an
>>>>>object was registered on radar.

>>>>>I'm sure that Martin Shough will wish to comment on that.

>>>>>OK, since you ask:

>>>>>One trivial point is that according to the reconstruction we
>>>>>were able to make using the Jersey ATC radar and radio tapes,
>>>>>supplemented by Capt Bowyer's best recollection in 2007, the
>>>>>total duration was about 12 minutes, not 15 minutes. But the
>>>>>claim of radar contact is not supported by any evidence we
>>>>>could find, and that isn't trivial.

>>>>>I don't regard this incident as explained, but there are
>>>>>definitely features strongly suggestive of some atmospheric-
>>>>>optical effect creating these brilliant "sunlight yellow" shapes
>>>>>near the azimuth of the sun and at the apparent altitude of a
>>>>>haze layer. This would make them unexplained, but probably not
>>>>>objects and probably not flying.

<snip>

>Here's are some other trivial points you might want to consider
>Martin.

Don,

You are a perpetual disappointment. If you'd ever read and understood even the headline features of our report on this case, or the 14pp summary version in JSE, you could never have written a post like this. You want to try to piss me off by being snide? Go right ahead but it won't help anybody. Try reading the investigation report instead. I hope you cringe with

embarrassment when you do.

>Does the depression angle of the radar allow the radar to see
>ships on the water?

Well, gee, Don, do you think it might? Trivial points, I know,
but:

Might that be why Controller Paul Kelly said to Bowyer on the
radio at the time that he thought primary echoes he was picking
up were just AP echoes from surface targets?

Would that be why Kelly told us later that he thought the one
that seemed to be near the apparent position of one of the UAPs
might have been "waves on the reef at the Casquets" (rocks west
of Alderney).

Do you think that could be why we studied in depth the likely
local air temperature/humidity profile and the Jersey weather
radar images to prove that the propagation conditions were
indeed mildly super-refractive, i.e tending to bend radar down
and increase surface echoes?

Could that be why Jersey ATC radar people told us that they
routinely pick up surface ships (and sea-wave clutter in
appropriate sea conditions - the primary radar picture is in
fact peppered with spurious echoes, some of which may be sea
clutter enhanced by mild AP)?

Could that be why the chief radar engineer told us he was "99%
certain" that these particular tracks were ships?

Does it explain why Bowyer himself originally thought "it's
possible they may be ships"?

Could that be why we spent time and effort investigating the
courses and positions of ships and found that the Brittany
Ferries route did indeed run east of Guernsey where Capt Bowyer
had thought there would be no ships?

Do you suppose that the answer to all these questions being
"Yes" is why we discussed all of this in detail in our trivial
report - made freely available for study by you and everyone
else?

>Were they using raw returns or computer generated data with it
>set to ignore slow moving or stationary returns?

Do you think maybe this was also discussed in our report? Go
ahead, take a look. Why not?

>Did Bowyer report seeing any ships same area that could explain
>the radar return?

It's a busy sea area. There's shipping of various sizes all over
the place. No, Bowyer himself didn't mention any ships but he
wasn't looking for ships, he was focused on the UAPs above the
horizon - you remember, "observing them carefully for 15
minutes" as Leslie Kean put it (or about 12 in fact)?

On the other hand the passengers did take note of ships on the
surface. Kate Russell noticed what she said was a fishing boat
ahead and below them towards the end of the sighting, and
wondered if the crew might have seen the UAPs (we checked with
the Guernsey Harbourmaster but located no reports of anything
reported at sea).. John Russell mentioned overflying several
large merchant vessels when approaching Alderney (one of the
busiest sea lanes in the world runs up the Channel to the north
of the island).

As I mentioned above, when Bowyer formed the opinion that his
two radar tracks could be the UAPs he did not think any shipping
ran in these areas. We found otherwise. Bowyer thought the
eastern track "does not coincide with any regular service out of
Guernsey", but we found that it does coincide with a regular
service out of St Malo, which was scheduled to be in that area
at that time. As for the western track Bowyer had opined that no
large shipping sailed west of Guernsey, and again we found that
there is a regular sea lane just where required, even though
Guernsey harbourmaster's office knew of no scheduled commercial
traffic on it at the right time. But large-enough shipping - up

to 6000 tons (coastal cargo, small passenger liners, ferries) - could be just about anywhere and is not required to conform to mandatory Traffic Separation rules (and much shipping which is supposed to, doesn't).

>That is a theory, let's not forget.

Did anyone ever claim that it was not a theory?

>It could be that the returns were coming off the UAP-correct?

By "the" returns you mean the two tracks that Bowyer originally thought might have been ships? Well, why don't you address the facts I already told you about, such as:

The western track was never in, and could never have been in, the position where Bowyer said he saw the right hand UAP which he "carefully observed" (remember?) to be always to the east of the Casquets rock. The radar track starts well to the west and moves even further west.

Why don't you confront the radar engineers' opinion that these were ships? Why don't you challenge our finding that the Brittany Ferries scheduled service to Portsmouth was in the correct area on the correct route to be a match for the eastern track?

Why don't you study our chapter on radar and note that the echo concerned is a broken track, not a solid track, consistent with a target picked up intermittently in variable AP conditions and consistent with the Jersey Controller's own description of a "ragged" and unstable echo that he thought was AP?

And while you're at it, why don't you acknowledge that we very conscientiously pointed out in our trivial report that the absence of clearly anomalous echo does not mean that there were no solid UAPs there for various reasons, including the use of MTI, and because our ability to trace down every damn thing on the radar images was limited for technical and commercial reasons.

AFAIK we are still waiting for the French govt group GEIPAN to come up with something further on analysis of the radar "tapes" using software to which we could not at the time gain access. It's not impossible that there are some UAP returns somewhere but we found no evidence of any that couldn't be better explained otherwise.

>What about civilian marine radar or marine radar control in that >area? Is there any? Many ports have harbour traffic control >these days with coverage up to about 300 feet or so. (See my IUR >article re the Cow Bay Incident) The Channel Islands and the >coast of France etc. at this position seems to be congested so >surely there is fixed based marine or coast guard radar coverage >n this area.

Gosh, Don, I don't know for sure. We tried to cover as much as was humanly possible. We spoke to the Guernsey harbour authority about shipping routes and the rules for AIS transponder beacons, whether any crews had reported UFOs, and whether any lenticular cloud had been observed that day, but harbour radar... you've got me there. That's something none of us thought of. Tell, you what, Don - why don't you get in touch with Guernsey's deputy Harbour Master A J P Pattimore and check yourself? Here's the email: guernsey.harbour.nul

>The second pilot's angle of view must be eliminated to further >tarnish this case.

This is disgusting and frankly insulting. If you were accusing me to my face of attempting to "tarnish" the case by our treatment of the Blue Island sighting I'd have to ask you to step outside.:-)

>The pilot was very reluctant to come forward- >for reasons we can all imagine-in order to shoot down the sun >phenomenon theory-and since said pilot is looking to come out of >this unscathed-frankly I would be surprised if he did not agree >with some optical phenomenon. It gets him off the hook.

Capt Patterson was in no way coerced and readily volunteered the information that it was strange, that it appeared to be in the

air, that he'd never seen anything like it before, but that to him it was just a yellowish shape, "not very sharp", and not even "an object" as such. Without even being asked he opined that if there was nothing there like a balloon or whatever to explain it, then it was probably a "weather phenomenon". He was interviewed impeccably with not one leading question and answered written follow-up inquiries with equal openness and clarity, offering as his most likely guess "atmospheric". You can read all of that for yourself in our report - if you want. Of course, you say he's lying. Well, things get tricky for you, don't they, when not only are your investigators shoddy and prejudiced and out to tarnish the case for a real UFO (and don't bother trying to deny the implication) your key witness is lying to do the same!

>I watched a documentary a couple of weeks ago where passengers on >Bowyer's Tri-Islander were interviewed and I don't recall any of >them admitting to this being a slam dunk sunrelated phenomenon.

This is pretty weasel-worded. They didn't "admit" that a natural explanation was a "slam dunk"? That doesn't sound to me as though they vehemently claimed it was impossible. But it doesn't matter what they say on TV shows in 2010. You can read what they said and wrote at the time in 2007 in our report:

"...we just saw a light, there was no solid outline to it."

"I don't believe in little green men and I don't think this was a UFO. I think it was something quite extraordinary, but something for which we don't have an explanation at the present moment. I suspect it was something natural but unexplainable."

"the sun was in the right position to have been bouncing off something"

>Was the lighthouse thrown in there for irony's sake? The beam >angle on that light, was it angled upward to be bouncing off >cloud or some moisture layer (which is still a cloud) at about >2,000 feet? Why? I've flown by many lighthouses, the coast >around Nova Scotia is festooned with them. Light houses figure >in my book Swissair Down during the last 6 minutes of the crash >scenario. In the air (~2,000 to 2,500 feet) you can see that the >light is on but the lenses are angled to a focal point at about >15 to 20 miles out to the horizon, sometimes further depending >on the height of light above the water. They are not angled >upward.

This is completely hilarious, and explains why you haven't read or understood our report(s). You can't even understand a simple email! I told you that the positions of the visual UAPS were constrained on the right (west) by the fact that Capt Bowyer's lines of sight to them remained at all times on the left (west) of the Casquets Light - a well known landmark on a rocky islet west of Alderney. (If you do ever read the report you'll find this all discussed therein.) How you imagined I was trying to explain the UAPS away by the lighthouse is beyond understanding. Even funnier is that - because we tried to think of everything - the possibility of a lighthouse beam was brought up by someone in our discussions, and survived about 5 seconds max. It's an idea too ludicrous to mention even in order to dismiss it. You've given it far more houseroom here than I ever would.

>As for the time factor. Could go either way right; 15 versus 13 >minutes?

There's no reason to think so (and where do you pluck 13 mins from? - no don't bother to answer, it doesn't matter). Had you read our report you would realise that 12 minutes comes from the most careful reconstruction possible using timed radio communications with Jersey Zone ATC from 1409 to 1418, Comntroller Kelly's contemporaneous written report, and Capt Bowyer's best and earliest recollections of location, time and distance flown prior to the first radio message at 1409. Precision is impossible, but Bowyer's own original information indicates that this time was between 2.5 and 3 mins, making a total of 11.5 - 12 min from first to last sighting.

>I don't consider this case solved, Martin.

Strange, but I could almost swear that I said exactly the same thing in my post, more than once. You must have read it with

about the same amount of attention that I would give to a party-political pamphlet on its way to the bin

>At this point it's a theory.

Yeah, I sort of grasp that all we were able to offer was theory (without bothering to ask which particular theory you have in mind - I don't think it matters to you really, they are all equivalent non-saucer theories and therefore of equally little value). So do you mean to imply that you or Capt Bowyer has some explanation to offer that is not a theory? Let's hear it. I assume there is additional positive evidence-testing that clearly sets it apart from all of the theories that we took pains to carefully rule out in our own report? I await your work with interest.

>I don't blame Bowyers for being pissed. He was the man
>at the scene. He worked for a small airline as opposed to the
>other pilot who worked for a much larger company which probably
>looks dimly on their pilots being involved in a UAP/UFO case.

I don't know whether Ray (whose real name you may one of these days actually get right - it is BOWYER) is pissed or not, or who at. I hope he is not pissed at us, and can think of no reason why he should be. He cooperated with us very thoroughly and willingly to produce all of the information that you can read in our report, and if it is as disappointing to him as it appears to be to you that the conscientious result is less clear-cut than "Ray saw a saucer!" I can only humbly apologise on behalf of the universe.

Martin Shough

BTW: Did I mention there's a report and an article? See:

<http://www.martinshough.com/aerialphenomena/>

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Clearly, the book meets your standards. It doesn't meet mine.

I don't think anything further need be said.

Regards,

Joe

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Kudos to Don Berliner for saying what should have been said from
the get-go. Of course, there will be a segment who will say that
Wendelle Stevens was "set up" because of his UFO work.

Fortunately, while that might serve as a "get out of jail free"
card within certain segments of "ufology", it didn't work in the
real world.

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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I was terribly sorry to learn about his death.

He contributed to ufology in many ways. Wendelle Stevens will
be sadly missed.

With my deepest sympathy,

Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Co-author of "UFOs Contact from Undersea"

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Good grief, Roy, you aren't suggesting that a number of very
young girls tricked Wendelle into sexual trysts? You can't be
suggesting that the victims be blamed for Wendelle's perverted
behavior?

KK

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>>>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

>>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>Date: Tue, 07 Sep 2010 18:34:50 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

>><snip>

>>>Also you are now attacking the witnesses veracity rather than
>>>coming to grips their testimony?

>>Which version of who's testimony would that be?

>><snip>

>>>Also would you care to explain the contamination of Dominique
>>>Weinstien's list.

>>>You are parroting someone now. Have you actually done any
>>>research in this area?

>>>But If you want to do Oberg's debunking work for him, Joe, then
>>>go right ahead.

>>I don't need to do any debunking for Oberg - ufology does it for
>>itself by contaminating the data pool unnecessarily. You would
>>think a showcase book would be more selective, but no, it just
>>perpetuates the misinformation which has pervaded ufology since
>>day 1.

>There you go with the standby blanket term 'ufology'. There is
>no such entity. You and some others constantly throw out this
>silly appellation as if there is a company name somewhere with a
>board of directors who make policy decisions. BTW would you not
>be part of this vast community called ufology?

>>If you actually looked at the 'Weinstein' list I would hope that
>>you would also recognise some cases included which have
>>explanations.

>So what? Cases have been 'solved'. The list I have is about 12
>years old. How does the solving of a few cases taint the whole
>list and by association a whole book of which the list is a very
>small part. The participants in this book for the most part know
>nothing of Dominique Weinstein's catalogue of cases. Your

>accusations make it appear as if the whole book is based on the
>catalogue.

>But you also have to ask, to who's satisfaction have said cases
>been solved. What perhaps you consider solved is not necessarily
>what I or some others might consider solved.

>And you can't discard a whole catalogue over a low percentage
>that might have been solved. Look at Blue Book. There are many
>hundreds of cases-if not thousands-in that so called
>investigation that were claimed as being solved that have since
>been discovered to have been just rubber stamped as solved with
>virtually no investigation.

>>I won't trouble myself to point them out for you, given your
>>vast knowledge you can look yourself, then you can offer up any
>>excuses for Weinstein/Kean that you think are merited. I suspect
>>that you will struggle to justify the inclusion of several of
>>them.

>Why would I have to offer up any excuses at all. I realize there
>are a few feathers ruffled over there but the response to a book
>that gets it's basis from the direct testimony of some
>heavyweight and connected people deserves more than a lot of
>contamination BS about a few cases solved on the Weinstein list.

>I'd be interested to know your feelings about the Condon study
>and that other farce the Condign (sp) Report-you know the MoD
>'study' that forebade its author to interview of witnesses.

>And Joe, maybe you should actually read the book. Frankly your
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>recognition for a case or book that isn't part of your group
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Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2010 15:09:34 -0400
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>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2010 16:52:04 +0100
>Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>>From: Don Berliner <rofuf.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2010 17:27:40 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>>To All,

>>While saying kind things about the late Wendelle Stevens, let us
>>not forget that he was a degenerate who served a prison term for
>>sexually molesting young girls.

>>No amount of good UFO research (none of which am I aware of)
>>would come close to counter-balancing his dark side.

>>May he rest in great discomfort.

>>Don Berliner

>Hi,
>
>Concerning the above statement by Don, I am correct in thinking
>that this was some kind of set up at the time against Wendelle?

>Can someone with a bit more knowledge than I please post a
>clearer definition as to what actually happened.

>R.I.P. Wendelle C. Stevens.

Hi to all,

Wendelle send me a hand-written letter from prison explainig,
because I was a lawyer, what really happened to him.

He said that he was ready to enter, with some help, an air force
base - did not say which - to film some UFO physical evidence he
knew they had. Everything was read when the police arrested him
in his apartament. He was charged as child molester.

There was one 'minor girl' accusing him of molestation. Also,
police said they found pornographic movies in his apartament.

According to the law, a 'minor' does not have to face her accuser
during the trial. Wendelle never faced the 'girl' and did not
kown who she was or if she was a real person.

The Prosecutor was asking for 15 years, but made a deal with him
of only 5, if he said he was guilty. He had no choice. He
pleaded guilty and took the 5 years instead of 15. He served 2
years for good conduct, but his morality was damaged forever
with his fellows ufologists. In the letter he asked me to
destroy it after I read it, so I did it.

His letter was 4 pages written on lined yellow paper with a

pencil.

At that time we were in contact by phone because of my book. He always answered the phone. I never heard a girl or a woman's voice answering.

We met in person for a week with Jun-Ichi Yaoi a Producer-Director with Nippon Television Network Corporation. He and Wendelle came to Miami to film the Filiberto Cardenas abduction case. At that time my 3 daughters were minors and we did not notice anything 'strange' in Wendelle's behavior toward them.

I'm not trying to defend him, but I can not let pass his letter, at the time when he trusted me.

Now that he is dead, I feel free to let you know of it.

Best,

Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo
Miami UFO Center

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From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <bert.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2010 22:42:06 +0200
Archived: Fri, 10 Sep 2010 06:55:10 -0400
Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 3 Sep 2010 20:02:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 10:26:32 -0500
>>Subject: Re: New Light On Rendlesham

>>I understand Conrad's viewpoint but I see nothing in his
>>story that says Penniston and Halt were hallucinating or that
>>they were liars. This does seem to be somewhat black or
>>white. Either they made their story up or they told the truth.

>Neither Conrad nor indeed I am suggesting that Penniston or Halt
>"were hallucinating or that they were liars".

>It is not necessarily for there to be a stark choice between ET
>spaceship and hallucination/lies.

>Human beings have extraordinary experiences. Halt and Penniston
>had an extraordinary experience.

>At present we don't know the source of that experience,
>but experiences of this kind are recorded throughout
>human history. They have been happening since ever.

>That's where the folklore element comes into this, Robert. It's
>a case of not being able to see the wood for the trees!

Even Robert Taylor could later tell what happened 1979-11-09 in
the Dechmont Woods. Therefore Halt and Penniston should be able
to do so too. I myself saw a flying triangle from some 300 feet
and nothing unusual happened with me. All that mumble rumble you
and others produce is for your own pockets and that has nothing
to do with science.

Source: <http://www.ufologie.net/htm/dechmontwoods79.htm>

Dechmont Woods, Scotland, November 9, 1979:

THE EVENTS:

Working day as usual:

On the 9th of November 1979, at around 10:00 AM, Robert Taylor,
a married man, father of five, aged 61, resident of Livingston
and forestry worker employed by the Livingston Development
Corporation left his house. At about 10:30 AM, he parked his
pick up off a track at a plantation at the bottom of Dechmont
Law, bordering Dechmont Woods, just off the busy M8 motorway,
near Livingston, West Lothian in Scotland.

He had parked as close as he could to the clearing in a
plantation that he has to inspect for stray cows and sheep, a

part of his job.

With his red setter Lara, He followed a track the rest of the way across the lower slope of the forested hill, rounded a corner and emerged into the clearing.

The UFO:

In the clearing, in front of him, was a large, circular, roundish object about 20 ft across and 12 feet high, resting on the ground or hovering just above the ground.

It seemed to be made from a dark grey metallic material with a rough texture like sandpaper, parts of which were becoming like half transparent at times, letting the trees behind it be seen, as if the object was trying to cloak itself.

A narrow protruding rim ran around the circumference of the object, just below halfway down, and Taylor thought it reminded him of the brim of a hat. A line of rotating arms was set into the rim. Some dark patches were seen on the body of the object which looked like portholes.

The object emitted no noise. Lara, his dog, who was at his side, simply froze and stared at the object, as did Bob Taylor. Two spheres:

As he watched without moving, two spiky spherical objects dropped from the bottom of the larger object. These two spheres were approximately two ft across and he later described them as being quite like sea mines as used in World War II, except that the spikes were longer than those of sea mines, making the objects' diameter approximately 3 ft spikes included. The spheres were looking metallic, similar to the material of the larger object, and made frightening sucking noises as they fell from the object and impacted the wet ground.

Very close encounter:

"These sea-mine-type things with spikes on them came out of the back and grabbed my trousers ripping right through to my skin."

As Taylor stared in awe, the two spiky spheres rushed towards him from the direction of the object, by bouncing and rolling on the ground. His dog now barked loudly.

The two spheres arrived at him each rolling quickly at the same time to his left and right foot. The spheres' spikes extended and attached to the Bob's trousers and dragged him towards the larger sphere, tearing the tissue of his trousers up to the pockets in the process. Taylor was now hearing a distinct hissing sound and smelling an acrid odor which made him choke.

He then lost consciousness and collapsed on the round, just after hearing a loud and clear swishing sound similar to that of a cane being swung fast through the air.

Bert (A W RvB)

bert.nul

<http://www.rjrsnvbrn.nl>

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2010 19:01:59 -0300
Archived: Fri, 10 Sep 2010 06:57:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Thu, 09 Sep 2010 18:20:53 +0100
>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2010 12:08:00 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Wed, 08 Sep 2010 17:42:21 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

>Clearly, the book meets your standards. It doesn't meet mine.

>I don't think anything further need be said.

And you haven't read it right?

Don Ledger

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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2010 17:00:05 +0100
>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2010 13:59:47 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2010 15:35:35 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

<snip>

>>Here's are some other trivial points you might want to consider
>>Martin.

>Don,

>You are a perpetual disappointment.

Well let's leave it that then, Martin.

I must say however I never mentioned anything about the second pilot being coerced. It's a built in danger topic with most airline pilots. I never accused anyone of that.

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From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <bert.nul>
Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2010 00:56:45 +0200
Archived: Fri, 10 Sep 2010 08:18:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 03 Sep 2010 17:17:11 -0400
>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 2 Sep 2010 15:17:30 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

>>>From: J. Maynard Gelinias <j.maynard.gelinias.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 1 Sep 2010 20:34:06 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Speculative Analysis Of Flying Disc Propulsion

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>>>I think this is right. However, the implication of this is that
>>>a saucer shape may be at least partially designed for operation
>>>in an atmosphere. It may not be designed strictly for space
>>>travel (if at all).

>>Again, thanks for some interesting links.

>>Yup, fully agree, for at least two reasons:

>>i) Martyn Stubbs' downloaded NASA films, at:

>>www.youtube.com/watch?v=iev9x24shGk

>>www.youtube.com/watch?v=8S6c5BYGHpM

>>show varous spherical craft (or bodies) predominating in the
>>upper atmosphere; and massive spheres, maybe 5 miles in
>>diameter, coming in from outer space;

>>ii) theoretical speculation - at:

>>www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#a-g

>>says that, while a simple inertia-drive (in a disk craft) is
>>fine for lower planetary use, a larger and more elaborate
>>version of the principle is needed for safe inter-planetary
>>travel, and most definitely when at inter-stellar speeds. That
>>would seem to warrant those very large spherical craft.

>>>>BTW - that maybe means we have to look for another reason for
>>>>someone using those large triangular craft.

>>>I've been wondering about that too.

>>Right. Yet we have every reason to believe there are more than
>>one type (or species) of visitor. Perhaps the others use
>>different power and drive sources in a gravity field (or maybe
>>triangles are just fashionable with them).

>If my interpretation of what Paul Hill says in his book
>Unconventional Flying Objects is right, the shape of the craft
>is unimportant for flying through atmosphere. If force field

>generators are positioned correctly for any given shape, a
>constant-pressure air flow would be created around the craft no
>matter the velocity.

>I think the propulsive field would be shape-independent as well,
>so long as the field can be balanced inside the craft to prevent
>high acceleration from damaging the occupants.

>So, as you suggest, the shape may be a matter of preference.

The shape of the 'real' flying saucers () gives that craft an
equal strength on every part on the outer layer!

The only wake points are the center of ()

These wake points are here ==>()<==

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>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2010 15:09:34 -0400
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Between that day, when I first met him and February last year the last time I met him, over 20 years have passed and I haven't heard or known of any case of sexual crime that Wendelle was involved with in any way. And I met him some 30 times during that period of time.

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A. J.

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>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Leslie Kean Counters James Oberg

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Leslie did a major article about the Cometa Report about a decade ago. It was in the Boston Globe among other major newspapers. She worked with Jim Fox on Out Of The Blue. She was the point person on the FOI action re Kecksburg.

She helped gather the high ranking people who testified at the DC press club.

I wonder if you read her book. It certainly appears, as one

might expect, that Oberg hadn't. It is amazing that he didn't mention radar once in his review. The radar visual cases were a primary focus.

Most of Jim's research is the result of proclamation not investigation. Par for the debunking course.

Stan Friedman

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Ye cannae change the laws of physics
Or can you?

Richard Feynman, Nobel laureate and physicist extraordinaire, called it a "magic number" and its value "one of the greatest damn mysteries of physics". The number he was referring to, which goes by the symbol alpha and the rather more long-winded name of the fine-structure constant, is magic indeed. If it were a mere 4% bigger or smaller than it is, stars would not be able to sustain the nuclear reactions that synthesise carbon and oxygen atoms. One consequence would be that squishy, carbon-based life would not exist.

Why alpha takes on the precise value it does, so delicately fine-tuned for life, is a deep scientific mystery. A new piece of astrophysical research may, however, have uncovered a crucial piece of the puzzle. In a paper just submitted to Physical Review Letters, a team led by John Webb and Julian King from the University of New South Wales in Australia presents evidence that the fine-structure constant may not actually be constant after all. Rather, it seems to vary from place to place within the universe. If their results hold up to scrutiny they will have profound implications "for they suggest that the universe stretches far beyond what telescopes can observe, and that the laws of physics vary within it. Instead of the whole universe being fine-tuned for life, then, humanity finds itself in a corner of space where, Goldilocks-like, the values of the fundamental constants happen to be just right for it.

Slightly belying its name, the fine-structure constant is actually a compound of several other physical constants, whose values can be found in any physics textbook. You start with the square of an electron's charge, divide it by the speed of light and Planck's constant, then multiply the whole lot by two pi. The point of this laborious procedure is that this combination of multiplication and division produces a pure, dimensionless number. The units in which the original measurements were made cancel each other out and the result is 1/137.036, regardless of the measuring system you used in the first place.

Constant variation

Despite its convoluted origin, alpha has a real meaning. It characterises the strength of the force between electrically charged particles. As such, it governs "among other things" the energy levels of the electrons in an atom. When electrons jump between these energy levels, they absorb and emit light of particular frequencies. These frequencies show up as lines (dark for absorption; bright for emission) in a spectrum. When many different energy levels are involved, as they are in the spectrum of a chemically mixed star, the result is a fine, comb-

like structure" hence the constant's name. If it were to take on a different value, the wavelengths of these lines would change. And that is what Dr Webb and Mr King think they have found.

The light in question comes not from individual stars but from quasars. These are extremely luminous (and distant) galaxies whose energy output is powered by massive black holes at their centres. As light from a quasar travels through space, it passes through clouds of gas that imprint absorption lines onto its spectrum. By measuring the wavelengths of a large collection of these absorption lines and subtracting the effects of the expansion of the universe, the team led by Dr Webb and Mr King was able to measure the value of alpha in places billions of light-years away.

Dr Webb first conducted such a study almost a decade ago, using 76 quasars observed with the Keck telescope in Hawaii. He found that, the farther out he looked, the smaller alpha seemed to be. In astronomy, of course, looking farther away means looking further back in time. The data therefore indicated that alpha was around 0.0006% smaller 9 billion years ago than it is now. That may sound trivial. But any detectable deviation from zero would mean that the laws of physics were different there (and then) from those that pertain in the neighbourhood of the Earth.

Such an important result needed verification using a different telescope, so in 2004 another group of researchers looked from the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope (VLT) in Chile. They found no evidence for any variation of alpha. Since then, though, flaws have been discovered in that second analysis, so Dr Webb and his team set out to do their own crosscheck with a sample of 60 quasars observed by the VLT.

What they found shocked them. The further back they looked with the VLT, the larger alpha seemed to be" in seeming contradiction to the result they had obtained with the Keck. They realised, however, that there was a crucial difference between the two telescopes: because they are in different hemispheres, they are pointing in opposite directions. Alpha, therefore, is not changing with time; it is varying through space. When they analysed the data from both telescopes in this way, they found a great arc across the sky. Along this arc, the value of alpha changes smoothly, being smaller in one direction and larger in the other. The researchers calculate that there is less than a 1% chance such an effect could arise at random. Furthermore, six of the quasars were observed with both telescopes, allowing them to get an additional handle on their errors.

If the fine-structure constant really does vary through space, it may provide a way of studying the elusive "higher dimensions" that many theories of reality predict, but which are beyond the reach of particle accelerators on Earth. In these theories, the constants observed in the three-dimensional world are reflections of what happens in higher dimensions. It is natural in these theories for such constants to change their values as the universe expands and evolves.

Alpha and omega

Unfortunately, their method does not allow the team to tell which of the constants that goes into alpha might be changing. But it suggests that at least one of them is. On the other hand, the small value of the change over a distance of 18 billion light-years suggests the whole universe is vastly bigger than that. A diameter of 18 billion light-years (9 billion in each direction) is a considerable percentage of observable reality. The universe being 13.7 billion years old, 13.7 billion light-years" duly stretched to allow for the fact that space is expanding" is the maximum distance it is possible to see in any direction. If the variation Dr Webb and Mr King have found is real, constant, and as gradual as their data suggest, you would have to go a very long way indeed to come to a bit of space where the fine-structure constant was hostile to the existence of life.

If other teams of astronomers are already on the case, and Victor Flambaum, one of Dr Webb's colleagues at the University of New South Wales, points out in a companion paper that laboratory tests involving atomic clocks only slightly better than those that exist already could provide an independent

check. These would vary as the solar system moves through the universe. But if and when such confirmation comes, it will break one of physics's greatest taboos, the assumption that physical laws are the same everywhere and everywhen. And the fine-structure constant will have shown itself to be more mysterious than even Feynman conceived.

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See while there's still time:

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

Best,

[In French with video --ebk]

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From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 10 Sep 2010 08:37:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2010 18:16:11 +0000
>Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>Good grief, Roy, you aren't suggesting that a number of very
>young girls tricked Wendelle into sexual trysts? You can't be
>suggesting that the victims be blamed for Wendelle's perverted
>behavior?

Hello There,

I reside in the UK and I did hear about this many moons ago but I never actually knew anything about the story, what it was about, why it happened etc. I simply asked if anyone on this List had any knowledge as to what had actually occurred, I wasn't suggesting anything but that.

It seems you knew the full story of what happened so please post it all so I can consume the story, I only ever knew Mr. Steven's as being a UFO researcher with a pretty large UFO photograph collection.

Roy

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>Now that he is dead, I feel free to let you know of it.

Hello Virgilio,

Thank you for posting this, I was completley unaware of what happened to Mr. Steven's only that there was a brief headline over in the UK stating he was arrested for the charge you mentioned.

What you say obviously now opens a can of worms as there will be those on this List that will defend the authorities on their action and some who will say Mr. Steven's did no wrong, so I feel now he has passed over it will be for the best to let Mr. Steven's history become that whatever way one wishes to view it.

Regards,

Roy

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PRG Update - 9/9/10 - Part I

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Thu, 09 Sep 2010 22:31:07 -0400
Archived: Fri, 10 Sep 2010 08:43:25 -0400
Subject: PRG Update - 9/9/10 - Part I

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Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - September 9, 2010 - Part I

Exopolitics World Network Cities Initiative

www.exopoliticsworld.net

PRG has launched Phase II of the Exopolitics World Network - the Cities Initiative. The goal is 1000 exopolitics groups set up worldwide over the next twelve months. It has been said that "all politics is local." Ultimately that will be true for exopolitics as well. The EWN is part of a growing grassroots movement advancing the need for Disclosure worldwide. If you would like to start an EWN exopolitics group in your city or add this designation to an existing group, the protocol is simple:

- No governing organization, no bylaws, no boards of directors.
- Host a group of people for regular meetings to discuss exopolitical issues.
- Debate, consider activist options, watch DVDs (they are legion now), whatever you want.
- Don't worry about numbers. Groups can be of any size and will grow over time.
- Name the group Exopolitics [Your City].
- If a city has more than one group, the name will become Exopolitics [Your City] [Your Neighborhood].
- No website is necessary, but if there is an EWN portal website for your country, seek a listing on that site for your group.
- Contact PRG with the host contact email for listing on the EWN webpage.

That's it.

The Quickening?

During the past twelve months the pace of UFO/ET/Exopolitical developments has, as Art Bell might put it, quickened. As a result PRG is receiving more email, DVDs, books, manuscripts, requests and queries than it can handle. That coupled with the recent international travel schedule has created a huge backlog. PRG apologizes if a response to your correspondence is either very late or slips through the cracks entirely.

PRG Media Watch/Archive

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2010.html

Due to PRG's heavy travel schedule, the Media Archive is not up to date. There are approximately 500 articles that need to be added at this time. These articles will begin going up on the site in the next few days. It will take about two weeks. It is worth mentioning again that MSM coverage of the UFO/ET /Exopolitical issues continues to increase. Furthermore, there

are several major media developments in the works. Be on the lookout.

Exopolitics World Network
www.exopoliticsworld.net

PRG welcomes Exopolitics Argentina and site administrator Bibiana Bryson to the EWN. Several more countries sites are expected to be online so

Exopolitics United States Website

www.exopoliticsunitedstates.us

Since the EWN's inception PRG has been maintaining the United States website in the EWN. As the above item indicated, right now PRG is overwhelmed with projects and is not in a position to properly maintain this important site. Therefore, PRG is looking for a skilled webmaster with considerable knowledge and interest in the UFO/ET/Exopolitical issues to be the administrator of the US portal site:

www.exopoliticsunitedstates.us

PRG would retain the URL, but it would be their site to do with as they please to create a great portal site for the US. Anyone interested in being the volunteer administrator for the EWN US website, contact PRG. Thanks.

PRG Speaking Schedule

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/speaking&eventschedule.html

PRG executive director, Stephen Bassett, will be presenting at the following upcoming conferences:

Oct 8-10, 2010 - 2012: A Positive Outcome - Valetta, Malta
Nov 13, 2010 - Sarasota/Bradenton UFO Group - Bradenton, FL
March 17-19, 2011 - Reykawvik Summit 2011 - Lawrence, KS
April 15-17, 2011 - In development - Kentucky

PRG Media Schedule

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Sept 11 - WZBC (Boston) - Victor Venckus - 10 am EDT
Sept 18 - Beyond the Matrix - Patricia Cori - 1 pm EDT
Sept 18 - Exopolitics Radio - 11 pm EDT
Sept 21 - Universal Spiritual Connection - Leilani Schmidt - 9 pm EDT
Sept 24 - WVNJ (New Jersey) - Kate Valentine - 1 pm EDT
Oct 3 - Truth Collective - Aaron McCullom - 9 pm EDT
(Many more pending.)

PRG Travel Schedule

PRG executive director, Stephen Bassett, will return to Europe to speak at the 2012: A Positive Outcome conference to be held on the island of Malta, October 8-10. He will then be in the Berlin/Leipzig, Germany area for one week (October 11-18) followed by two weeks in London (October 18-30). He will return to the United States via Miami where he will do a two week tour of South Florida (October 31-November 14). While this is mostly a networking trip, there is some time available for a few informal talks. If you are interested in hosting a talk in the London, Berlin/Leipzig or South Florida areas, contact PRG.

Upcoming Conferences

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/conferences.html

Angel Fire, NM - Sept 9-12
Virginia Beach, VA - Sept 11
San Leandro, CA - Sept 18-19
Rio Rico, AZ - Oct 2-4
Valetta, Malta Oct 8-10 (Bassett Speaking)
Langhorne, PA - Oct 9
Youngblood, PA - Oct 16

Santa Clara, CA - Oct 30-31
Las Vegas, NV - Nov TBA
Bordentown, NJ - Nov 13-14
Lawrence, KS, March -17-19 (Bassett Speaking)
TBA, Kentucky - April 15-17 (Bassett Speaking)

Fax on Washington

www.faxonwashington.org

The current administration is in crisis. Private and public polling indicates the opposition party may retake a majority of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Democrats have had a very bad year. With the election just two months away now is the time to press the UFO/ET issue hard in Washington, DC. Even if you have sent correspondence in the past, please consider going to the Fax on Washington website and sending a letter, fax AND email to the White House Correspondence Association demanding the White House press corps start asking tough questions of the President's press secretary regarding the UFO/ET issues, particularly the Rockefeller Initiative. All needed info is at the above website.

New Police Sighting Database Site

www.policeufo.com

A new site has been set up in Australia which follows in the footsteps of Gary Heseltine's PRUFOS

www.prufospolicedatabase.co.uk

This concept could begin spreading to other countries.

Royal Society of London - October 4-5

<http://royalsociety.org/extra-terrestrial-life>

It is notable the Royal Society is convening yet another conference on the extraterrestrial issue following the one in January 2010. Equally notable are the topics of discussion: Calling ET, or not even answering the phone?

- * Societal questions raised by the detection of extra-terrestrial life.
- * What could studies of extra-terrestrial life tell us about the future of humanity?
- * Extra-terrestrial life and arising political issues for the UN agenda.

New Book by Leslie Kean
UFOs: Generals, Pilots and Officials Go on the Record

www.amazon.com/UFOs-Generals-Pilots-Government-Officials/dp/0307716848

Leslie Kean's new book is based around the press conference she cosponsored with James Fox at the National Press Club on November 12, 2007. The book is presently climbing its way up the New York Times bestseller list, and of particular note, it has a foreword by John Podesta, who continues to connect himself in the public arena to the UFO/ET issue.

New Book by Richard Dolan
A.D. After Disclosure: The People's Guide to Life After Contact

www.keyholepublishing.com

Dolan's new book will be out shortly. The title is self-explanatory. It has a foreword by Jim Marrs. It also has a preface by Stephen Bassett which hopefully won't cost too many book sales.

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tolerated, even if blood-born, aberration... for compelling
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If he's truly guilty let his memory eat fish-heads along with
the memory of Philip Klass... but if he's not?

Yeahyeahyeah... Some would proclaim pompously that the 'conviction' is 'proof, enough' of guilt. That may be as naive as it is unimaginative with this crime, though, given that the mere accusation of it can be as bad as a 'conviction', at least as it pertains to a besmirched character, a damaged reputation, or a blight, even, on mere association with others.

I mean, no one would even suggest such a crime had been committed but that there was something to it, eh?! Sincerely, just look at the freaking results!

Sidebarring: this is the bone of my contention with Rich Reynolds and his murder of real or imagined crows, RRR. See, he has put me placed me (so would place others) cheek by jowl with this flesh-crawling crime presently endured by the memory of Wendelle Stevens, forged 'evidence' of my complicity he had sent to employers and enemies alike, and then serially committed this same slander again, citing the same forged 'evidence', reader, on Kevin Randles blog.

For the interested, that case, with RR's latest bon mot, is laid out here:

<http://www.alienview.net/news.html>

Back to the thread, my heart goes out to the late Mr. Stevens given that I cannot pronounce one way or the other on his 'guilt', not always sure, or his 'innocence', too often subsumed by slander. I must feel compelled to give him the benefit of the doubt, entirely apart from any ufological contribution he may or may not have made. It's a shame, bottom line, one way or the other. Such is the horror of the mere 'charge.' A wrongful charge should receive, therefore, the highest possible discouragement in the form of... say seven figure damages and profuse public apologies.

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>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2010 16:40:43 -0700 (PDT)
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That's not a "course". It's a wasteland begging to be a dumping
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Instead Of Leslie Kean's Book Read...

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2010 00:04:28 +0000
Archived: Sat, 11 Sep 2010 08:12:55 -0400
Subject: Instead Of Leslie Kean's Book Read...

Kevin Randle wrote a much better book which advocates a scientific approach to the study of ufos.

It is called Scientific Ufology: Roswell and Beyond-How Scientific Methodology Can Prove the Reality of Ufos. It is a well argued hypothesis from somebody who has walked the walk and talked the talk for many years. Randle has the dust of Roswell, and many other places, on his boots. Plus, all those mumbled death bed confessions he sat through qualifies him more than Kean to write the better book.

But, it would appear Randle does not have the same publicist as Kean.

I found the book by accident, as I had never heard Randle interviewed or reviewed anywhere with regard to this book. Possibly the titled scared people off. I thought the approach he outlined was exactly the approach necessary. I guess I was alone in my thought.

BTW, Kean's book, according to the announcement on the internet, was published in November of 2007. Like I said, she must hired a new publicist. Randle should find out what spiel the new publicist used to get Kean all this attention.

KK

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Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2010 10:42:36 - 0500
Archived: Sat, 11 Sep 2010 12:21:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2010 17:44:55 +0000
>Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2010 08:46:20 - 0500
>>Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

<snip>

>>Though, do any of us know the 'facts' of the case? PK? KK?
>>DB? Is there behavior demonstrated by the departed Stevens
>>leading up to his accusation and charge... how about after?
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Oh, if only a fraction of your entirely unjustified faith in a
pretty corrupted system were remotely justified, Ms. Kasten.

<http://www.innocenceproject.org/>

"What a wonderful world it would be," eh? The discussion is not
remotely over, ma'am.

At best your knee-soxed umbrage may be only a brilliant
illustration of the seriousness of a charge, even when spurious,
sans merit, entirely without support, and libelous, ma'am,
suggested - I remind you - with regard to myself by our
slandorous old pal Rich Reynolds! Perhaps if you were on the
business end of a similar stick you might be a tad more
circumspect with authoritarian and seemingly convenient
judgments. I know I am.

When such a libelous charge is suggested to discredit or
otherwise silence an opposing ufological voice and civil rights
are abrogated, curtailed, or otherwise destroyed, where is your
cock-sure outrage then?

Yeahyeahyeah... tell me I was asking for it. It remains, the
only certain thing is uncertainty and you can be certain of
facile bupkis.

alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net
AVG Blog - - <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>

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News Links - 10-09-10

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2010 13:27:02 -0400
Archived: Sat, 11 Sep 2010 13:27:02 -0400
Subject: News Links - 10-09-10

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A UFO Over Dinwiddie? - Video
WTVR
<http://tinyurl.com/2cbk4uv>

Carolinians Seeing Weird Objects In The Sky
McDowell News
<http://tinyurl.com/39amj87>

UFO Sightings 'Probably Street Lamps' - Audio
RTHK
<http://tinyurl.com/25oydan>

Space Aliens or Streetlights?
AOL News
<http://tinyurl.com/27ft69a>

How Is It Claimed Amateur Astronomers Do Not See UFOs?
Yahoo Answers
<http://tinyurl.com/28u64hb>

Filer's Files # 37 - 2010
<http://tinyurl.com/2aaoz59>

UFO Experts To Touch Down In Murfreesboro
Murfreesboro Post
<http://tinyurl.com/29obewz>

UFO Centre For Russia
The Moscow News
<http://tinyurl.com/2bs8rt5>

Thoughts On Crop Circles
UFO Digest
<http://tinyurl.com/37encd6>

UFOHQ.ORG Launches As World's Largest LIVE UFO News Information
Resource
MediaSyndicate.COM
<http://tinyurl.com/29ap9ov>

Ford-Shaped UFO Drives Woman Off Road
Herald Sun
<http://tinyurl.com/36lvssp>

From Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles:

Former Boeing Engineer, Robert Kaminski Confirms UFO Activity At
Echo Flight Missile Launch Control Facility In 1967 - Video
<http://tinyurl.com/32xvu2a>

UFOs Are Real With Wendelle Stevens - Video
<http://tinyurl.com/3xglv7w>

Wendelle Stevens Tribute
<http://tinyurl.com/26xnecl>

Sheriff George Wilcox*A Sheriff's Deep Dark Secret Revealed
<http://tinyurl.com/3yqr6ql>

Michio Kaku Praises Leslie Kean's New Book; Affirms UFO
Reality
<http://tinyurl.com/2fsc9pj>

From 'The Norm':

Michigan Pilot Reports 'Red Light' Formation Above Route 131
Examiner.Com
<http://tinyurl.com/28jo39d>

UFO Stole Water From Argentine Military Base
Inexplicata
<http://tinyurl.com/2vtoqux>

Mysterious Livestock Attacks In Mexico Blamed On Chupacabra
<http://tinyurl.com/3y6za44>

Laws Of Physics May Change Across The Universe
<http://tinyurl.com/2558yeb>

Many Kinds Of Universes, and None Require God
<http://tinyurl.com/3a6rshj>

NASA Panel Weighs Asteroid Danger
<http://tinyurl.com/2a9vdtg>

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Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2010 13:20:46 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 11 Sep 2010 13:29:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2010 17:44:55 +0000
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Nancy Smith, an Ohio school bus driver was falsely accused of child molestation in 1994. She was convicted and spent 15 years in jail for a crime she didn't commit until a judge finally threw out the conviction over a technicality.

Patrick Figured & Sonya Hill, both accused of molesting children in satanic rituals. Hill served 10 years for a crime she likely never committed. Figured has been in jail circa 22 years now for a crime he likely never committed.

The McMartin Preschool case originally started with false accusations of molestation and abuse from an alcoholic and schizophrenic mother.

Fran and Danny Keller, accused of molesting children in satanic rituals. Both were convicted and sentence to 48 years in jail. To date they have been in jail for circa 18 years for a crime they likely never committed. The reason they haven't been paroled is reportedly due to the fact that they refuse to express remorse for their "crimes".

Elizabeth Ramirez, Cassandra Rivera, Anna Vasquez and Kristie Mayhugh, all accused of being "lesbian witches" and of working together to molest girls. The court appointed attorney advised to women to accept a plea-bargain since a jury is likely to believe children no matter how crazy their story is.

Here's a good web site for you:

Imaginary Crimes: Real Life Cases Of People Sent To Prison For Crimes That Never Happened

<http://tinyurl.com/37nhpw3>

So, was Mr. Stevens truly guilty of the crime he was convicted of? I don't know. All I can say is that we don't live in times

where we can be so sure that just because someone was convicted in a court of law then therefore they were actually guilty of the crime for which they were accused.

-Jason Gammon

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PRG Update - 9/9/10 - Part II

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2010 14:25:45 -0400
Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 07:57:41 -0400
Subject: PRG Update - 9/9/10 - Part II

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - September 9, 2010 - Part II

France came on board, then Canada, Brazil, United Kingdom,
Denmark, Uruguay, Sweden, Russia, New Zealand
and the Vatican.

And next?

NBC

The Event

www.nbc.com/the-event

PRG 2010 Fundraiser

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/contribute.htm

This is the once-a-year fund raiser for PRG's advocacy work to end the UFO/ET Truth Embargo. Since typically only about one-third of even a directed group mailing gets opened, it will be repeated two more times over the next two weeks. Please pardon the repetition.

The United States economy is in serious trouble largely due to decades of bad policies. That means most of you are in bad shape as well. And you are also well aware that bad governmental policy is not confined to just the economic sector. The levels of distrust, paranoia and lack of confidence in government and media institutions are at unprecedented low levels.

PRG believes Disclosure of the ET presence leading to the emergence into the public domain of ET derived technology is the key to turning things around. It could lead to a technological/economic renaissance and an age of reform and restructuring. The question is constantly asked, "When will Disclosure happen?" The best answer is, "Disclosure is inevitable and soon. But will it be soon enough?"

PRG is presently \$40,000 in debt primarily due to X-Conference 2010. An effort is ongoing to find a major funder - PRG's S. R. Hadden - to make new projects like Contact 2011 and the Citizen Hearing possible and allowing for the expansion of ongoing projects such as the Exopolitics World Network Cities Initiative and the Fax on Washington. Right now this effort is focused overseas as almost all funding sources in the U. S. remain frozen behind the truth embargo.

Eventually major funding will turn up, but until then, your contributions are critical to keep things moving forward. Information about contributing to PRG is at the above webpage.

Much Thanks,

Stephen Bassett

Australian Speaking Tour - June 24-July 30

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Australian_Tour.htm

This tour had three basic goals: 1) learn more about what Australians think about the UFO/ET issue, 2) increase awareness of the Disclosure process underway in the United States and elsewhere, and 3) find new support for the advocacy work ahead.

None of this would have been possible without the hosting and support of many wonderful Aussies in Perth Julie "Jewels" Bedford, Denise Blazek, Tony Lambert, Karen Ong Adelaide Darren Evans, Josephine Moby, Sergio Moby, Bradley Pitt, Kevin Robb Canberra Tony Coote, Gary Kerans, Stina Kerans, Ania Lian, Grant Robb (Exopolitics Australia) Sydney Megan Hazelwood, Peter Khoury Melbourne Dr. Bruce Alexander, George Simpson Newcastle Joanne Kanda, Ken Lemon Byron Bay Andrew Mignot, Noah Yamore Nexus Conference - Maroochedore Duncan Roads, Josh and Nina Shaw Brisbane Sheryl Gottchall, Glennys Mackay, Sharon Prior Warwick Monica Ward

European Speaking Tour II - August 7-29

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Europe_Tour-II.htm

The same basic goals and again not possible without the hosting and support of: Leeds David Griffin (Exopolitics UK), Anthony Beckett (Exopolitics Great Britain) Dublin Michael and Heather Rice Chesham Steve Aspin, Janis Cooney London Belinda McKenzie, Miles Johnston, Sacha Adams Stone + Anna and Flor (Humanidad) Halle, Germany Susanne Tennert Leipzig Robert Fleischer (Exopolitics Germany), Ulrike Martink Frank H=F6fer, Natascha Jatzeck Budapest Metta Love, Matthias Puhlinger

Contact 2011 Conference

www.contact2011.com

PRG's contact phenomenon conference tentatively scheduled for October 2010 is now tentatively scheduled for May of 2011. It is tentative until PRG deals with a \$40,000 debt stemming primarily from X-Conference 2010. Efforts to find a major funder to keep the advocacy work on track are underway.

Denver Ballot Initiative #300

www.extracampaign.org

After two years, Jeff Peckman's effort to generate a vote for an ET Affairs Commission for the city of Denver comes up for a vote on November 2. What started out as a local story has through great effort and excellent strategy become a national referendum on the UFO/ET subject. In an attempt to stymie a positive outcome the vote was moved from the lightly voted primary election to the November election. Mistake. This will result in much more coverage of the Initiative. On election night everyone will be following the outcome of this vote. If you have any friends or relatives living in Denver, suggest they vote Yes on Initiative 300 which will send a message to the rest of the country but cost the taxpayers no money.

New French Aerospace Report Endorses Reality of UFOs

www.openminds.tv/french-ufo-report-081610

A new French report released on May 31, 2010 concluded that UFOs are definitely real and possibly of extraterrestrial origin. While not an official government study, the Progress Report of the Sigma/3AF Commission comes from a highly credible source, the Aeronautical & Astronomical Association of France, known as the 3AF, which established a Commission on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena back in May 2008. The Commission's President is Alain Boudier, a former French Defense attache, and one of its key members is Jean-Gabriel Gresle, a former fighter pilot who studied at the U.S. Air Force Academy and later became an airliner pilot with Air France, where he experienced a couple of UFO sightings. Gresle has published three UFO books in France, including Unidentified Flying Objects: An Airline Pilot Talks (Guy Tredaniel, 1993).

New Book by Kim Carlsberg
The Art of Close Encounters
kimcarlsberg.nul

Fifteen years after publishing Beyond My Wildest Dreams Kim Carlsberg is about to publish a book which will make the contactee issue more accessible. The universal language of art is used to bring to life 150 contact cases of various types. This book speaks for those who cannot yet speak for themselves, and, in the words of Dr. Leo Sprinkle, "is visually stunning and intellectually compelling."

If you would like to be notified when the book goes online for sale, you can contact Kim at the above email address.

Wendelle Stevens, Lt. Col. (USAF retired)

www.azdvs.gov/services/cemetery.aspx

As many of you already know, one of the best known and longest serving researchers of extraterrestrial phenomena, Lt. Col. Wendelle Stevens passed on last Wednesday at the age of 87. PRG regrets that Wendelle did not live to see the resolution of the UFO/ET issue.

If you are in the Tucson, AZ area, please be advised that Col. Stevens' ashes will be interred with full military honors on Thursday, September 16 at 1 pm.

The service will be at:

Southern AZ Veterans Memorial Cemetery
Fort Huachuca Military Base
Sierra Vista, AZ

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Leslie Kean Interviewed By Michio Kaku

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 00:47:45 +0200
Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 08:01:42 -0400
Subject: Leslie Kean Interviewed By Michio Kaku

Dear Colleagues,

Michio Kaku interviewed Leslie Kean today (September 11th) for his radio program Scientific Fantastic broadcast over 130 radio affiliates.

Audio download link:

<http://tinyurl.com/34c5c73>

Some of the subjects discussed in the show:

- Michio Kaku's views towards UFO phenomenon and scientific possibilities
- COMETA Report
- Skeptics and James Oberg's article
- Significance of radar-visual cases
- Iran UFO Incident 1976 (Parviz Jafari)
- Belgian UFO Wave 1989-1990
- JAL-1628 UFO Incident 1986
- Project Blue Book & dr. J. Allen Hynek

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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NBC-TV's 'The Event'

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 01:12:24 +0200
Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 08:06:19 -0400
Subject: NBC-TV's 'The Event'

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/2f5v63g>

NBC-TV's 'The Event': The Secret Even The President Does Not Know
September 20, 2010

In The Event, President Elias Martinez must disclose the truth
of ET to the American public.

Imagine a secret so secret that the President of the United
States of America is not on the Need-To-Know list-one that would
change the course of history were it to become widespread public
knowledge.

Rest of the article is available here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2f5v63g>

Best Wishes,

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Re: NBC-TV's 'The Event'

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 02:12:51 +0200
Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 08:08:02 -0400
Subject: Re: NBC-TV's 'The Event'

And here is the trailer of "The Event":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4vumb8J-x8>

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Blue Book - Atomic Explosion? /CIRVIS/USAF F-86D/

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 13:27:26 +0700 (GMT+07:00)
Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 08:14:25 -0400
Subject: Blue Book - Atomic Explosion? /CIRVIS/USAF F-86D/

Project Blue Book - Poss. Atomic Explosion(?)/CIRVIS/USAF F-86D/

The message below is more interesting for its discussion of nuclear explosion illumination visibility than the admittedly weak UFO report of an indistinct LITS (light in the sky). The original classification of SECRET was often applied to formerly restricted data information, that is, nuclear data.

Headquarters, USAF re-addressed in the body of the message the report originally from Commander FEAF (Far East Air Force).

See:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Far_East_Air_Force_%28United_States%29 .

Of course no nuclear explosions in this area ten years after Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Lt. Durfey may have seen something volcanic or some sort of atmospheric phenomena. Two minutes or so is a bit long for a meteor or ice bomb.

Any comments besides this was a Lieutenant with a hyperactive imagination?

Terry

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USAF 52776 CMM DATED 1 DEC 1955. FOLLOWING UNEVALUATED MESSAGE CMM ON SAME SUBJECT CMM FROM COMDR FEAF (FAR EAST AIR FORCE) ON 3 DEC PASSED TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS. QUOTE CLN THE FOLLOWING INFO FROM THE 39TH AIR DIV INCLUDING A PILOTS INTERROGATION REPORT IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFO CLN 1. EVALUATION OF PILOT CLN 1/LT DURFEY CMM MILES CMM AO 2228024 CMM 339 FIS IS CONSIDERED A COMPLETELY RELIABLE SOURCE. THE DEBRIEFING OFFICER EVALUATED THE SOURCE AND PROBABILITY OF THE INFORMATION AS A-2. LT DURFEY HAS BEEN EN EYEWITNESS TO APPROXIMATELY SEVEN PREVIOUS NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FROM THE GROUND DURING MARCH AND JUNE 1954 CMM FROM LAS VEGAS CMM NEVADA CMM APPROX 80 MILES AWAY. FURTHER STATES HE HAS SEEN NUMEROUS TRAINING FILMS AND MOVIES OF EXPLOSIONS. IT IS HIS OPINION THAT IT WAS AN ATOMIC BURST AND THAT'S ALL IT COULD HAVE BEEN.
2. LT DURFEY STATED ORIGINALLY THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS AT LEAST 200 MILES AWAY CLN LATER MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATIONS BY HIM PLACED THIS FIGURE AS BETTER THAN 500 MILES. PARAGRAPH 3.02 CMM C(H)APT 3. VOL II.

RADIOLOGICAL DEFENSE. NOV 51 PUBLISHED BY ARMED FORCES SPECIAL WEAPONS PROJECT STATES CLN QUOTE IN ONE OF THE TEST EXPLOSIONS AT NEVADA IN 1951 THE GLARE IN THE SKY CMM IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE DAWN WAS VISIBLE OVER 400 MILES AWAY. UNQUOTE. FROM 25,000 FEET IT IS POSSIBLE THAT LT DURFEY COULD HAVE SEEN THE BALL OF FIRE AT 400 OR EVEN MORE MILES AWAY. FURTHER THE ABOVE MENTIONED VOLUME STATED THAT A HIGH AIR BURST WOULD START AT 4,000 AND GO UP TO 30,000 TO 60,000 FEET. 3. THE FOLLOWING IS COPY OF THE SIGNED STATEMENT MADE BY LT DURFEY WHICH IS IN THE MAIL TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS CLN QUOTE. AT 0106 HOURS CMM 25 NOVEMBER 55 CMM I WAS SCRAMBLED OUT OF CHITOSE UNDER THE CALL SIGN OF "SHARPY REC." THE MISSION WAS TO INVESTIGATE A GCI RADAR PICKUP OF A PRESUMABLY UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT. THE VECTOR FOR OUR FLIGHT OF TWO F-86D AIRCRAFT WAS GIVEN TO US 360 DEGREES CMM AND WE WERE TO A(S)CENT TO AN ALTITUDE OF 25,000 FEET WHILE CLIMBING OUT ON THIS HEADING. IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKEOFF CMM MY WINGMAN'S RADIO RECEIVER BECAME INOPERATIVE AND COULD NOT BE CONTACTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FLIGHT. I WENT INTO A THIN OVERCAST AT ABOUT 6,000 FEET AND BROKE OUT AT 12,000 FEET. MY WINGMAN AT THIS TIME WAS APPROX FIVE MILES BEHIND AND WAS FOLLOWING ME WITH THE AID OF HIS RADAR. THERE WERE NO CLOUD CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND ABOVE LAYER FOREMENTIONED CMM AND THE VISIBILITY WAS EXTREMELY GOOD. AT APPROX 0113I CMM LOCATION WD 6560 CMM ALTITUDE 25,000 FEET AND ON HEADING OF 360 DEGREES, I BECAME AWARE OF A RED GLOW TO MY LEFT. AT FIRST IT APPEARED TO BE A REFLECTION FROM THE COCKPIT INSTRUMENT LIGHTS CMM BUT I ELIMINATED THAT POSSIBILITY BY PUTTING MY HAND AGAINST THE CANOPY AND PEERING THROUGH TWO SPREAD FINGERS WITH MY HEAD AGAINST MY HAND. I NEXT THOUGHT THE GLOW MAY BE COMING FROM AN AIRCRAFT ON FIRE CMM BUT AS THE LIGHT WAS NOT MOVING CMM THIS POSSIBILITY WAS ALSO ELIMINATED CMM I NEXT THOUGHT THE GLOW MIGHT BE FROM THE AFTERBURNER OF ANOTHER AIRCRAFT AIRCRAFT CLOSE BY. THIS POSSIBILITY WAS ELIMINATED BY TURNING INTO THE DIRECTION OF THE GLOW. THE GLOW REMAINED STATIONARY AND A HEADING OF 312 DEGREES WAS ESTABLISHED TO PLACE THE LIGHT DIRECTLY AHEAD OF THE AIRCRAFT. AS THE MISSION WAS STILL IN PROGRESS I TURNED BACK TO A HEADING OF 360 DEGREES. AT THIS POINT IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT A LITTLE MORE THAN TWO MINUTES HAD ELAPSED. SHORTLY AFTER THE TURN WAS STARTED CMM THE GLOW BEGAN TO FLATTEN OUT FROM ITS ORIGINAL SPHERICAL SHAPE PAREN TO CLARIFY A STATEMENT MADE IN AN EARLIER REPORT CMM THIS OBLONG OR FLATTENED STAGE COULD BE COMPARED TO THE WELL KNOWN " MASHROOM"(SIC) STAGE WHICH RESULTS AFTER AN EXPLOSION OF THIS KIND. HOWEVER CMM THE STEM CMM IF THERE WAS ONE CMM OF THIS MUSHROOM STAGE WAS NOT VISIBLE. PAREN THIS GLOW WAS FLATTENED ON A HORIZONTA PLANE AND THE ILLUMINATION IN THIS STAGE LASTED FOR APPROX TWO MINUTES. AFTER THIS STAGE THE LIGHT FADED OUT MODERATELY FAST CMM I.E. IN LESS THAN THIRTY SECONDS. MY LOCATION WAS WD 8585 CMM 25,000 FEET CMM 1118I. THE TOTAL PERIOD OF MY OBSERVANCE THUS WAS ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. TO APPROXIMATE THE SIZE OF THE GLOW CMM A SPHERE ONE-HALF INCH IN DIAMETER HELD AT A ONE YARD DISTANCE FROM THE EYE WOULD SHOW IN COMPARISON WHAT I SAW FROM THE COCKPIT. AT 500 STATUTE MILES THIS WOULD MAKE THE DIAMETER OF THE SPHERE TO BE SLIGHTLY LESS THAN SEVEN MILES ACROSS. THE COLOR OF THE GLOW THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TIME WAS A DEEP RED WITH AN ORANGE TINT. IT APPEARED THAT THE HIGHEST INTENSITY OF THE LIGHT WAS REACHED JUST PRIOR TO THE FLATTENING-OUT PROCESS. IN THE LATTER PART OF THE OBSERVANCE PERIOD AN ELONGATED DARK OBJECT APPEARED HORIZONTALLY TO THE LEFT AND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SPHERE. THIS CLOSELY RESEMBLED A CLOUD FORMATION AND BLOCKED OUT APPROXIMATELY ONE-FIFTH OF THE SPHERE. I WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT MY WINGMAN. I COULD NOT GET HIM TO VERIFY ANY OF THIS INFORMATION. UNQUOTE.

FEAF COMMENT CLN AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT THE MOON WAS AT 191 DEGREES FROM THE POSITION OF THE AIRCRAFT THE MOON SET AT 0101I ON THE DATE OF THE INCIDENT. THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT THIS WAS AN ATOMIC EXPLOSION. HISTORICALLY CMM THERE IS NO RECORD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS IN THIS AREA. UNQUOTE

REQUEST AFOIN-4 EVALUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BT

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 ((PROJECT BLUE BOOK - POSS. ATOMIC EXPLOSION(?)/CIRVIS/USAF F-86D/
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From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 12:25:47 +0200
Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 08:17:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

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>Imaginary Crimes: Real Life Cases Of People Sent To Prison For
>Crimes That Never Happened

><http://tinyurl.com/37nhpw3>

>So, was Mr. Stevens truly guilty of the crime he was convicted
>of? I don't know. All I can say is that we don't live in times
>where we can be so sure that just because someone was convicted
>in a court of law then therefore they were actually guilty of
>the crime for which they were accused.

In France, in Outreau, several innocent people spent years in
jail, after false accusations by some children and a deranged
woman.

Human justice is fallible, and you may be framed by a false
testimony. But it is often right, fortunately for all of us.

However, if we compare justice and ufology, it is easier to
condemn someone in court than to convince skeptics of the
reality of UFOs. Thousands of solid witnesses are not enough. In
court, a couple of apparently credible witnesses will do.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Ye Cannae Change The Laws Of Physics Or Can

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2010 23:50:57 +0100
Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 08:18:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Ye Cannae Change The Laws Of Physics Or Can

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>,
>Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2010 13:29:37 +0700 (GMT+07:00)
>Subject: Ye Cannae Change The Laws Of Physics Or Can You?

>Source: The Economist

><http://www.economist.com/node/16941123>

Beyond the disturbing uncertainty there is a reassuring consistency to this: even relativity is only relative...

Gerald O'Connell
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>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
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Thanks for that incisive clarification.

Yup, Jesus got what was coming to him and O J Simpson never harmed a fly.

As for me, I haven't done anything wrong but if they get me for it, now that I understand how things work, I won't complain at all.

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From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 10:22:17 -0300
Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 10:19:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

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Hi Gildas, how are you? Haven't sen you in a while...

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On the contrary, I have some skeptics for amusement and oftem have good laughs with them.

Have a great Sunday!

A. J.

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Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 16:32:41 +0100
Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 11:49:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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A.J.,

Skeptics a long time ago knew the size of the UFO market.

Roy

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Re: Blue Book - Atomic Explosion? /CIRVIS/USAF

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 16:49:01 +0100
Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 13:50:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Blue Book - Atomic Explosion? /CIRVIS/USAF

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 13:27:26 +0700 (GMT+07:00)
>Subject: Blue Book - Atomic Explosion? /CIRVIS/USAF F-86D/

>Project Blue Book - Poss. Atomic Explosion(?)/CIRVIS/USAF
>F-86D/

<snip>

>Any comments besides this was a Lieutenant with a hyperactive
>imagination?

Hi Terry

Thanks for this. It doesn't sound like imagination to me. It sounds as though he observed pretty much what he describes - a red circular glow near the horizon, about 0.7 deg in estimated angular diameter, flattening to a red ellipse before dimming and vanishing.

Obviously the first thing that springs to mind is the setting sun or moon. The position of the sun at 0113I (= GMT+9 = 1613Z), far under the earth, puts it out of the question. The moon phase was about 0.7, gibbous. FEAF considered the moon because the sighting time was within a few minutes of moonset, given as 0101I .The 25,000ft observer altitude and a mirage duct could perhaps have allowed the moon still have been visible, optically distorted and reddened as described. But FEAF place the moon setting at 191 deg, which is very far away from the sighting azimuth of 317 deg.

However there is an oddity in the moonset data given. According to my planetarium program the moon would have set about 0155I.from Chitose AFB and at the sighting time 0113I it should have been about az 266.5 deg and still at alt 6.5 deg. This doesn't help too much, though. A discrepancy of 50 deg still can't be repaired.

A time error could be assumed, I suppose, but the moon would not have been at az 317 deg until about 0534I, by which time it would have been about 30 deg below the horizon, even from 25,000ft (this would be less than an hour before sunrise). The only way to explain it then would be to propose a long-range 'Novaya Zemlya'-type elevated mirage duct at least 700 miles in horizontal extent, "piping" the distorted image of the moon far over the horizon. There is reason to suspect a similar phenomenon in a few aircrew sightings (e.g., BOAC, Labrador, June 1954). The witness's description of a black silhouette which "closely resembled a cloud formation" across the face of the disc is interesting in this regard.

But the given the extreme rarity of such a phenomenon, and the requirement for a large unexplained error in time (or in interlocked azimuth values), such a theory seems far-fetched.

Martin Shough

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Cultural Influences On UFO Observation?

From: Jeff Olson <jloolson53.nul>
Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 11:13:05 -0500
Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 13:57:12 -0400
Subject: Cultural Influences On UFO Observation?

I thought List-members might find this interesting. :)

Source: TPM - The Philosopher's Magazine

<http://www.philosophypress.co.uk/?p=1380>

July 16, 2010

Why Have Ufos Changed Speed Over The Years?
by Martin S. Kottmeyer

It is one of those little ironies of historical memory that we sometimes forget why we took an interest in some things.

Take flying saucers.

How many of us realise that the reason they made headlines in 1947 was not because Kenneth Arnold thought he saw spaceships from another world; but simply because he reported objects travelling at "incredible speed"?

Our local paper head-lined it "Officials Skeptical of Report of 1200 Mile-an-Hour Object". The next day: "1200 MPH Flying Saucer Story Has Teller Up in Air".

The initial Associated Press dispatch specifically has Arnold saying that "he could not hazard a guess as to what they were" and ends with him admitting, "It seems impossible, but there it is."

<snip>

Best,

Jeff

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Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 09:24:46 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 13:59:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
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Kathy:

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Archived: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 14:04:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: post.nul
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Since I'm classified as a minority in the United States I can
vouch to the unfair arrests and imprisonment of people.

I've seen it first hand. I've seen cops and Federal Agents beat
and torture people because of the color of their skin, religion
etc..

I've seen cops run past entire neighborhoods full of mobsters to
beat down and arrest someone because they didn't pay a bill or
got fingered by a jilted lover.

I've had to battle those in authority a number of times because
of the color of my skin.

In Ufology I've had ufologists send me racist jokes and make the
most heinous comments on the phone or by email. Doing UFO
research in parts of the country where people called the cops on
me or spewed out racist epithets was common including while
visiting Roswell, NM which I've got on video.

People are routinely convicted of crimes they didn't do but
because they didn't have the money to defend themselves they sit
in prisons for decades, losing their loved ones and rights.

Frame-ups are so common they were a mainstay which is why our
laws are the way they are, to protect the innocent against such
practices.

That's why the U.S. was born.

You should read the letters the folks back then would write
about how the British Government would beat and torture and
murder and imprison people. Their words then echo such brutal
cases of the present.

Judges, juries, prosecutors, cops, there's a long and highly validated history of corruption, coercion, conspiracy and more.

Just last week a fellow in NY fired a few warning shots when members of the biggest gang in the world threatened him at his home. Twenty or more of them converged on his property but the cops meandered through that crowd of gangsters who openly boast of their memberships and even wear tattoos professing such, have music contracts and wear t-shirts with their symbols emblazoned on them but for some strange reason known only to Buddha and Batman, the cops didn't notice that but arrested the honest citizen who was licensed to carry the firearm on his own land. Never mind the fact it's illegal to even be in a gang in New York and has been the law since the early 1800s. Never mind the fact that in that county there are 2,000 of these MS 13 gang members and no one can figure out how that number got so large. To me the fact the gang got so large is the bigger story but no, the headlines read that a man was arrested with an AK-47 assault rifle which he in fact legally owned.

Wendell Stevens isn't the first person in ufology to have been busted on some serious crime or other and probably won't be the last. This field of research is one of the most vitriolic and the history of witnesses and whistleblowers who've been harassed, imprisoned, sued, etc. is as long as the history of the field itself and continues to this day.

Stevens was indeed arrested, convicted, imprisoned. Whether he was truly guilty is now up to God and remember that the next time you piss-off some cop or rich guy who can pull the strings to bring you down.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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From: Tom DeMary <t.demary.nul>
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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 16:49:01 +0100
>Subject: Re: Blue Book - Atomic Explosion? /CIRVIS/USAF F-86D/

>>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
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>>Subject: Blue Book - Atomic Explosion? /CIRVIS/USAF F-86D/

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>>Any comments besides this was a Lieutenant with a hyperactive
>>imagination?

>Hi Terry

>Thanks for this. It doesn't sound like imagination to me. It
>sounds as though he observed pretty much what he describes - a
>red circular glow near the horizon, about 0.7 deg in estimated
>angular diameter, flattening to a red ellipse before dimming and
>vanishing.

>Obviously the first thing that springs to mind is the setting
>sun or moon. The position of the sun at 0113I (= GMT+9 = 1613Z),
>far under the earth, puts it out of the question. The moon phase
>was about 0.7, gibbous. FEAF considered the moon because the
>sighting time was within a few minutes of moonset, given as
>0101I .The 25,000ft observer altitude and a mirage duct could
>perhaps have allowed the moon still have been visible,
>optically distorted and reddened as described. But FEAF place
>the moon setting at 191 deg, which is very far away from the
>sighting azimuth of 317 deg.

>However there is an oddity in the moonset data given. According
>to my planetarium program the moon would have set about
>0155I.from Chitose AFB and at the sighting time 0113I it should
>have been about az 266.5 deg and still at alt 6.5 deg. This
>doesn't help too much, though. A discrepancy of 50 deg still
>can't be repaired.

>A time error could be assumed, I suppose, but the moon would not
>have been at az 317 deg until about 0534I, by which time it
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>the disc is interesting in this regard.

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>interlocked azimuth values), such a theory seems far-fetched.

Hello Martin,

In regard to the report from Terry Colvin, our planetarium programs disagree. I got several points of agreement using the lat and long of Chitose AFB, and assuming that the times in the report are Japanese Standard Time. (JST = GMT+9 hrs, same as "I" zone). The actual position of the F-86 would have been some distance north of Chitose, taking the plane's heading into account, but hardly enough to change the time of moonset or its azimuth significantly. (For the position, I used 42 49'N & 141 39'E, from Wikipedia.)

My program says that moonset (as viewed at sea level) was 0102 JST on 25 Nov 1955, which agrees with the FEAF statement, and disagrees with your program's time of 0155I. I can't explain FEAF's "191 degree" from the aircraft, which makes no sense in regard to the direction of moonset in Japan from an aircraft flying north.

My program says that the nominal azimuth of moonset was 273 degrees (as seen as from sea level). However, the incident was observed from 25000 feet, which does make a substantial difference in moonset time. Fortunately, the altitude is simply an input in my program, which reports moonset from 25000 ft to be at 0118 JST, at an azimuth of 276 degrees.

Moonset is also surprisingly slow, requiring about 2 minutes. Thus, my moonset time is in good agreement with the reported events, and requires no additional refraction effect to obtain a moonset time to participate in the events.

The main discrepancy is my azimuth of 276 degrees vs the pilot's 312 degrees, which is rather large to dismiss, considering that the pilot determined the direction by turning the aircraft toward the event. Can this be due to a difference between magnetic north and true north?

Tom DeMary

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>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
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>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 10:22:17 -0300
>Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 12 Sep 2010 12:25:47 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 11 Sep 2010 13:20:46 -0400 (EDT)
>>>Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

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>Hi Gildas, how are you? Haven't sen you in a while...

>>it is easier to condemn someone in court than to convince
>>skeptics of the reality of UFOs.

>My question is: why try to convince skeptics of the reality of
>UFOs? If they are so blind that they can't see the reality, let
>them live their lives. They simply seem to be happy not knowing
>something so important as the reality of the UFOs.

>I have long ago given up trying to convince skeptics of
>anything. I rather use my energy to convince or educate people
>who yet don't know or can't properly evaluate the reality and
>the significance of UFOs than waste time with skeptics.

>On the contrary, I have some skeptics for amusement and oftem
>have good laughs with them.

Hi, A.J.

I am fine. I am less active now in ufology, because I am coming
back partly to painting, which was my main non-professionnal
occupation some twenty years ago.

I had a new book published in May, and I still follow the
debates, although I tend to read faster now, especially the
skeptical participants. Yes, why waste time listening to the
same old tired arguments, except for having a good laugh from
time to time? However, I do appreciate the courageous
contributors, such as Jerry Clark and Don Ledger, who still make
the effort of arguing with them.

Best,

Gildas

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Tom and Martin,

Your analysis of the location of the F-86D when sighting the illumination is probably good enough even if the fighter was 200 miles away from Chitose AB in Hokkaido, Japan.

See:

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

Maybe Martin has looked at these files. I am not sure.

See:

<http://www.footnote.com/image/#7339965>

where HQ USAF queries FEAF on the moon azimuth at sighting.

ATIC replies with a message that includes comment on an azimuth of 291 vice 191.

See:

<http://www.footnote.com/image/#7339963>

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Hi Tom

Many thanks.

The coordinates I used were a minute or two of arc different, but not significantly. Your result is probably accurate. (Not the first time I've had an error in that piece of software so I must stop using it.) However the correction makes only a small difference in azimuth relative to the large discrepancies which still exist between the FEAF's mysterious 191 deg and, most importantly, the 317 deg observed bearing.

I don't think this can be explained by mag v. true bearings. Magnetic declination in the area was only a few degrees in 1955 (less than 10) according to the USGS model. We still need about 40 deg. This was my reason for suggesting a large time error which could place the moon at the correct azimuth for a Novaya-Zemlya-type mirage and thereby explain also the vertical distortion of the reddened image (noting BTW that the witness might have mentioned that the object appeared to the right of the setting moon as a reference, but did not). But the times are restated clearly in several places in the report and an error of several hours seems unfeasible.

I guess the moon just doesn't fit the bill.

Martin Shough

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Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 9 Sep 2010 16:52:04 +0100
>Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>>From: Don Berliner <rofuf.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 8 Sep 2010 17:27:40 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

>>While saying kind things about the late Wendelle Stevens, let us
>>not forget that he was a degenerate who served a prison term for
>>sexually molesting young girls.

>>No amount of good UFO research (none of which am I aware of)
>>would come close to counter-balancing his dark side.

>>May he rest in great discomfort.

>Concerning the above statement by Don, I am correct in thinking
>that this was some kind of set up at the time against Wendelle?

>Can someone with a bit more knowledge than I please post a
>clearer definition as to what actually happened.

>R.I.P. Wendelle C. Stevens.

Hi, Roy & List,

Just out of curiosity, I did a Google search on the terms
"Wendelle Stevens" and "prison" and came up with this
interesting reference:

<http://tinyurl.com/24c8jje>

The link above goes to an excerpt of a SPIN magazine article
from July, 1987 by Legs McNeil, entitled Loving The Aliens
(from page 63).

Apparently, as part of this 'gonzoesque' article, McNeil called
Stevens at the State Prison in Douglas, Arizona to interview him
about his research on the Billy Meier case.

After briefly discussing the case with Stevens, McNeil asked:

...the Colonel why he thought the Pleiadians would want to
contact a Swiss farmer, he couldn't offer an explanation. And he
sounded like he had never considered the question before. But he
did offer a whole series of conspiracies and intrigues about how
he had come to be in jail. Finally I asked him outright what had
put him behind bars.

"I can't discuss that, sir. I'm under restraint not to discuss any
part of it."

From who?

"Well, from the Agency. That I can't discuss. That's _out_.
There's no way I can discuss it or answer any question about it."

Now I was really interested. There's only one Agency I know that imposes that kind of restraint, and it sure ain't my local travel agency. Had the CIA set him up and had him jailed?

After thanking the Colonel for his time, I hung up and drove from Phoenix to Tucson, where the State's criminal records are filed. After hours of poring over microfilm, I finally got his criminal case number, handed it over to the clerk, and waited. When his criminal file came back, I began to understand why he was so reluctant to talk about his crime. Under the heading 'Offenses Charged at Arrest' were three neatly typed lines:

Child Molesting
Furnishing Obscene Matter to a Minor
Films and Pictures of Minors in Sex Act

All told, the Colonel had pleaded guilty to 3 out of a possible 10 counts of molestation of a child; 4 counts of furnishing obscene or harmful items to minors; and 2 counts on the film and pictures charges. He got handed seven years.

And apparently served five years of that sentence.

Make of this what you will, but I find it very hard to believe anyone would plead guilty to such heinous crimes if there weren't some pretty good evidence against them.

Wendelle Stevens, IMHO, pled guilty due to that evidence and was convicted for the crimes he most likely committed. He deserved prison, and got off too lightly to my way of thinking. I put child rape on a criminal par with torture and murder. It is a monstrous, hideous crime committed by those of a sick and deranged mentality.

And considering his investment in supporting the Billy Meier hoax, he was an incredibly poor, incompetent investigator out to make money on promoting the Meier fraud via the books he had published on the Meier case. These are among the many reasons this erstwhile, disgusting conman is permanently in the ufological Hall Of shame.

As Don Berliner said above, may he rest in great discomfort, to say the least.

Steve

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One would think, eh? Still, I submit that your assay has unappreciative baggage, Sir, and may be colored to err on the side of angry opprobrium. See, my faithlessness in a pecuniary system pronouncing on Stevens remains supported by cases like John Ford. Ford, I understand, also pled out to single-digit incarceration to avoid a double digit variety of same which the authorities could make stick with a little more costly work... when it is much more likely he was an innocent man sent down at the convenience of a high value, white-collar, and convicted criminal, with all manner of agencies, institutions, and governments in his sway and at his beckoning call.

Justice? Only in the movies.

<http://alienview.net/fordnew.htm>

Additionally, I have personal experience, remember, of these kinds of charges bandied about without concern for conscience or consequence, so burned? I'm shy.

True, let his rest be troubled for at least as long as the last affect of his criminality works it's way through several generations, as that's how abuse works; and, as I wrote before, let his memory eat fishheads... if true. But whither truth, that thing always searched for and never faced?

Closing: is the assay of his ufological work part of the evaluator's determination on guilt or innocence of a crime spanning generations with bad affect? If so... I suspect that is to err.

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Gallup's Interest In ET/UFOs

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2010 16:23:50 +0100
Archived: Mon, 13 Sep 2010 11:33:42 -0400
Subject: Gallup's Interest In ET/UFOs

Hello List,

Over the weekend George Ure at:

<http://urbansurvival.com/week.htm>

got an e-mail:

George, Just read your Friday's WuJo section and thought I would pass this along to you.

I was polled by Gallup on Friday night and some of the questions they asked me made me scratch my head. I think the meat of the poll was to find out how I felt about Pelosi, Bainer and Obama.

Along the way they asked me questions that I could not figure their motive for. They asked me if I believed in God, hell, heaven and ghosts. I figured this line of questioning was to determine if I am some kind of fanatic or something.

They also asked about my feelings on abortion.

But then they asked me a few questions that made wonder what the reason for asking would be. After reading your Friday's WuJo section I thought of these questions as more interesting.

Those questions were "Do you believe in extraterrestrial life outside of our solar system?", "Have you or anybody you know ever seen a UFO?" and "Do you know where the United Nations is headquartered?"

Have these kinds of questions always been included in these polls? This is my first polling, I have nothing to reference. Maybe your readers know...

Interesting.

Cheers

Ray D

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UFO Causes Airspace Havoc In Chinese Airspace

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
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Subject: UFO Causes Airspace Havoc In Chinese Airspace

There have been some nice reports coming out of China but this one is of extra interest:

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90782/7138663.html>

Airport staff detected a UFO, notified authorities and in concern for the safety of the passengers diverted flights to a number of airports! Not only that but some flights had to circle some airports until clearance was given.

What this says is that not only was a UFO detected by the airport instruments, Exhibit A, authorities notified who looked at the data, Exhibit B, executed security orders Exhibit C, and engaged in a large scale system of airspace co-ordination to prevent what they felt was a real and present danger.

For something that doesn't exist, diverting a dozen or more big passenger jets and civilian aircraft this sure doesn't sound like lanterns or weather balloons.

Best,

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Close Encounters At Royal Albert Hall

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
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Subject: Close Encounters At Royal Albert Hall

The Royal Albert Hall is best known for hosting musical events such as the Proms. However, it also has an educational remit and a strategy to open its doors to a broad range of audiences.

From 25th - 31st October it will host a series of events themed around space and alien life. There will be talks, exhibitions and film screenings, combining arts, science, fun and education.

I shall be giving a talk as part of this festival.

Details of the festival can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/396vrew>

Information about my talk can be found here:

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

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Gallup's Interest In ET/UFOs

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Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2010 15:08:38 -0400
Archived: Mon, 13 Sep 2010 18:50:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Gallup's Interest In ET/UFOs

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2010 16:23:50 +0100
>Subject: Gallup's Interest In ET/UFOs

>Hello List, Over the weekend George Ure at:

><http://urbansurvival.com/week.htm>

>got an e-mail:

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>George, Just read your Friday's WuJo section and thought I
>would pass this along to you.

>I was polled by Gallup on Friday night and some of the questions
>they asked me made me scratch my head. I think the meat of the
>poll was to find out how I felt about Pelosi, Bainer and Obama.

>Along the way they asked me questions that I could not figure
>their motive for. They asked me if I believed in God, hell,
>heaven and ghosts. I figured this line of questioning was to
>determine if I am some kind of fanatic or something.

>They also asked about my feelings on abortion.

>But then they asked me a few questions that made wonder what the
>reason for asking would be. After reading your Friday's WuJo
>section I thought of these questions as more interesting.

>Those questions were "Do you believe in extraterrestrial life
>outside of our solar system?", "Have you or anybody you know
>ever seen a UFO?" and "Do you know where the United Nations is
>headquartered?"

>Have these kinds of questions always been included in these
>polls? This is my first polling, I have nothing to reference.
>Maybe your readers know...

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The fact that these kinds of questions are part of a political
poll is significant. The fact that this poll is being conducted
days before the premiere of The Event is doubly significant.

Gallup polls are usually commissioned by a third party. It would
be interesting to know who that third party is in this case.

I am getting multiple indicators that something big is going on
behind the public facades, but, as usual, it is not clear and no
one is talking.

SB

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Hi,

I contacted Gary Kinder and have stated in contact over the last 5 years. Here's what he had to say to me in 3 concurrent e-mail exchanges back in July, 2006:

Mark:

I have no idea why no one could guarantee that the photos analyzed were first generation. I don't remember anyone looking at the film itself.

I wish I could be more help, but that is all I know.

Best,

Gary

Hello Mr. Kinder,

If I could be so bold, you didn't answer my query regarding your current mind set on the case. What are your thoughts some 26 years later on the validity of the case?

Thanks Mr. Kinder,

Mark:

Wisdom tells me to keep that to myself.

Hello Mr. Kinder,

And, are you, were you, satisfied with the final draft and the released version of Light Years?

Thx Mr. Kinder

Mark:

I have been completely out of touch with the UFO community since shortly after the book came out in 1987. As I said in my first email, I could have done a much better job with the book.

Read into that what you will.

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Subject: Re: BC Sightings Likely To Remain A Mystery

British Columbia Sightings Likely To Remain A Mystery

Over at the sightings.com site where I moderate the forum, we've had quite a flurry of activity regarding UFO sightings in BC.

<http://www.bclocalnews.com/news/102829759.html>

Brian Vike is on the case and you can read his analysis in the news story above.

Really raises the hairs on the back of one's neck.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com
sightings.com

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Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

From: Robert Hastings <ufohastings.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2010 12:47:25 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Tue, 14 Sep 2010 13:59:14 -0400
Subject: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

I am responding to Dr. David Clarke's latest posts on UFO UpDates and on his own blog.

Some days ago, largely in response to my contention that he is not qualified to speak authoritatively about the UFO-related events at RAF Bentwaters and Rendlesham Forest, in December 1980, Dr. David Clarke began a new Rendlesham-related blog page at his website...

While Clarke's first post predictably contains a number of factual errors, oversights and fallacies which one might address, I will confine my remarks here to only a couple of items. The first relates to Clarke's December 2009 conversation with Col. Ted Conrad, who contradicted several statements about the UFO activity at Bentwaters/Rendlesham previously made by Col. Charles Halt and others who, unlike Conrad, were directly involved in the incidents:

Re: The Alleged Investigation By Col. Conrad

Clarke: I figured if anyone really knew what happened it would be Col Conrad as by his own statement he was responsible for the USAF investigation. So late in 2009 I contacted Col Conrad, now retired from the USAF, and asked him to go on record.

In a 9/7/10 email to me, Halt responds: Conrad did not conduct an investigation. I had all of the original participants make statements and bring them to me. I interviewed each individually and then took each to Conrad [so that he could] hear his account. After the fact, I took Conrad and his family to the [Penniston] site and showed them the indentations. That was his total involvement. It was like a tar baby and he didn't want his name associated with it. Nobody wanted the individuals' statements so I put them in an envelope and put them aside. I brought them out only after it all went public. Conrad even described seeing a UFO as a pilot but never reported it as, in his words, it was a "career-killer." He can't be so naive as to believe the OSI wasn't involved!

Re: What Conrad Did Or Did Not See From His Front Lawn At Woodbridge

Halt, on the Unsolved Mysteries television show, which aired September 18, 1991, said: "We could very clearly see [the UFO] - I noticed other beams of light coming down from the same object, falling on different places on the base. My boss [Col Ted Conrad] was standing in his front yard in Woodbridge and he could see the beams of light falling down, and the people in the [Bentwaters] Weapons Storage Area and several other places on the base also reported the lights."

Clarke: Contrast Halt's recollections in 1991 with Conrad's 2010 statement which continues: "Lt Col Halt's report of more lights both on the ground and in the sky brought quite a few people out of their houses at Woodbridge to see what was there. These people included myself, my wife, Lt Col Sawyer (the Director of Personnel), his wife, and several others listening to my radio and looking for the lights Halt was describing. Despite a sparkling, clear, cloudless, fogless night with a good

field of view in all directions, we saw nothing that resembled Lt Col Halt's descriptions either in the sky or on the ground. This episode ended in the early morning hours of [28 December 1980]."

Halt responds: Conrad and I conversed by radio as he was watching the beams from his yard at Woodbridge Base=E2=80=A6It's funny how both [Gen. Gordon] Williams and Conrad are now having memory problems.

Hastings comments: In Clarke's posted retort to my in-depth research on the incidents at Bentwaters/Rendesham, to be found at:

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

he condescendingly dismissed my use of recently-gathered testimony and harped on the importance of relying on contemporary documentation (Halt's 13 January 1981 memorandum) over later recollections (Halt's 1991 statements on Unsolved Mysteries). Now, when he presumes that it is to his advantage, Clarke promotes Col. Conrad's 2009 (!) statements about the UFO incidents as more reliable and noteworthy than either Halt's 1991 statements or his subsequent 1997 statements to journalist A.J.S. Rayl.

I also noticed that Clarke failed to acknowledge his earlier error in claiming that Col. Halt first made his statements about the UFO hovering near the Bentwaters nuclear Weapons Storage Area only "decades later" ("20 or 30 years" later as Clarke said at one point) rather than the actual delay involved - 11 years. I will again point out that Halt retired from the Air Force in 1991 and openly discussed the incident the very same year - which was the first real opportunity he had to be candid about it.

Re: The Radar-Tracking Of The UFO

The second item I will address in this post has to do with the physical detection of the UFO at Bentwaters. In Clarke's first post on his new blog page, I note his reliance on written and oral statements by British radar personnel at the Twin Bases (the latter taken decades later, by the way) to the effect that no one tracked an anomalous object during the period of UFO activity there in December 1980.

Well, as Clarke may or may not know, in journalist Leslie Kean's excellent new book, "UFOs: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go On The Record, the person-in-charge at the British Ministry of Defense's UFO Desk between 1991-94, Nick Pope, says, "In the absence of any radar data that might confirm the presence of the Rendlesham Forest UFOs, the investigation petered out. Yet, as I was to discover years later, the UFO *had" been tracked, after all."

Pope continues, "I spoke to former RAF radar operator Nigel Kerr, who had been stationed at RAF Watton at Christmas 1980 and had received a call from somebody at RAF Bentwaters. The caller wanted to know if there was anything unusual on his radar screen. He looked, and for three or four sweeps, something did show up, directly over the base. But it faded away, and no official report was ever made. It was only years later that Kerr even heard of the Rendlesham Forest incident and realised he might have a missing piece of the puzzle."

This new bit of information corroborates something I already knew (and told Clarke about in 2009). As I noted in one of my earlier rebuttals, posted at The UFO Chronicles website at:

<http://www.theufochronicles.com/2010/08/ufo-spin-in-uk.html>

"I was able to track down and interview the two USAF air traffic controllers who had been in the Bentwaters tower that week, James H. Carey and Ivan =E2=80=98Ike' R. Barker, both of whom report tracking a high-velocity object during the period of the UFO activity at the base. Barker also admits to seeing the object momentarily, as it briefly hovered over the base, describing it this way:

'I saw it out the window. It was basketball-shaped, and had sort of an orangish glow. Not bright orange, uh, sort of dim, maybe

like the full moon would look behind a thin layer of clouds. There seemed to be something across the center of it, lighter-colored shapes like - don't laugh - like portholes or windows, or even lights, in a row left to right, across its center. Maybe six or eight of them. They were stationary, not moving across the object. But it seemed spherical, not flat like a flying saucer. I couldn't hear any noise. It wasn't huge, but I think it was bigger than an airplane. I would say it was maybe twice the size of an F-111. Now, there's a water tower at Bentwaters. If you were in the air traffic tower, facing the runway, the tower is almost behind you. [From my vantage point] the object was directly over top of the water tower, or just past it. The object [appeared] larger, maybe twice as large, as the tank on the water tower. It stopped in mid-air for a few seconds, probably 500-feet, uh, maybe a 1000-feet above the tower, then it left. I didn't see it turn, uh, rotate or anything like that before leaving. But what impressed me most was the speed this thing had. I have never seen anything so fast in my life! It was zoom, gone!

Both Barker and Carey estimated that the object covered 120 miles in 8-12 seconds, based on the 60-mile tracking radius of their Bright 2' radar scope."

In fact, the UFO appeared on radar for only 3-4 sweeps, the same duration now reported by British radar operator Nigel Kerr, according to Nick Pope. Also noteworthy is the fact that Kerr did not officially report the tracking, just as Barker and Carey did not report theirs, therefore precluding the existence of written documentation on the incident.

Clarke, of course, makes much of the fact that no documents are available to substantiate the physical presence of an anomalous aerial object at Bentwaters, while at the same time rejecting the on-record statements confirming such a presence made by the air traffic controllers on duty that night. Why? Because the important revelations by those informed witnesses do not support Clarke's skeptical take on the Bentwaters case. And, besides, those statements were made only *recently* and are, therefore, suspect. Right, Dr. Clarke? Unlike the recent statements made by Col. Conrad which are, of course, illuminating.

(See how that works, everybody? Recent witness statements which support Clarke's position =3D Good. Witness statements which undercut Clarke's position =3D Bad.)

Nevertheless, three radar operators - two Americans and one Brit - say that an anomalous object was indeed briefly tracked during the period of UFO activity at Bentwaters/Rendlesham. According to one of them, Ike Barker, the track corresponded to the orange basketball-shaped object he saw hovering over or near Bentwaters' water tower. And remember, Kerr told Pope that the unknown object *he* briefly tracked had been "directly over the base" thereby substantiating Barker's recollection of its location during the few moments it was stationary.

Of course, none of this will mean anything to Folklorist Clarke who, in a recent post at UFO UpDates, told David Rudiak, "...the obsession with attracting physical scientists to study UFO propulsion systems is a waste of time. Without hard data to subject to testing or replication, physical scientists have absolutely no role to play in UFOlogy, despite what David Rudiak may claim."

One might counter that the study of UFOs' performances as evidenced by radar data, which are empirical not anecdotal, would be a good starting-point in the study of these crafts' technical and theoretical underpinnings, not to mention their basic physical reality. Of course, an expert in elves and fairies would have little to contribute to such an undertaking and might feel left out.

In any case, my full response to Clarke's most recent brew of naive disingenuousness and hypocrisy will be posted at UFO Chronicles at some date in the future, once I have completed the more important tasks of that day (looking out the window at clouds, feeding the birds, making a sandwich) at which point I will give the UFO UpDates List a heads-up.

--Robert Hastings

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U.S. Nuclear Weapons Have Been Compromised By Unidentified
Aerial Objects

Ex-Military Men Say Unknown Intruders Have Monitored And Even
Tampered With American Nuclear Missiles

Group To Call On U.S. Government To Reveal The Facts

Witness testimony from more than 120 former or retired military personnel points to an ongoing and alarming intervention by unidentified aerial objects at nuclear weapons sites, as recently as 2003. In some cases, several nuclear missiles simultaneously and inexplicably malfunctioned while a disc-shaped object silently hovered nearby. Six former U.S. Air Force officers and one former enlisted man will break their silence about these events at the National Press Club and urge the government to publicly confirm their reality.

One of them, ICBM launch officer Captain Robert Salas, was on duty during one missile disruption incident at Malmstrom Air Force Base and was ordered to never discuss it. Another participant, retired Col. Charles Halt, observed a disc-shaped object directing beams of light down into the RAF Bentwaters airbase in England and heard on the radio that they landed in the nuclear weapons storage area. Both men will provide stunning details about these events, and reveal how the U.S. military responded.

Captain Salas notes, "The U.S. Air Force is lying about the national security implications of unidentified aerial objects at nuclear bases and we can prove it." Col. Halt adds, "I believe that the security services of both the United States and the United Kingdom have attempted=97both then and now=97to subvert the significance of what occurred at RAF Bentwaters by the use of well-practiced methods of disinformation."

The group of witnesses and a leading researcher, who has brought them together for the first time, will discuss the national security implications of these and other alarmingly similar incidents and will urge the government to reveal all information about them. This is a public-awareness issue.

Declassified U.S. government documents, to be distributed at the event, now substantiate the reality of UFO activity at nuclear weapons sites extending back to 1948. The press conference will also address present-day concerns about the abuse of government

secrecy as well as the ongoing threat of nuclear weapons.

WHO:

Dwynne Arneson, USAF Lt.Col. Ret., communications center officer-in-charge

Bruce Fenstermacher, former USAF nuclear missile launch officer

Charles Halt, USAF Col. Ret., former deputy base commander

Robert Hastings, researcher and author

Robert Jamison, former USAF nuclear missile targeting officer

Patrick McDonough, former USAF nuclear missile site geodetic surveyor

Jerome Nelson, former USAF nuclear missile launch officer

Robert Salas, former USAF nuclear missile launch officer

WHAT: Noted researcher Robert Hastings, author of UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites, will moderate a distinguished panel of former U.S. Air Force officers involved in UFO incidents at nuclear missile sites near Malmstrom, F.E. Warren, and Walker AFBs, as well as the nuclear weapons depot at RAF Bentwaters.

WHEN: Monday, September 27, 2010 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: National Press Club Holeman Lounge Event
open to credentialed media and Congressional staff only

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Hello Mark,

Regarding Kinder's statement:

"I have no idea why no one could guarantee that the photos analyzed were first generation"

That probably refers to the quote from my website in which William Spaulding had written to Kinder that he (Spaulding) had no idea what generation of prints he had analyzed.

In 1979 or 1980 Wendelle Stevens had obtained permission from Meier to take some 40 of what seemed to be Meier's original color slides (diapositives) to a nearby photo shop to make prints from them. Then he used those prints in some of his analyses, presentations and discussions.

But he wasn't absolutely certain they were originals, because in one photo series (Schmarbuel-Maiwinkle) the slides Meier had received back from the developers were left-to-right reversed, so Stevens knew they had been tampered with (originals confiscated and Meier left with copies).

And in the Hasenbol series, Meier had reported to Stevens that only two out of 4 or 5 rolls of film he had sent in were returned. In the Ober- Sadelegg series one roll of film was not returned. Stevens ascertained that those losses occurred within the Swiss mail system. Hence even in 1980 there was a bit of uncertainty which were originals.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2010 22:00:10 -0700
Archived: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 08:04:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2010 12:47:25 -0400 (EDT)
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>I am responding to Dr. David Clarke's latest posts on UFO
>UpDates and on his own blog.

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>Hastings comments: In Clarke's posted retort to my in-depth
>research on the incidents at Bentwaters/Rendesham, to be found
>at:

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

<snip>

Hi, Robert & List,

Actually, the "tinyurl" above is incorrect, due to the suffix of
.html somehow being shortened to .htm prior to conversion to a
tinyurl link, which then results in a "page not found" or 404
error. Instead, try:

<http://tinyurl.com/2fs3fcf>

This corrected tinyurl link will take you to the article
mentioned.

Steve

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 04:56:06 EDT
Archived: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 08:06:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Chinese Astronomer Says UFO Pics Street Lights

<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90782/7140424.html>

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From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 05:29:03 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 09:14:50 -0400
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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 09:47:25 -0600
Archived: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 09:49:09 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
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Stan,

This is far afield from the UFO topic, but I cringe when I hear
commentnts like this. Temperatures have been higher than they are
now, too. It's the rate of change that's the issue. You can't
evolve your way out of a burning building.

Mike

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 13:35:36 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 10:00:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Chinese Astronomer Says UFO Pics Street Lights

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In this case lens flare is a good explanation for the ring of
lights assuming that the very bright over exposed image that
seems to be a single light is actual a blurring together
(because of extreme brightness) of the overexposed images of a
circle of lights.

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From: Chris Rutkowski <canadianuforeport.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 12:08:48 -0500
Archived: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 10:02:51 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

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I read the first edition. I know of both Fulham and Kitchur. I don't think anything special will happen on October 13, 2010. (Although it is my birthday.)

As usual, note the requirement of a "massive" UFO display. What does that mean, exactly?

Also, note that Fulham "tentatively" predicts October 13th as the date. In other words, whether something happens or not, he's still right.

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Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 17:06:23 -0400
Archived: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 10:04:48 -0400
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Oxygen can also be seriously toxic to us when the partial
pressure is too high. So, in that sense, we can have oxygen
pollution too. Too much of a good thing is, well, not good.

The author of the above book, Stanley Fulham, says in the video
that the current level of CO2 is 9 percent, increasing by 1
percent/yr. He says further that mankind cannot survive beyond a
level of 22 percent CO2. This is puzzling since the following URL
says CO2 is about .036 percent by volume in Earth's atmosphere.

<http://tinyurl.com/qj3xy>

Obviously, Fulham's numbers do not match Wikipedia's numbers.
Maybe he's a little clearer in the book about what his
percentages mean.

Another tidbit from the video is that Fulham predicts the
appearance of a space fleet hovering silently above major cities
on or after October 13, 2010, but definitely before the end of
the year. The date is interesting because Blossom Goodchild
predicted the same thing for October 14, 2008. Is there something
special about early October?

William

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From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 10:03:18 +0100
Archived: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 10:08:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

>From: Robert Hastings <ufohastings.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2010 12:47:25 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

>Of course, none of this will mean anything to Folklorist Clarke
>who, in a recent post at UFO UpDates, told David Rudiak, "...the
>obsession with attracting physical scientists to study UFO
>propulsion systems is a waste of time. Without hard data to
>subject to testing or replication, physical scientists have
>absolutely no role to play in UFOlogy, despite what David Rudiak
>may claim."

>One might counter that the study of UFOs' performances as
>evidenced by radar data, which are empirical not anecdotal,
>would be a good starting-point in the study of these crafts'
>technical and theoretical underpinnings, not to mention their
>basic physical reality. Of course, an expert in elves and
>fairies would have little to contribute to such an undertaking
>and might feel left out.

>In any case, my full response to Clarke's most recent brew of
>naivete disingenuousness and hypocrisy will be posted at UFO
>Chronicles at some date in the future, once I have completed the
>more important tasks of that day (looking out the window at
>clouds, feeding the birds, making a sandwich) at which point I
>will give the UFO UpDates List a heads-up.

In all my posts on this subject I have made great efforts to be
polite and fair. I have simply aimed my writings and research at
drawing new information and testimony to the attention of the
wider public, leaving readers to judge its value.

In the process, it has become abundantly clear that it is not
possible to take part in any form of discussion with Robert
Hastings as he appears unable to engage in debate without
resorting to crude ad hominem attacks.

Therefore I see no value in responding further.

Anyone who wishes to read the results of my research into aspects
of the Rendlesham incident can do so here:

<http://drdavidclarke.blogspot.com/p/rendlesham-files.html>

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Dr David Clarke

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<http://www.drdavidclarke.co.uk/>

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From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 12:19:48 +0100
Archived: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 10:09:28 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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Everything is a pollutant when you have too much of it -
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1955 PBB - UFOB/ASTRONOMER REPORT

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 19:51:41 +0700 (GMT+07:00)
Archived: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 10:12:14 -0400
Subject: 1955 PBB - UFOB/ASTRONOMER REPORT

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ATIC 212753 IR-39-55 FROM: AIRA, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

SOURCE, A FAB MAJOR WHO HAS BEEN CLOSE TO FAB'S INVESTIGATION OF FLYING SAUCER SIGHTINGS, STATED THAT HE HAS FOR A LONG TIME BELIEVED IN THE EXISTENCE OF THESE OBJECTS. (HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE 7,000 FLYING HOURS AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, KEENLY OBSERVANT, AND QUITE NORMAL.) HE PERSONALLY PURSUED ONE IN A GLOUSTER METEOR LAST FALL IN PORTO ALEGRE (HE DID NOT FIND IT AFTER IT BECAME AIRBORNE, ALTHOUGH HE HAD SEEN IT FROM THE GROUND PRIOR TO TAKEOFF AND GROUND OBSERVERS STATED HE PASSED NEAR IT WHEN DRIVING FROM 45,000' THROUGH A HOLE IN A CLOUD FORMATION). HE ALSO WAS IN CHARGE AT GRAVATAI AIR BASE (PORTO ALEGRE) SEVERAL DAYS LATER WHEN 150 FAB PERSONNEL WERE

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REPORTED TO HAVE SEEN TWO OF THESE OBJECTS.

DURING THIS LATTER SIGHTING, HE PLACED A GROUP OF FAB AIRMEN ON ONE SIDE OF A HANGAR, ANOTHER GROUP ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE, OUT OF EACH OTHERS' SIGHT AND HEARING. HE THEN TRAVELED BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS, ASKING WHAT THEY SAW. ALL REPORTS WERE SIMILAR. HE THEN PLACED OBSERVERS IN A TRIANGULAR ARRANGEMENT AROUND THE FIELD, ABOUT A MILE ON EACH SIDE OF THE TRIANGLE. THESE OBSERVERS WROTE DOWN WHAT THEY HAD SEEN, AS IT OCCURRED, AND THEIR REPORTS JIBED. ALL OBSERVERS REPORTED AN OBJECT HOVERING AT ESTIMATED ALTITUDES VARYING FROM 30,000 TO 45000 FEET. AFTER REMAINING FAIRLY STATIONARY IN ONE SPOT, (ALTHOUGH APPEARING TO BE UNDULATING), IT SUDDENLY SPED ACROSS APPROXIMATELY 80 DEGREE OF ARC AND RESUMED ITS HOVERING IN THAT LOCATION. WHEN IT AGAIN SPED ACROSS A SIMILAR ARC, THE MAJOR CLOCKED IT BY CHRONOGRAPH AS COVERING THE 80 DEGREES IN TEN SECONDS. HE LATER ESTIMATED THE OBJECT'S SPEED AT ROUGHLY 8,000 MPH (ASSUMING AN ALTITUDE OF 45,000'). THE OBJECT WAS THEN JOINED BY A SIMILAR ONE, THEY HOVERED A FEW MINUTES, THEN DISAPPEARED AT A GREAT RATE OF SPEED.

SOURCE REPORTED THAT THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE SURROUNDED BY A WHITE GLOW THAT INCREASED IN SIZE WHEN IT MOVED (I.E. THIS HALO LIKE RING WAS SMALL WHEN HOVERING, LARGER WHEN TRAVELING).

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SOURCE STATED THAT FAB RECORDS SHOW SIGHTINGS AS FAR BACK AS THE EARLY 1800'S. ONE, WRITTEN BY A FARMER IN MATO GROSSO IN 1876, DESCRIBES A LANDING BY ONE OF THESE OBJECTS. HE DESCRIBED IT AS BEING 90 FEET IN DIAMETER, OF METAL CONSTRUCTION, AND CONTAINING A

TURRET THAT ROSE OUT OF THE TOP OF THE DISK AND WHICH WAS RETRACTED FOR HIGH SPEED TRAVEL.

FAB RECORDS ARE ALSO REPORTED TO CONTAIN NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS BY BRAZILIAN AIRLINE PILOTS, SOME OF WHOM CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE TO THESE OBJECTS (WITHIN SEVERAL HUNDRED FEET IN SOME CASES). THESE REPORTS CONFIRM THE MATO GROSSO'S FARMER'S DESCRIPTION AS TO SIZE AND CONSTRUCTION.

TWO FAB LIEUTENANTS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE SIGHTED ONE, ON THE GROUND IN THE INTERIOR OF BRAZIL. THEY REPORTEDLY FLEW DOWN TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT, WHEREUPON IT TOOK OFF, CROSSED A RIVER AND LANDED AGAIN. THE TWO OFFICERS ARE SAID TO HAVE CONTINUED THEIR APPROACH BUT THE OBJECT AGAIN TOOK OFF AND DISAPPEARED AT THE USUAL HIGH RATE OF SPEED.

SOURCE, AS WELL AS THE FAB OFFICER IN CHARGE OF FLYING SAUCER "INVESTIGATIONS", IS CONVINCED THAT SIGHTINGS REPORTED BY RELIABLE OBSERVERS ARE THOROUGHLY CREDIBLE. HE IS ALSO CERTAIN THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT SIGHTINGS OVER A SUFFICIENT PERIOD OF TIME TO

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CORROBORATE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT GIVEN ABOVE. WHAT NEITHER HE NOR FAB INVESTIGATORS KNOW IS WHAT TO DO WITH THE INFORMATION. AT THIS WRITING IT IS BEING READ AND FILED. EVALUATION OF THE INFORMATION IS NOT POSSIBLE BOTH BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVE VAGUENESS OF IT AND BECAUSE IT IS NOT WITHIN THE CAPABILITIES OF FAB TECHNICIANS.

SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT FAB HAS ON FILE VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF THESE OBJECTS. AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO OBTAIN EXAMPLES FOR FORWARDING. COMMENTS OF THE REPORTING OFFICER:

THIS REPORTER HAS MAINTAINED A SKEPTICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD "FLYING SAUCERS" UP TO THIS TIME. DESPITE THE FACT THAT AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE REPORTED SIGHTINGS IN BRAZIL ARE FROM UNQUALIFIED OBSERVERS AND CRACKPOTS AND ARE THEREFORE COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE, THERE IS AN UNDERLYING BASE OF SOUND REPORTS FROM QUALIFIED OBSERVERS WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO DOUBT THE EXISTENCE OF THESE OBJECTS. THIS REPORTER IS NO LONGER SKEPTICAL. BUT AN EVALUATION OF WHAT THEY ARE AND WHERE THEY COME FROM IS BEYOND HIS CAPABILITIES.
((PROJECT BLUE BOOK - U.S. AIR INTELLIGENCE REPORT/USAIRA/
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New UFO Articles By Nick Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 16:16:01 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 08:46:20 -0400
Subject: New UFO Articles By Nick Pope

Two newspaper articles I was commissioned to write to coincide with the release of the last batch of MoD UFO files are now available on my website:

<http://www.nickpope.net/articles.htm>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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UFO Wave In Ceara Brazil

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <ticchetti.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 07:20:16 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 08:49:20 -0400
Subject: UFO Wave In Ceara Brazil

During the month of September Ceara state was the scene of constant sightings of strange lights in the sky, leaving authorities baffled and terrified residents - there are people who have even avoided going out at night. Apparently, the city of Sobral, 230 km from the capital, Fortaleza, was the central target of the sightings.

According to the researcher Jander Magalhaes, of the Ufologic Research Centre Sobralense (CSPU), "this moment may already be considered one of the most important UFO activity in Cear=E1, and also unique for the large number of sightings and witnesses. It is noted a resemblance of the reports in different localities of the northern region of Cear=E1.

Three cases drew the attention of ufologists. The first, a motorcyclist with his wife and daughter was chased by a bright light in the district of Bonfim. In another, a handicapped was attacked and burned by a very strong light, on September 4th; and the episode even more impressive was the Mrs. Tereza Prado, who told the broadcaster Geovani Rom=E3o tha she had witnessed an alien (type gray) in her backyard. The reports are being investigated by CSPU and will soon be published in the Revista UFO

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

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Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 07:27:23 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 08:51:50 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 12:19:48 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 05:29:03 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>It seems strange to call CO2 pollution when all the plants on
>>the planet require it just as we require oxygen. Levels have
>>been higher than they are now.

>Everything is a pollutant when you have too much of it -
>including oxygen.

True, but water vapor has a higher concentration than CO2 and is the more abundant greenhouse gas. The big question is how much of what is going on is caused by man as opposed to Mother Nature. There is a chapter in "Science Was Wrong" by myself and Kathleen Marden that deals with so called Anthropogenic Global Warming Don't be deceived by Al Gore and the IPCC.

Stan Friedman

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Alien Capabilities And Limits

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 16:11:21 +0100
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 08:54:49 -0400
Subject: Alien Capabilities And Limits

I came across a page at a site which lists alien capabilities and limits at:

<http://aliensandchildren.org/Aliencapabilities&incapabilities.htm>

it transpires amongst other things that although they can traverse huge distances in space, aliens are:

"Less dexterous than humans. One abductee foiled an abduction by having her husband wrap her with string and subsequently hiding the scissors. The aliens could not remove the string and did not take her. Aliens have not been able to remove a thought screen helmet secured with tape or string"

The page is definitely worth a read if you want to know all about aliens!

: -)

Joe

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Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 11:44:37 -0400
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 08:56:25 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 17:06:23 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>Another tidbit from the video is that Fulham predicts the
>appearance of a space fleet hovering silently above major cities
>on or after October 13, 2010, but definitely before the end of
>the year. The date is interesting because Blossom Goodchild
>predicted the same thing for October 14, 2008. Is there something
>special about early October?

On his website, Fulham says that the information is from the Transcendors, 43,000 "very old souls who interact as a single mind and blend their wealth of experience and knowledge to provide advice and assistance to entities throughout the Universe," channeled through medium Rik Thurston.

The date is one that was "predicted" by the Transcendors. They explain that "The probability of the future alien display of their spacecraft is based on the probabilities of the future and the decisions of the aliens at this time. These thoughts are all recorded in the Akashic Records, available to all souls who have the ability to interpret them."

However, "the Transcendors explain that their view of the Akashic Records functions on a vertical perception, not a lateral perception, such as we have in our third dimension. All events occurring in the vertical display are taking place concurrently, so placing a date and time on some future event can be a difficult process."

The October date is thus only a "probability" that Fulham is receiving, through a network of thousands of discarnate souls, and not based on information from the aliens themselves.

Carol Maltby

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Re: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 13:55:42 -0500
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 09:08:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 10:03:18 +0100
>Subject: Re: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

>>From: Robert Hastings <ufohastings.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2010 12:47:25 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

<snip>

>In all my posts on this subject I have made great efforts to be
>polite and fair. I have simply aimed my writings and research at
>drawing new information and testimony to the attention of the
>wider public, leaving readers to judge its value.

>In the process, it has become abundantly clear that it is not
>possible to take part in any form of discussion with Robert
>Hastings as he appears unable to engage in debate without
>resorting to crude ad hominem attacks.

>Therefore I see no value in responding further.

<snip>

I submit your pique is convenient and overweening, Dr. Clarke,
given Mr. Hastings seems only to be calling a spade as such, from
his end. You over-react, Sir, in irony seemingly unable to
debate, yourself.

alienview.nul
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UFO-Nukes Press Conference Line-Up

From: Robert Hastings <ufohastings.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 11:54:49 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 09:25:57 -0400
Subject: UFO-Nukes Press Conference Line-Up

The Upcoming UFO-Nukes Connection Press Conference

Former military men say UFOs have monitored and sometimes tampered with our nuclear weapons.

By Robert Hastings
www.ufohastings.com

Declassified U.S. government documents and the testimony of more than 120 former or retired military personnel have established, beyond doubt, the reality of ongoing UFO incursions at American nuclear weapons sites. While most of the incidents apparently involved mere surveillance, in a few cases a significant number of nuclear missiles suddenly and simultaneously malfunctioned, just as USAF Security Policemen reported seeing disc-shaped craft hovering nearby. A detailed discussion of these cases may be found in my 2006 article "E2=80=9CUFO Sightings at ICBM Sites and Nuclear Weapons Storage Areas=E2=80=9D" and my 2008 book "UFOs and Nukes" which is available at my website.

On September 27th, during a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington D.C., six former U.S. Air Force officers and one former enlisted man will reveal their own dramatic experiences involving UFOs at nuclear weapons sites. One of them, former Minuteman missile launch officer Robert Salas, is co-hosting the event with me. We hope to draw worldwide media attention to this vital issue by presenting the testimony of highly-credible individuals who witnessed extraordinary encounters which have officially been kept secret for decades.

Five of these veterans were rigorously screened by the Air Force and authorized to launch or otherwise work with Weapons of Mass Destruction. Of the remaining two, one headed-up a USAF communications center where he learned of UFO activity at ICBM sites; the other witnessed a UFO directing laser-like beams of light down into a major military base - including the nuclear weapons depot, according to the radio chatter he overheard.

At long last, all of these witnesses are coming forward to say that, as unbelievable as it may seem to some, UFOs have long monitored and sometimes tampered with our nukes. If ever there were a front page story, this is it.

At the press conference, Mr. Salas and I will be asking simple questions: Why do UFOs continue to appear at nuclear weapons sites, decade after decade? What might these incursions indicate about the intentions and goals of those who presumably pilot these craft? Why has the U.S. government chosen to keep the American public, and people everywhere, in the dark about these dramatic developments? Hasn't the time come to speak the truth?

The purpose of this short article is to introduce, in alphabetical order, the individuals who will participate in the upcoming event:

Dwynne Arneson, retired USAF Lieutenant Colonel, was the Officer-in-Charge at the Malmstrom AFB, Montana, Communications Center in 1967, when he read a classified message concerning the sighting of a UFO hovering over one of the base's Minuteman I Launch

Facilities (silos), just as several missiles mysteriously malfunctioned. Although Arneson can not recall the designation of the missile flight mentioned, researchers now know that two UFO-related full-flight shutdowns - involving 10 missiles each - took place at Malmstrom in March of that year, at Echo and Oscar Flights.

Bruce Fenstermacher, retired USAF Captain, was a Minuteman III missile launch officer (Missile Combat Crew Commander) stationed at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming in 1976. His Security Alert Team reported a cigar-shaped UFO hovering low over his launch capsule, then ignored a direct order to pursue the object after it raced away and began moving from missile to missile in his flight. Fenstermacher's squadron's missile crews were briefed about the incident and told never to discuss it with anyone.

Charles Halt, retired USAF Colonel, was the Deputy Base Commander at a joint Anglo/American airbase, RAF Bentwaters, in 1980. Among other events, Halt observed a disc-shaped UFO directing beams of light down into the base, at one point near the nuclear Weapons Storage Area (WSA), according to several Security Policemen on duty there.

Robert Jamison, former USAF Captain, was a Minuteman I missile targeting officer (Combat Targeting Team Commander) at Malmstrom AFB in 1967. He helped re-start the stricken missiles at Oscar Flight, where Bob Salas was on alert duty at the time of the full-flight shutdown. Jamison says that his team was explicitly briefed about a UFO-connection with the incident before going into the field, thereby corroborating Salas' report of a UFO being sighted as it hovered over the Oscar Launch Control Facility at the time of the malfunctions.

Patrick McDonough, retired U.S. Navy Intelligence Command Master Chief, was a U.S. Air Force geodetic surveyor at Malmstrom AFB in 1966. A disc-shaped UFO briefly hovered some 300-ft. above his team as they worked at a newly-constructed missile silo. They fled the scene, rolling their truck in the process. A Montana State Policeman responding to the accident told the team that some 20 UFO reports had been made that night by civilians living in the area.

Jerry Nelson, former USAF 1st Lieutenant, was an Atlas-F missile launch officer (Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander) at Walker AFB, New Mexico in 1964. His security guards reported a UFO silently hovering over the Site 9 launch capsule on half-a-dozen occasions over the period of a month or so. The object directed a spotlight onto the missile, frightening the guards. Nelson's reports to the base command post were seemingly ignored at the time, however, evidence has come to light suggesting that the incidents were classified Top Secret.

Bob Salas, former USAF Captain, was a Minuteman I launch officer (Deputy Missile Combat Crew Commander) at Malmstrom's Oscar Flight, on March 24, 1967, when all of his missiles dropped-off alert status - malfunctioned - just as one of his guards reported a UFO hovering over the Launch Control Facility's security fence gate. Salas and his missile commander, now-retired Col. Fred Meiwald, were debriefed about the incident and asked to signed non-disclosure statements by an agent from the Office of Special Investigations (OSI). Meiwald has confirmed that, shortly after the malfunctions occurred, a two-man Security Alert Team was sent out to one of the flight's missile silos to investigate a tripped alarm there. Upon approaching the site, the team saw a second (or the same) UFO hovering near it, whereupon they became frightened and quickly returned to the Launch Control Facility.

To present their information in the most credible manner possible, Mr. Salas and I have asked each of the press conference participants to sign legal affidavits attesting to their experiences. Those will be posted at:

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following the event.

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UFO-Nukes Press Release Coverage

From: **Robert Hastings** <ufohastings.nul>
Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 16:38:40 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 09:47:01 -0400
Subject: UFO-Nukes Press Release Coverage

All,

If one goes to Google and types in

"U.S. Nuclear Weapons Have Been Compromised by Unidentified Aerial Objects"

within quote marks (important) one will find some 800 hits on the Internet - individuals and organizations that have picked up and published our press release - including USA Today:

<http://tinyurl.com/22ou26s>

A number of these are blogs or posts with comment sections, so some portion of the 800 hits are merely viewer feedback. Regardless, let's hope this continues to build. Of course, organizations that will actually send reporters to the press conference is another story...

Robert

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UK Couple Film UFO Get Phone Threats

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 02:57:57 EDT
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 09:54:46 -0400
Subject: UK Couple Film UFO Get Phone Threats

Here we go again, yet another account of someone coming forward with some UFO data and receiving a cryptic message and warning:

<http://tinyurl.com/298dvs3>

When is this nonsense going to stop?

I've had my share of 'threats' but being from New York threats don't work on me. When you have to fight to survive day in and day out from numerous dangers, threatening me is like asking for a fight. I've had to clobber my fair share of debunker/skeptic knuckleheads and will not hesitate to bust a cap in the ass of the next one what tries to lean on me.

I hesitate not.

After 60 years plus of this threatening stuff and with no co-operation from the authorities in the matter, I'd say it's up to each person to weigh what's of value to them.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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>>From: Greg Boone<Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: post.nul, Redhed8910.nul
>>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2010 15:23:25 EDT
>>Subject: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

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>special about early October?

It's interesting that proposed date - 13th October - which
eventually inspired by the famous and classic mass-witness event
at Fatima 1917 during the last 'Marian Apparitions' in Portugal.

There, several detailed reports told about a "silver or magnetic
disc" flying over the crowd and terrorizing the people.

Joaquim Fernandes, Ph.D
University Fernando Pessoa
Portugal

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Re: Chinese Astronomer Says UFO Pics Street Lights

From: Terrence Brown <mrbrownsdi.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 04:57:45 -0400
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 15:27:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Chinese Astronomer Says UFO Pics Street Lights

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 13:35:36 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Chinese Astronomer Says UFO Pics Street Lights

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 04:56:06 EDT
>>Subject: Chinese Astronomer Says UFO Pics Street Lights

>><http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90782/7140424.html>

>>Well, we've got a scientific explanation about some pics analyzed
>>by Chinese astronomer Wang Sichao.

>>Seems like the Chinese scientists are tossing every played out
>>explanation the western skeptics have over the years.

>>However, these same so called explanations don't jibe with the
>>instrumentation data from radar and more.

>>Could China's powers that be want to clamp down on UFO sightings
>>with disinformation?

>>If they know what we know, they'd better.

>In this case lens flare is a good explanation for the ring of
>lights assuming that the very bright over exposed image that
>_seems_ to be a single light is actual a blurring together
>(because of extreme brightness) of the overexposed images of a
>circle of lights.

There is a slideshow on youtube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29GfTvX-DHk>

The pictures were taken from inside a bus, through a window. The
UFO is a ring of eight lights - the exact same configuration and
size of the streetlamps in the photos.

So, yes, the UFOs are reflections.

(As Bruce noted, the streetlamps are rather bright and the eight
small lights look like one big light in some images. The video
has some better-defined shots. We have the same lights along the
highway to the north of Toronto, so I've seen these from a bus
myself, and knew them immediately. When there's a fog, you don't
see the posts, only the circles, and so they appear to fly
through the air, twirling and converging. Pretty cool. How the
Chinese government got these streetlamps erected in Toronto, for
that I have no theory.)

Terrence Brown

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Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 08:44:12 -0500
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 15:30:14 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 07:27:23 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 12:19:48 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 05:29:03 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>>It seems strange to call CO2 pollution when all the plants on
>>>the planet require it just as we require oxygen. Levels have
>>>been higher than they are now.

>>Everything is a pollutant when you have too much of it -
>>including oxygen.

>True, but water vapor has a higher concentration than CO2 and is
>the more abundant greenhouse gas. The big question is how much of
>what is going on is caused by man as opposed to Mother Nature.
>There is a chapter in "Science Was Wrong" by myself and Kathleen
>Marden that deals with so called Anthropogenic Global Warming
>Don't be deceived by Al Gore and the IPCC.

Wow, you just couldn't resist personalizing it, could you, Stan?
Al Gore indeed - written like a true Fox 'News' viewer.

This may come as a shock to you, but Al Gore didn't invent the
concept of manmade global warming; thus, discussions of the issue
don't require ritual mention of his name. (In fact, the obsession
with irrelevant anti-Gore invective pretty much exposes the
critic's political, as opposed to scientific, objective.)

Here's a good corrective:

<http://www.skepticalscience.com/>

Jerry Clark

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Why Mars Instead Of Venus?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 09:52:48 EDT
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 15:32:12 -0400
Subject: Why Mars Instead Of Venus?

I Still Don't Get Why Mars Instead Of Venus

Mars has been so associated with UFOs and aliens to the point of exhaustion. We're sending probe after probe to a planet that has nothing. We couldn't even live there due to it's low gravity, pitiful atmosphere, low Sunlight.

Yet Venus is our Sister Planet, relatively the same size as Earth, lots of gasses that can be converted to water and almost same orbit as Earth.

Sure it's got noxious, acrid gasses but so does the local diner after the truckers chow down after breakfast.

I'm sure we could figure out an effective way to terraform Venus for far less than it would cost to terraform Mars. Is Mars our target because of the romance of fiction, legend, mythology or is there something on Mars we don't know about?

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 15:37:40 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 11:44:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 17:06:23 -0400
>>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

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>>the year. The date is interesting because Blossom Goodchild
>>predicted the same thing for October 14, 2008. Is there something
>>special about early October?

>On his website, Fulham says that the information is from the
>Transcendors, 43,000 "very old souls who interact as a single
>mind and blend their wealth of experience and knowledge to
>provide advice and assistance to entities throughout the
>Universe," channeled through medium Rik Thurston.

Okay, sorry I brought this topic up. It's bad enough we've got
street gangs, now we have the Transcendors. Another cosmic group
of know it alls like the Guardians of the Universe from the Green
Lantern comic books. I won't be reading the book. I've got enough
to deal with regarding California politicians. If these
Transcendors are so smarty smarts they should have a television
show and warn us about whatever the heck. Other than that, they
should sit their cosmic asses down and shut the heck up.

>The date is one that was "predicted" by the Transcendors. They
>explain that "The probability of the future alien display of
>their spacecraft is based on the probabilities of the future and
>the decisions of the aliens at this time. These thoughts are all
>recorded in the Akashic Records, available to all souls who have
>the ability to interpret them."

Oh God, it gets worse. If those Transcendors could predict the
future they should have warned us about 9/11 or those earthquakes
in Haiti and that tsunami a few years back. I don't even
entertain the cosmic super knowledge space brothers stuff. That
tosses out any credibility whatsoever regarding this book. With
our luck some fool will broadcast all over the web and radio that
aliens will show up in October. Next there'll be a dozen books
and tv specials about it.

>However, "the Transcendors explain that their view of the Akashic
>Records functions on a vertical perception, not a lateral
>perception, such as we have in our third dimension. All events
>occurring in the vertical display are taking place concurrently,
>so placing a date and time on some future event can be a
>difficult process."

No, no, no, I am going to go get a strong cup of coffee and get
into a debate about the various flora and fauna of the
Pleistocene era with the homeless guy dressed up like a mummy at

the 7-11 here in Hollywood. It would make much more sense.

>The October date is thus only a "probability" that Fulham is
>receiving, through a network of thousands of discarnate souls,
>and not based on information from the aliens themselves.

There you go tossing around them ten dollar words again.
Discarnate! I thought it was the name of a guy who played for the
'62 Yankees or something :) like Joe Discarnate or whatever.

Okay, I'm done. I'm so sorry I posted this link to you guys.

Carol, thanks for clearing that all up ;)

Best,

Greg
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Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 16:00:52 +0100
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 15:39:35 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
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>True, but water vapor has a higher concentration than CO2 and is
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>what is going on is caused by man as opposed to Mother Nature.
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>Marden that deals with so called Anthropogenic Global Warming
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Well I'm not a climatologist, and since this List is devoted to
Ufology and not to climatology it seems unlikely there is here
the expertise or the desire to make an effective evaluation of
the claims you're making. So all such claims should be referred
to the peer-reviewed literature on climatology research, as I'm
sure you'll agree.

Cathy

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From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 09:27:50 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 15:42:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 10:03:18 +0100
>Subject: Re: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

>>From: Robert Hastings <ufohastings.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 14 Sep 2010 12:47:25 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham'

>>Of course, none of this will mean anything to Folklorist Clarke
>>who, in a recent post at UFO UpDates, told David Rudiak, "...the
>>obsession with attracting physical scientists to study UFO
>>propulsion systems is a waste of time. Without hard data to
>>subject to testing or replication, physical scientists have
>>absolutely no role to play in UFOlogy, despite what David Rudiak
>>may claim."

>>One might counter that the study of UFOs' performances as
>>evidenced by radar data, which are empirical not anecdotal,
>>would be a good starting-point in the study of these crafts'
>>technical and theoretical underpinnings, not to mention their
>>basic physical reality. Of course, an expert in elves and
>>fairies would have little to contribute to such an undertaking
>>and might feel left out.

>>In any case, my full response to Clarke's most recent brew of
>>naivete disingenuousness and hypocrisy will be posted at UFO
>>Chronicles at some date in the future...

>In all my posts on this subject I have made great efforts to be
>polite and fair. I have simply aimed my writings and research at
>drawing new information and testimony to the attention of the
>wider public, leaving readers to judge its value.

>In the process, it has become abundantly clear that it is not
>possible to take part in any form of discussion with Robert
>Hastings as he appears unable to engage in debate without
>resorting to crude ad hominem attacks.

>Therefore I see no value in responding further.

Translation: Unable to respond to specifics, David Clarke has
picked up his marbles and gone home, using the rationale of the
moral high ground.

I also have yet to hear from Clarke when I asked him for an
example of any government/military UFO studies that employed
folklorists as researchers and analysts instead of physical
scientists, engineers, radar experts, intelligence analysts,
aviation experts, photo-analysis experts, etc.

This was after Clarke claimed UFOs were "supernatural", were
purely anecdotal and allegedly left no corroborating physical
evidence, therefore physical scientists were useless in
investigating them. Thus folklorists like himself, naturally,
were the best people to study them.

This has got to be one of the most clueless statements ever in a

field full of asinine statements from both sides of the argument.
As the graduate school saying goes, a PhD is just the BS Piled
Higher & Deeper.

David Rudiak

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Possible End Of Paranoia Magazine

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 17:38:45 +0000
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 15:47:47 -0400
Subject: Possible End Of Paranoia Magazine

Dear List:

Paranoia Magazine was the first to publish my articles. Joan d'Arc supported my attempts to formulate my opinions into articles she published. There are many other reporters, researchers and investigators she supported. Some are members of this List.

Today, she told me that unless she can find a new publisher, it is the end of Paranoia. I am sure many of you had your articles published by Paranoia and would be saddened if this icon of alternative opinions disappears.

From Joan d'Arc:

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From: paranoiamagazine.nul
To: paranoiamagazine.nul

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From: Robert Hastings <ufohastings.nul>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 13:41:28 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 15:52:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Hastings On Clarke's 'New Light On Rendlesham

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>possible to take part in any form of discussion with Robert
>Hastings as he appears unable to engage in debate without
>resorting to crude ad hominem attacks.

I called you naive, disingenuous and hypocritical simply because
you are all of those things. But those reading your retorts to my
posted material here and at The UFO Chronicles website may judge
for themselves.

Moreover, your own ad hominem attacks on Col. Halt - whom you
strongly imply is a liar, even though you don't quite have the
courage to explicitly say that - and on other persons involved in
the Rendlesham/Bentwaters UFO incidents, are a matter of record.
Please don't respond by saying that you were merely pointing out
that Col. Conrad's 2010 recollections differed from those Halt
enunciated in 1991. That would only illustrate your blatant
double-standard pertaining to the value of belatedly-expressed
past memories relative to the age of the events involved. (i.e.
your hypocrisy)

You are not the first, and won't be the last academic who
attempts to pass-off his biased, uninformed opinions as fact-
based rational skepticism. Having been on the American college
lecture circuit for 29 years, I am painfully aware that your ilk
are a dime-a-dozen. The real problem, as I see it, is your
advisory position as an alleged UFO authority with Britain's
National Archives. Your countrymen and women deserve far better.

Now, as much as I would like to further contribute to this
thread, I currently have other tasks that need my attention:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUS166901+15-Sep-2010+PRN20100915>

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Interesting Comment On 'Mirage Men' Article

From: Jason Gammon <<boyinthemachine.nul>>
Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 14:55:42 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 16:21:18 -0400
Subject: Interesting Comment On 'Mirage Men' Article

<http://tinyurl.com/2dss33h>

"UFOs are mechanical computers

I was invited to join a government study of unidentified phenomenon. I believe the study was classified, but I was never asked to sign a non-disclosure. I was only peripherally involved in the study.

But what I do know is that there are objects near the earth that did not evolve on the earth. There are no "aliens" inside these craft, as everyone assumes. Instead, what the current hypothesis says, is that there are trillions (literally) of highly advanced computer-like structures throughout the universe. They are mechanical in nature, and have intense processing power. They probably operate using quantum calculation. They are not "visiting" the earth any more than they are "visiting" any other planet.

There are simply so many of these things throughout the universe that they are near just about every planet. The hypothesis is that they self-replicate, and that they may be networked together in some loose fashion. There is evidence that they have been around since near the beginning of the universe.

The reason for secrecy is two fold. First, we don't know if they are a threat to humanity. They do not appear to be a physical threat, in that when one of them enters the atmosphere it does not attempt to interact with humans or human technology.

In fact, they explicitly avoid collision with aircraft if a plane or jet comes near one.

The threat is believed to be psychological rather than physical, wherein they may interact with the human brain and influence human thinking through some sort of virtual reality.

Many people describe events that they think happened to them when near one of these objects, when other nearby witnesses do not describe the same series of events.

The second reason for secrecy is that many people may not be able to come to grips with the fact that there are "living" objects in the universe that are not based on carbon, and are not based on biology. They are more akin to computers, yet they are just as "alive" as we are, and a lot older, and light years more advanced in knowledge, and maybe even spirituality, than we are."

--Eric from MI

Of course I can't vouch for the accuracy of the above info, just thought it was interesting.

-Jason Gammon

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>>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 05:29:03 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>>It seems strange to call CO2 pollution when all the plants on
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atmosphere is strictly a function of temperature and pressure,
with any excess simply condensing out as liquid water, on a
timescale of days.

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gas, with perturbations persisting for 10's to 100's of years.
Although water vapor is a positive feedback in the system, CO2
represents an external thermal forcing. And its concentration
will continue to rise relentlessly, as will mean global
temperature, as we continue to combust fossil carbon.

As Homer Simpson put it, "In this house, we obey the laws of
thermodynamics".

Don't be deceived by Lord Monckton and the Koch brothers.

Mike

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>>Transcendors, 43,000 "very old souls who interact as a single
>>mind and blend their wealth of experience and knowledge to
>>provide advice and assistance to entities throughout the
>>Universe," channeled through medium Rik Thurston.

>Okay, sorry I brought this topic up. It's bad enough we've got
>street gangs, now we have the Transcendors. Another cosmic group
>of know it alls like the Guardians of the Universe from the Green
>Lantern comic books. I won't be reading the book. I've got enough
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Don't be sorry, Greg. I might never have known about Mr. Fulham
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William

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The question is, what is there about this particular sighting that might prompt a reaction like that? Perhaps there is something new here.

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I noticed a very similar object in an image from a set of images about the 911 disaster circulated by Victor Martinez this 9th of September. For those of you on his mailing list, the relevant image is 'America 911_53.jpg' or 'America 911_23.jpg'. The latter image appears to be cropped from the former.

The image shows a view of the burning WTC towers. Just to the left of the towers at the height of the cloud of smoke is a barely visible pink square object standing on a corner exactly as in the Forres Gazette photo. It might be a lens flare, but there are no bright specular light sources in the image, and the square shape does not correspond to the typical shapes of camera apertures which are pentagonal to circular. Further, enhancing the image suggests that the pink square may have a 3D structure.

The "something new" in the Forres Gazette sighting may be this pink diamond-shaped object. Is it an unusual type of UFO that may now get some extra attention following the warning? Was this the intention, given that the warning came after talking to the Forres Gazette.

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Possibly you're referring to the Venus contactees were left with after space probes demolished the planet they imagined as habitable. Forced to revise their cosmology, they decided their Venus, the one that housed the Space Brothers, is some kind of etheric double in a parallel universe. Certainly, you can't be talking about the Venus that actually exists.

Jerry Clark

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Trouble is, Jerry, in the minds of those so inclined, your
scientific data will appear to be carefully seeded misinformation
designed to help conceal the real truth: Venus is hospitable and
even as I write is being colonised by the illuminati who have
hijacked the black budget to build themselves a comfortable bolt-
hole from which to mastermind WW3. When they return they will
easily be able to coerce the remaining population of about 3 or 4
million as slave labour in their thousand year Reich.

The harder and the more rationally you dig, the deeper this
particular black hole of conspiracy will become, and the more
firmly you will establish your credentials as a conspirator.

I know of no sure defence against this class of mind-rot.

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

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<http://www.inseti.com/page06.html>

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Kotte UFO Sighting Picture

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 04:49:47 EDT
Archived: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 08:40:23 -0400
Subject: Kotte UFO Sighting Picture

At least someone had the wherewithal to take out their digital camera.

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2010/09/18/news00.asp>

Best,

Greg
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These look like interesting references. I would like to add that
a broad theoretical basis for understanding phenomena such as

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Myers' transmission, or filter, theory holds that a wide spectrum of each person's mental activity such as memory and intention exists subliminally in a non-material substrate. How much reaches conscious awareness is constrained by the material brain so that we are not overwhelmed by normally irrelevant stuff. Some altered states of consciousness can change this filter mechanism to allow more and different mental material to come through to awareness. Some is recognized as scientific or artistic genius, and some is seen as symptoms of some forms of mental illness. The properties of the filter can be changed in various ways such as meditation, hypnosis, and psychoactive drugs.

A causal connection between the brain and a real but non-material mind has been proposed by the physicist, H.P. Stapp.

<http://arxiv.org/abs/q-bio/0401019>

<http://www.newdualism.org/papers/H.Stapp/OID.htm>

Stapp says that basic laws of quantum physics are consistent with a person's mind having an effect on that person's brain. If we take that a step further so that the activity of the mind is from a deeper, shared mental space, then the result could be a shared perceived physical reality such as an unidentified ball of light in the sky.

Meyers' theory handles multiple personalities, and the channeled personality may be a variation of that. The channeled material passes through the medium's brain filter, so this would likely bias what comes through. It may be for this reason that Mr. Beaver's warning should be heeded.

William

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Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 07:34:55 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 10:50:57 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 16:00:52 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 16 Sep 2010 07:27:23 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>>Everything is a pollutant when you have too much of it -
>>>including oxygen.

>>True, but water vapor has a higher concentration than CO2 and is
>>the more abundant greenhouse gas. The big question is how much of
>>what is going on is caused by man as opposed to Mother Nature.
>>There is a chapter in "Science Was Wrong" by myself and Kathleen
>>Marden that deals with so called Anthropogenic Global Warming
>>Don't be deceived by Al Gore and the IPCC.

>Well I'm not a climatologist, and since this List is devoted to
>Ufology and not to climatology it seems unlikely there is here
>the expertise or the desire to make an effective evaluation of
>the claims you're making. So all such claims should be referred
>to the peer-reviewed literature on climatology research, as I'm
>sure you'll agree.

Cathy

I tend to agree with Cathy. However a major problem is, as
pointed out in the Chapter, that the well funded IPCC has made a
serious effort to prevent contrary views from being published.
That is one of the problems noted about Climategate at East
Anglia in the UK. Similar to the SETI people being unwilling to
discuss the UFO evidence

Stan Friedman

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News Links - 14-09-10

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 22:06:36 -0400
Archived: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 22:06:36 -0400
Subject: News Links - 14-09-10

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Another UFO Shuts Down Another Airport, This Time In Mongolia
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/22jmr8e>

UFO Witnessed In Baotou, Inner Mongolia
People's Daily Online
<http://tinyurl.com/22pwy6g>

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Bharat Chronicle
<http://tinyurl.com/24gvvu2>

UFOs 'On The Record': Original Drawings From Eyewitness Accounts
Huffington Post
<http://tinyurl.com/2w7tpzt>

UFO Wave On 'Earthquake Night' In Chile Raises Questions About
China'S UFO Wave
<http://tinyurl.com/37pvstj>

Member Of Russian Parliament Calls For Center For UFO Studies
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/2agkeuz>

'UFOs' Excerpt: A Look At The Phoenix Lights
Arizona Republic
<http://tinyurl.com/2cbagj8>

Q&A: What If We Are Not Alone In The Universe?
Arizona Republic
<http://tinyurl.com/24w7n82>

Lunar Bridge To Nowhere
Discovery News
<http://tinyurl.com/39r7qkz>

I'm Calling Out Billy Ray Cyrus On UFOs
UFODigest
<http://tinyurl.com/26uasa8>

UFO? Scientists Go To Great Heights To Study Orcas
Seattle Post Intelligencer
<http://tinyurl.com/2vbbuvq>

From 'The Norm':

UFO Presentations By Don C. Donderi At McGill University
<http://tinyurl.com/2eah7dv>

Do Alien Abductions Result In Alien-Human Hybrids?
<http://tinyurl.com/2ejyw7j>

Declaration Of Human Sovereignty

<http://tinyurl.com/23xmk4b>

Comets May Have Brought Life To Earth: New Study

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Hybrids May Thrive Where Parents Fear to Tread

<http://tinyurl.com/2bd7hqz>

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Re: News Links - 14-09-10

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 19:10:49 +0200
Archived: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 13:16:13 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 14-09-10

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Declaration Of Human Sovereignty
<http://tinyurl.com/23xmk4b>

This 'declaration' is interesting on several levels - e.g., how are these 'demands' to be enforced - which humans are going to protect 'our' solar system or even this planet? (Sounds like something an articulate Indian nation might have written in 1850 in the face of Westward American expansion - 'we own this place, by our Creator's good will, so we demand you don't abuse our rights to these lands'. (And probably just as effective!))

Acknowledging a universal creator when many on this planet (and others?) doubt the existence of such is rather presumptuous. It seems to be based on the US Declaration of Independence, so has an American bias...

Who wrote this, does anyone know? Is it new? How widespread is its support and influence?

Diana

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Re: UK Couple Film UFO Get Phone Threats

From: **Eleanor White** <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 15:54:54 -0400
Archived: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 08:09:02 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Couple Film UFO Get Phone Threats

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 17:32:24 -0400
>Subject: Re: UK Couple Film UFO Get Phone Threats

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>The image shows a view of the burning WTC towers. Just to the
>left of the towers at the height of the cloud of smoke is a
>barely visible pink square object standing on a corner exactly as
>in the Forres Gazette photo.

My memory fails me, but I'm sure I saw a UFO documentary or on-
line video where a diamond-shaped 'UFO' turned out to be strictly
a camera artifact. I can't remember exactly how the shape was
explained in terms of the structure of the lens, however, but it
was duplicate-able.

Eleanor White

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Human Space-Travel Long Ago?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 21:09:45 +0100
Archived: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 08:24:57 -0400
Subject: Human Space-Travel Long Ago?

Hello List,

Recently been checking the 'Tuatha De Danann', the Irish name for the 'People of Dana' (maybe their Goddess?), although they seem to have lived many places, Europe, N. Africa and Asia and maybe even further afield.

Some links at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/metamail93.html#18sept10

From reading Ian Wilson's Before The Flood, a book about the Black Sea flooding and all that preceded and succeeded it and from further research, it seems those people went through stages leading to relatively 'high civilization' from 8,000 to maybe 4 or 5,000 years ago.

During that time they began erecting huge megalithic buildings around the world, mostly astronomically aligned, and seemed to have mastered complex mathematics and astronomy - some gold 'wizards hats' found in Northern Europe have a logarithmic code of the Metonic Cycle embossed on them, enabling the 'wizard' to calculate Sun, Moon, Earth alignments way ahead of time. Wherever they lived they left behind legends of 'giants' (although they were normal-sized) and of 'magicians'.

By the way, unlike all historical societies since (say from Sumer and Babylon onwards through Classical times to today), the 'Tuatha De Danann' were peaceful, wherever they lived around the world. From accumulating evidence, not least in Anatolia and the Indus Valley, they had no castles or forts, no palaces, no barracks, and no prisons. What they did have was excellent plumbing, running water to all homes even in large towns, and a uniformly high standard of housing and accomodation. I.e. they were egalitarian - and efficient.

The big mystery is - where did they go?

They seem to have gone away en-masse, leaving only a few off-shoots in Morocco - now the Berbers/Tuaregs - and maybe in the Canary Islands.

So, considering that we 'modern humans' have gone from horse'n cart to rockets in a few hundred years, what might the 'Tuatha De Danann' have accomplished by (and since) the time they disappeared about 5,000 years ago?

There's two obvious alternatives. They left Earth by going up into space. Or, they left Earth by going underground.

Cheers

Ray D

BTW - strangely enough, the Pictish/Irish explanation was a legend of their 'Tuatha De Danann', the magicians, literally deciding to live underground.

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More On Red Rain In Kerala

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 19:35:57 -0400
Archived: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 08:27:10 -0400
Subject: More On Red Rain In Kerala

New information regarding the 2001 story of red rain in India's state of Kerala:

This blog post summarizes findings and videos of what appears to be, according to Dr Godfrey Louis, extraterrestrial bacterial life based on the observation that the cells lack DNA:

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

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

Relevant blog post:

<http://www.datelinezero.com/?p=3896>

However, please also note this formal paper written by Dr. Louis which includes some amazing photographs (warning PDF file):

<http://arxiv.org/ftp/arxiv/papers/1008/1008.4960.pdf>

-M

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Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 13:56:03 +0100
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 07:56:23 -0400
Subject: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

I can hear a groan go up among some Listers over this topic but consider the experiences of UK circle maker Matthew Williams who seems to suggest a link between human-made circles and UFOs.

<http://tiny.cc/rnehg>

Here's a short extract:

"Nearly all circlemakers I know have claimed to have had odd experiences whilst out at night. Whereas many circlemakers try their hardest to work out what these experiences were, they are left scratching their heads. Up until this year, all bar one major circlemaker had told me of their own strange experiences.

This year though, out of the blue, I was told that this major circlemaker had recently seen a silent, black, triangular object fly over him, and his team members had seen this as well."

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Richard Dolan On 'The Event'

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 15:05:36 +0100
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 08:35:01 -0400
Subject: Richard Dolan On 'The Event'

An interesting piece here from author Richard Dolan about The Event, a new TV drama series.

Richard conjectures what would happen after a real Event - i.e. UFO Disclosure.

Dave Haith

Source: Richard Dolan's Keyhole Publishing

http://keyholepublishing.com/the_event.html

Sunday, September 19, 2010

NBC's The Event:
A UFO Researcher's Perspective

By Richard M. Dolan,

As of this writing, NBC's new series, The Event, has not aired, although there certainly is a great buzz about the show among people interested in UFOs. Even though the 4-minute trailer doesn't explicitly mention UFOs or aliens, it's not hard to imagine that, somehow, these themes are important to the series.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XFr6PdLMiA> [4:20 min]

The President learns of a deeply secret CIA operation dealing with "others" of some sort who are held in a secure base in Alaska. "So this is true," he says, "this is all true." He is brought to their location and meets their "leader." He is going to hold a major press conference, but there is an attempt on his life. What is happening, according to "The Event's" Wikipedia entry, is "the biggest cover-up in U.S. history; a coverup which shapes the very core of mankind as a whole." / http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Event_%28TV_series%29

Makes you wonder ... FOR SURE.

Other bloggers, such as LARRY D LOWE, have discussed their knowledge that "The Event" is UFO/ET related. I've also been quietly told by another researcher that this IS indeed the case.

I learned about this show sometime during the summer. At that time, I talked about it with Bryce Zabel, my intrepid co-author of the upcoming "A.D., AFTER DISCLOSURE: The PEOPLE'S GUIDE TO LIFE AFTER CONTACT."

Bryce and I had spent the spring and summer writing about what the world really will look like following the Disclosure of the UFO/ET reality here on planet Earth. So you can see why we would be especially interested in following this "event" for a major broadcasting network, especially since our own book is complete and due for release in late October.

<http://www.afterdisclosure.com/2010/09/introduction.html>

With the release of a major television show based, it would seem, on something to do with a significant Earth-changing "event," I can only reflect on what I think will be the real Earth-changing event.

THAT will be the Disclosure -- whether by an American President or some other major public figure -- of the reality of a non-human intelligence interacting with humanity. An intelligence that is connected to the UFO phenomenon, and that is, fundamentally, "not us." They are "Others."

This does NOT mean they are extraterrestrial, though of course they might be. Perhaps, too, these "OTHERS" inhabit some other dimension of reality.

Or maybe they are humans from another place or time. Or maybe something entirely different, or some combination of possibilities. Dealing with them, trying to understand them, was one of the key issues of our book, but by no means the only one.

As far as I can tell, what we have done is unique. Bryce and I have tried to peer into the future, into a world in which the UFO reality is fully and openly acknowledged. A future in which we recognize that at least some UFOs have been the product of an advanced intelligence not from our civilization.

ASK Yourself: HOW would the open acknowledgment of such a truth affect our world? HOW would it affect YOU personally?

For most of this last decade, I have been lecturing on the challenges and opportunities presented by a true disclosure of the reality of UFOs. The topic fascinates me. But what I discovered is that it is a lot easier to talk about why UFO secrecy ought to end, than it is to glimpse the murky future of a post-disclosure world.

BUT here is what I think will happen. There will be a day when the truth-- the big, big TRUTH -- DOES come out. Today is not yesterday, and tomorrow surely will not be today. By that I simply mean that our world is changing too fast. We cannot possibly expect that in the coming years we will perceive and understand reality as we do today.

Think about the radical nature of some of our newest shared technology. Such products as pervasive as smart-phones and YouTube have only been with us for about five years. Do we really think time will just stand still, in a 2010 holding pattern for the remainder of our lives? What new technologies and new capabilities will exist in 2015? Or 2025? Or 2050?

Is it possible that, at some point between now and then, we achieve a critical mass in what we know and how we know it? One that forces "The Powers That Be" into acknowledging the obvious? Yes, I think it certainly is possible. I would say it is likely.

WHAT will that "Event" be? That real event, NOT the one made for television.

Well, it can be a number of things, certainly, but my money is on a future sighting. A MASS SIGHTING, most probably, and one that is captured on multiple devices, from multiple perspectives. It would help if a major media representative were already there, forced into reporting the event because it's right there.

You think it's impossible? I would beg to differ. The UFO story of the past half century contains a rich history of mass sightings. But only in the last few decades have we had any practical capability to record objects in the sky.

Even today, we are NOT quite able to have multiple, high quality devices ready to record strange things in the sky. Ever try getting a good night video out of your phone? Then you know what I mean. Within a few years, though, there is NO question that things will be different.

So, if you consider that, at some point between now and then, an Event of some sort makes Disclosure an inevitability - what then? What happens after Disclosure?

One thing you can be sure of is that, in such a world, EVERYTHING will be AFFECTED. In the first place, before even dealing with the "Others"-- whoever, whatever they are -- there will be many shocked people.

It WILL be an "everything-you-thought-you- knew-was-wrong" moment. People will immediately understand that their government has lied to them for an entire lifetime. Then, following the initial shock, they will be very angry.

For once people begin asking how the lie succeeded for so long, they will begin looking at some of the major institutions of our world: government, media, academia. They will want to know how it happened that these bodies, supposedly representing the people, lied to them for so long. What they will find will be corruption and manipulation embedded within those institutions, all in the service of secrecy.

There will also be questions about energy. That is because one of the immediate issues in a post-Disclosure world will be the glaring obviousness of one thing: that whatever these Others use to get around, it isn't high-octane gasoline. Clearly, they use something different, something much better. Whatever that "better" is, it will seem logical to try to replace petroleum with it.

EVERYONE dreams of a post-petroleum world, but how do we actually, concretely, make that transition - especially when we are talking about the biggest business in the world? No one is saying we should not do it, but to think it will happen easily is pure fantasy.

Questions about petroleum are indelibly linked to questions about world finance. The world, after all, is a petroleum-based economy. Most of the value of world's goods are a direct reflection of the cost of the energy used to create and transport them. What, then, if we get something like "free" energy? Aside from creating a potential utopia or dystopia, how will that affect stock valuations, for starters?

We might also ask how Disclosure will affect world culture and society? Will there be a mass rejection of old values in favor of something new? Will there be a new generation gap, such as what people experienced during the 1960s ("Don't trust ANYone over 30!")?

Will there be a resurgence in hallucinogenic drugs, based on the idea that taking them will allow you to see other entities (this is already becoming a widespread belief among people who take certain substances common to South America). Will Disclosure perhaps spark a renaissance of the human spirit, learning, and creativity?

There are issues of religion and spirituality. How would the world's major religions deal with Disclosure? Are some better prepared than others? How might they interpret the Disclosure Event differently from one another? What kinds of new religions might we expect? Will Disclosure cause religions to collapse, or will it cause them to become more deeply entrenched?

We can ask the same of how Disclosure will affect the world of science. Certainly, scientists themselves are likely to be deeply upset by the news, at least initially. After all, most of them have spent their entire lives denying even the possibility that UFOs might actually be real. They will be in for a rude awakening. But then what? It is quite possible that Disclosure will spark a new era in science, new questions, new discoveries.

Then there will be the ultimate political fall out. After the shock to our institutions, the angry populations around the world, somehow, some way, our global system will realign itself. How will this happen? What will the new system look like? Will we have a global police state, or will Disclosure offer the opportunity to break the chains of authoritarianism?

These are NOT easy questions to answer. Some were not even easy to ask. NONE of us has a true crystal ball into the future. But in the course of writing "A.D., AFTER DISCLOSURE," one thing became obvious to Bryce and me.

<http://keyholepublishing.com/AD.html>

The radical transformation of every facet of our world by Disclosure provides the reason for the secrecy itself. Bryce is no stranger to expressing these ideas in dramatic form on television -- his earlier NBC series about ALIEN INVASION, "Dark Skies," can easily be viewed as a cautionary tale for WHY the government intends to keep the secret intact at almost any cost.

In other words, the intrusion into our world by "Others" is radical enough. But even more radical is openly acknowledging them. Because doing so will rock our world so thoroughly that very little will be recognizable after the fallout.

Some may see this as a reason for not pushing Disclosure. Better safe than sorry, they might say. And indeed, those few who are in full possession of the secret have always felt this way. But you see, here is the problem with their position: the world is not static. Time keeps moving.

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Re: UK Couple Film UFO Get Phone Threats

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 12:05:40 -0300
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 08:48:02 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Couple Film UFO Get Phone Threats

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 15:54:54 -0400
>Subject: Re: UK Couple Film UFO Get Phone Threats

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 17:32:24 -0400
>>Subject: Re: UK Couple Film UFO Get Phone Threats

><snip>

>>The image shows a view of the burning WTC towers. Just to the
>>left of the towers at the height of the cloud of smoke is a
>>barely visible pink square object standing on a corner exactly as
>>in the Forres Gazette photo.

>My memory fails me, but I'm sure I saw a UFO documentary or on-
>line video where a diamond-shaped 'UFO' turned out to be strictly
>a camera artifact. I can't remember exactly how the shape was
>explained in terms of the structure of the lens, however, but it
>was duplicate-able.

It's a combination of at least two things; an external light
source which is the subject of the shot and the usually the zoom
function of the lens coupled with the internal iris closing
down.

You are then looking at the light source (Moon, star, street-
light, etc.) which is shaped by the a four-leafed iris (set on
manual) back close to the CCD-or film.

Examples have been shown on different documentaries over the
years.

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Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 16:28:33 +0100
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 08:52:42 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 07:34:55 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display>

>>Well I'm not a climatologist, and since this List is devoted to
>>Ufology and not to climatology it seems unlikely there is here
>>the expertise or the desire to make an effective evaluation of
>>the claims you're making. So all such claims should be referred
>>to the peer-reviewed literature on climatology research, as I'm
>>sure you'll agree.

>I tend to agree with Cathy. However a major problem is, as
>pointed out in the Chapter, that the well funded IPCC

Do you mean to imply here that the contrary views are not well-
funded? That seems rather far-fetched - do you have any numbers
to support this?

>has made a
>serious effort to prevent contrary views from being published.
>That is one of the problems noted about Climategate at East
>Anglia in the UK.

It's evidently a matter of record that the published research
doesn't support your contention, so I can see why you might
claim this. But in general I find these sorts of conspiracy
theories pretty unconvincing, because they don't take into
account the way the scientific process works. At most someone
might, if they were so inclined, contrive to keep material out
of some particular journal - but any reasonably competent
research should end up being published somewhere or other.
Indeed quite alot of incompetent research ends up getting
published somewhere or other - if there is a problem with peer
review, it's that the bar is set too low rather than too high.
(Although I believe that is probably the safer error to make.)

>Similar to the SETI people being unwilling to
>discuss the UFO evidence

The comparison is certainly instructive. SETI people are
entitled to be skeptical of the ETH since the ETH has
comprehensively failed so far as a scientific theory. If the ETH
were to generate meaningful predictions and testable explanatory
theories, and if these predictions were to be confirmed
empirically, then the SETI people would have no choice but to
jump on the ETH bandwagon or risk being left behind. So far that
isn't the case.

Cathy

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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 08:53:55 -0400
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>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 21:09:45 +0100
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>Danann' have accomplished by (and since) the time they
>disappeared about 5,000 years ago?

>There's two obvious alternatives. They left Earth by going up
>into space. Or, they left Earth by going underground.

Or their plumbing might not have been quite as it should, and
they were wiped out by cholera....

--

Gerald O'Connell
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Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 15:05:36 +0100
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 08:30:08 -0400
Subject: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

An interesting piece here from author Richard Dolan... Below the blurb about The Event, a new TV drama series.

Richard conjectures what would happen after a real Event - ie UFO Disclosure.

Dave Haith

http://keyholepublishing.com/the_event.html

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Sunday, September 19, 2010

A UFO Researcher's Perspective: NBC's The Event Probably Is Not 'The' Event The World And UFO Community In Particular Were Waiting And Hoping For!

By Richard M. Dolan,

As of this writing, NBC's new series, "The EVENT," has not aired, although there certainly is a great buzz about the show among people interested in UFOs. Even though the 4-minute trailer doesn't explicitly mention UFOs or aliens, it's not hard to imagine that, somehow, these themes are important to the series.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XFr6PdLMiA> [4:20 min]

The President learns of a deeply secret CIA operation dealing with "others" of some sort who are held in a secure base in Alaska. "So this is true," he says, "this is all true." He is brought to their location and meets their "leader." He is going to hold a major press conference, but there is an attempt on his life. What is happening, according to "The Event's" Wikipedia entry, is "the biggest cover-up in U.S. history; a coverup which shapes the very core of mankind as a whole." /

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Event_%28TV_series%29

Makes you wonder ... FOR SURE.

Other bloggers, such as LARRY D LOWE, have discussed their knowledge that "The Event" is UFO/ET related. I've also been quietly told by another researcher that this IS indeed the case.

I learned about this show sometime during the summer. At that time, I talked about it with Bryce Zabel, my intrepid co-author of the upcoming "A.D., AFTER DISCLOSURE: The PEOPLE's GUIDE TO LIFE AFTER CONTACT."

Bryce and I had spent the spring and summer writing about what the world really will look like following the Disclosure of the UFO/ET reality here on planet Earth. So you can see why we would be especially interested in following this "event" for a major broadcasting network, especially since our own book is complete and due for release in late October.

<http://www.afterdisclosure.com/2010/09/introduction.html>

With the release of a major television show based, it would seem, on something to do with a significant Earth-changing "event," I can only reflect on what I think will be the real Earth-changing event.

THAT will be the Disclosure -- whether by an American President or some other major public figure -- of the reality of a non-human intelligence interacting with humanity. An intelligence that is connected to the UFO phenomenon, and that is, fundamentally, "not us." They are "Others."

This does NOT mean they are extraterrestrial, though of course they might be. Perhaps, too, these "OTHERS" inhabit some other dimension of reality.

Or maybe they are humans from another place or time. Or maybe something entirely different, or some combination of possibilities. Dealing with them, trying to understand them, was one of the key issues of our book, but by no means the only one.

As far as I can tell, what we have done is unique. Bryce and I have tried to peer into the future, into a world in which the UFO reality is fully and openly acknowledged. A future in which we recognize that at least some UFOs have been the product of an advanced intelligence not from our civilization.

ASK Yourself: HOW would the open acknowledgment of such a truth affect our world? HOW would it affect YOU personally?

For most of this last decade, I have been lecturing on the challenges and opportunities presented by a true disclosure of the reality of UFOs. The topic fascinates me. But what I discovered is that it is a lot easier to talk about why UFO secrecy ought to end, than it is to glimpse the murky future of a post-disclosure world.

BUT here is what I think will happen. There will be a day when the truth-- the big, big TRUTH -- DOES come out. Today is not yesterday, and tomorrow surely will not be today. By that I simply mean that our world is changing too fast. We cannot possibly expect that in the coming years we will perceive and understand reality as we do today.

Think about the radical nature of some of our newest shared technology. Such products as pervasive as smart-phones and YouTube have only been with us for about five years. Do we really think time will just stand still, in a 2010 holding pattern for the remainder of our lives? What new technologies and new capabilities will exist in 2015? Or 2025? Or 2050?

Is it possible that, at some point between now and then, we achieve a critical mass in what we know and how we know it? One that forces "The Powers That Be" into acknowledging the obvious? Yes, I think it certainly is possible. I would say it is likely.

WHAT will that "Event" be? That real event, NOT the one made for television.

Well, it can be a number of things, certainly, but my money is on a future sighting. A MASS SIGHTING, most probably, and one that is captured on multiple devices, from multiple perspectives. It would help if a major media representative were already there, forced into reporting the event because it's right there.

You think it's impossible? I would beg to differ. The UFO story of the past half century contains a rich history of mass sightings. But only in the last few decades have we had any practical capability to record objects in the sky.

Even today, we are NOT quite able to have multiple, high quality devices ready to record strange things in the sky. Ever try getting a good night video out of your phone? Then you know what I mean. Within a few years, though, there is NO question that things will be different.

So, if you consider that, at some point between now and then, an Event of some sort makes Disclosure an inevitability - what then? What happens after Disclosure?

One thing you can be sure of is that, in such a world, EVERYTHING will be AFFECTED. In the first place, before even dealing with the "Others"-- whoever, whatever they are -- there will be many shocked people.

It WILL be an "everything-you-thought-you- knew-was-wrong" moment. People will immediately understand that their government has lied to them for an entire lifetime. Then, following the initial shock, they will be very angry.

For once people begin asking how the lie succeeded for so long, they will begin looking at some of the major institutions of our world: government, media, academia. They will want to know how it happened that these bodies, supposedly representing the people, lied to them for so long. What they will find will be corruption and manipulation embedded within those institutions, all in the service of secrecy.

There will also be questions about energy. That is because one of the immediate issues in a post-Disclosure world will be the glaring obviousness of one thing: that whatever these Others use to get around, it isn't high-octane gasoline. Clearly, they use something different, something much better. Whatever that "better" is, it will seem logical to try to replace petroleum with it.

EVERYONE dreams of a post-petroleum world, but how do we actually, concretely, make that transition - especially when we are talking about the biggest business in the world? No one is saying we should not do it, but to think it will happen easily is pure fantasy.

Questions about petroleum are indelibly linked to questions about world finance. The world, after all, is a petroleum-based economy. Most of the value of world's goods are a direct reflection of the cost of the energy used to create and transport them. What, then, if we get something like "free" energy? Aside from creating a potential utopia or dystopia, how will that affect stock valuations, for starters?

We might also ask how Disclosure will affect world culture and society? Will there be a mass rejection of old values in favor of something new? Will there be a new generation gap, such as what people experienced during the 1960s ("Don't trust ANYone over 30!")?

Will there be a resurgence in hallucinogenic drugs, based on the idea that taking them will allow you to see other entities (this is already becoming a widespread belief among people who take certain substances common to South America). Will Disclosure perhaps spark a renaissance of the human spirit, learning, and creativity?

There are issues of religion and spirituality. How would the world's major religions deal with Disclosure? Are some better prepared than others? How might they interpret the Disclosure Event differently from one another? What kinds of new religions might we expect? Will Disclosure cause religions to collapse, or will it cause them to become more deeply entrenched?

We can ask the same of how Disclosure will affect the world of science. Certainly, scientists themselves are likely to be deeply upset by the news, at least initially. After all, most of them have spent their entire lives denying even the possibility that UFOs might actually be real. They will be in for a rude awakening. But then what? It is quite possible that Disclosure will spark a new era in science, new questions, new discoveries.

Then there will be the ultimate political fall out. After the shock to our institutions, the angry populations around the world, somehow, some way, our global system will realign itself. How will this happen? What will the new system look like? Will we have a global police state, or will Disclosure offer the opportunity to break the chains of authoritarianism?

These are NOT easy questions to answer. Some were not even easy to ask. NONE of us has a true crystal ball into the future. But in the course of writing "A.D., AFTER DISCLOSURE," one thing became obvious to Bryce and me.

<http://keyholepublishing.com/AD.html>

The radical transformation of every facet of our world by Disclosure provides the reason for the secrecy itself. Bryce is no stranger to expressing these ideas in dramatic form on television -- his earlier NBC series about ALIEN INVASION, "Dark Skies," can easily be viewed as a cautionary tale for WHY the government intends to keep the secret intact at almost any cost.

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>into space. Or, they left Earth by going underground.

My understanding is that some are now living on Venus, on
property rented from George Adamski's close personal friend
Orthon. I mean, the ones who didn't join the Ashtar Command or
sign up to fight the deros.

The possibilities are endless.

Jerry Clark

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Anyone Near Maple Heights, OH?

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Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 16:53:01 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 09:27:05 -0400
Subject: Anyone Near Maple Heights, OH?

I am most interested to find an old friend and active ufologist in the seventies, Mr. Ronald Smotek. His last address I have is at Maple Heights, OH.

If any reader lives near this town and can assist me in finding him I will appreciate any message directly to me so that I can provide his home address and telephone number for checking and else.

Thanks and best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2010 04:56:06 EDT
>Subject: Chinese Astronomer Says UFO Pics Street Lights

><http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90782/7140424.html>

>Well, we've got a scientific explanation about some pics
>analyzed by Chinese astronomer Wang Sichao.

>Seems like the Chinese scientists are tossing every played out
>explanation the western skeptics have over the years.

>However, these same so called explanations don't jibe with the
>instrumentation data from radar and more.

>We'll have to wait for more pics, vids etc. and further
>analysis.

>Could China's powers that be want to clamp down on UFO sightings
>with disinformation?

>If they know what we know, they'd better.

Paranormal Tavern - Occult & Supernatural Knowledge

<http://www.freewebs.com/faeden/paranormalphotos.htm>

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See: May 26, 1987 - Waterbury, CT, USA

See: April 24, 1993 - Ocotlan, Jalisco, Mexico

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The 'Tuatha De Danann' are the old pagan gods of Ireland.
They are described as a human race because many cultures believe
they descend from their gods.

<snip>

>From reading Ian Wilson's Before The Flood, a book about the
>Black Sea flooding and all that preceded and succeeded it and
>from further research, it seems those people went through stages
>leading to relatively 'high civilization' from 8,000 to maybe 4
>or 5,000 years ago.
The peoples who lived by the Black Sea in that time were not
the Tuatha De Danann. Such statement would be akin to saying
that the America's were inhabited by the Olympians priro to the
arrival of Native Americans.

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Just to hit it home, the Tuatha De Danann are mythical. They
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>The big mystery is - where did they go?

>They seem to have gone away en-masse, leaving only a few off-
>shoots in Morocco - now the Berbers/Tuaregs - and maybe in the
>Canary Islands.

Were did they go? According to myth modern humans displaced
them. With the arrival of man the old Irish gods fled to the
otherworld, where the gods and spirits dwell, or took refuge
under the earth in splendid underground kingdoms. In time they
would become the fairies of lore.

One of my favorite members of the Tuatha De Danann is the
goddess Brigid. In myth she is a giant, standing 8 or so feet
tall. One side of her face is extremely beautiful while the
other side of her face is horribly scared from battle. She is

often presented in triple form or is said to have two other sisters also named Brigid. The goddess Brigid presides of war, agriculture, metal working, poetry, natural springs, and healing and was worshipped at her temple in Kildare where priestesses kept an eternal flame lit in her honor.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brigid>

-Jason Gammon

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Spyros Melaris [was: UFO Matrix Issue 2]

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 13:37:07 -0700
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 11:36:41 -0400
Subject: Spyros Melaris [was: UFO Matrix Issue 2]

>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 11:58:54 +0100
>Subject: UFO Matrix Issue 2

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>www.healingsofatlantis.com

>Alien Autopsy Casebook

>The Spyros Melaris story. The truth revealed at last by Philip
>Mantle

List, EBK, Philip,

I'm glad that Philip put all this research material together in one place and I plan to use much of it in future articles and such, but the conclusions he has drawn from this wealth of factual information leave me wondering.

It's the same way I felt after reading "Beyond Roswell" and then spending a week with Philip in New Mexico discussing the facts that Michael Hesemann had wrestled and fought and dug for: Don't you read your own books? How could one person assemble such a trove of information and then not be able to connect the dots. I just don't get it!

>The Spyros Melaris story. The truth revealed at last by Philip
>Mantle

Hi List,

Below, in no particular order, are ten reasons that folks on this list shouldn't trust Spyros Melaris and the false illusion he has tried to create that he alone is the "mastermind" behind the Alien Autopsy. He says he designed and sewed the bio suits and made the autopsy table from scratch, and imagined the creature and the debris and spent months gathering all the period pieces. He directed John Humphries during the creation of the creature, and then filmed not one but two autopsies. And most amazing, he was never paid a single dime for his efforts. In fact, he spent forty to fifty thousand dollars of his own money. Such a guy! How he'd like to get paid but Ray Santilli has told Spyros to F--- off. The saga continues.

1) Spyros has been expelled by the Magic Circle, his professional organization, for "unfounded" claims and "outrageous lies".

2) Spyros is a bankrupt and has been so since 1994 which begs the question: where did Spyros get the funds to finance the AA as he said he did? And why is he still lying about this fact?

- 3) Spyros didn't know how the set for the AA was lighted. He still has not explained why he was mistaken or how this was accomplished. He also claims that his set had three walls while two other researchers have found four.
- 4) When asked to produce a contract proving that he had a relationship with Ray during the AA, Spyros produced a forged document with numerous mistakes. He still has not explained this fraud.
- 5) Spyros has never explained why he removed the brain as is shown in the AA. He still has no understanding of why this is so important.
- 6) Spyros has lied about when he met Ray. He claims that it was in February of 1995 at Cannes, but Ray hadn't attended that event and was in fact in London meeting with Colin Andrews during the last days of the event. Ray has insisted that he met Spyros in Cannes during April of 1995. Since Ray was already describing in detail the AA during this event, it would have been impossible for Spyros to have invented it or even thought about the AA or the creature before this meeting.
- 7) Spyros has failed to produce a single witness who will speak for the record or can be interviewed and will back up his claims.
- 8) Spyros has failed to produce a single scrap of hard evidence proving that he is the mastermind of the AA. It's all flamboyant talk and film-flam.
- 9) Spyros was mistaken about the "bug" seen clearly in the AA footage and still doesn't understand why he should consider it important.
- 10) Spyros still doesn't understand the difference between the cameraman's various statements. He thinks the cameraman interview he says he conducted was the only statement. Also he refuses to indicate when the interview was filmed which is very important.

Ed

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Re: Human Space-Travel Long Ago?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 23:34:59 +0100
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 11:41:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Human Space-Travel Long Ago?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 21:09:45 +0100
>Subject: Human Space-Travel Long Ago?

>Recently been checking the 'Tuatha De Danann', the Irish name
>for the 'People of Dana' (maybe their Goddess?), although they
>seem to have lived many places, Europe, N. Africa and Asia and
>maybe even further afield.
<snip>

About that "further afield" suggestion - realized already got
some clues, at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/westward.html#26nov

"A check of Native American myths and legends gives these
keyword clues - , alien people ('magicians') in residence
('magic' technology, ownership/enclosure of 'good' animals),
cataclysm - giant tidal wave, flood & earthquakes & (some)
volcanoes, disappearance/loss of 'monsters', capture, theft,
gifting of 'good' animals, subsequent disappearance of
'magicians'/'aliens' from the record of myths and legends."

Here's some Flood myths and N. American 'Creation' myths - maybe
more to be found.

www.ucalgary.ca/applied_history/tutor/firstnations/myths.html

www.indigenouspeople.net/legend.htm

www.ewebtribe.com/NACulture/stories.htm

Cheers

Ray D

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Dramatic Sighting Grand Falls NB Canada

From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 21:19:08 -0700
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 11:57:13 -0400
Subject: Dramatic Sighting Grand Falls NB Canada

To the List Members:

I thought the List would like to know about a reported sighting of something quite odd, seen by a mother and daughter in Grand Falls, New Brunswick.

NUFORC received a telephoned report at 7:50 p.m. (Pacific) on Sunday night, September 19, from a quite sober-minded woman, who called from Grand Falls. She reported that at approximately 7:30 p.m. (Maritime), she and her daughter had been witness to a quite dramatic red (?) "fireball", which clearly was below the bottoms of local clouds.

The object moved slowly below the clouds and after a short period of time, it appeared to stop and hover for an estimated two minutes. The intensity of the light then subsided, allowing both witnesses to see an apparently solid object, which appeared to them to be a "rock".

Both witnesses contacted local authorities, after which they were contacted by someone in the Canadian military, who took a detailed statement over the telephone from the witnesses.

Both witnesses are preparing written statements, as well as illustrations of what the object looked like when its luminescence subsided. Both witnesses were profoundly upset by the experience, they reported.

Peter Davenport
NUFORC

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 14:57:26 +0200
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 12:02:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Dave Haith<visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates<post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 13:56:03 +0100
>Subject: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>I can hear a groan go up among some Listers over this topic but
>consider the experiences of UK circle maker Matthew Williams who
>seems to suggest a link between human-made circles and UFOs.

(snip)

Hi Dave,

wHy "a groan"? Still today, though we have learned in the meantime that nowadays most if not all complex patterns are created by man, classic UFO appearances do happen in connection with crop circles in England.

During our own twenty year long research in England and Germany we can report a lot of these incidents.

One reason for that is that the landscape there has a history dating back thousands of years into the megalithic past when constructions have been erected which are not explainable as the work of primitive hunters. It easily is comparable with the plain of Gizah.

The other reason is that in the meantime human consciousness has created such a high level of energy regarding the crop circles in England that we all who have been there constantly have created a cosmic energy field out of the quantum potential - we have observed it and are now visible throughout the universe regarding these patterns.

We are living in a universe of watching and communicating - and curiosity.

So "they" want to know what this is all about and if we, after another thousands of years, have spiritually advanced a little bit.

The American military and all military have lost the UFO game. What we see now is the fine English way. Not technology but spirit is wanted.

Joachim

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Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 08:56:37 -0500
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 12:20:16 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 16:28:33 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2010 07:34:55 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display>

>>I tend to agree with Cathy. However a major problem is, as
>>pointed out in the Chapter, that the well funded IPCC

>Do you mean to imply here that the contrary views are not well-
>funded? That seems rather far-fetched - do you have any numbers
>to support this?

>>has made a
>>serious effort to prevent contrary views from being published.
>>That is one of the problems noted about Climategate at East
>>Anglia in the UK.

>It's evidently a matter of record that the published research
>doesn't support your contention, so I can see why you might
>claim this. But in general I find these sorts of conspiracy
>theories pretty unconvincing, because they don't take into
>account the way the scientific process works. At most someone
>might, if they were so inclined, contrive to keep material out
>of some particular journal - but any reasonably competent
>research should end up being published somewhere or other.

In the words of a rare corporate advocate - that is, not among
those numerous corporate hacks investing millions to fund the
opposition - for the reality of manmade global warming, Jeremy
Grantham:

"Conspiracy theorists claim to believe that global warming is a
carefully constructed hoax driven by scientists desperate for...
what? Being needed by nonscientific newspaper reports, by blogs
and by right-wing politicians and think tanks?

I have a much simpler but plausible 'conspiracy theory': the
fossil energy companies, driven by the need to protect hundreds
of billions of dollars of profits, encourage obfuscation of the
inconvenient scientific results. I, for one, admire them for
their P.R. skills, while wondering, as always: 'Have they no
grandchildren?'"

Jerry Clark

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Re: Why Mars Instead Of Venus?

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 10:29:48 -0400
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 12:22:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Mars Instead Of Venus?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 15:44:39 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why Mars Instead Of Venus?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 09:52:48 EDT
>>Subject: Why Mars Instead Of Venus?

[on Venus as a candidate for terraforming]

>Pardon me while I indulge myself and quote
>my own words (Hidden Realms, Lost Continents, and Beings from
>Other Worlds, p. 99):

>"Often likened to hell, [Venus] is no place you would want to
>live or even visit. Its dense atmosphere, shrouding the entire
>planet under a cloud cover and consisting of 96 percent carbon
>dioxide and a minute amount of water vapor, traps surface heat in
>a fierce greenhouse effect. The average temperature is a tropical
>840 degrees - blistering enough to melt lead. The atmosphere also
>produces surface pressure 90 times what we experience on Earth,
>unless we happen to be standing on the ocean floor at a depth of
>3000 feet. It rains droplets of sulfuric acid. The presence of
>sulfur-dioxide concentrations may imply ongoing volcanic
>activity."

Also add that Venus has a retrograde rotation (backwards compared to earth) of 243 earth days, meaning that one Venus day is actually longer than one Venus year. That creates serious thermal equilibrium problems across the entire planet. Imagine the energy input necessary to increase its rotation rate to a standard 24 hour day. And then you'd still have all the atmospheric problems to resolve that Mr. Clark properly notes in his reply. Venus terraforming is a non-starter.

For that matter, I don't understand the interest in terraforming Mars, or any other planet, either. Mars gravity is about .4 that of Earth. Anyone who moved there would, within only a few generations, see their lineage evolutionarily diverge such that they have adapted to the new gravitational environment and thus could never return to Earth. Like the moon, Mars is not a place suitable for human habitation.

And then there's the question of why a space faring society would ever want to move back to to any planet at all. We expend tremendous energy reaching escape velocity. Even assuming the discovery of "anti-gravity" it won't be energy free. That is, the system would almost certainly require more energy than what is bare minimum to accelerate an object into orbit. The cheapest energy intensive solution is likely a space elevator, and even that requires tremendous energy per unit mass to escape Earth's gravity well. Once we're up there, why come back down to a planetary prison?

Once we have the infrastructure to mine asteroids and manufacture in space, we should simply build Stanford Torus' (rotating wheel space stations like in 2001) and live in them.

Re: Why Mars Instead Of Venus?

Much cheaper than planetary terraforming, no energy costs associated with traveling into space (we're already there) and it would afford us total environmental control within the interior to fully suit human needs.

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Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 12:40:57 -0400
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 13:25:55 -0400
Subject: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 13:56:03 +0100
>Subject: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>I can hear a groan go up among some Listers over this topic but
>consider the experiences of UK circle maker Matthew Williams who
>seems to suggest a link between human-made circles and UFOs.

><http://tiny.cc/rnehg>

Dave - I for one appreciate the link. I've spoken to a few other circle makers who have also said the very same thing. But ultimately the paranormal escape hatch of marginality has it's way yet again. If in fact these folks are seeing enigmatic phenomenon out there while making formations (fakes / art) - they are the ultimate in marginality for a witness, and few will actually take their statements seriously.

It couldn't be more perfect for a paranormal event of some kind, and the whole area has had more than it's fair share from UFOs and strange beings, to anomalous lights, ghosts and extrasensory weirdness. I often wonder if it's actually the areageologically, or the notion that people actually go to see what they perceive as paranormal phenomenon - and find it.

There's something to be said for actively engaging the paranormal.

We did 2 interviews with regard to crop formations you might find interesting:

Colin Andrews:

<http://tinyurl.com/28obmtu>

and a roundtable:

<http://tinyurl.com/2aj4mt8>

Enjoy,

Jeff Ritzmann

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Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 16:08:22 +0100
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 13:27:58 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 16:28:33 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

<snip>

> If the ETH
>were to generate meaningful predictions and testable explanatory
>theories, and if these predictions were to be confirmed
>empirically, then the SETI people would have no choice but to
>jump on the ETH bandwagon or risk being left behind. So far that
>isn't the case.

Cathy, I am uncomfortable with your assertion, both in terms of its factual basis and its logical coherence.

The ETH is a working hypothesis with a statistically supported empirical basis.

Its premises are:

1. During the past 60 years there has been a consistent, continuous global occurrence of sightings of UFOs.
2. There is further, although less statistically secure, indication that such sightings were prevalent throughout recorded history prior to 1950.
3. Upon closer examination of these sightings, there is a percentage, variously estimated at between 1% and 10%, that is highly resistant to explanation in terms of known terrestrial phenomena.

The hypothesis states that we can conclude from this that some percentage of these sightings must, by default, be attributable to some, as yet unknown, extraterrestrial cause.

The hypothesis predicts that:

1. These sightings will continue to occur.
2. A consistent proportion of these sightings will continue to be resistant to explanation in terms of known terrestrial causes.

Since the formulation of the hypothesis (one can choose as a break-point just about any year during the past 60) it can be argued to have been empirically tested by the continuation of the validity of its premises beyond that point.

The ETH's only inherent weakness is that its third premise does not exclude unknown terrestrial phenomena as a causal explanation. There is clearly room for a UTH ('Unknown Terrestrial Hypothesis') in parallel with the ETH. At the same time it is inherent to the nature of the phenomenon as set out in the premises that there is no immediately discernible reason why either of the ETH or UTH should be more probably secure than the other.

Given all of this, there seems to be no good reason why SETI scientists or others with an interest in the matter should ignore the ETH or regard it as beyond the scientific pale.

It is remarkable that, in light of the level of public belief and interest, there has been no sustained and serious scientific attempt to test the ETH, if only in terms of a radical and thoroughgoing examination of the validity of its premises.

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

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Re: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 11:21:46 -0400
Archived: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 14:21:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 15:05:36 +0100
>Subject: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

>An interesting piece here from author Richard Dolan... Below the
>blurb about The Event, a new TV drama series.

>Richard conjectures what would happen after a real Event - i.e.
>UFO Disclosure.

<snip>

>It WILL be an "everything-you-thought-you- knew-was-wrong"
>moment. People will immediately understand that their government
>has lied to them for an entire lifetime. Then, following the
>initial shock, they will be very angry.

>For once people begin asking how the lie succeeded for so long,
>they will begin looking at some of the major institutions of our
>world: government, media, academia. They will want to know how it
>happened that these bodies, supposedly representing the people,
>lied to them for so long. What they will find will be corruption
>and manipulation embedded within those institutions, all in the
>service of secrecy.

>There will also be questions about energy. That is because one
>of the immediate issues in a post-Disclosure world will be the
>glaring obviousness of one thing: that whatever these Others use
>to get around, it isn't high-octane gasoline. Clearly, they use
>something different, something much better. Whatever that
>"better" is, it will seem logical to try to replace petroleum
>with it.

>Everyone dreams of a post-petroleum world, but how do we
>actually, concretely, make that transition - especially when we
>are talking about the biggest business in the world? No one is
>saying we should not do it, but to think it will happen easily
>is pure fantasy.

Oh dear. There's a level of sincerity and hope and earnestness
in that notion that is totally at odds with our experience so
far.

Most people understand that the government, and other
institutions that control our society, lie to us - have lied in
the past, are lying to us now, and will lie to us in the future.
They've lied about big things, they've lied about small things,
and should Disclosure come in a way that doesn't suit their
needs, will lie about that too. And people will continue to vote
for whichever politicians push their buttons the right way, even
if it is against their own self-interest.

Time Warner and Viacom and Rupert Murdoch will continue to
control the way the news is packaged and handled for the vast
majority of people. The Others are not going to say, "No, we
want the bloggers to handle this."

Should we have the opportunity to take advantage of new

technologies, It will be the same corporations that have their snouts in the trough already who get the contracts to make the transitions to the new technology. Somebody's got to make those Jetsons cars, somebody's got to deal with the hundreds of millions of displaced workers who were employed in the petroleum economy, from file clerks and gas station attendants to coal miners and oil company executives. And who is going to pay the workers who will be needed to dig up every buried oil and gasoline tank that we will no longer need, before they leak into the aquifers?

I'm afraid I don't see a single aspect of a post-Disclosure world that will not be handled with the same amount of lies and greed and business as usual, fully controlled by the same trans-national, corporate permanent government that operated pre-Disclosure.

Carol Maltby

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Re: Spyros Melaris

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 16:57:55 +0100
Archived: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 09:04:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Spyros Melaris

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 13:37:07 -0700
>Subject: Spyros Melaris [was: UFO Matrix Issue 2]

>>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 11:58:54 +0100
>>Subject: UFO Matrix Issue 2

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>>Alien Autopsy Casebook

>>The Spyros Melaris story. The truth revealed at last by Philip
>>Mantle

>List, EBK, Philip,

>I'm glad that Philip put all this research material together
>in one place and I plan to use much of it in future articles
>and such, but the conclusions he has drawn from this wealth
>of factual information leave me wondering.

>It's the same way I felt after reading "Beyond Roswell" and then
>spending a week with Philip in New Mexico discussing the facts
>that Michael Hesemann had wrestled and fought and dug for: Don't
>you read your own books? How could one person assemble such a
>trove of information and then not be able to connect the dots.
>I just don't get it!

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<snip>

List members,

Re: Spyros Melaris

There are answers to all of ED's 10 points but I'll not bore you with the detail save to say they all end in 'rubbish'.

The alien autopsy film is one big scam and has been right from the very beginning. Spyros Melaris is the man that lead the team that faked it and ED speaks out of the back of his head.

The new book by the way is called Alien Autopsy Casebook and is available via: www.healingsofatlantis.com

The interview with Spyros Melaris is in issue 2 of UFO MATRIX due out in the UK on September 30th and one month later in the USA.

Many thanks,

Philip Mantle

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 15:31:21 -0400
Archived: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 11:08:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 14:57:26 +0200
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

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>Still today, though we have learned in the meantime that nowadays
>most if not all complex patterns are created by man, ...

I believe the most complex patterns can't be hoaxed over a single night, without mistakes and trampling of crop that should have been left standing. They would take several days, I suggest. And require daytime work to avoid accidental trampling. And require the use of wooden survey pegs and other layout aids.

Remember, I'm talking about the huge, complex glyphs, not the simple ones done as demos.

So your assumption means that glyph makers have access to crops lasting several days, and yet such operations aren't seen by the land owner or others?

Eleanor White

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Archived: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 11:09:29 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 16:08:22 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

<snip>

>Given all of this, there seems to be no good reason why SETI
>scientists or others with an interest in the matter should
>ignore the ETH or regard it as beyond the scientific pale.

A very interesting cushy career and a nifty pension at the end
are good reasons to go along with the views of those who provide
the salaries and pensions.

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From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 20:30:32 -0400
Archived: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 11:23:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Spyros Melaris

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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I forwarded Ed's post to Spyros and he provided the following response:

...Please send the following back as there are some glaring inaccuracies here.

>1) Spyros has been expelled by the Magic Circle, his professional organization, for "unfounded" claims and "outrageous lies".

Not . I exposed three senior members who were _stealing_ from the society. _Their_ statement was that I was not telling the truth. It was their actions that got me expelled.

They are no longer in power. The current President is Mr Jack Delvin. Should you wish to speak with him about me please feel free to ask him what he thinks of me and if what happened to me was fair.

I believe Jack's e-mail address is:

jackdelvin.nul

alternatively, please visit the official website where you can get a contact addy for Mr Delvin.

>2) Spyros is a bankrupt and has been so since 1994 which begs the question: where did Spyros get the funds to finance the AA as he said he did? And why is he still lying about this fact?

IS A BANKRUPT is a false statement. A bankruptcy in the UK usually lasts about three years.

I was never served and knew nothing about this, so at the time, I held a bank account and all the trimmings and was trading as usual.

I still have a bank account and credit cards etc even now. How does Ed

explain that?

I confirm, I WAS PAID =A330k from VOLKER and I paid for the second AA= myself.

>3) Spyros didn't know how the set for the AA was lighted. He >still has not explained why he was mistaken or how this was >accomplished. He also claims that his set had three walls while >two other researchers have found four.

I explained fully that the set was sometimes lit with the available fluorescent tubes, and also by available daylight. I shot two autopsies and the lighting varies from shot to shot.

There is nothing more to add. That is it.

>4) When asked to produce a contract proving that he had a >relationship with Ray during the AA, Spyros produced a forged >document with numerous mistakes. He still has not explained this >fraud.

The paperwork was handled by my partner Greg. When I asked him for a copy of the contract, Greg said he had one on file that he received from Santilli. I received that copy from Greg recently. He was given it from Santilli a few years ago as a copy of the original. That is how it was delivered to Greg, and that is what Greg gave to me. We were set up ages ago and had no idea about it!

>5)Spyros has never explained why he removed the brain as is >shown in the AA. He still has no understanding of why this is so >important.

I _have_ explained and that is the reason. It was a special effect and the brain was _not_ in the skull until _after_ we cut it open. I cut the filming at the point of the Skull cap being cut off and hollowed out the head, put the brain in put the skull cap back on, and started filming again.

>6) Spyros has lied about when he met Ray. He claims that it was >in February of 1995 at Cannes, but Ray hadn't attended that >event and was in fact in London meeting with Colin Andrews >during the last days of the event. Ray has insisted that he met >Spyros in Cannes during April of 1995. Since Ray was already >describing in detail the AA during this event, it would have >been impossible for Spyros to have invented it or even thought >about the AA or the creature before this meeting.

We have established that Ray _was_ there. I have proven I _was_ there. He had time to come back and have the Colin Andrews meeting if this did happen.

>7)Spyros has failed to produce a single witness who will speak >for the record or can be interviewed and will back up his >claims.

Volker, Humphreys and the rest of my team!

>8) Spyros has failed to produce a single scrap of hard evidence >proving that he is the mastermind of the AA. It's all flamboyant >talk and film-flam.

Blah blah...

>9) Spyros was mistaken about the "bug" seen clearly in the AA >footage and still doesn't understand why he should consider it >important.

There is no bug, its a video glitch! why doesn't Ed have it professionally analysed?

>10) Spyros still doesn't understand the difference between the >cameraman's various statements. He thinks the cameraman >interview he says he conducted was the only statement. Also he >refuses to indicate when the interview was filmed which is very >important.

I have openly stated that I _don't_ know if there was a cameraman, neither do I know if he made a genuine statement.

What I do know, is that the camstatement I filmed is fake . I

also know that IF there is a genuine cameraman, he has nothing at all to do with the AA as we know it! Fact.

Why doesn't Ed provide some evidence while we are at it?

Where is the cameraman? Who is he... Not Barnet or whatever they have called him. I mean someone who could have been the real guy. I want proof. Evidence, no wishy washy BS. Nothing from Santilli, that isn't verified as genuine by a proper expert, etc.

Thank you.

Spiz

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Re: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 20:57:46 -0400
Archived: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 11:24:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

>From: Carol Maltby<carolmaltby.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 11:21:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

>>From: Dave Haith<visions1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates<[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 15:05:36 +0100
>>Subject: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

>>An interesting piece here from author Richard Dolan... Below the
>>blurb about The Event, a new TV drama series.

>>Richard conjectures what would happen after a real Event - i.e.
>>UFO Disclosure.

><snip>

>>It WILL be an "everything-you-thought-you- knew-was-wrong"
>>moment. People will immediately understand that their government
>>has lied to them for an entire lifetime. Then, following the
>>initial shock, they will be very angry.

>>For once people begin asking how the lie succeeded for so long,
>>they will begin looking at some of the major institutions of our
>>world: government, media, academia. They will want to know how it
>>happened that these bodies, supposedly representing the people,
>>lied to them for so long. What they will find will be corruption
>>and manipulation embedded within those institutions, all in the
>>service of secrecy.

>>There will also be questions about energy. That is because one
>>of the immediate issues in a post-Disclosure world will be the
>>glaring obviousness of one thing: that whatever these Others use
>>to get around, it isn't high-octane gasoline. Clearly, they use
>>something different, something much better. Whatever that
>>"better" is, it will seem logical to try to replace petroleum
>>with it.

>>Everyone dreams of a post-petroleum world, but how do we
>>actually, concretely, make that transition - especially when we
>>are talking about the biggest business in the world? No one is
>>saying we should not do it, but to think it will happen easily
>>is pure fantasy.

>Oh dear. There's a level of sincerity and hope and earnestness
>in that notion that is totally at odds with our experience so
>far.

>Most people understand that the government, and other
>institutions that control our society, lie to us - have lied in
>the past, are lying to us now, and will lie to us in the future.
>They've lied about big things, they've lied about small things,
>and should Disclosure come in a way that doesn't suit their
>needs, will lie about that too. And people will continue to vote
>for whichever politicians push their buttons the right way, even
>if it is against their own self-interest.

>Time Warner and Viacom and Rupert Murdoch will continue to

>control the way the news is packaged and handled for the vast
>majority of people. The Others are not going to say, "No, we
>want the bloggers to handle this."

>Should we have the opportunity to take advantage of new
>technologies, It will be the same corporations that have their
>snouts in the trough already who get the contracts to make the
>transitions to the new technology. Somebody's got to make those
>Jetsons cars, somebody's got to deal with the hundreds of
>millions of displaced workers who were employed in the petroleum
>economy, from file clerks and gas station attendants to coal
>miners and oil company executives. And who is going to pay the
>workers who will be needed to dig up every buried oil and
>gasoline tank that we will no longer need, before they leak into
>the aquifers?

>I'm afraid I don't see a single aspect of a post-Disclosure
>world that will not be handled with the same amount of lies and
>greed and business as usual, fully controlled by the same trans-
>national, corporate permanent government that operated pre-
>Disclosure.

There is a wild card about disclosure not considered in this
scenario - that is, the needs and motivations of those disclosed.
They may or may not wish to deal with the powers-that-be. Also,
rumor has it that there is more than one group. It may not be
business as usual.

William

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Re: Human Space-Travel Long Ago?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 05:47:25 +0100
Archived: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 11:26:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Human Space-Travel Long Ago?

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 16:30:41 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Human Space-Travel Long Ago?

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Hi Jason,

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Re: Unsubscribe

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 08:58:26 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 08:11:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>From: David Clarke <daveclarke292.nul>
>To: ebk.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 09:48:20 +0100
>Subject: Unsubscribe

>Please remove me from the UFO Updates list.

>Dave Clarke

Sigh... I guess I'm never going to learn from Dr. Clarke which government UFO studies preferred to use folklore specialists to research UFOs instead of physical scientists, aerospace engineers, radar experts, aviation experts, intelligence analysts, etc., etc.

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Ray,

Perhaps you need to take another look at more solid sources of
information. The Tuatha De Danann are the old pagan Irish gods.
The sources list many of their names and myths.

With the arrival of Christianity, the old Irish gods began to
transform into ancestor heros with magical powers.

Eventually they became the fairies.

<http://tinyurl.com/2b4sjm8>

-Jason Gammon

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From: **Mark Center** <marklcenter.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 11:39:17 -0700
Archived: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 08:15:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Wendelle C. Stevens Passes

FYI:

<http://tinyurl.com/33vm7uu>

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Sorry Eleanor,

I don't know you in person and I really don't want to hurt you -
but you want to believe.

That is the crux in the crop circle world which sometimes is
reflected here in this one and only list.

I was there. In England. For many years. I have seen most of
them, the circles and the croppies. I was invited to look behind
the scenes. In the course of our communication experiments, I
have done formations by myself, officially and with permission
of the farmer. We did it for serious research and stayed in the
background for many years while others started their crop circle
business.

Sorry again, but you should say good bye to a myth that is
maintained nowadays by groups of well known human circlemakers,
pilots, calendar makers, DVD-sellers, contactees, channelers, t-
shirt producers and so on.

Some day, some evening, some night, someone in the distant past
got the idea to jump out into the adjacent field. Maybe he'd
drunk too much, maybe it was only because he became a father one
hour ago, maybe someone intended to create a pattern to deceive
his neighbours and thus to satisfy his own frustration.

But maybe there was someone who did not know why he did it, he
just had to create circles out in the fields according to an
inner urge he could not explain.

Do you remember the movie "Close encounter of the third kind" ?

This happened to many of us worldwide since 1989. And we all
came together in England during the next years to do many good
things. The circles in other countries after 1991 were the
childs of their mother at Barbury Castle.

The American military and all military have lost the UFO game.
Not technology but spirit is wanted.

Don't worry, be happy!

Joachim

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Re: Spyros Melaris

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 16:41:10 -0700
Archived: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 08:24:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Spyros Melaris

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 20:30:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: Spyros Melaris

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 13:37:07 -0700
>>Subject: Spyros Melaris [was: UFO Matrix Issue 2]

>I forwarded Ed's post to Spyros and he provided the following
>response:

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>>1)Spyros has been expelled by the Magic Circle, his professional
>>organization, for "unfounded" claims and "outrageous lies".

>_Not_ . I exposed three senior members who were _stealing_ from
>the society. _Their_ statement was that I was not telling the
>truth. It was their actions that got me expelled.

>They are no longer in power. The current President is Mr Jack
>Delvin. Should you wish to speak with him about me please feel
>free to ask him what he thinks of me and if what happened to me
>was fair.

>I believe Jacks e-mail address is:
>jackdelvin.nul

>alternatively, please visit the official website where you can
>get a contact addy for Mr Delvin.

Spyros, List,

I sent Mr. Delvin an email on June 1, 2010 asking for clarification
of these issues. So far he has not replied. I sent another email
today and will inform the List when he replies.

Spyros is one of the few members of the Magic Circle ever
expelled, and anyone can see from reading the accounts of this
event on the web that he made false accusations and created
discord, just as he has with his current act.

>>2) Spyros is a bankrupt and has been so since 1994 which begs
>>the question: where did Spyros get the funds to finance the AA
>>as he said he did? And why is he still lying about this fact?

>IS A BANKRUPT is a false statement. A bankruptcy in the UK
>usually lasts about three years.

That may be, but your bankruptcy discharge has been "Suspended
Indefinitely" since August 16, 1994: Status- "Order suspending
bankrupt's discharge under Section 279(3) of the Insolvency Act
1986 until the fulfillment of conditions as specified in the
Order made by the Court and effective from 16 August 1994" (UK
Insolvency board Web Site) You obviously haven't made
restitution or your name wouldn't still be on their site.

>I was never served and knew nothing about this, so at the time,

>I held a bank account and all the trimmings and was trading
>as usual. I still have a bank account and credit cards etc even
>now. How does Ed explain that?

You have never provided any evidence of credit cards or bank accounts or any other information concerning your present employment or why you haven't cleared up your insolvency. I know you've shown Philip the trappings of affluence, but there's no evidence that the rich house you lived in was your house or that the cars or the other bling you used to con Philip had anything to do you you. I know I haven't seen any evidence that you have a dime.

>I confirm, I WAS PAID =A330k from VOLKER and I paid for
>the second AA myself.

This is the first time I have heard that Volker made any payments to Spyros for the AA. If he did, it was for the documentary Spyros filmed in NM and did not have anything to do with the AA except as background information. Ray said that Spyros's documentary was "terrible crap" and they couldn't use any of it.

When this came up last June, I wrote to Ray and this was his reply:

"Just so there is no misunderstanding. It is now 15 years since the Alien Autopsy footage was first circulated. If any person was really involved in any aspect of the project they would not wait 15 years when every statute in every country of the world has expired to make a claim. It is just nonsense!!!

Spyros Melaris had nothing to do whatsoever with the original footage. He was simply brought in later when editing and work was required. If he decides to create a story now to fit the parts good luck to him, we have all moved on and this is history. This is all nonsense and untrue Simply an attempt to the make a few pennies!!" (Ray Santilli)

>>3) Spyros didn't know how the set for the AA was lighted. He
>>still has not explained why he was mistaken or how this was
>>accomplished. He also claims that his set had three walls while
>>two other researchers have found four.

>I explained fully that the set was sometimes lit with the
>available fluorescent tubes, and also by available daylight. I
>shot two autopsies and the lighting varies from shot to shot.
>There is nothing more to add. That is it.

There's no evidence of fluorescent lighting. Everything (all lighting) seems to be directly over head. But you should know exactly what lighting you used. You were the "mastermind".

>>4) When asked to produce a contract proving that he had a
>>relationship with Ray during the AA, Spyros produced a forged
>>document with numerous mistakes. He still has not explained this
>>fraud.

>The paperwork was handled by my partner Greg. When I asked him
>for a copy of the contract, Greg said he had one on file that he
>received from Santilli. I received that copy from Greg recently.
>He was given it from Santilli a few years ago as a copy of the
>original. That is how it was delivered to Greg, and that is what
>Greg gave to me. We were set up ages ago and had no idea about
>it!

First time for this story, too. Bring "Greg" out from hiding. We want to interview him. What is his last name? How long were you partners? When Spyros is caught in mistakes, he usually blames these lapses on imaginary friends, friends who out of modestly refuse to be interviewed.

>>5)Spyros has never explained why he removed the brain as is
>>shown in the AA. He still has no understanding of why this is so
>>important.

>I have explained and that is the reason. It was a special
>effect and the brain was not in the skull until after we cut
>it open. I cut the filming at the point of the Skull cap being
>cut off and hollowed out the head, put the brain in put the
>skull cap back on, and started filming again.

This is absolutely an incorrect answer. The actual footage shows something else entirely. The brain is removed SOP and Spyros's ignorance of this proves that he wasn't the mastermind he says he is.

>>6) Spyros has lied about when he met Ray. He claims that it was >>in February of 1995 at Cannes, but Ray hadn't attended that >>event and was in fact in London meeting with Colin Andrews >>during the last days of the event. Ray has insisted that he met >>Spyros in Cannes during April of 1995. Since Ray was already >>describing in detail the AA during this event, it would have >>been impossible for Spyros to have invented it or even thought >>about the AA or the creature before this meeting.

>We have established that Ray was there.

No you have not! Show me your evidence.

>I have proven I was >there. He had time to come back and have the Colin Andrews >meeting if this did happen.

Yes he had time to do many things, because he wasn't there and you haven't produced any evidence that he was. Nor have you provided any evidence that you had a relationship with Ray during the time in question (Feb. 95 - April, 95) You said that you traveled to the US to find autopsy trappings, and you made everything else from scratch, yet you haven't produced a single receipt, or check or anything at all to back up you activities. You must have been a busy boy, and broke too.

>>7) Spyros has failed to produce a single witness who will speak >>for the record or can be interviewed and will back up his >>claims.

>Volker, Humphreys and the rest of my team!

Witnesses who can't or won't be interviewed by other journalists or investigators are totally useless in verifying your accounts. You have not produced a single witness who will answer direct questions. I've written John several times and he has failed to respond.

<snip>

>>9) Spyros was mistaken about the "bug" seen clearly in the AA >>footage and still doesn't understand why he should consider it >>important.

>There is no bug, its a video glitch! why doesn't Ed have it >professionally analysed?

Anyone can see it with their own two eyes. There's no professional analysis needed.

>>10) Spyros still doesn't understand the difference between the >>cameraman's various statements. He thinks the cameraman >>interview he says he conducted was the only statement. Also he >>refuses to indicate when the interview was filmed which is very >>important.

>I have openly stated that I don't know if there was a >cameraman, neither do I know if he made a genuine statement.

This is the only statement by Spyros that is close to being truthful. He doesn't understand the cameraman at all, nor the cameraman's timeline or narrative. Since the cameraman and his story are central to understanding the footage and its genesis, you'd think that the "Mastermind" of the AA would have some basic grasp of the cameramen's motivation and the details of his involvement. Spyros doesn't!

Ed

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Green Ufology?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 09:42:29 +0100
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Subject: Green Ufology?

Recent posts on the global warming debate had drifted away from the original thread's topic, so I'm starting a new one to make a point that threatens to increase that drift.

Consider this: global warming is a complete red herring; in a sane world, the fact that burning fossil fuels to create energy releases poisons into the atmosphere ought to be enough for us to seek to cease the practice as soon as possible. Many other, non toxic, sources of energy are available, while coal and petroleum represent a finite mineral resource valuable for other reasons. We shouldn't need to be choking in a city smog or watching polar ice caps break up and melt in order to grasp these simple facts and their long-term implications.

From a ufological perspective, we can trace the theme of ecological warnings back to the 1960s (1950s?), long before global warming was a public issue. Whether you want to attribute this to kindly intervention on the part of the Space Brothers, or to a manifestation of the Jungian collective unconscious, there seems to be a link between UFOs and our planet's ecology.

I don't whether anybody has done any serious work on this link, its chronology, development etc., but it seems to me that it is something worthy of systematic investigation.

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

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Why 'Scientific Consensus' Fails To Persuade

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Archived: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 09:07:26 -0400
Subject: Why 'Scientific Consensus' Fails To Persuade

I'm not sure if the List has seen this yet...

Source: National Science Foundation

<http://tinyurl.com/2ad8rbn>

September 13, 2010

Why "Scientific Consensus" Fails to Persuade

[Excerpt]

Suppose a close friend who is trying to figure out the facts about climate change asks whether you think a scientist who has written a book on the topic is a knowledgeable and trustworthy expert. You see from the dust jacket that the author received a Ph.D. in a pertinent field from a major university, is on the faculty at another one, and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences. Would you advise your friend that the scientist seems like an "expert"?

If you are like most people, the answer is likely to be, "it depends." What it depends on, a recent study found, is not whether the position that scientist takes is consistent with the one endorsed by a National Academy. Instead, it is likely to depend on whether the position the scientist takes is consistent with the one believed by most people who share your cultural values.

This was the finding of a recent study conducted by Yale University law professor Dan Kahan, University of Oklahoma political science professor Hank Jenkins-Smith and George Washington University law professor Donald Braman that sought to understand why members of the public are sharply and persistently divided on matters on which expert scientists largely agree.

"We know from previous research," said Dan Kahan, "that people with individualistic values, who have a strong attachment to commerce and industry, tend to be skeptical of claimed environmental risks, while people with egalitarian values, who resent economic inequality, tend to believe that commerce and industry harms the environment."

In the study, subjects with individualistic values were over 70 percentage points less likely than ones with egalitarian values to identify the scientist as an expert if he was depicted as describing climate change as an established risk. Likewise, egalitarian subjects were over 50 percentage points less likely than individualistic ones to see the scientist as an expert if he was described as believing evidence on climate change is unsettled.

Study results were similar when subjects were shown information and queried about other matters that acknowledge "scientific consensus." Subjects were much more likely to see a scientist

with elite credentials as an "expert" when he or she took a position that matched the subjects' own cultural values on risks of nuclear waste disposal and laws permitting citizens to carry concealed guns in public.

"These are all matters," Kahan said, "on which the National Academy of Sciences has issued 'expert consensus' reports." Using the reports as a benchmark," Kahan explained that "no cultural group in our study was more likely than any other to be 'getting it right'," i.e. correctly identifying scientific consensus on these issues. They were all just as likely to report that 'most' scientists favor the position rejected by the National Academy of Sciences expert consensus report if the report reached a conclusion contrary to their own cultural predispositions."

In a separate survey component, the study also found that the American public in general is culturally divided on what "scientific consensus" is on climate change, nuclear waste disposal, and concealed-handgun laws.

"The problem isn't that one side 'believes' science and another side 'distrusts' it," said Kahan referring to an alternate theory of why there is political conflict on matters that have been extensively researched by scientists.

He said the more likely reason for the disparity, as supported by the research results, "is that people tend to keep a biased score of what experts believe, counting a scientist as an 'expert' only when that scientist agrees with the position they find culturally congenial."

Understanding this, the researchers then could draw some conclusions about why scientific consensus seems to fail to settle public policy debates when the subject is relevant to cultural positions.

"It is a mistake to think 'scientific consensus,' of its own force, will dispel cultural polarization on issues that admit scientific investigation," said Kahan. "The same psychological dynamics that incline people to form a particular position on climate change, nuclear power and gun control also shape their perceptions of what 'scientific consensus' is."

"The problem won't be fixed by simply trying to increase trust in scientists or awareness of what scientists believe," added Braman. "To make sure people form unbiased perceptions of what scientists are discovering, it is necessary to use communication strategies that reduce the likelihood that citizens of diverse values will find scientific findings threatening to their cultural commitments."

The Journal of Risk Research published the study online today. It was funded by the National Science Foundation's division of Social and Economic Sciences.

-graeme

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Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 09:08:57 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 16:08:22 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>> If the ETH
>>were to generate meaningful predictions and testable
explanatory
>>theories, and if these predictions were to be confirmed
>>empirically, then the SETI people would have no choice but to
>>jump on the ETH bandwagon or risk being left behind. So far
that
>>isn't the case.

>Cathy, I am uncomfortable with your assertion, both in terms of
>its factual basis and its logical coherence.

<snip>

>The ETH's only inherent weakness is that its third premise does
>not exclude unknown terrestrial phenomena as a causal
>explanation. There is clearly room for a UTH ('Unknown
>Terrestrial Hypothesis') in parallel with the ETH.

I agree - sort of. But the set of UTH is not a closed set. The
ETH makes exactly the same empirical predictions as any other
novel hypothesis and we don't know how many of those there are.

>At the same
>time it is inherent to the nature of the phenomenon as set out
>in the premises that there is no immediately discernible reason
>why either of the ETH or UTH should be more probably secure than
>the other.

And this is exactly what I believe to be the case - the ETH is
empirically indistinguishable from any other novel hypothesis
and that, to my mind, means that for all practical purposes it
is untestable.

That doesn't mean I think the ETH is wrong or even unlikely. In
Bayesian terms I'd put the prior probability of the ETH at about
fifty percent, purely because of the Fermi paradox. But that
still doesn't make it a scientific hypothesis.

>Given all of this, there seems to be no good reason why SETI
>scientists or others with an interest in the matter should
>ignore the ETH or regard it as beyond the scientific pale.

But a SETI researcher is entitled to ask some questions of the
ETH, such as: What does this actually tell us about alien
intelligence? How does it help us to design research to increase
our knowledge further? I don't believe the ETH can answer these
questions.

Cathy

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DFW MUFON Announcement

From: Steve Hudgeons <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 08:40:05 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 12:35:00 -0400
Subject: DFW MUFON Announcement

I would like to announce a new radio show, Texas UFO Network, hosted by Steve Hudgeons, MUFON Texas State Director.

The show will broadcast on the Spiritual Journeys Radio Network, once a week on Tuesday night at 9PM for one hour.

The starting date is tentatively September 28th when we will cover Unidentified Flying Objects and all related paranormal subjects.

The show is free and logging in is user friendly. The web site, is:

<http://www.sjrn.net/>.

Click on the "Listen Live" area and the current streaming show will load. This is a new network and has a large variety of subject matter as listed on the left side of the main page.

The Texas UFO Network show will have special guests from time to time for your questions and listening enjoyment. A chat room for questions, as well as a call in line, will also be available.

The first guest will be Clifford Cliff, the International Director for MUFON. As soon as I have the details and confirmed date I will make sure they are posted.

For the first show I ask that you send me a question. Everyone has a question they have always wanted to ask about the subject of UFOs or MUFON... please email all questions to me at steve.nul

The Grand Opening of the Spiritual Journeys Radio Network will be on October 10th for a ribbon cutting ceremony with all radio hosts in attendance.

Also, I have been asked to give a short talk to a group on the third Saturday of October at this location.

Please mark your calendar... September 28th... 9pm... hope you can join us.

Steve Hudgeons
MUFON State Director - Texas

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 13:44:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Joachim Koch<lists.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 21:01:24 +0200
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs& Paranormal Experiences

>>From: Eleanor White<ewraven1.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 15:31:21 -0400
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>>>From: Joachim Koch<lists.nul>
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>Sorry again, but you should say good bye to a myth that is
>maintained nowadays by groups of well known human circlemakers,
>pilots, calendar makers, DVD-sellers, contactees, channelers, t-
>shirt producers and so on.

My impression, Joachim, is that you feel all crop formations are man-made. I would like to refer you to a compelling video by Richard D. Hall entitled "Crop Circles: The Hidden Truth". It is a "... no nonsense expose of the facts behind the modern day crop circle phenomenon. (It) cuts through the pseudo science, the rumours and the disinformation leaving the viewer with a clear picture of the true situation. ... The evidence presented will leave you in no doubt that there are two entirely exclusive instigators of the modern day crop circle phenomenon, one of which is non human."

<http://tinyurl.com/36d27a1>

Several examples are given of formations that could not have been made with stomping boards. One is the June 2003, Ogbourne St. George formation in Wiltshire in which the laid crop was not flat on the ground but only the top few inches were bent over. This was nevertheless very visible from the air.

The video discusses evidence that intelligence organizations like MI5 are involved in spreading confusion by supporting the creation of man-made formations. Hall shows that MI5 is connected to the website of the best known human circle makers, www.circlemakers.org, and there is an American connection too as the the site is hosted in Pittsburgh and the administrative contact is an American address.

William

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How did pilots get into the mix?

Don Ledger

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>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 11:41:04 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

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I spoke of "wasn't up to the smarts of the ETs", as if he has
some knowledge of the alien mind, or that ETs are even what the
UFO represents.

It's absurd to have to defend yourself for this sort of thing
when the other side has no more footing than you do. They just
have bigger numbers and more public voices.

So yes sir, to speak out loud about certain issues will gain you
the ire of the ETH cultists and die-hards, and I'd say one might
need to have the stones for it.

I agree that there's likely no one answer here. But one can't
argue that the ETH is still the longest held and mostcherished

belief or theory - despite that it doesn't seem to fit the phenomenon very well in a lot of aspects. And to this day, to speak of the alternate theories, is to always get the back of the hand from ETH proponents. We can't negate the possibility of the ETH - but we also don't have to build the castles in the air on it either.

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Just asking. That's all.

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Deeper & More Complex Possibilities [was:

From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 15:21:47 -0400
Archived: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:19:30 -0400
Subject: Deeper & More Complex Possibilities [was:

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>,
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 18:08:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>Like natural occurring unknown phenomena that we don't know
>exist yet or people suddenly having transcendental episodes out
>of the blue, or black projects hovering over your local high
>street at 4pm in the afternoon! I hope those around the world
>who have had close contact with UFOs take the experience to
>their grave knowing they knew what they saw and experienced
>without someone in a suit telling them they didn't see it all.

I'm not sure how you jumped to skeptical bends within my statement of "deeper and more complex possibilities", but your items here are not what I meant. As far as those who've had close contact experiences - you're talking to one now. I'm not interested in the fundamentalistskeptic dismissal excuses, nor is that what I intended to convey. I'm sorry if that wasn't clear.

>This world has had too many UFO events happen for it to be all
>baloney and man made or natural phenomena, the sad fact is that
>UK Media outlets tend to feature the skeptics ranting about how
>right they are and we should all sit up and pay attention to
>their highly educated mindset and 99.9% of these programs come
>across to the viewer as an educational program...now children
>let us tell you what you really are seeing flying in the skies
>around the UK.

<snip>

I agree. I was not negating the UFO issue to something not "real". But I ask for a better definition of what we mean by real to begin with. My own opinion on this subject is that it's got much to do with the nature of human perception and it's relation to "reality". This does not mean I think it's internal - of course not - I believe it's an external phenomenon by virtue of my own experiences with it.

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Re: DFW MUFON Announcement

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 12:32:28 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:22:36 -0400
Subject: Re: DFW MUFON Announcement

>From: Steve Hudgeons <steve.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 08:40:05 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: DFW MUFON Announcement

>I would like to announce a new radio show, Texas UFO Network,
>hosted by Steve Hudgeons, MUFON Texas State Director.

>The show will broadcast on the Spiritual Journeys Radio Network,
>once a week on Tuesday night at 9PM for one hour.

>The starting date is tentatively September 28th when we will
>cover Unidentified Flying Objects and all related paranormal
>subjects.

>The show is free and logging in is user friendly. The web site,
>is:

><http://www.sjrn.net/>.

<snip>

Steve Hudgeons
MUFON State Director - Texas

Steve:

When and where will the 2011 MUFON Symposium be held? Not
obvious on the website...

Stan Friedman

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Re: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 15:46:13 -0400
Archived: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:23:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 20:57:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

>There is a wild card about disclosure not considered in this
>scenario - that is, the needs and motivations of those disclosed.
>They may or may not wish to deal with the powers-that-be. Also,
>rumor has it that there is more than one group. It may not be
>business as usual.

The classic "mothership over major cities" or "hapless
population terrorized with death rays" would be sufficient to
show a hostile encounter that the military would need to handle.

But in the case of benign (or deceptive and manipulative and
appearing to be benign) first contact, any thought on which
individuals or organizations they might choose, if not the
military or government? And how might they know to make that
choice?

Carol Maltby

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Re: Unsubscribe

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 12:53:13 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:25:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>,
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 18:08:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
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><snip>

>>So, is it so horrible to consider the notions Dr. Clark
>>presented here - or is it the way he presented his info as some
>>sort of factual data that makes it the equivalent of the anti-
>>Christ here?

>If you will not debate then unsubscribe.

Right, Clarke couldn't answer some straightforward questions here, so he bolted to safer territory of fellow skeptics and fawning UK media who won't put hard questions to him.

In my case, after claiming folklorists were the most qualified to study UFOs and physical scientists were not, he ducked my question as to which government UFO studies employed folklorists instead of physical scientists.

>>The way I see it, the ETH/nuts and bolts crowd have no more
>>viable ground than do anyone else with an alternate theory,
>>other than it's a theory the public can get their head around
>>better than some deeper and more complex possibilities.

<snip>

>Nick Pope was bombarded with questions about his interaction
>with the UK Government and UFOs, perhaps we should ask Dr.
>Clarke to reveal all his back stage question and answers
>sessions with the current UK Government and their UFO agenda he
>is helping to shape?

Indeed, you have to wonder why a minor academic in folklore was supposedly able to bring the UK UFO documents to light, all to much mainstream media publicity, whereas the former NATO head and UK Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral Lord Hill-Norton, couldn't get bupkis out of the military he headed or when he was a member of Parliament. Maybe some of the magical powers of the wee folk rubbed off on Clarke?

This is roughly akin in the U.S. to somebody like Colin Powell being unable to get straight answers to his questions on UFOs, but the government instead eagerly turning over documents to Joseph Campbell.

Who do you think would be more qualified to comment on the significance of the documents and whether the most highly classified stuff had been released, a folklorist or the former Chief of Defence? Indeed, Hill-Norton was very much convinced there was a massive cover-up. I doubt if he were alive today,

he would believe the UK government and military was being totally candid in how much they knew and whether the really secret stuff was being released.

It strikes me as a brilliant propaganda ploy to let a folklorist lead the charge on UK UFO "disclosure", with the insinuation that UFOs are little more than myths and folklore, on the level of elves and leprechauns. Clarke, from his comments on Updates, obviously believes this himself, judging by his comments that physical scientists have no place in the study of UFOs, whereas folklorists like himself are the most qualified to do so.

David Rudiak

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: **Eleanor White** <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 15:57:47 -0400
Archived: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:26:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 21:01:24 +0200
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

<snip>

>I was there. In England. For many years. I have seen most of
>them, the circles and the croppies. I was invited to look behind
>the scenes. In the course of our communication experiments, I
>have done formations by myself, officially and with permission
>of the farmer. We did it for serious research and stayed in the
>background for many years while others started their crop circle
>business.

OK, how long did the Crabwood glyph take to create? That one
doesn't have any circles where a simple board can be swept
around a center point.

If done in daylight, how did the team and layout pegs and wires
escape notice?

Eleanor White

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Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 01:04:28 +0100
Archived: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:30:03 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 12:02:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 16:08:22 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

<snip>

>>Given all of this, there seems to be no good reason why SETI
>>scientists or others with an interest in the matter should
>>ignore the ETH or regard it as beyond the scientific pale.

>But a SETI researcher is entitled to ask some questions of the
>ETH, such as: What does this actually tell us about alien
>intelliigence?

And the ETH researcher is entitled to respond - 'Not a great
deal thus far, and that is why we need to do a lot more work on
it. Rather like your research in that respect isn't it?'

>How does it help us to design research to increase our
>knowledge further?

I think that is fairly straightforward. We are still at the data
gathering stage, and our mechanisms are extremely uneven and
haphazard.

We need to standardise the data, gather much more of it (both
geographically and over time), get it into a global database (a
sophisticated and flexible one that supports complex queries and
a cross-disciplinary approach), and then make it available to
researchers.

>I don't believe the ETH can answer these
>questions.

Nor should it have to. To start expecting answers about alien
intelligence is jumping the gun. Issues of research design
should be independent of any specific hypothesis.

There are many excellent researchers doing excellent work, but
they are battling away in silos and fighting blind until there
is a single, high quality data set that can underpin work on the
ETH and other explanatory frameworks.

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

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Balance Or Bias?

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:46:35 +0100
Archived: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:32:49 -0400
Subject: Balance Or Bias?

Although this article is about climate change and poor quality coverage by the BBC - some of it could equally apply to recent discussion on this List of BBC bias especially in the Rendlesham radio feature on 'Today':

<http://tiny.cc/nlmzw>

The meme to always provide 'balance' in matters perceived controversial is not confined to this side of the pond - it happens Stateside too where a sceptic is wheeled in to say something - no matter how inane and implausible.

This quote from the above piece says it all:

"(The determination to be "fair" to all sides on all stories can at times go to such absurd lengths that Allan Little, one of our best reporters with hard experience of covering Sarajevo in the mid-90s and much more, speaks of the analogy of two men at a bar, one saying that two plus two equals four, and the other that two plus two equals six. The BBC solution to this disagreement? Put them both on the Today Programme, and the answer clearly lies somewhere in the middle.)"

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Re: Bashing The ETH

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:16:58 -0500
Archived: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 07:56:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 14:21:14 -0400
>Subject: Bashing The ETH [was: Unsubscribe]

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 12:31:18 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

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>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 11:41:04 -0400
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I guess that hard research into those radar/visuals, CE2s, and
the like - you know, the stuff that documents to apparently-to-
you insignificant point about physicality and technology, for
which we don't need ghosts - was all for nothing. Or all that
prattle from a number of astronomers, based on the accelerating
discovery of extrasolar planets, about what they judge the
strong possibility of a densely populated galaxy with many
millions of advanced civilizations, an idea that happens to
validate a key prediction of the ETH. I take it, too, that you
haven't read the scientific literature on the compatibility of
UFO reports and the ETH.

Much more fun, I guess, to pretend that we know nothing at all;
thus, we are free to conjure up any wild-ass notion that serves
our need to indulge ourselves in wild-ass notions.

In order to spare Listfolk the usual posturing from the ET phobes, my
position - as stated in a book review I wrote earlier this week to be
published in a scientific journal - is simply this: "The ETH may be
correct or it may be not so, but it is hardly absurd or stupid."

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>some knowledge of the alien mind, or that ETs are even what the
>UFO represents.

So you're sticking with the rhetorical trope because one guy
spoke impolitely to you. Just be glad it was only one guy.
The ones who've railed at me, trashed my intelligence and
character, and called me names over the years - and in print
yet (see, for example, Vallee's unflattering remarks on my
defense of the ETH in his forthcoming book) - are by this time
uncountable. In one extreme instance (not the gentlemanly
Vallee, I hasten to add), a prominent and influential UFO
writer, a vehement foe of the ETH whose work you probably
admire, spread the rumor that I have spent most of my adult life
locked in mental hospitals.

Sorry, you're going to have to do better than one guy on an e-
List.

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Most people don't know much about folklore and have misguided
ideas about what it is. (Most notably, the automatic equation of
folklore with "fake.") Folklore certainly can't provide an
explanation for the core UFO phenomenon, but it may well provide
a useful context through which to view the beliefs and rumors as
well as, in my judgment, the extreme experiential claims (with
their folkloric echoes) that have grown up around it.

For his part, in my judgment, Dave Clarke - who assures me
privately that he agrees with me on this broad observation about
the role (and limitation) of folklore studies in our subject -
ought to have made that a whole lot clearer on his Updates
postings. We would have been spared a lot of heat.

I would like to think that ultimately, both Clarke and his
critics have a point; they just weren't addressing the same
issue. Such often happens in discussions of UFO matters, which
was the point I sought to make in my earlier posting

I notice that you still can't manage to spell his last name
correctly.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Spyros Melaris

From: Neil Morris <neil.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 15:00:23 +0100
Archived: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 08:06:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Spyros Melaris

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 20:30:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: Spyros Melaris

Sorry for the slightly tardy reply but sometimes real life and work have to come before things ufological.

>I forwarded Ed's post to Spyros and he provided the following >response:

>-----

>...Please send the following back as there are some glaring >inaccuracies here.

Mmmm are there...?

>>1)Spyros has been expelled by the Magic Circle, his professional >>organization, for "unfounded" claims and "outrageous lies".

>_Not_. I exposed three senior members who were _stealing_ from >the society. _Their_ statement was that I was not telling the >truth. It was their actions that got me expelled.

>They are no longer in power. The current President is Mr Jack >Delvin. Should you wish to speak with him about me please feel

>free to ask him what he thinks of me and if what happened to me >was fair.

>I believe Jacks e-mail address is:

>jackdelvin.nul

>alternatively, please visit the official website where you can >get a contact addy for Mr Delvin.

A link to an The Independant newspaper article from the time:

<http://tinyurl.com/37erwud>

>>2) Spyros is a bankrupt and has been so since 1994 which begs >>the question: where did Spyros get the funds to finance the AA >>as he said he did? And why is he still lying about this fact?

>IS A BANKRUPT is a false statement. A bankruptcy in the UK >usually lasts about three years.

>I was never served and knew nothing about this, so at the time, >I held a >bank account and all the trimmings and was trading as >usual.

>I still have a bank account and credit cards etc even now. How >does Ed explain that?

>I confirm, I WAS PAID A330k from VOLKER and I paid for the

<second AA myself.

Spyros_is_still_an undischarged bankrupt in the UK, undischarged in this case means he has _still_ to comply with a High Court order to clear his bankruptcy, this order was made on the 17th March 1994! and is still in force.

Link to a copy of UK Gov Insolvency record here:

<http://www.aa-forum.co.uk/spyros-case-details.txt>

And as published in the London Gazette at the time:

<http://www.aa-forum.co.uk/spyros-ldn-gazz-1994.pdf>

and there is a further entry in the London Gazette for a Spyros Melaris in an earlier bankruptcy dated 1990 (since discharged):

<http://www.aa-forum.co.uk/spyros-ldn-gazz-1990.pdf>

>>3) Spyros didn't know how the set for the AA was lighted. He >>still has not explained why he was mistaken or how this was >>accomplished. He also claims that his set had three walls while >>two other researchers have found four.

>I explained fully that the set was sometimes lit with the >available fluorescent tubes, and also by available daylight. I >shot two autopsies and the lighting varies from shot to shot. >There is nothing more to add. That is it.

Reflections and shadows in the footage indicate one overhead source of light, in email exchanges he also said he used side lighting rigs, there is no evidence that I have seen of these.

>>4) When asked to produce a contract proving that he had a >>relationship with Ray during the AA, Spyros produced a forged >>document with numerous mistakes. He still has not explained this >>fraud.

>The paperwork was handled by my partner Greg. When I asked him >for a copy of the contract, Greg said he had one on file that he >received from Santilli. I received that copy from Greg recently.

>He was given it from Santilli a few years ago as a copy of the >original. That is how it was delivered to Greg, and that is what >Greg gave to me. We were set up ages ago and had no idea about >it!

I have a copy of this contract and around the time of it's date I myself had been in contact with Ray Santilli by phone, fax and mail. Both the phone number on the contract _and_ the address are wrong for the date it gives.

<snip>

>>8) Spyros has failed to produce a single scrap of hard evidence >>proving that he is the mastermind of the AA. It's all flamboyant >>talk and film-flam.

>Blah blah...

Well not quite true, one of his pieces of _hard_evidence_ was the faked contract!. As far as I'm aware he hasn't produced _any_ physical evidence to link him directly with filming the AA footage, there have been huge amounts of words and stories which have altered in there telling, but so far no _physical_ evidence to prove his claims, ie props used in the filming or some original film itself. He did produce a couple of the promotional images Ray distributed to the press at the time (I have some of these myself) and also produced a short clip of _un-aged_ debris video.

But then again I don't dispute Spyros's involvement with the AA, just his much revised version of the events!.

>>9) Spyros was mistaken about the "bug" seen clearly in the AA >>footage and still doesn't understand why he should consider it >>important.

>There is no bug, its a video glitch! why doesn't Ed have it
>professionally analysed?

Well I've been looking at the footage for a long time now and it isn't a
bug. It's also not what Spyros say's it is in his many emails either.

I suspect this subtle point will come to prove his eventual undoing.

>>10) Spyros still doesn't understand the difference between the
>>cameraman's various statements. He thinks the cameraman
>>interview he says he conducted was the only statement. Also he
>>refuses to indicate when the interview was filmed which is very
>>important.

>I have openly stated that I _don't_ know if there was a
>cameraman, neither do I know if he made a genuine statement.

>What I do know, is that the camstatement I filmed is _fake_. I
>also know that IF there is a genuine cameraman, he has _nothing_
>at all to do with the AA as we know it! _Fact_.

>Why doesn't Ed provide some evidence while we are at it?
>Where is the cameraman? Who is he... Not Barnet or whatever they
>have called him. I mean someone who could have been the real
>guy. I want _proof_. Evidence, no wishy washy BS. _Nothing_ from
>Santilli, that isn't verified as genuine by a proper expert,
>etc.

>Thank you.

>Spiz

On the one hand:

In the on going exchanges within the email list of parties still
plodding away investigating the AA, Spyros has repeatedly and
loudly proclaimed there was no cameraman or original film. He's
now modified this to the point of saying he now doesn't know if
there was a cameraman??? If you eventually get to the section
below you'll see he originally knew there was _both_ a cameraman
and original film.

And then on the other hand: Ed has traced the route to a crash
site as described by this nonexistant cameraman and found a
location with unique features which shouldn't by rights be
there.

Ok, before I ramble on a little further let me plainly state
again I do believe Spyros was involved with _recreated_ AA
Footage, and what we see in the AA footage is probably _mostly_
produced from that footage. I say mostly because Spyros has
changed his story completely over the years from 1995 to today.
In a bid to counter Spyros's claims which surfaced a couple of
years ago now, Ray Santilli released a taped interview with
Spyros made in the May of 1995. In this interview Spyros gives a
blow by blow account of planning and producing his version of
the AA footage. _But_ this version of the AA story has one great
difference from his current claims. In the interview he says
(unprompted) that there indeed was _original_ cameraman footage,
and what's more, that usable film was _included_ in the
recreated/faked version of the film we see today. If Spyros's
interview estimate of 2+ mins only of usable film is correct
only 10% of the footage as seen is "original" film. The question
is if Spyros's 1995 story is true, can the alleged 2+ minutes of
original film be spotted?, and if it can, it therefore validates
the accuracy of the intervew and the information it contains. I
believe at least some of it can be spotted.

I suspect the more rabid skeptics on the list will have choked
on their cocoa by this point, but I believe I can prove this is
the case.

Can I mention at this point that the version of the AA footage I
have been working with throughout and originally digitised some
years ago is the Betacam copy of the AA film given by Ray
Santilli to Philip Mantle while in his role as a director of
BUFORA back in 1995.

If you take the time and trouble to examine this AA video copy

frame by frame a number of short clips interwoven into the footage _do_ _not_ match up, and stand out in various ways from the rest of the footage. I suspect these odd clips could be some of the components of that two and a half minutes of original usable footage which according to Spyros he included in the final edit of the recreated Alien Autopsy footage.

My observations extends to both the autopsy footage and the debris footage, discrepancies can be seen in both sections of film.

Some pertinent extract from the 1995 Interview transcript:

SPYROS

No. Never gonna get away with it, it can't be done, how can you do it? So they came back and they quizzed me and they said, Look we don't believe it can be done. So I said to them, Look I've got a very, very good friend who is like my brother who I trust with my life, who I can bring in who can make the creature. Who is he? I said, It's a guy called John Humphries, he has worked on lots of frontline movies he has worked on lots of frontline television I said you would have seen his work again and again and again. More importantly he is trustworthy, and we can work together. So he said, What would he want? I said, John will take what I give him, he's my brother. But we'll do this. So they sat down and said, Right we've got to bet, look we've got costumes, we've got props, we've got a set, we've got a creature, we've got to film it we've gotta dadadada. And at the end of it all we've got to make sure that all the experts in the world won't ever know. He said, We can't do that it ain't gonna happen. I said, Look for the last time right I said I can do this, if you want me to do it Ray I will do it. He said, Well how do we position it? I said, Look we know it exists, we know it's real. If I can make it look like that. I said, To him you're not telling any lies. I said to him, We'll present it as what it is and then we'll tell the world what we've done. But I said to him, That that's the proof.

ADRIAN

How many images were there?

SPYROS

We got I think in total about 2 and a bit minutes spread across the 2(0) minutes of yea

ADRIAN

And where is that film now?

SPYROS

Ray's got it.

ADRIAN

And did he say that it looked like the original footage?

SPYROS

It looked exactly the same. Yeah, yeah

ADRIAN

Because he had seen the original film.

SPYROS

We actually kept original footage in the film we used.

ADRIAN

Did you?

SPYROS

Oh yeah. In the twenty-two minute film we released there are elements of the film that are real.

ADRIAN

What?

SPYROS

Within there, oh yeah. It's beautiful. I mean it matched beautifully. Because the film was going up and down in degradation it would get dark, light

ADRIAN

You could do that without it being a problem.

SPYROS

It didn't it wasn't a problem.

ADRIAN

No of course, but then did it because Ray saw the original footage when it was complete. Didn't he?

SPYROS

Yeah, yeah

ADRIAN

And he said it was

SPYROS

He said it was a miracle. I mean he was totally blown away.

ADRIAN

Cos had he described to you what he had seen in more detail?

SPYROS

No I'd seen only the frames and his memory was only that. You know, he didn't have anymore to give us. And eh when we build the set I said to him he knew there was a window. And I said to him, Who's behind the window? And is there anybody there.

The full Interview transcript can be read at this, still under construction, site:

<http://www.aa-forum.co.uk/singleton.txt>

The differences between clips are mostly very subtle but here's one example which actually shows two differences within the same short clip.

<http://www.aa-forum.co.uk/example-1.html>

And a further example indicating two pairs of feet.

<http://www.aa-forum.co.uk/example-2.html>

When I have the above site fully operational I hope to individually document the growing number of anomalies I have spotted within the AA.

Best regards

Neil

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Re: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 13:20:01 -0400
Archived: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 08:09:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

>From: Carol Maltby<carolmaltby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 15:46:13 -0400
>Subject: Re: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

>>From: William Treurniet<wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 20:57:46 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Richard Dolan's Post Disclosure Vision

>>There is a wild card about disclosure not considered in this
>>scenario - that is, the needs and motivations of those disclosed.
>>They may or may not wish to deal with the powers-that-be. Also,
>>rumor has it that there is more than one group. It may not be
>>business as usual.

>The classic "motherhood over major cities" or "hapless
>population terrorized with death rays" would be sufficient to
>show a hostile encounter that the military would need to handle.

>But in the case of benign (or deceptive and manipulative and
>appearing to be benign) first contact, any thought on which
>individuals or organizations they might choose, if not the
>military or government? And how might they know to make that
>choice?

Well, there seems to be some agreement from people's experiences
that there is telepathic communication going on. If this is
true, it may be possible for the visitors to communicate
directly with all humans individually. In that case, any
hierarchical earthly power structures would be superfluous. Of
course, those hierarchical structures, particularly the
militaries of the world, would not like this so it would
probably take a while for the situation to stabilize. The result
may depend on what kind of consensus develops about the visitors
in the human population.

I've maintained in other threads that there seems to be an
intention to not interfere with individual free will regarding
what to believe. Some people are even told that this is a cosmic
law, so that may be what plausible deniability is all about. To
be consistent after contact, any communication with the visitors
should not proceed without individual consent. This does not
mean the visitors necessarily have our best interests at heart.
We are still susceptible to trickery. Temptation is a common
theme in our mythologies for getting people to willingly make
choices that unknowingly benefit others more.

William

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 13:23:33 -0400
Archived: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 08:10:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Don Ledger<dledger.nul>
>To:<post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 14:51:25 -0300
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs& Paranormal Experiences

>>From: William Treurniet<wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 12:43:38 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs& Paranormal Experiences

>>>From: Joachim Koch<lists.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2010 21:01:24 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs& Paranormal Experiences

><snip>

>>>I was there. In England. For many years. I have seen most of
>>>them, the circles and the croppies. I was invited to look behind
>>>the scenes. In the course of our communication experiments, I
>>>have done formations by myself, officially and with permission
>>>of the farmer. We did it for serious research and stayed in the
>>>background for many years while others started their crop circle
>>>business.

>>>Sorry again, but you should say good bye to a myth that is
>>>maintained nowadays by groups of well known human circlemakers,
>>>pilots, calendar makers, DVD-sellers, contactees, channelers, t-
>>>shirt producers and so on.

>How did pilots get into the mix?

Joachim may have been referring to the role of pilots of light
aircraft in getting photographs of the crop formations. Some are
hired for a price, naturally.

William

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 20:57:18 +0200
Archived: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 08:11:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Don Ledger<dledger.nul>
>To:<post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 14:51:25 -0300
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs& Paranormal Experiences

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>>>maintained nowadays by groups of well known human circlemakers,
>>>pilots, calendar makers, DVD-sellers, contactees, channelers, t-
>>>shirt producers and so on.

>How did pilots get into the mix?

>Don Ledger

Hi Don,

The intent of my post was to add some information from my point of experience to the subject of crop circles and Ufos, not to start this fruitless discussion about the phenomenon again.

Regarding pilots: since some years it is forbidden for English pilots to fly passengers across the circles only for sightseeing.

I refer to those microlite flyers who work together with the calendar makers or who create these calendars by themselves. There is something to earn with.

Joachim

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 21:33:48 +0200
Archived: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 08:13:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Eleanor White<ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 15:57:47 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs& Paranormal Experiences

>OK, how long did the Crabwood glyph take to create? That one
>doesn't have any circles where a simple board can be swept
>around a center point.

>If done in daylight, how did the team and layout pegs and wires
>escape notice?

Hi Eleanor,

The intent of my post was to add some information from my point of experience to the subject of crop circles and UFOs, not to start this fruitless discussion about the phenomenon again.

Some of the teams are working now for more than 20 years out in the fields. Imagine how much time they had to improve and for training. Their skills in copying all the so-called genuine features are at the highest level meanwhile. There is no limit in size or in the complexity of designs for them. And they don't use only simple stomper boards. For example, if you use a well adjusted garden roller or an umbrella you can work with minimum damage. Scars on the stems as a proof of man-made circles, yes, maybe but the masters of deception don't leave scars behind. And you can enter a field with stilts or meter-long ladders, no problem.

Hey, don't forget it is England, the home of the finest and most subtile humour, the land of the fairies and profound magic.

Joachim

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Re: DFW MUFON Announcement

From: Steve Hudgeons <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 13:02:31 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 08:25:39 -0400
Subject: Re: DFW MUFON Announcement

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 12:32:28 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: DFW MUFON Announcement

>>From: Steve Hudgeons <steve.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 08:40:05 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: DFW MUFON Announcement

<snip>

>Steve:

>When and where will the 2011 MUFON Symposium be held? Not
>obvious on the website...

Mr Friedman,

2011 Sym will be held in Orange County, CA July 27-30. Not sure
if the dates are correct but not off but a day one way or the
other.

All the Best,

Steve Hudgeons
SD Texas

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Re: Unsubscribe

From: **Joe Faccenda** <Uforth.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 21:36:25 EDT
Archived: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 08:31:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul (mailto:drudiak.nul) >
>To: post.nul (mailto:post.nul)
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 12:53:13 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>It strikes me as a brilliant propaganda ploy to let a folklorist
>lead the charge on UK UFO "disclosure", with the insinuation
>that UFOs are little more than myths and folklore, on the level
>of elves and leprechauns. Clarke, from his comments on Updates,
>obviously believes this himself, judging by his comments that
>physical scientists have no place in the study of UFOs, whereas
>folklorists like himself are the most qualified to do so.

Propaganda and disinformation is indeed at the core as you have
so rightly surmised David.

What should be remembered is to have had access to these
'Disclosures' Dave Clarke had to sign the British Secretes act,
and indeed he has a high Security clearance. So whatever
revelations were released were compromised from day one.

In addition Clarke was involved in a hoax against a fellow
ufologist in the 'Blue Hare' episode, and I believe has a
doctorate in mythology & folklore from Sheffield University, so
it is no wonder his vision of ufology is no more than fairies
at the bottom of the garden.

Clarke's departure is no loss, I am fed up to my back teeth with
skeptics and disinformation artists. Llet us move on.

Regards,

Joe Faccenda

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Re: Balance Or Bias?

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 21:52:16 -0700
Archived: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 08:34:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Balance Or Bias?

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:46:35 +0100
>Subject: Balance Or Bias?

>Although this article is about climate change and poor quality
>coverage by the BBC - some of it could equally apply to recent
>discussion on this List of BBC bias especially in the Rendlesham
>radio feature on 'Today':

><http://tiny.cc/nlmzw>

>The meme to always provide 'balance' in matters perceived
>controversial is not confined to this side of the pond - it
>happens Stateside too where a sceptic is wheeled in to say
>something - no matter how inane and implausible.

>This quote from the above piece says it all:

>-----

>"(The determination to be "fair" to all sides on all stories can
>at times go to such absurd lengths that Allan Little, one of our
>best reporters with hard experience of covering Sarajevo in the
>mid-90s and much more, speaks of the analogy of two men at a
>bar, one saying that two plus two equals four, and the other
>that two plus two equals six. The BBC solution to this
>disagreement? Put them both on the Today Programme, and the
>answer clearly lies somewhere in the middle.)"

Hi, David & List,

"...the analogy of two men at a bar, one saying that two plus
two equals four, and the other that two plus two equals six.
The BBC solution to this disagreement? Put them both on the
Today Programme, and the answer clearly lies somewhere in
the middle."

Ha! <giggle>

That about sums it up these days in the mainstream media,
especially in the U.S. of A., but I would go further and posit
that with some current media outlets, both in print and online
in particular, such as Murdoch's Fox outlets, and their biased
"opinion shows," that metaphorically their equivalent is two or
three or more talking heads at a bar, and one says two plus two
is definitely five, while the others quibble about instead
whether it is actually six or maybe more, but that in both
cases, the consensus is that it certainly could not possibly be
four, as the neo-con Republican talking points simply will not
allow that answer since the Tea Party might not approve, we can
never agree with the demonic socialist Democratic position that
four is probably the answer, and that if that crazed commie
colonialist Muslim Obama suggests four might possibly be the
correct answer, we (or rather they) know automatically that he's
trying to undermine the foundations of mathematics and all that
is holy and sacred in our country.

I once thought, after the exposes of Watergate by Woodward and

Bernstein via the Washington Post 35 years ago that there might be some hope for real, investigatory journalism wherein the standards of objectivity and honest evaluation and determination of basic ground truth, regardless of what either party thought was true or real, would become the standard policy to which the highest standards of journalism would attempt to achieve, but those days are apparently long gone, and the only remaining hope, as relatively diffuse as they are, are certain news websites and blogs where independent individuals try to maintain the ideal of finding what the genuine truth and answers really are.

Otherwise, it's sort of like how Winston Smith was subjected to threats of torture, and a hungry, ravenous rat in a wire cage strapped to his face, if he did not say and agree that in the Orwellian future of "1984," the only possible answer to the question of what two plus two equals can only be five. Or three.

Or all of them at once. This trend toward coercive "doublethink" is increasingly the fear-based source of much of American bias and extremism that divides our country and has led to such political strife that virtually nothing of a progressive, productive nature can be accomplished, and which in the long run will not be sustainable. What happens then will be very "interesting," as the Chinese curse and proverb would suggest. Opportunity and paradigmatic change or chaos seem to be our narrowing choices in the near future. Can't we all just get along, as Rodney King once famously uttered? We shall see, but I am pessimistic.

The joke will be on us if we don't see the light in time to begin to truly change for the better, IMHO.

Oh, and Stan? Anthropogenic Global Warming is real, the IPCC is correct, and you as a former physicist should really know better.

Gore was just one of many messengers, regardless of your odd denialist perspective. And the British climate scientist email theft that temporarily gave hope to the oil megacorps and other denial fetishists? That was clearly resolved and does not change the fact that climate change and global warming are both real and deeply threatening to our future. Get used to that fact. Or do you think two plus two equals five?

Steve

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Re: Balance Or Bias

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 10:21:41 +0100
Archived: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 10:02:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Balance Or Bias

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:46:35 +0100
>Subject: Balance Or Bias?

>Although this article is about climate change and poor quality
>coverage by the BBC - some of it could equally apply to recent
>discussion on this List of BBC bias especially in the Rendlesham
>radio feature on 'Today':

><http://tiny.cc/nlmzw>

>The meme to always provide 'balance' in matters perceived
>controversial is not confined to this side of the pond - it
>happens Stateside too where a sceptic is wheeled in to say
>something - no matter how inane and implausible.

>This quote from the above piece says it all:

>"(The determination to be "fair" to all sides on all stories can
>at times go to such absurd lengths that Allan Little, one of our
>best reporters with hard experience of covering Sarajevo in the
>mid-90s and much more, speaks of the analogy of two men at a
>bar, one saying that two plus two equals four, and the other
>that two plus two equals six. The BBC solution to this
>disagreement? Put them both on the Today Programme, and the
>answer clearly lies somewhere in the middle.)"

In the interest of 'balance' and in memory of my old UpDates
antagonist David Clarke, here is a new book concerning fairy
lore and abduction by Ryan Hurd titled Sleep Paralysis: A Guide
To Hypnagogic Visions And Visitors of the Night:

<http://tiny.cc/4y82d>

said to be "the first printed book that discusses sleep
paralysis and its related dreams and ghostly encounters from a
how-to perspective, whether you want to stop having SP or want
to engage more confidently with this ancient lucid dreaming
technique."

It "covers the most recent research into the psychology,
neuroscience and anthropology of this misunderstood state of
consciousness that can lead to lucid dreaming, out-of-body
experiences and uncanny visitations."

Here is the Amazon entry for it:

<http://tiny.cc/nmlzw>

Ryan Hurd has a MA in Consciousness Studies and Certificate in
Dream Studies from John F. Kennedy University. He also has a BA
in Anthropology/Archaeology.

Yes I know many so-called UFO abductions happen when people are not asleep - even driving - but I submit this dear Listers in the interests of 'balance'!

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Re: Unsubscribe

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 12:29:18 +0100
Archived: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 10:07:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 12:53:13 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

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>It strikes me as a brilliant propaganda ploy to let a folklorist
>lead the charge on UK UFO "disclosure", with the insinuation
>that UFOs are little more than myths and folklore, on the level
>of elves and leprechauns. Clarke, from his comments on Updates,
>obviously believes this himself, judging by his comments that
>physical scientists have no place in the study of UFOs, whereas
>folklorists like himself are the most qualified to do so.

David and List,

It is quite baffling to say the least and many UFO people in the UK I have spoken to about the UFO releases have asked the question that you have, above, none of us can arrive at a reason why or how Dr. Clarke a folklorist got so embedded in such a program of UFO Classified data releases in part with the UK Government?

I am not sure who approached who to help release the UFO Data to the public and in what capacity and with what method. I wish I was a fly on the wall in that room at the time of classified UFO document discussion's debrief!

One would assume as you suggest that a military person would have been a face we would have seen plastered over the public aspect of these releases or perhaps dare I say even Nick Pope would have been more fitting since he actually manned the UFO desk at Whitehall for some time!

Roy

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 11:10:09 -0400
Archived: Sun, 19 Sep 2010 11:10:09 -0400
Subject: News Links - 18-09-10

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South Carolina Woman Reports Falling Cylinder-Shaped Object
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/297cejv>

Texas Father-Son Get Up Close Look At Triangle UFO
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/27gr92v>

Oklahoma Triangle UFO Returns As Second Witness Watches
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/244gzhy>

KGUN9-TV Employees In Tucson Capture 'UFO' Image
<http://tinyurl.com/264opkd>

The Residents' Beach UFO - Photos
Marco Island Sun Times
<http://tinyurl.com/2ah9gbt>

UFO Sighting On Sand Mountain?
Sand Mountain Reporter
<http://tinyurl.com/2vnnane>

More St Albans UFO sightings
Herts Advertiser
<http://tinyurl.com/35p26xl>

A UFO Or Satellite Flyby - What MUFON Database Reports?
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/25ve9na>

Filer's Files #38 - 2010 Russia Continues UFO Program
<http://tinyurl.com/3yfyj82e>

NBC's 'The Event' Part Of UFO, ET disclosure, Acclimation?
Transcendent TV & Media
<http://tinyurl.com/2d8jaes>

Big Names In UFO Research Join The Institute Of Frontier Science
PR.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2f7w9o5>

Apollo 11: Were There UFOs On The Moon? Part 3
UFODigest
<http://tinyurl.com/2a3vzty>

Take Me To Your Leaders
Amherst Bulletin
<http://tinyurl.com/22nuhf5>

St. Paul Kite Has Lights, And He's In Trouble Again
Pioneer Press
<http://tinyurl.com/386zrma>

The Truth Behind UFO Sightings And The U.S. Air Force
U.S. News & World Report
<http://tinyurl.com/2dss33h>

'UFO' Sightings A Mirage Created By Air Force -
'UFO Fanatics' Have Been Duped?
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/238kajx>

Jupiter/Uranus And An Epidemic Of UFOs
Beliefnet.com
<http://tinyurl.com/3xaygyv>

Extraterrestrial Highway - Ted Landphair's America
Voicee Of Ameerica News
<http://tinyurl.com/2aykllj>

=46rom Scott Corrales Inexplicata:

Argentina: The Los Cerrillos CE-3 (1996)
<http://tinyurl.com/259wzgc>

Argentina: The Hopping Phantom Of Calch=EDn
<http://tinyurl.com/2d59ywx>

=46rom 'The Norm':

False Memories Of Self-Performance Result From Watching Others'
Actions
<http://tinyurl.com/37or3hd>

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Re: Deeper & More Complex Possibilities

From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 15:37:44 +0000
Archived: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 08:39:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Deeper & More Complex Possibilities

>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 15:21:47 -0400
>Subject: Deeper & More Complex Possibilities [was: Unsubscribe]

><snip>

>I agree. I was not negating the UFO issue to something not
>"real". But I ask for a better definition of what we mean by real
>to begin with. My own opinion on this subject is that it's got
>much to do with the nature of human perception and it's relation
>to "reality". This does not mean I think it's internal - of
>course not - I believe it's an external phenomenon by virtue of
>my own experiences with it.

>Jeff Ritzmann

A possible definition, based on recent understandings of how
the mind works. From an article I wrote:

During the DMN state, if there is a flicker of something across
the neurons - at the subconscious level - it is recorded and
stored for later interpretation by the conscious mind. Micro
seconds later, the conscious mind/the ego will attempt to
ascribe meaning - using the observer's worldview. The ascribing
of meaning by the ego should be discouraged by the observer.
Only the flicker of whatever is attempting to manifest should be
encouraged. According to McMoneagle, the ego only muddies the
event. We now come to the hard part.

Creating, or understanding, the language the subconscious mind
uses to communicate with the conscious mind. It would take an
entire book to provide specifics and methods to document the
research now being developed to understand how we humans
function in our physical reality and who we really are.

For the time being we will have to be satisfied with glimpses of
our own and alternative realities. What we will have to do is to
take responsibility for how our minds react to the glimpses. In
the meantime, there are private and government agencies more
than willing to manipulate our perceptions. Quite probably with
technology only hinted at in the open literature. As Dr. Lilly
warned, if they can they will.

I, of course, open to any other opinions.

KK

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 15:31:39 -0400
Archived: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 08:40:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 21:33:48 +0200
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

<snip>

>Hi Eleanor,

>The intent of my post was to add some information from my point
>of experience to the subject of crop circles and UFOs, not to
>start this fruitless discussion about the phenomenon again.

>Some of the teams are working now for more than 20 years out in
>the fields. Imagine how much time they had to improve and for
>training. Their skills in copying all the so-called genuine
>features are at the highest level meanwhile. There is no limit
>in size or in the complexity of designs for them. And they don't
>use only simple stomper boards. For example, if you use a well
>adjusted garden roller or an umbrella you can work with minimum
>damage. Scars on the stems as a proof of man-made circles, yes,
>maybe but the masters of deception don't leave scars behind. And
>you can enter a field with stilts or meter-long ladders, no
>problem.

So how do the teams, and the very necessary survey pegs and grid
wires go unnoticed for the week or so it takes to create
something like the Crabwood glyph, without stomping down a lot
of turf that wasn't intended?

Eleanor White

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Use Of Hypnagogic States [was: Balance Or Bias]

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 01:11:25 +0100
Archived: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 08:43:08 -0400
Subject: Use Of Hypnagogic States [was: Balance Or Bias]

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 10:21:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: Balance Or Bias

<snip>

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>Hurd titled Sleep Paralysis: A Guide To Hypnagogic Visions And
>Visitors of the Night:

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>said to be "the first printed book that discusses sleep
>paralysis and its related dreams and ghostly encounters from a
>how-to perspective, whether you want to stop having SP or want
>to engage more confidently with this ancient lucid dreaming
>technique."

<snip>

Hi Dave,

Have to admit I'm pretty skeptical about the sleep paralysis
explanation per se, and think most `sleep paralysis' claims are
by the same folk who read a medical dictionary and `realize'
they've got half the diseases in there.

Whereas many folk, including me, regularly use the hypnagogic
state for thought experiment, with pretty good (50-50) results.
Must stress that is only achieved, in my own case, after
intensive study of the known data (maybe of some not fully
understood physical process). Then, by re-reading those notes or
a book on the subject at night on the verge of sleep, one can
get flashes of inspiration (mixed with more bizarre stuff).
That's said to come from your `unconscious', which has been
churning-over the data.

More generally, think anyone who's been reading a book while
falling in and out of sleep will know that hypnagogic state can
"re-write" the last few paragraphs in weird ways - sometimes
with voice or picture accompaniment:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypnagogia>

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Bashing The ETH

From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 23:24:31 -0400
Archived: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 08:46:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:16:58 -0500
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 14:21:14 -0400
>Subject: Bashing The ETH [was: Unsubscribe]

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 12:31:18 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>>>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 11:41:04 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>>>I think your disdain for Dr. Clarke's comments in that regard is
>>>that he stated this as some sort of known "fact", is that
>>>correct? I share your dislike of such blanket statements of
>>>"fact" without data to even remotely back them up - however, is
>>>it out of the realm that studies might just employ the use of
>>>such specialists? How about possibly using them exclusively?
>>>Because let's be frank: nuts and bolts "science" hasn't exactly
>>>accomplished very much in the way of answers (or better
>>>questions) on this phenomenon in our own loosely defined
>>>"field".

>>The first half of this paragraph, which is perfectly sensible,
>>seems not to have been written by the individual who wrote the
>>second half, which consists of a "blanket statement of 'fact'
>>without data to even remotely back [it] up."

>So if I understand this correctly Jerry, you're telling me that
>we've learned much more about the UFO subject by taking the ETH
>stance of physical flesh and blood aliens coming here in
>"craft"? I'm sorry if I misread this but it's how it sounds to
>me. I don't see the progress.

>I guess that hard research into those radar/visuals, CE2s, and
>the like - you know, the stuff that documents to apparently-to-
>you insignificant point about physicality and technology, for
>which we don't need ghosts - was all for nothing. Or all that
>prattle from a number of astronomers, based on the accelerating
>discovery of extrasolar planets, about what they judge the
>strong possibility of a densely populated galaxy with many
>millions of advanced civilizations, an idea that happens to
>validate a key prediction of the ETH. I take it, too, that you
>haven't read the scientific literature on the compatibility of
>UFO reports and the ETH.

Jerry please, let's not put words into my mouth. I never said
the data collected was worthless. But it hasn't afforded us any
progress. Maybe it needs to be looked at in different ways.

Radar and visual evidence is fine to look at - however it fails

to really accomplish very much in terms of study in regard to the enigmatic "other".

A photo or video of a UFO after thorough examination with the best possible tools is interesting, yes. If they are regulated to "unknown", great. However even compelling visual data doesn't answer the bigger questions:

- What is it made of?
- Where it is from?
- Who does it belong to?
- What is inside (if anything).

And you're talking to someone who's spent the past 20+ years devoting significant time to analyzing visual data.

Qualified (as best we can) "unknown" visual data only adds to a growing pile of evidence that says there's *something* in our skies that we, the general public at large, don't understand. That doesn't equate to an exotic extraterrestrial culture coming here. There's simply not enough data there to make that connection. Perhaps for some, not for me.

You also mention on the Paracast that there's a component of paranormal events that are real, but only for a short period.

I, in no small part completely agree with you. I have been saying the same thing for years. It can be real when it wants to be, but it doesn't have to be. I see the UFO as predominantly paranormal, although there may be multiple answers for it, including extraterrestrials.

However...

If the paranormal is "real" for a period of time - then is it such a stretch that a paranormal manifestation (and not ET craft) might give a radar return before dissipating back into the "whatever?"

That astronomers are finding plenty of data to point to life elsewhere in abundance is fantastic! However again, it's a significant stretch to say such cultures have found us, and are visiting on a regular basis. Could they have at some point? Sure! Which is precisely what I said directly, that we cannot remove the ETH from the possibilities here. I said this within this very discussion - it seems many don't read very thoroughly.

I believe you even stated in an interview that you shot down the Cryptoterrestrial hypothesis due to a lack of evidence. Stating the "chances are zero", and that these Cryptoterrestrials would leave massive evidence of their existence. My answer to that (and as far as the CTH - I fully agree with you) is any *Extraterrestrial* culture coming here would also leave massive, rather undeniable evidence - especially with the alleged frequency of these visits.

To date, we have not one shred of physical evidence that is unambiguous. Ted Phillips, who I admire and respect greatly, has spent decades documenting physical trace cases - however again, physical trace cases don't tell us much about the phenomenon other than something unknown interacted with the environment. It cannot be qualified as extraterrestrial either. I look at that and see a distinct possibility of black project testing gone awry, a planned exposure of the black project to further facilitate the "cover" of such projects with the UFO subject matter, or the genuine enigma. How do you differentiate the two?

In the end, you can't. Because as many times as I hear a UFOlogist say "we don't have that kind of technology" - my response is often, "How the hell do you know? Are you privy to every clandestine project our government has in testing or operation?" The discussion usually abruptly ends at that point, because they cannot answer - they simply don't know. It comes down to a simple question in the end, that no one knows how to answer.

Ted, when I interviewed him about the Marley Woods case, had

said that the case had radically changed his view about the "nuts and bolts" of the UFO phenomenon. Rightly so I suspect.

>Much more fun, I guess, to pretend that we know nothing at all;
>thus, we are free to conjure up any wild-ass notion that serves
>our need to indulge ourselves in wild-ass notions.

What is it we "know" Jerry, in as far as the ETH had afforded?
No one is any closer to identifying the elusive problem anymore
now than in say, 1960 just to pick a round year. Not one shred
that would hold up the ETH has been in hand. I think for quite
some time now scientists have been saying that there's a
absurdly high probability of intelligent life elsewhere - but
damned few take the leap to say "this is what the UFO
represents" - why? No physical evidence holds the theory up
conclusively. If we had that, this conversation would be moot.

What I think a wild-ass notion is, is that we have an
extraterrestrial culture coming here and interacting with the
environment, the populace, invading airspace, etc... and there's
not the conclusive article of scientific proof we need to
qualify it as extraterrestrial. But, little has that stopped
many in the UFO field from building castles in the air upon it.
Again, we can't discard it, but we can consider other aspects
and think hard about the other possibilities. If Ufology were
science, we'd all be in sad shape - science continues to
question and tear apart to look for better hypotheses - here
in this field you get maligned for it.

Ufology also has been sorely lacking in the investigation of
this mystery because it's often taken the ETH approach - whether
intentionally or not - and hasn't by-in-large asked questions of
witnesses regarding such tangent issues as liminal states -
which for me has borne out some interesting correlations. The
UFO is not there to study. The point is we're studying *reports*
filed by *people* - and past looking at credibility issues,
we've not gotten far enough into deeper waters of that person's
perceptions and states. It seems high time to deviate from the
standard questionnaire.

>In order to spare Listfolk the usual posturing from the ET phobes, my
>position - as stated in a book review I wrote earlier this week to be
>published in a scientific journal - is simply this: "The ETH may be
>correct or it may be not so, but it is hardly absurd or stupid."

As I said, you'd do well to actually read my statements instead
of replying in reactionary fashion - I didn't say the ETH should
be dismissed - but that other avenues have to be explored -
because the ETH has not afforded us progress. Can we dismiss the
possibility? No. Does the reported phenomenon seem to reflect
the ETH? Not to me.

I know for instance, that many researchers who investigate a UFO
case are told by some witnesses who have the muster to speak of
the experience with 100% openness, that they have also
experienced other tangential phenomenon. Most of it often beyond
the pale of weird. That information is largely NOT reported by
that researcher because it doesn't fit their framework, and more
often than not strains the credulity of an otherwise solid case.

That's research? No, that's cherry picked facts to suit a notion.

I'm certainly not saying every researcher does this - there are
plenty of people doing good work and probing more into the
issues of not only the sighting, but the much deeper, personal
circumstances of the witnesses surrounding it. My opinion is
those researchers are a minority.

>>Ritual bashing of nuts-and-bolts and the ETH ensues (most of
>>it in follow-up paragraphs which I've snipped), drawing on the
>>tired rhetorical pretense that it takes courage to do so - more
>>than four decades after Passport to Magonia rendered the ETH a
>>heresy even among many ufologists.

<snip>

>Well yes, it does take an amount of fortitude to disagree and
>point out issues with the ETH - because you'll always get
>significant backlash - I postulated a theory last week on a blog
>post and one gent saw fit to malign me for it. He then went on
>to remark that anyone who puts any stock in the theory type that

>I spoke of "wasn't up to the smarts of the ETs", as if he has
>some knowledge of the alien mind, or that ETs are even what the
>UFO represents.

>So you're sticking with the rhetorical trope because _one guy
>spoke impolitely to you_. Just be glad it was only _one guy_.
>The ones who've railed at me, trashed my intelligence and
>character, and called me names over the years - and in print
>yet (see, for example, Vallee's unflattering remarks on my
>defense of the ETH in his forthcoming book) - are by this time
>uncountable. In one extreme instance (not the gentlemanly
>Vallee, I hasten to add), a prominent and influential UFO
>writer, a vehement foe of the ETH whose work you probably
>admire, spread the rumor that I have spent most of my adult life
>locked in mental hospitals.

>Sorry, you're going to have to do better than _one_ guy on an e-
>List.

You're assuming a bit much here. One guy? Am I to list in
chronological order every time I personally have been bashed for
suggesting other possibilities?

That'd be a long list no one wants to read. I encounter it all
too frequently, and so do many, many others.

I think you know full well that alternate theories, or hard
questioning of the ETH in most UFO circles is met with more heat
than most care to deal with. I think Dr. Clarke figured that out
here in short order. So did Vallee.

Also, you have the gall to assume again that I would admire
someone who would spread a heinous rumor about your mental
health? Hey, way to show your cards. You lump everyone who
doesn't hold with your outlook on the subject together as
nefarious cretins out to smear anyone by any means necessary?

Clearly, you don't know me, sir, so please leave your asinine
assumptions of who I respect and admire and who I don't, at the
door if we're going to discuss anything.

Despite the fact that you've seen fit to insult me, I'd still call
anyone who said you were "locked in mental hospitals" on
the carpet, because it's the same sort of garbage routinely
employed in this "field". If I respected his work before, I
doubt I would after such an empty accusation.

>All I'm asking is was Dr. Clarke's statement on folklorists being
>used a blanket statement on his part as "fact" (without data to
>show this)that got him pounded to his ultimate exit from UFO
>Updates, or was it the notionthat folklorists being tapped for
>study in the subject a threatening notion tomany herethat they
>felt the need to aggressivelyrise against?

>Most people don't know much about folklore and have misguided
>ideas about what it is. (Most notably, the automatic equation of
>folklore with "fake.") Folklore certainly can't provide an
>explanation for the core UFO phenomenon, but it may well provide
>a useful context through which to view the beliefs and rumors as
>well as, in my judgment, the extreme experiential claims (with
>their folkloric echoes) that have grown up around it.

>For his part, in my judgment, Dave Clarke - who assures me
>privately that he agrees with me on this broad observation about
>the role (and limitation) of folklore studies in our subject -
>ought to have made that a whole lot clearer on his Updates
>postings. We would have been spared a lot of heat.

I suspected it was a communication issue to start with. But it
seems rather than press him politely to clarify it, some saw fit
to make it a matter of personal attacks and aggression. Not
dissimilar to much of what's happened in my subsequent questions
and posts. In case you haven't noticed, it looks like I too have
been regarded as a heretic for my questioning - and I'm sure
that won't cease anytime soon. It's been going on for years, and
thankfully I'm not alone.

>I would like to think that ultimately, both Clarke and his
>critics have a point; they just weren't addressing the same
>issue. Such often happens in discussions of UFO matters, which

>was the point I sought to make in my earlier posting

I'd like to think that too. But it's probably the same old case of someone calling into question a belief system - and we all know what happens there.

>I notice that you still can't manage to spell his last name >correctly.

>Jerry Clark

Since I referred to him as "Dr. Clark", I assumed everyone knows who I'm talking about. I've corrected in this version and all previous quotations. My apologies...but thanks nonetheless for the condescending reminder.

My endgame here is that much like the paranormal, the UFO has seemed to evade, render itself subjective, mire itself in absurdity, and is subject to cultural filters and altered states of consciousness. In turn, the field has grabbed a hold of the pedestrian answer and applied it to a much more complex phenomenon than it's been given credit for. For my opinion, the ETH marginalizes much of the nature of the enigma.

Much like the garbage of regression hypnosis painted an inaccurate and likely false picture of the "alien abduction" issue, so too, as far as I'm concerned, has the ETH done to the very compelling and interesting UFO problem. Ufology has stagnated, and I personally believe it's due to other theories being damned in favor of yet another belief system.

Jeff Ritzmann

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Brazil Releases New UFO Documents

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - (Revista UFO <aj.nul>**
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 10:00:35 -0300
Archived: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 07:56:08 -0400
Subject: Brazil Releases New UFO Documents

Brazil Releases New UFO Documents

I am very glad to inform to the international UFO community that this week Brazilian government, through the Brazilian Air Force commander, lieutenant-brigadier Juniti Saito, has released a new pile of previously secret UFO documents, now covering the first decade of the new millennia, from 2000 to 2009. The country was the first in the world to publicly and officially admit the importance of the UFO Phenomena.

As I informed here last August, Juniti Saito also gave a major step to openly recognize the UFO Phenomena as serious and worthy of immediate actions in Brazil by issuing a public statement, published in Brazil's official journal, called 'Diario Oficial da Uniao', regulating how UFO reports should be handled in the country, by whom and what destination should they have. The document was published August 10 and is official.

The official act, named Portaria 551/GC3, of August 09, 2010, also indicated the Brazilian Aerospace Defense Command (COMDABRA) as responsible for receiving and cataloging the occurrences of UFOs. The records reported by personnel from the air traffic control system should be forwarded to the Aeronautics History Documentation Center (CENDOC), as determined by ordinance. The CENDOC, in turn, is indicated as responsible for filing copies of records sent and send the originals to the National Archives.

I have also informed here previously that since Brazilian UFO disclosure started, a few years ago, a direct result of the campaign 'UFOs: Freedom of Information Now', the government has been releasing the files by decade. We had the documents for the 50s, 60s and 70s released last year. Early this year we had the documents for the 80s. On August 13th we had the files of the 90s and now the documents for the years 2000 to 2009. That campaign was initiated in 2004 by the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU), under my command, and through the Brazilian UFO Magazine.

It is not known the amount of pages released this time, as the members of CBU haven't had access to the material, which will happen next week. So far near 5,000 pages have been disclosed, which is believed to be only a small tip of a big iceberg, still being kept secret. Because of that, CBU members intend to start new actions to open more files.

The documents for the decades 50 to 90 can be found here, as a courtesy of the Brazilian UFO Magazine: www.ufo.com.br/documents

Of special significance in the set of documents of the years 2000 to 2009 there are several cases involving UFOs pursuing civilian and military aircraft, as well as being detected by radar. A very interesting episode happened to a commercial jet of the Varig Airlines cargo department, followed by a UFO. The documents will soon be posted at the Brazilian UFO Magazine website for everyone to see. Details will follow.

Of all, the over 5,000 pages already released by the Brazilian government, special attention goes to the documents of the 80s,

in which pile there was a very interesting report of the 'Official UFO Night in Brazil', when 21 spherical objects, estimated 100 meters in diameter - according to military sources - literally jammed air traffic over the major Brazilian Airports, when 7 Mirage and F5 jets were scrambled to pursue them.

The document 'Occurrence Report' in PDF file in Portuguese and in English are here:

www.ufo.com.br/public/noite/Occurrence_Report_Original.pdf

www.ufo.com.br/public/noite/Occurrence_Report_Translated.pdf

In its Final Considerations section, the 'Occurrence Report' reads: "As a conclusion of the observed facts in almost all presentations, it is the opinion of this Command that the phenomenon is solid and reflects intelligence by its capacity to follow and sustain distance from the observers, as well as to fly in formation, and are not necessarily manned craft". Again, "the phenomenon is solid and reflects intelligence".

The campaign UFOs: Freedom Of Information Now has clearly shown that civilian UFO researchers can make the difference. Unlike countries like England and France, for instance, where the disclosure happened as a result of administrative decisions, in Brazil it happened as a direct result of a civilian movement, promoted since 2004 by the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU), which I founded and of which I was the coordinator till last January. Now it is Under command of the geographer federal public servant Fernando Ramalho.

The fact that Brazilian Air Force now recognizes the materiality of the UFO Phenomena has happened in great deal thanks to the pressure put over the military by the Brazilian UFO Magazine, through CBU. As the magazine editor, I have been successful in locating, convincing and interviewing some top military in Brazil, who went public about the subject and helped the making if the decisions, such as lieutenant-brigadier S=F3crates Monteiro, former minister of Brazilian Air Force S=F3crates Monteiro and others.

Some of the astounding declarations made by these and other men can be read here:

"All UFO Secrets Must Be Disclosed", says Brazilian Top Military:

www.ufoupdateslist.com/2008/mar/m12-004.shtml

Brazil's former Air Force Minister makes statements about UFOs:

www.ufoupdateslist.com/2009/oct/m27-014.shtml

Another Brazilian military officer reveals UFO investigation, observation and physical evidence:

www.ufoupdateslist.com/2010/jul/m13-001.shtml

Retired lieutenant-colonel discloses new revelations on Operation Saucer In The Amazon, 1977:

www.ufoupdateslist.com/2007/oct/m28-027.shtml

The Brazilian UFO Magazine website - www.ufo.com.br - already has thousands of pages for download, such as over 1,200 pages of documents of the extinct System for the Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (SIOANI), an official organization created in 1969 inside the Brazilian Air Force to deal with the UFO Phenomena in the 60s and 70s. Yeah, the first publicly known in the world.

Also, or website has over 500 pages and 200 photos of the Operation Saucer activities, a military mission carried out in the Amazonian region in 1977 which resulted very successful in documenting - with over 500 photos and 16 hours of 8mm and 16mm films - UFOs over the area. Along with other documents received by the Committee from other military sources.

All the mentioned documents and others can be found here, as a courtesy of the Brazilian UFO Magazine: www.ufo.com.br/documents

Please note: Download, print, publicize and otherwise share these documents, but please do not fail to mention the source, Brazilian UFO Magazine, and emphasize that this material is now publicly known thanks to the efforts of the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU).

These have been very good days for Brazilian Ufology!

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Re: Bashing The ETH

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 14:06:38 +0100
Archived: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 07:57:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 23:24:31 -0400
>To: post.nul
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

<snip>

>As I said, you'd do well to actually read my statements instead
>of replying in reactionary fashion - I didn't say the ETH should
>be dismissed - but that other avenues have to be explored -
>because the ETH has not afforded us progress. Can we dismiss the
>possibility? No. Does the reported phenomenon seem to reflect
>the ETH? Not to me.

Listers,

Can we have a straw poll on UpDates.

Has the ETH afforded UFO research any progress.

Roy

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Re: Bashing The ETH

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 09:30:57 -0500
Archived: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 07:58:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 23:24:31 -0400
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:16:58 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 14:21:14 -0400
>>Subject: Bashing The ETH [was: Unsubscribe]

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 12:31:18 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>>>>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>>Date: Wed, 22 Sep 2010 11:41:04 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>>>>I think your disdain for Dr. Clarke's comments in that regard is
>>>>that he stated this as some sort of known "fact", is that
>>>>correct? I share your dislike of such blanket statements of
>>>>"fact" without data to even remotely back them up - however, is
>>>>it out of the realm that studies might just employ the use of
>>>>such specialists? How about possibly using them exclusively?
>>>>Because let's be frank: nuts and bolts "science" hasn't exactly
>>>>accomplished very much in the way of answers (or better
>>>>questions) on this phenomenon in our own loosely defined
>>>>"field".

>>>>The first half of this paragraph, which is perfectly sensible,
>>>>seems not to have been written by the individual who wrote the
>>>>second half, which consists of a "blanket statement of 'fact'
>>>>without data to even remotely back [it] up."

>>>>So if I understand this correctly Jerry, you're telling me that
>>>>we've learned much more about the UFO subject by taking the ETH
>>>>stance of physical flesh and blood aliens coming here in
>>>>"craft"? I'm sorry if I misread this but it's how it sounds to
>>>>me. I don't see the progress.

>>>>I guess that hard research into those radar/visuals, CE2s, and
>>>>the like - you know, the stuff that documents to apparently-to-
>>>>you insignificant point about physicality and technology, for
>>>>which we don't need ghosts - was all for nothing. Or all that
>>>>prattle from a number of astronomers, based on the accelerating
>>>>discovery of extrasolar planets, about what they judge the
>>>>strong possibility of a densely populated galaxy with many
>>>>millions of advanced civilizations, an idea that happens to
>>>>validate a key prediction of the ETH. I take it, too, that you
>>>>haven't read the scientific literature on the compatibility of
>>>>UFO reports and the ETH.

I want to make clear that "paranormal" is not a phrase I use in the present context. The term doesn't mean much of anything in my own understanding.

It is my view that the ETH remains useful for physical-evidence cases (presuming that the galaxy harbors a massive ETI population), while other UFO-like phenomena (and other historical manifestations) appear to be high-strangeness, liminal phenomena that are human-based, amounting to unknown aspects of experience.

While a part of human life (I have experienced such phenomena myself), they appear to be beyond currently existing knowledge. I do not embrace the paranormal speculations of Keel, Vallee, and others.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Unsubscribe

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 16:45:39 +0100
Archived: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 08:01:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 21:36:25 EDT
>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

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>What should be remembered is to have had access to these
>'Disclosures' Dave Clarke had to sign the British Secretes act,
>and indeed he has a high Security clearance. So whatever
>revelations were released were compromised from day one.

Joe,

Do you feel this is just a straight forward case by the M.o.D to pick someone such as Clarke to release these files to the UK public and UFO community at large as a known face or do you feel there is something a little more sinister about the whole Clarke and UK government UFO releases ?

>In addition Clarke was involved in a hoax against a fellow
>ufologist in the 'Blue Hare' episode, and I believe has a
>doctorate in mythology & folklore from Sheffield University, so
>it is no wonder his vision of ufology is no more than fairies
>at the bottom of the garden.

Can you elaborate anymore on the above statement?

>Clarke's departure is no loss, I am fed up to my back teeth with
>skeptics and disinformation artists. Let us move on.

I have a feeling that the UK media outlets will continue to express views about UFOs much aligned with Clarke for a long time to come, I just wish we had an independent UFO news channel much like the one Jaimie Maussan has in Mexico, why can't anyone set up a 24 hour cable channel showing UFO footage and debates, lectures etc. in these modern times across europe?

Roy

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 23:02:24 -0700
Archived: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 08:05:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 15:31:21 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>I believe the most complex patterns can't be hoaxed over a
>single night, without mistakes and trampling of crop that should
>have been left standing. They would take several days, I
>suggest. And require daytime work to avoid accidental
>trampling. And require the use of wooden survey pegs and other
>layout aids.

>Remember, I'm talking about the huge, complex glyphs, not the
>simple ones done as demos.

>So your assumption means that glyph makers have access to crops
>lasting several days, and yet such operations aren't seen by the
>land owner or others?

As I had already posted a short time ago in another thread,
hoaxers have been seen making some of the more complex
formations; this happened again a couple times just this past
summer, where they were witnessed making one of the large
formations in East Field by people camped out nearby. Also later
at Lurkley Hill this summer. There have been lengthy discussions
about this on the Circle Chasers and Report a Crop Circle
Formation pages on Facebook.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=122251217802800>

<http://tinyurl.com/29krbs5>

<http://www.cropcirclewisdom.co.uk/2010season/other/lurkley/hill.html>

They have also done demonstrations of their work, which in some
cases has been impressive, albeit in daylight or at night with
floodlights. Incomplete formations and formations with obvious
mistakes have also been found, contrary to popular belief.

Most researchers agree now that they do make formations every
year, and in other nearby European countries as well, the
question is how many.

Canadian Crop Circle Research Network
investigating the phenomenon in the prairies and across the country

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Re: Why Mars Instead Of Venus?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 23:18:36 -0700
Archived: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 08:08:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Why Mars Instead Of Venus?

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2010 09:52:48 EDT

>I Still Don't Get Why Mars Instead Of Venus

>Mars has been so associated with UFOs and aliens to the point of
>exhaustion. We're sending probe after probe to a planet that has
>nothing. We couldn't even live there due to it's low gravity,
>pitiful atmosphere, low Sunlight.

>Yet Venus is our Sister Planet, relatively the same size as
>Earth, lots of gasses that can be converted to water and almost
>same orbit as Earth.

>Sure it's got noxious, acrid gasses but so does the local diner
>after the truckers chow down after breakfast.

>I'm sure we could figure out an effective way to terraform Venus
>for far less than it would cost to terraform Mars. Is Mars our
>target because of the romance of fiction, legend, mythology or is
>there something on Mars we don't know about?

Nothing? Mars has volcanoes, canyons, water ice almost everywhere, methane (a sign of either current geologic activity or microbial life or both), snow, fog, beautiful and highly varied terrain, evidence of past hydrothermal activity and large amounts of both groundwater and surface water, evidence of possible current liquid water underground, etc.

Jerry Clark already commented why Venus is so much more inhospitable than Mars; there's no comparison.

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 14:01:17 +0200
Archived: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 08:09:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Eleanor White<ewraven1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 15:31:39 -0400
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs& Paranormal Experiences

>>The intent of my post was to add some information from my point
>>of experience to the subject of crop circles and UFOs, not to
>>start this fruitless discussion about the phenomenon again.

>>Some of the teams are working now for more than 20 years out in
>>the fields. Imagine how much time they had to improve and for
>>training. Their skills in copying all the so-called genuine
>>features are at the highest level meanwhile. There is no limit
>>in size or in the complexity of designs for them. And they don't
>>use only simple stomper boards. For example, if you use a well
>>adjusted garden roller or an umbrella you can work with minimum
>>damage. Scars on the stems as a proof of man-made circles, yes,
>>maybe but the masters of deception don't leave scars behind. And
>>you can enter a field with stilts or meter-long ladders, no
>>problem.

>So how do the teams, and the very necessary survey pegs and grid
>wires go unnoticed for the week or so it takes to create
>something like the Crabwood glyph, without stomping down a lot
>of turf that wasn't intended?

Hi Eleanor,

for a team of trained circle makers the Crabwood glyph which
seemingly is haunting you is a challenge to create, yes, but
with a good plan it is easy to do within the four to five dark
hours of an English summer night.

Believe it or don't. It is only up to you.

Every team has created a sophisticated blueprint and schedule of
what each of them has to do. They all have it in their mind.
Once inside the designated field, you outline the design.
Sometimes they mark it with slim poles, sometimes with LEDs at
the top, only visible inside the field by the team. Outside the
fields they have sometimes guards if the circle is created in a
more frequented area.

Then the team starts its work inside the prepared outlines, each
one knows what to do. There is no hesitating, nearly no
discussion. That is the key to create what we see the next
morning.

Especially Crabwood is a very easy design to do because it is
all so regular, you go along the line and according to your plan
you lay down one meter, walk on for two meter, lay down five
meter of crop and so on. Easy.

Now please let us stop this here because I have got the
impression that you cannot become convinced of the reality of
nowadays crop circles.

Here is an interesting link for your enlightenment:

<http://www.cropcircleconnector.com/anasazi/time2007o.html>

Best,
Joachim

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News Links - 22-09-10

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 09:10:03 -0400
Archived: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 09:10:03 -0400
Subject: News Links - 22-09-10

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Texas Father-Son Have Second Triangle Sighting Near Stockdale
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2a6yvq1>

Video: Texas Father-Son Return To Scene Where UFOs Witnessed
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/33j3ocy>

Another UFO Spotted
NTNews.com.au
<http://tinyurl.com/28e8ezy>

Capri Residents Take To The Airwaves With Tales Of UFOs
Marco Island Sun Times
<http://tinyurl.com/2er5h2u>

UFO? Night Sky Mystery Still Intrigues The Star-Struck
The Witness
<http://tinyurl.com/29zog8k>

Mr. Salas Goes To Washington (Again)
Billy Cox
<http://tinyurl.com/3799gay>

UFOs Visited Nuclear Weapons Sites, Former Air Force Officers Say
AOL News
<http://tinyurl.com/2e9bb5a>

Members Of Military Meet To Expose UFOs
NEWS.com.au
<http://tinyurl.com/28h118h>

Changing MUFON's Symposium
UFO Media Matters
<http://tinyurl.com/33nb84d>

Third UFO-Related Airport Shutdown In China This Year
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/2bos5gb>

Southport Air Show 2010 UFO
UFODigest
<http://tinyurl.com/36zzbrb>

The 1966 Ann Arbor "Swamp Gas" Fiasco And UFO Abductions
UFODigest
<http://tinyurl.com/245eqvf>

Controversy Not Alien To 'Autopsy' Duo
WESH Orlando
<http://tinyurl.com/296mpcl>

SETI 2060, Do We Make Contact By Then?
Discovery News

<http://tinyurl.com/2f9qzz6>

Mirage Men
Financial Times

<http://tinyurl.com/36w35fy>

Bible Story Of Red Sea Parting 'May Be True'
UFODigest

<http://tinyurl.com/26dvnns>

Weather Whys: UFO Clouds
Texas A&M University

<http://tinyurl.com/34h6hiv>

Wackiest Insurance Policies Ever
Hindustan Times

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

From 'The Norm':

UFO Solution Survey
Kevin Randle

<http://tinyurl.com/3xvnx9>

We'll Cross That Bridge When...
Billy Cox

<http://tinyurl.com/2d7v6x6>

Revisiting Those Far-Out Firefighters
Billy Cox

<http://tinyurl.com/2am4qr6>

We Only Trust Experts If They Agree With Us

<http://tinyurl.com/2dds8n>

Mars Methane Gets Even More Mysterious

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

Large Hadron Collider Scientists Spot Potential New Discovery

<http://tinyurl.com/2b2ljhm>

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 10:10:30 -0400
Archived: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 10:10:30 -0400
Subject: News Links - 25-09-10

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Does York Woman's Holiday Picture Reveal Ghost Like Image Of UFO?
The Press, York
<http://tinyurl.com/34k2fxz>

Cumbria UFO Activity On The Rise, Says North West Research Group
News & Star
<http://tinyurl.com/2vjm9a4>

Strange Lights Over Tucson Could Be Possible UFO Sighting
KOLD-TV
<http://tinyurl.com/2cmtwp7>

UFO In Tucson Finally Identified!
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/2g9k5cy>

Tucson UFO Sighting: UFO Enthusiast Captures Object On Video
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/269shdm>

Balloony UFO Alert
German Herald
<http://tinyurl.com/2wyujwd>

Press Conference To Discuss UFO Interference With Us Nuclear
Arms
DigitalJournal.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2ex5tmp>

Aliens Are Monitoring Our Nukes, Worry Ex-Air Force Officers
FOXNews
<http://tinyurl.com/276dr25>

UFOs Disabled US Nuclear Weapons?
Popular Fidelity
<http://tinyurl.com/29ptt3x>

Apollo 11: Were There UFOs On The Moon - Part 4
UFODigest
<http://tinyurl.com/2b7yzk3>

Warminster Couples's UFO appeal
Wiltshire Times
<http://tinyurl.com/28tmw6u>

UFO/ET/MIBs: My Close Encounters Part 3; "Into The Abyss"
UFODigest
<http://tinyurl.com/3a2qmbn>

Pope's Astronomer Would Baptize ET
AOL News
<http://tinyurl.com/26gpyfx>

Casey Woman Recalls UFO Encounter In 1976

The Advocate-Messenger
<http://tinyurl.com/326fhf7>

Filer's Files #39 - 2010 Astronauts And Officers Saw UFOs
<http://tinyurl.com/2fnjnmq>

New Documents and Radio Shows Online @ Black Vault
<http://tinyurl.com/24bqryq>

Fortean London: The Devil And Other UFOs
Londonist
<http://tinyurl.com/36zugug>

Key Latino Leader Endorses Initiative 300 - The ET Affairs
Commission
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2enxw3n>

The Truth About The Lies Behind UFO Cover-Ups And Conspiracies
<http://tinyurl.com/291jlyo>

From Frank Warren's UFO Chronicals:

The Echo/Oscar Witch Hunt - Never Before Released Audio Taped
Interviews
<http://tinyurl.com/28q6l5t>

UFOs Were Hovering Over the Hanford Atomic Energy Facility - F94
Jets Scrambled
<http://tinyurl.com/2bzo8ek>

D.C. Press Conference On Nuclear Base Incidents
<http://tinyurl.com/28dkhbq>

Strange Skies Over New Mexico
<http://tinyurl.com/272s6qq>

What Contingency Plans Does U. S. Government Have fOr First
Contact Scenario?
<http://tinyurl.com/22ls59u>

The Upcoming UFO-Nukes Connection Press Conference
<http://tinyurl.com/26tytm8>

From 'The Norm':

Suppression Of Dissent In Science
<http://tinyurl.com/26oot57>

Physicists Excited By Recent Results From Large Hadron Collider
<http://tinyurl.com/39elmfd>

In Science We Trust: Poll Results On How You Feel About Science
<http://tinyurl.com/2cgyeqn>

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Best Informative Objective UFO Sites & Blogs?

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 08:04:20 -0700
Archived: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 12:23:14 -0400
Subject: Best Informative Objective UFO Sites & Blogs?

Hi List,

I wanted to ask what List Members think are the very best, scientifically-oriented, and objective UFO websites, blogs, E-Mail Lists, portals, and aggregator news sites on the InterNet. I wanted to ask what List Members think are the best, scientifically-oriented and objective UFO websites, blogs, E-Mail Lists, portals, and aggregator news sites on the InterNet.

In the evening I often browse a set of sites and blogs which I have found both informative and empirical in orientation regarding the overall UFO subject and related matters.

Over time I have found such sites somewhat attenuated, in part because there seems to be a slow reduction and decline.

My specific intent here is to find some of the newer, or relatively unknown, active sites which provide useful and sophisticated data on this field of research.

So what are your favorite, most useful, and/or actively updated and edited sites from which we could all probably gain further insights, news, research documentation and relevant analysis in this subject?

Please send email to the List so that I may begin an increased and expanded compilation of these kinds of UFO websites for my own edification. When compiled and reviewed by me, for publication on the List, everyone here will also know of a wide variety of sites .

I'd like to compile a similar List of books, papers, articles, historical news clips and selected known cases, so that it could be also scanned - a list of best "dead tree" info sources could be added to a list of online resources, also posted here when done.

I'm considering setting up a website myself for better sources of online information about UFOs and other related subjects to help advance and make better progress over time - and to steer 'newbies getting into ufology.

Please contribute and add your favorites and best-rated sites to this compilation, if you would be so kind here to the List for all of us to be able to check out while the larger, more detailed resource is being developed.

Thanks in advance!!! 8^}

Best,

Steve

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Re: Bashing The ETH

From: **Stanton Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 08:37:32 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 12:25:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 14:06:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 23:24:31 -0400
>>To: post.nul
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

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The ETH has forced us to think of new approaches to atmospheric propulsion, to deep space propulsion, to the behavior of governments, to how we must look to other civilizations, to the abundance of intelligent life in the local galactic neighborhood, to how primitive our society must seem, to the special characteristics of planet Earth among many other things.

It has also forced us to recognize the closed mindedness and arrogance of the SETI and Astronomical communities.

Stan Friedman

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Re: News Links - 25-09-10

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 16:45:32 +0000
Archived: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 13:04:53 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 25-09-10

>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 10:10:30 -0400
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: News Links - 25-09-10

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>KOLD-TV
><http://tinyurl.com/2cmtwp7>

>UFO In Tucson Finally Identified!
>Tucson Citizen
><http://tinyurl.com/2g9k5cy>

>Tucson UFO Sighting: UFO Enthusiast Captures Object On Video
>Tucson Citizen
><http://tinyurl.com/269shdm>

What!? No one called Raytheon to see what they had in the air?

The company has its own airport and tests its aircraft right here in the middle of the Tucson/Sonoran Desert area.

KK

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UN Names Official Space 'Host'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 07:49:08 -0400
Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 07:49:08 -0400
Subject: UN Names Official Space 'Host'

Source: The New York Post

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

September 26, 2010

UN Names Official Space 'Host'
By Todd Venezia
todd.venezia.nul

E.T. - phone the UN!

If an alien ever lands in your back yard and says, "Take me to your leader," the United Nations is giving you someone to call.

Mazlan Othman, an obscure Malaysian scientist, will be named as the Earth's official alien-spacecraft greeter. She's expected to announce her new role at a conference next week.

While Hollywood and most Americans assume the president of the United States would speak to aliens on behalf of earthlings, the United Nations thinks real extraterrestrials should get a more globalized response.

Othman, head of the UN Office for Outer Space Affairs, backs that view.

"The continued search for extraterrestrial communication, by several entities, sustains the hope that someday humankind will receive signals from extraterrestrials," she said in a recording of a recent speech, reported by the Sunday Times of London.

"When we do, we should have in place a coordinated response that takes into account all the sensitivities related to the subject. The UN is a ready-made mechanism for such coordination."

At the upcoming conference in Britain, Othman is expected to tell delegates that the recent discovery of hundreds of planets around other stars has made the detection of extraterrestrial life more likely than ever before -- and that means the United Nations must be ready to coordinate humanity's response to any "first contact."

Othman is an astrophysicist who got her Ph.D. in New Zealand.

Scientists who work with her say her job is essentially to be the mouthpiece for mankind.

"Othman is absolutely the nearest thing we have to a 'Take me to your leader' person," said professor Richard Crowther, a space law expert with the United Kingdom Space Agency.

Alien arrivals aren't the only cinematic-style issues that Othman's office investigates.

It's also in charge of deciding what to do if a deadly asteroid

is found to be on a collision course with Earth.

The last UN official picked as Earth's official mouthpiece provoked controversy.

In 1977, two Voyager spacecraft went into space with recordings that were meant to be a message from Earth to intelligent life in the galaxy.

The voice on the message, however, belonged to then UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who was later discovered to have been an enthusiastic member of the Nazi party during World War II.

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Re: Bashing The ETH

From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 12:59:24 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 07:51:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 14:06:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

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>Can we have a straw poll on UpDates.
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The ETH places UFOs in the realm of possible physical reality.
It provides hope of that one day the mystery can be solved.

Mystical, magical, supernatural, and/or demonic explanations
serve nothing but spread confusion and prevent any serious study
of the phenomenon.

I have little to no respect for individuals pushing a
supernatural origin of UFOs.

In fact, I recently had an exchange with a List member who
seemed convinced that UFOs were demons. I asked him to please
define what a demon is and then prove the existence of demons. I
got nothing but a run around with links to various cases such as
the famous "entity" case, the one the silly 1981 movie was based
on.

One cannot propose a mystery as an explanation to a mystery. It
doesn't work. The best way to approach the UFO phenomenon is via
science.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 13:11:31 -0400
Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 07:53:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Joachim Koch<lists.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 14:01:17 +0200
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>>From: Eleanor White<ewraven1.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 15:31:39 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

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>Especially Crabwood is a very easy design to do because it is
>all so regular, you go along the line and according to your plan
>you lay down one meter, walk on for two meter, lay down five
>meter of crop and so on. Easy.

>Now please let us stop this here because I have got the
>impression that you cannot become convinced of the reality of
>nowadays crop circles.

>Here is an interesting link for your enlightenment:

><http://www.cropcircleconnector.com/anasazi/time2007o.html>

Whether or not the 2002 Crabwood formation was man-made is a matter of speculation since there is no proof one way or the other. Nevertheless, the layout is surprising no matter who constructed it. The formation is not just art, since its design shows a high degree of mathematical sophistication on the part of the designer. As in the 2010 Wilton Windmill formation, the designer must have used some kind of optimization algorithm to position the bits in the formation.

To summarize what was found in 2002, the formation shows the torso of an alien "grey" leaning through a rectangular portal. The figure's left arm is extended and the left hand supports a disc-shaped object on which is a bit sequence containing encoded information. This was interpreted as a text string soon after the formation appeared. It said "Beware the bearers of FALSE gifts & their BROKEN PROMISES. Much PAIN but still time. BELIEVE. There is GOOD out there. We oPpose DECEPTION. Conduit CLOSING\". The inappropriate capitalization prompted people to speculate that there was yet another message in the formation.

Additional message content was discovered in the Crabwood formation this year, about eight years later. Using an algorithm decoded from the 2010 Wilton Windmill formation, an image was decoded from the same set of bits that encoded the text "Beware the bearers of FALSE gifts & their BROKEN PROMISES. Much PAIN but still time." The image was of a bipedal figure extending a three-fingered hand. So the formation may be showing us the visual form of the alien species described in the text string as violating our trust. Please see the following for more information.

<http://www.treurniet.ca/CropForms/CrabWilton.htm>

I suggest that it does not matter if the crop formation was man-

made or not. The important thing is the message. Someone is trying to tell us something they think we need to know. It required more than just sitting down at a drafting board to design the pattern. Encoding the textual and visual messages in the same set of bits is not trivial. A similar thing was done in the 2010 Wilton Windmill formation where two text strings and four images were encoded in the same set of bits.

<http://www.treurniet.ca/CropForms/WiltonPic.htm>

Richard D. Hall discusses evidence that MI5 is involved in controlling the message from crop formations, and there may also be a connection to an American intelligence agency. Further, military helicopters have been seen showing an interest in new crop formations, and even harassing people in or near the formations.

<http://www.richplanet.net/detail.php?dbindex9>

This kind of clandestine interest is also seen with respect to UFOs. And just as there appear to be man-made UFOs, there appear to be man-made crop formations. Both show evidence of a novel technology not in the public domain. Experienced crop formation researchers in 2002 had a gut feeling that the Crabwood formation was man-made, perhaps because it used the ascii character representation. None based the opinion on any physical properties of the laid crop.

Anyone who wonders why crop formation messages are so obscure should also ask why UFOs are so elusive. The answers may be similar. My feeling is that there is an over-riding need to maintain plausible deniability while still delivering messages to those prepared to receive them. The authors of the Crabwood message may be actual ETs or humans in-the-know (e.g., Dolan's breakaway civilization). It doesn't matter since both would be in a position to tell us that (a) ETs exist, and (b) certain ETs are not to be trusted. It's up to us to decide if the message is a practical joke, disinformation, or a true assessment of the situation.

William

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>Stan Friedman

True as all this may be, it's not the point of progress into
investigation and theories of the UFO subject's nature, or
origins.

What you have listed here would largely be derived from our
internalization and interpretation of enigmatic UFO data (if any
of it is to be attributed to the UFO subject at all).

It's like saying if the prevailing theory was that UFOs are
demons, then we'd have advancements in magic. Again, it's
inspiration by way of our cultural filter and interpretations -
not any factual knowledge that the UFO represents an
extraterrestrial culture.

I might also add from my viewpoint only, that much of what you
list are things man has been contemplating long before, and
likely not even in conjunction with, the UFO issue.

The question is: "Has the ETH afforded UFO research any progress?"

Not, has thoughts or theories of extraterrestrial cultures, been beneficial to our thought processes. That's just moving the goalposts from the actual question.

Jeff Ritzmann

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Re: Bashing The ETH

From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 13:53:22 -0400
Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 08:10:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 09:30:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 23:24:31 -0400
>>To: post.nul
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:16:58 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

<snip>

>>>>I think your disdain for Dr. Clarke's comments in that regard is
>>>>that he stated this as some sort of known "fact", is that
>>>>correct? I share your dislike of such blanket statements of
>>>>"fact" without data to even remotely back them up - however, is
>>>>it out of the realm that studies might just employ the use of
>>>>such specialists? How about possibly using them exclusively?
>>>>Because let's be frank: nuts and bolts "science" hasn't exactly
>>>>accomplished very much in the way of answers (or better
>>>>questions) on this phenomenon in our own loosely defined
>>>>"field".

>>>>The first half of this paragraph, which is perfectly sensible,
>>>>seems not to have been written by the individual who wrote the
>>>>second half, which consists of a "blanket statement of 'fact'
>>>>without data to even remotely back [it] up."

>>>>So if I understand this correctly Jerry, you're telling me that
>>>>we've learned much more about the UFO subject by taking the ETH
>>>>stance of physical flesh and blood aliens coming here in
>>>>"craft"? I'm sorry if I misread this but it's how it sounds to
>>>>me. I don't see the progress.

>>>>I guess that hard research into those radar/visuals, CE2s, and
>>>>the like - you know, the stuff that documents to apparently-to-
>>>>you insignificant point about physicality and technology, for
>>>>which we don't need ghosts - was all for nothing. Or all that
>>>>prattle from a number of astronomers, based on the accelerating
>>>>discovery of extrasolar planets, about what they judge the
>>>>strong possibility of a densely populated galaxy with many
>>>>millions of advanced civilizations, an idea that happens to
>>>>validate a key prediction of the ETH. I take it, too, that you
>>>>haven't read the scientific literature on the compatibility of
>>>>UFO reports and the ETH.

>>>>I want to make clear that "paranormal" is not a phrase I use in
>>>>the present context. The term doesn't mean much of anything in
>>>>my own understanding.

>>>>It is my view that the ETH remains useful for physical-evidence
>>>>cases (presuming that the galaxy harbors a massive ETI
>>>>population)

<snip>

I'm not sure how it remains useful for physical evidence cases when no physical evidence case can be concretely defined as coming from a technologically advanced extraterrestrial culture's interaction with our environment.

Again if this was established, we'd have no need of conversation now.

>while other UFO-like phenomena (and other
>historical manifestations) appear to be high-strangeness,
>liminal phenomena that are human-based, amounting to unknown
>aspects of experience.

<snip>

As far as manifestations go, you said yourself that these things can be real for short periods of time. Just because an experience cannot be qualified as "real" by virtue of a lack of physical data, doesn't mean one couldn't ping it with a rock - we simply don't know. How real is it? Unknown.

So the separation of your alleged possible ET physical evidence cases and paranormal manifestations are indeterminable. We don't know how "real" it can be. And, at that point our current ETH seems rather lacking in many respects.

The only constant is ambiguity, if that's as far as we look. But, we can look a lot further if we examine other directions.

I use Stan's amazingly perfect quote often: "Progress doesn't come from doing the same thing over and over, it comes from doing things in different and unpredictable ways."

(Hope I got that right Stan)

Jeff Ritzmann

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 18:11:41 +0000
Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 08:12:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 08:09:46 -0400
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 14:01:17 +0200
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

<snip>

>Then the team starts its work inside the prepared outlines, each
>one knows what to do. There is no hesitating, nearly no
>discussion. That is the key to create what we see the next
>morning.

>Especially Crabwood is a very easy design to do because it is
>all so regular, you go along the line and according to your plan
>you lay down one meter, walk on for two meter, lay down five
>meter of crop and so on. Easy.

>Now please let us stop this here because I have got the
>impression that you cannot become convinced of the reality of
>nowadays crop circles.

>Here is an interesting link for your enlightenment:

><http://www.cropcircleconnector.com/anasazi/time2007o.html>

Joachim:

I gave up trying to show that the reality of crop circles is human made and directed. Whatever the technology used to create the circle.

I just heard a individual named Calderon, on LATV - in Spanish, pretend that he could interpret the ahau Mayan symbol in the latest crop circle. It was nonsense. Simply a symbol that appealed to the designer of the crop circle. Talk about grabbing at straws.

Couldn't we all just accept that the artwork does trigger in the human psyche a response. Isn't that enough? It is like looking at the painting called the Mona Lisa and responding. Art is suppose to invoke a response.

KK

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Leslie Kean Again Interviewed On Fox TV

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 21:10:27 +0200
Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 08:18:13 -0400
Subject: Leslie Kean Again Interviewed On Fox TV

Dear Colleagues,

Leslie Kean was interviewed today (Sep, 26th) again on Fox TV about her book UFOs: Generals, Pilots And Government Officials Go On The Record.

The O'Hare incident and Phoenix Lights were also mentioned during the interview. At the beginning of the clip, anchor has also mentioned Robert Hastings's conference in National Press Club that will happen tomorrow (Sep 27th).

You can watch the interview with Leslie here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmw48zvL2CA>

Backup link:

<http://tinyurl.com/2v8xpgf>

As you'll see, Leslie is interviewed by Fox Anchor Clayton Morris, which is no surprise. When Leslie was a guest on Fox's Happening Now (August 27), Clayton took her aside to record an interview with her for his own personal video-podcast show called Paranormal Report. You can check a short excerpt on Clayton's YouTube channel:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esCftst_6IU

Backup link of the complete episode in question is available here:

<http://www.blip.tv/file/4066080>

To connect the dots even better I have uploaded this video from my archive with Clayton during the After The Show episode that was broadcast on March 29th, 2009. Clayton also mentioned the O'Hare incident and Phoenix lights during that show too. You can check it here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ehmob312t2Q>

Media momentum with the Leslie's book is still very strong.

So far I've been able to archive 31 audio interviews and 7 video interviews and numbers are still going up.

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 15:11:16 -0400
Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 08:18:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 14:06:38 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

<snip>

>Listers,

>Can we have a straw poll on UpDates.

>Has the ETH afforded UFO research any progress.

Point of curiosity: "Progress" towards what result?

Eleanor White

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Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 15:52:04 -0400
Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 08:19:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 14:01:17 +0200
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

<snip>

>Hi Eleanor,

>for a team of trained circle makers the Crabwood glyph which
>seemingly is haunting you is a challenge to create, yes, but
>with a good plan it is easy to do within the four to five dark
>hours of an English summer night.

>Believe it or don't. It is only up to you.

Four to five hours in the dark? With no spurious trampling of
the crop remaining standing? A modulated raster width image 270
by 400 feet?

No, I don't believe that is even remotely possible.

By the way, as a youngster, I did have a pair of stilts and I
did use them in tall grass. While they didn't totally flatten
the area, there was very noticeable disturbance of the grass
pattern, which would definitely show up in an aerial view.

If it's only 4 or 5 hours, then I invite glyph hoaxers to
demonstrate that on camera, in daylight hours. Duplicate the
Crabwood. Surely they have the original layout in their files.
Imagine how thrilling it would be for them to show the world how
easy it is, for these elite master craftsmen!

Imagine silencing those who don't believe all glyphs are "land
art," for all time!! I would think just the mere thought of
accomplishing that would have their hearts pounding right out of
their chests!

Eleanor White

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 15:55:54 -0400
Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 08:20:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 23:02:24 -0700
>Subject: Re: Crop Circles UFOs & Paranormal Experiences

<snip>

>Most researchers agree now that they do make formations every
>year, and in other nearby European countries as well, the
>question is how many.

I don't question that there are hoaxers. But I do seriously
question complex glyphs like Crabwood being made in "4 to 5
hours of darkness."

Eleanor White

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Re: News Links - 25-09-10

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 18:10:23 -0300
Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 08:22:49 -0400
Subject: Re: News Links - 25-09-10

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 16:45:32 +0000
>Subject: Re: News Links - 25-09-10

>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 10:10:30 -0400
>>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>>From: post.nul
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: News Links - 25-09-10

>>Strange Lights Over Tucson Could Be Possible UFO Sighting
>>KOLD-TV
>><http://tinyurl.com/2cmtwp7>

>>UFO In Tucson Finally Identified!
>>Tucson Citizen
>><http://tinyurl.com/2g9k5cy>

>>Tucson UFO Sighting: UFO Enthusiast Captures Object On Video
>>Tucson Citizen
>><http://tinyurl.com/269shdm>

>What!? No one called Raytheon to see what they had in the air?

>The company has its own airport and tests its aircraft right
>here in the middle of the Tucson/Sonoran Desert area.

>KK

Well, Kathy, since you are right there... why not call Raytheon
and ask? They can't test right over Tucson, however, so that
might be a problem.

They develop mostly missiles and lasers (LaWS) for shooting them
down. The latter are tested out to sea.

Doesn't seem to fit the bill for the sightings in Tucson.

Don Ledger

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Re: Unsubscribe

From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 18:28:44 EDT
Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 08:25:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 16:45:39 +0100
>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>>From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 21:36:25 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Unsubscribe

>Do you feel this is just a straight forward case by the MOD to
>pick someone such as Clarke to release these files to the UK
>public and UFO community at large as a known face or do you feel
>there is something a little more sinister about the whole Clarke
>and UK government UFO releases ?

Sinister no, prudent perhaps would be a better description.
After being inundated by FOI requests, and the time, effort, and
cost of responding, at some point the MOD decided to get out of
the UFO 'Game' altogether.

What better way than to release some innocuous UFO files and
thereafter direct all requests to these documents.

It seems other country's have followed in a similar vein.
Perhaps Brazil will be different, we will just have to wait and
see.

>In addition Clarke was involved in a hoax against a fellow
>ufologist in the 'Blue Hare' episode.
<snip>

>Can you elaborate anymore on the above statement?

Try this: <http://tiny.cc/0ra5m> (<http://tiny.cc/0ra5m>)

A statement of the events by Max Burns, it makes interesting
reading on the politics and skullduggery in ufology.

Kind regards,

Joe Faccenda

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>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 23:24:31 -0400
>>To: post.nul
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

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>>As I said, you'd do well to actually read my statements instead
>>of replying in reactionary fashion - I didn't say the ETH should
>>be dismissed - but that other avenues have to be explored -
>>because the ETH has not afforded us progress. Can we dismiss the
>>possibility? No. Does the reported phenomenon seem to reflect
>>the ETH? Not to me.

>Can we have a straw poll on UpDates.

Speaking less as a 'researcher' and more as an individual with an interest in the subject, I'm extremely skeptical of the ETH as currently popularized. That is, the popularized morphological forms of alien life as epitomized by the mythology that surrounds commonly depicted aliens, such as Nordics, Grays, Reptilians, etc., I believe to be highly unlikely.

To me, it's telling that all of these forms appear to be bilateral bipeds in that they represent a limited evolved morphology that seems more anthropomorphic in human ideals than physically biological. One might look to the Cambrian Explosion some half a billion years back as an example of just how morphologically weird biological forms can take. Even a starfish has more to say about exo- biological potential than the common UFO mythology surrounding intelligent alien life. Given the lack of physical and documentary evidence for bipedal alien life on the record, I'm just not convinced. Though the existence of widespread bacterial alien life - perhaps even in this solar system - does seem likely.

Some time back I wondered if some UFOs might represent a form of bacterial space faring life that might live around some habitable range around our star. I also argued that the Vallee approach to 'interdimensional existence' might be valid. I received an interesting response from David Rudiak to both. He pointed me to prior researchers who had also posited a bacterial hypothesis. He also strenuously argued against an interdimensional or "ghost" hypothesis based on the presumption that such views were not replicable. To which I argued back that, 'neither is the ETH.' That is, there are no independent variables to test against a dependent variable when it comes to the ETH, which is a result of the intermittent nature of UFO phenomena. This is indisputable. Mr. Rudiak then argued that the physical nature of the ETH better met Occam's Razor, as the interdimensional hypothesis was at least one (if not more) removed from physical evidence. However, $n \neq 0$ is still 0.

So, here I am arguing against the ETH with seemingly opposing

observations. On the one hand, I find it more likely (or reasonable) that some kind of creature made of weakly interacting (or noninteracting) matter might possibly exist, that could explain at least some UFO and folklore mythology. There's no evidence for this, as I readily admit. But, it seems more likely to me than the ridiculous claim that evolution might discard so many potential morphological forms in order to promote bilateral bipedalism. Yet, on the other hand, I'm very open to the possibility of biological forms that might live in space as bacteria and protozoa live in our oceans. Such forms would be baryonic, in the sense that they could be made of the same matter as are we.

Further, I'm very open to the possibility of interstellar travel via biomechanical nanotechnology. Perhaps small seeds or spores sent out by a host organism that would then spread across the galaxy like the reproduction of coral reef polyps. Underlying this rationale is the presumption that a truly interstellar space faring society would have little reason to retain their original biological form once nano-technology is developed to manipulate matter at the atomic scale. Such a society would evince "self directed evolution" via technological means toward something thoroughly non-biological. At that point, why manufacture pressure sealed 'tin cans' in space? Why not just live in space as one's natural environment directly? If we're dealing with a star faring extraterrestrial civilization, that's what I would expect; not biological aliens flying around in space ships but their descendants who - after time - would exist as biomechanical organisms living in space as their default environment. Popular mythologies surrounding Grays, Reptilians, and Nordics seem utterly ridiculous by those presuppositions.

-M

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>Radar and visual evidence is fine to look at - however it fails
>to really accomplish very much in terms of study in regard to
>the enigmatic "other".

>A photo or video of a UFO after thorough examination with the
>best possible tools is interesting, yes. If they are regulated
>to "unknown", great. However even compelling visual data doesn't
>answer the bigger questions:

>- What is it made of?
>- Where it is from?
>- Who does it belong to?
>- What is inside (if anything).

These questions, or minor variants thereof, often remain unanswered in fields where the knowledge base is largely empirical, e.g., astronomy. If you can't directly examine the phenomenon in the laboratory, then you're simply stuck with whatever data can be gathered remotely, however sparse.

Numerous equivalents of "radar/visuals" have been obtained for gamma-ray bursts and high-energy cosmic rays, without producing much in the way of explanation. I see no need to start seeking 'paranormal' foundations for these phenomena.

>You also mention on the Paracast that there's a component of
>paranormal events that are real, but only for a short period.

>I, in no small part completely agree with you. I have been
>saying the same thing for years. It can be real when it wants to
>be, but it doesn't have to be. I see the UFO as predominantly
>paranormal, although there may be multiple answers for it,
>including extraterrestrials.

This seems both unfalsifiable and uneconomical. Why create a multiplicity of independent origins for ostensibly equivalent events? Doesn't it seem an odd coincidence that these transient, paranormal 'glitches' would take the same form as an objective, physical phenomenon? Is it not reasonable to suppose, at least tentatively, that the subjective, 'visionary' manifestations are essentially by-products that derive from the (known or presumed) existence of the 'real thing'?

>If the paranormal is "real" for a period of time - then is it
>such a stretch that a paranormal manifestation (and not
>ET craft) might give a radar return before dissipating back

>into the "whatever?"

That's not a slippery slope, that's free-fall. Did that traffic light really just turn green, or is this some furtive paranormal manifestation, soon to dissipate back into the 'whatever'?

> I believe you even stated in an interview that you shot >down the Cryptoterrestrial hypothesis due to a lack of >evidence. Stating the "chances are zero", and that these >Cryptoterrestrials would leave massive evidence of their >existence. My answer to that (and as far as the CTH - I fully >agree with you) is any *Extraterrestrial* culture coming >here would also leave massive, rather undeniable evidence - >especially with the alleged frequency of these visits.

I don't see the equivalence here. ETs could at least make a conscious decision to conceal themselves and avoid leaving physical traces. It is another matter entirely to erase, after the fact, the physical infrastructure, not to mention the transitional fossil forms, of a non-human advanced civilization that originated on Earth.

>To date, we have not one shred of physical evidence that is >unambiguous. Ted Phillips, who I admire and respect greatly, has >spent decades documenting physical trace cases - however again, >physical trace cases don't tell us much about the phenomenon >other than something unknown interacted with the environment. It >cannot be qualified as extraterrestrial either. I look at that >and see a distinct possibility of black project testing gone >awry, a planned exposure of the black project to further >facilitate the "cover" of such projects with the UFO subject >matter, or the genuine enigma. How do you differentiate the two?

>In the end, you can't. Because as many times as I hear a >ufologist say "we don't have that kind of technology" - my >response is often, "How the hell do you know? Are you privy to >every clandestine project our government has in testing or >operation?" The discussion usually abruptly ends at that point, >because they cannot answer - they simply don't know. It comes >down to a simple question in the end, that no one knows how to >answer.

But this rests primarily on the triviality that one can't prove a negative. It's true, there's no way to rigorously prove that these phenomena are not clandestine government projects. It is equally valid (and vacuous) to point out that, for all we know, they are mischief perpetrated by the Greek gods. As is repeated often in this forum to little avail, the fact that we have no unambiguous physical evidence for any particular theory does not mean that all such proposals are equally plausible.

<snip>

>I suspected it was a communication issue to start with. But it >seems rather than press him politely to clarify it, some saw fit >to make it a matter of personal attacks and aggression. Not >dissimilar to much of what's happened in my subsequent questions >and posts. In case you haven't noticed, it looks like I too have >been regarded as a heretic for my questioning - and I'm sure >that won't cease anytime soon. It's been going on for years, and >thankfully I'm not alone.

<snip>

>Much like the garbage of regression hypnosis painted an >inaccurate and likely false picture of the "alien abduction" >issue, so too, as far as I'm concerned, has the ETH done to the >very compelling and interesting UFO problem. Ufology has >stagnated, and I personally believe it's due to other theories >being damned in favor of yet another belief system.

The smugness and condescension of hard-core ETH proponents is generally compensated by the annoying martyrdom of self-perceived Galileos touting their alternatives, generally in inverse proportion to their plausibility.

I have yet to hear how anyone's particular theory of origin for UFOs would have any practical impact on their study. What would you do differently in the case that the ETH is false? So far you've suggested changing the format of the questionnaires... is

that the breakthrough we've been waiting for? Is that going to alter or obviate the analysis of photos, radar returns, or physical traces?

Ufology may or may not have stagnated, but the idea that 'progress' is being held up by the ETH itself is simply untenable. Data gathering and analysis is progress, regardless of whatever the most fashionable theory of origin is.

Mike

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PRG Update - September 26, 2010

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
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PRG
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - September 16, 2010

PRG Media Archive
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2010.html

[Please note: an important new module will be added to the PRG Media Archive next week. Stay tuned.]

It took about 150 hours, but the PRG Media Archive is once again current and sitting at 663 mainstream media, English language articles for 2010. Due to the huge growth of coverage of the UFO/ET issue, this archive is now representational of the ongoing coverage. The total number of articles for 2010 is likely double those listed. This is because many stories are now being written up in 20, 30, 40 venues with similar or identical content. Archiving all such articles would be counterproductive diluting the ability to survey the media content. The total number of articles written up in mainstream media since 1947 is probably in the 25,000 range. The number of articles not in English since 1947 is unknown, but certainly many thousands.

PRG created the PRG Media Archive to make mainstream reporters and editors aware the UFO/ET issue is in fact being covered extensively by standard media worldwide. More importantly it is to show the vast majority of this coverage - 95% plus in the modern era - is straight with little or no ridicule. The intent is to lower the fear barrier to proper engagement of the issue as the world slowly comes out from under the weakening truth embargo.

For some time we have been just one media feeding frenzy away from Disclosure. Which brings us to...

UFOs and Nukes Press Conference
National Press Club - September 27

[Please note: this PC is not open to the general public, only to credentialed media and political staffers.]

The third major witness press conference addressing UFO/ET related issues will be held at the National Press Club on Monday, September 27. The first was in May of 2001 (Disclosure Project) and the second in November of 2007 (Kean/Fox). PRG believes this press conference may prove the most important ever and has the potential to end the truth embargo by triggering a major shift in media coverage. Why? It is the direct connection to nuclear facilities and national security. Such a connection gives an already spring loaded media a clear hook upon which to hang their hat and purse and get to work.

The advanced coverage of this press event has been considerable and would portend significant print and television media attendance. Examples of the advance coverage are shown below:

Daily Mail (UK) <http://tinyurl.com/25am4qs>

AOL News: <http://tinyurl.com/26crgao>
<http://tinyurl.com/2e9bb5a>
OneIndia (India): <http://tinyurl.com/336sb77>
Digital Journal: www.digitaljournal.com/article/298041
Perth Now (Australia): <http://tinyurl.com/3xrrc2g>
News.com.au (Australia): <http://tinyurl.com/28h1l8h>
Fox News: <http://tinyurl.com/276dr25>
New Kerala (India): <http://tinyurl.com/25dvhhc>
Tucson Citizen: <http://tinyurl.com/238kajx>
Reuters: <http://tinyurl.com/2d4ng7w>

You can't attend, but here is how you can help. This event is going to generate mainstream press articles and television interviews. When you encounter these, forward them via email to your friends, colleagues, local media and political representatives. Place article and video links on your Facebook and MySpace pages and tag them to your friends. If you have a blog, write about the event and embed videos. Write a letter to your local paper early to point out what has transpired and why you want the paper to follow up.

Media feeding frenzies are exactly like nuclear reactions (fittingly). If the amount of overall traffic on and off web reaches a critical mass, it explodes. Nothing can withstand such a frenzy. Don't think so? Ask Bill Clinton.

Upcoming Conferences
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/conferences.html

PRG 2010 Fundraiser
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/contribute.htm

[This is the second posting for the once-a-year fund raiser for PRG's advocacy work to end the UFO/ET Truth Embargo. Since typically only about one-third of even a directed group emailing gets opened, it will be repeated one more time. Please pardon the repetition.]

The United States economy is in serious trouble largely due to decades of bad policies. That means most of you aren't in such good shape either. And you are also well aware that bad governmental policy is not confined to just the economic sector. The levels of distrust, paranoia and lack of confidence in government and media institutions are at unprecedented low levels.

PRG believes Disclosure of the ET presence leading to the emergence into the public domain of ET derived technology is the key to turning things around. It could lead to a technological/economic renaissance and an age of reform and restructuring. The question is constantly asked, "When will Disclosure happen?" The best answer is, "Disclosure is inevitable and soon. But will it be soon enough?"

PRG is presently \$40,000 in debt primarily due to X-Conference 2010. An effort is ongoing to find a major funder - PRG's S. R. Hadden - to make new projects like Contact 2011 and the Citizen Hearing possible and allow for the expansion of ongoing projects such as the Exopolitics World Network Cities Initiative and the Fax on Washington. Right now this effort is focused overseas as almost all funding sources in the U. S. remain frozen behind the truth embargo.

Eventually major funding will turn up, but until then, your contributions are critical to keep things moving forward. Information about contributing to PRG is at the above webpage.

Much Thanks,

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News Links - 26-09-10

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UFO Photographed Over Ancient Chinese City
People's Daily Online
<http://tinyurl.com/2vonv4e>

Chinese Media To U.S. Regarding UFO Coverage: Grow A Pair
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/22ontpo>

Tucson UFO Sighting: Event Witnessed By Many Remains A Mystery
Tucson Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/2dbv6dl>

Aliens 'Hit Our Nukes': They Even Landed At A Suffolk Base,
Claim Airmen
Daily Mail
<http://tinyurl.com/29h7ec4>

Extraterrestrial UFOs Are Real - NASA Astronauts
UFO Blogger
<http://tinyurl.com/3yfr52c>

Twisted History: UFOs For Real?
Torrington Register Citizen
<http://tinyurl.com/3y7fpth>

Alvin Lawson - UFO Researcher Questioned Beliefs Of Alleged
Abductees
Los Angeles Times
<http://tinyurl.com/2eyys9a>

Taken Up - Aliens & UFOs
UFODigest
<http://tinyurl.com/343t9kt>

From 'The Norm':

Skeptics, Pelicanists And Prozac Explanations
Best UFO Resources
<http://tinyurl.com/2uotxln>

Items Relating To Robert Hastings
<http://tinyurl.com/mwppbv>

What Bruce Maccabee Doesn't Tell You About His Investigation Of
The Famous McMinnville/Trent UFO-Photo
by Philip J. Klass [1995]
<http://tinyurl.com/33x9jeh>

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Re: Bashing The ETH

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 13:22:08 +0100
Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 10:02:32 -0400
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>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 12:59:24 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

<snip>

>One cannot propose a mystery as an explanation to a mystery. It
>doesn't work. The best way to approach the UFO phenomenon is via
>science.

Hello,

Thank you for your opinion on how you feel the UFOs reported
every day around the world since biblical times need be
addressed.

Please post to the List your scientific answers to this long
drawn out mystery of the skies and space.

Roy

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 10:03:51 -0400
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>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 13:53:22 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 09:30:57 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 23:24:31 -0400
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>>>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:16:58 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>It is my view that the ETH remains useful for physical-evidence
>>cases (presuming that the galaxy harbors a massive ETI
>>population)

<snip>

>I'm not sure how it remains useful for physical evidence cases
>when no physical evidence case can be concretely defined as
>coming from a technologically advanced extraterrestrial
>culture's interaction with our environment.

Sort of the shortest distance between two points, I'd guess,
unless you're arguing for cryptoterrestrials, ultraterrestrials,
and some other non extra-terrestrials, or somesuch.

I've explained my reasoning. If you're interested in something
other than pointless repetition of your own beliefs and
opinions, you might read Swords and Ashpole, who've written
lucidly on the ETH in relation to modern science.

There is nothing here for me to discuss further with you. I
responded to your original posting only to dispute the baseless
notion that non-ET speculators are persecuted by fellow
ufologists. I'm not persecuting you. I'm just going on to more
productive matters, some of which have a paycheck associated
with them.

Jerry Clark

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From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 13:32:55 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 08:37:32 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>><snip>

>>The ETH has forced us to think of new approaches to atmospheric
>>propulsion, to deep space propulsion, to the behavior of
>>governments, to how we must look to other civilizations, to the
>>abundance of intelligent life in the local galactic
>>neighborhood, to how primitive our society must seem, to the
>>special characteristics of planet Earth among many other things.

>>It has also forced us to recognize the closed mindedness and
>>arrogance of the SETI and Astronomical communities.

>>Stan Friedman

>True as all this may be, it's not the point of progress into
>investigation and theories of the UFO subject's nature, or
>origins.

>What you have listed here would largely be derived from our
>internalization and interpretation of enigmatic UFO data (if any
>of it is to be attributed to the UFO subject at all).

>It's like saying if the prevailing theory was that UFOs are
>demons, then we'd have advancements in magic. Again, it's
>inspiration by way of our cultural filter and interpretations -
>not any factual knowledge that the UFO represents an
>extraterrestrial culture.

>I might also add from my viewpoint only, that much of what you
>list are things man has been contemplating long before, and
>likely not even in conjunction with, the UFO issue.

>The question is: "Has the ETH afforded UFO research any
>progress?"

>Not, has thoughts or theories of extraterrestrial cultures, been
>beneficial to our thought processes. That's just moving the
>goalposts from the actual question.

How in the world, or out of it, does any theory become
beneficial to our thought processes? People think. Not theories.

The ETH provides a coherent picture of ET civilizations sending
large space carriers carrying small Earth Excursion Modules.

These EEMs demonstrate extraordinary maneuverability, are able
to fly silent circles around earthling vehicles, and are able to

land and take off from areas not much larger than the craft.

They sometimes debark humanoid crews which perform various acts of sample extraction from the surroundings and sometimes collect humans who are usually returned, often with handling marks.

They do not land on the White House Lawn or other politically sensitive places, nor do they make mass demonstrations to huge crowds, nor apparently ask to be taken to our leaders.

They clearly have superior technology to Earthlings and will respond when attacked such as in the Cuban MIG case.

Stan Friedman

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Willingham And The Del Rio Crash

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
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Subject: Willingham And The Del Rio Crash

List, All...

For about two years I have been investigating the claims of Robert B. Willingham who said that he had seen a flying saucer crash just across the border from Texas in Mexico. Originally, I believed this tale because, from what I was told, Willingham was a retired Air Force colonel and I couldn't see such a man lying about a flying saucer crash.

As I was working on Crash - When UFOs Fall From The Sky (a shameless plug) I thought I would revisit this case to see if there was anything new about it. Imagine my surprise when I saw that the date had changed, the type of aircraft involved changed, the base changed and a few other facts had been modified. This did not bode well.

The December 6, 1950 date was now sometime in the mid-1950s... maybe 1954, maybe 1955, maybe as late as 1957.

But this wasn't the first alteration in the date. Len Stringfield, in his MUFON paper on UFO crash/retrievals suggested a 1948 date. It would seem that someone who was involved would not have that much trouble with a date, changing it as the mood, and the facts seemed to move him.

I then asked Noe Torres and Ruben Uriarte, who had written a book about Willingham for some help. They were most gracious in supplying it, giving me a copy of their book and sending along both photographs and documents to prove that Willingham had been an Air Force colonel. They also said that Bruce Maccabee had checked him out.

Bruce told me no, but that Todd Zechel had checked him out. Well, that seemed a little shaky, so I attempted to find the military records. Willingham, according to all the documentation from disinterested parties, had been a low-ranking enlisted man who served from December 1945 to January 1947 in the Army. There are no records to show any other service.

Willingham supplied a couple of documents, but it's clear that they are faked. One of them, which seemed to show he had retired as a lieutenant colonel and which looks impressive, is a fake, according to the people at the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver, which is allegedly the agency to have issued it. I was not the first to try to verify it. Willingham had sent them a copy in an attempt to get some sort of military pension.

All the authentic documentation I have seen, and all the pictures, are from the Civil Air Patrol, a civilian volunteer auxiliary of the Air Force. It is clear that Willingham served in the CAP for a long time, rising to lieutenant colonel, but I have seen nothing to suggest he was ever in the Air Force.

The Del Rio story had been around a long time and it was said that Zechel had stumbled onto it through a newspaper article published in 1968. I could never find that article, but did find one published in the February/March 68 issue of Skylook, the forerunner to the MUFON Journal. In that, the date of the crash is 1948, Willingham is identified as a CAP colonel, and he

claims there were three objects. As you can see, radical changes to the story that he tells today.

The conclusion that I have drawn is that Willingham was not an Air Force colonel, was not an Air Force fighter pilot, did not serve in Korea as he claimed, and invented the story of the 1948 UFO crash in 1968. Given his connection to the CAP I wondered if the genesis of the story isn't the CAP aircraft accident in Mexico in that time frame as discovered by Dennis Stacy and Tom Deuley. It seems to be too much of a coincidence.

There is no other living witness to the Del Rio crash, and with the changes made by Willingham, and with the lack of anything establishing him as an Air Force fighter pilot, which is crucial to his story, the only conclusion that I can draw is there was no Del Rio crash. We now have enough information to reject it. Like so much else, it should be relegated to a footnote.

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>The only constant is ambiguity, if that's as far as we look.
>But, we can look a lot further if we examine other directions.

>I use Stan's amazingly perfect quote often: "Progress doesn't
>come from doing the same thing over and over, it comes from
>doing things in different and unpredictable ways."

>(Hope I got that right Stan)

What I normally say is "Technological progress comes from doing
things differently in an unpredictable way. The future is NOT
and extrapolation of the past. One has to change how one does
things."

But I have also said I would be astonished if an advanced civili-
zation didn't have knowledge of many areas that seem paranormal
to us such as telepathy, the world of the spirit, reincarnation,
observations by people of activity within the human body, etc.X
rays, Radio and TV would have seemed paranormal 150 years ago.

Stan

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>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
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>One cannot propose a mystery as an explanation to a mystery. It
>doesn't work. The best way to approach the UFO phenomenon is via
>science.

Fine Jason, but first we have to get some science.

Try an experiment - spin a coin on your desk-top. It stands upright while it's spinning - but our 'science' doesn't know why ("gyroscopic principle" is only a label hiding ignorance).

Then look at your finger - why doesn't it disintegrate ('sublime') into a mist of vapor, proteins and even smaller bits? Again, our 'science' doesn't know what compresses molecules, atoms and protons (they merely label a couple of 'magic forces' - no reasons).

The same goes for all electro-magnetic phenomena - 'magic forces' - no known reasons.

I estimate we might know somewhere between 1 to 10% of physical reasons - most probably toward the lower end.

If you're going to restrict yourself to accepted 'human science' you might as well be blindfolded, maybe better, because the little we think we know only serves to confuse and limit our thinking.

As A.R Wallace said, "there is no law of nature yet known to us but may be apparently contravened by the action of more recondite laws or forces".

Ray D

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Re: Bashing The ETH

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 15:39:10 +0100
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 07:04:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 18:15:06 -0600
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

<snip>

>Is it not reasonable to suppose, at least
>tentatively, that the subjective, 'visionary' manifestations are
>essentially by-products that derive from the (known or
>presumed) existence of the 'real thing'?

<snip>

This is the single most sensible point that has been made in this entire discussion. If we are dealing with extremely advanced technologies operating in apparent defiance of our understanding of maths/physics/engineering, then this would be a perfectly reasonable assumption to make. It also provides a healthy antidote to unproductive objective/subjective dichotomies - all of which are called into question when we take on the full import of the 'by-product' conjecture.

It really is a simple point, but if the implications are thought through carefully and patiently, then it can clarify a lot of issues.

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

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>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 13:53:22 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Sat, 25 Sep 2010 09:30:57 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 23:24:31 -0400
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>>>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:16:58 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>It is my view that the ETH remains useful for physical-evidence
>>cases (presuming that the galaxy harbors a massive ETI
>>population)

<snip>

>I'm not sure how it remains useful for physical evidence cases
>when no physical evidence case can be concretely defined as
>coming from a technologically advanced extraterrestrial
>culture's interaction with our environment.

>Sort of the shortest distance between two points, I'd guess,
>unless you're arguing for cryptoterrestrials, ultraterrestrials,
>and some other non extra-terrestrials, or somesuch.

I'd be arguing for a lack of convincing data that points to
extraterrestrial visitors - yet we all know where these cases
often go - the "we don't have technology that can do this so it
must be something extraterrestrial" bin. I've already posted
that such cases are open ended and don't point conclusively to
extraterrestrials, or possibly even this phenomenon at all..

I don't argue for a theory - I argue that we've picked a
prevailing theory that doesn't fit, and so it's time to look in
other directions. I also argue that we don't know - and that we
ought to look in other places before building entire
infrastructures of belief upon the pedestrian answer to what
seems to be completely "alien".

Many seem to think "other directions" means demonic forces,
fairies, etc..."wild-ass" I believe was your terminology.

Says a lot about this discussion/List when it's arbitrarily
retitled "Bashing The ETH" especially when I certainly made it
clear multiple times that the ETH has to remain on the table

I only speak of the subjective nature of the phenomenon and that
looking into human consciousness and the nature of perception
and reality - while not directly of interest to many in UFOs,

might yield different ways to view the subject and give small strings to pull on and see where they lead us back to. Better questions about this phenomenon are sure as hell not coming from UFOlogy as we have known it.

>I've explained my reasoning. If you're interested in something >other than pointless repetition of your own beliefs and >opinions, you might read Swords and Ashpole, who've written >lucidly on the ETH in relation to modern science..

>There is nothing here for me to discuss further with you. I >responded to your original posting only to dispute the baseless >notion that non-ET speculators are persecuted by fellow >ufologists. I'm not persecuting you. I'm just going on to more >productive matters, some of which have a paycheck associated >with them.

I have no hardcore "beliefs" and am not interested in believing anything. I also don't choose to repeat myself either - I brought up several issues in response to your reply to me, which you chose not to address. That's fine. It's fairly typical in this subject for people to pick their answers and ignore what isn't in their best interest in the discussion to answer.

Thanks for the discussion - spoke volumes.

Jeff Ritzmann

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Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 12:36:48 -0400
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 07:08:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 05:52:20 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 13:32:55 -0400
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>>The ETH has forced us to think of new approaches to atmospheric
>>propulsion, to deep space propulsion, to the behavior of
>>governments, to how we must look to other civilizations, to the
>>abundance of intelligent life in the local galactic
>>neighborhood, to how primitive our society must seem, to the
>>special characteristics of planet Earth among many other things.

>>It has also forced us to recognize the closed mindedness and
>>arrogance of the SETI and Astronomical communities.

>>Stan Friedman

>True as all this may be, it's not the point of progress into
>investigation and theories of the UFO subject's nature, or
>origins.

>What you have listed here would largely be derived from our
>internalization and interpretation of enigmatic UFO data (if any
>of it is to be attributed to the UFO subject at all).

>It's like saying if the prevailing theory was that UFOs are
>demons, then we'd have advancements in magic. Again, it's
>inspiration by way of our cultural filter and interpretations -
>not any factual knowledge that the UFO represents an
>extraterrestrial culture.

>I might also add from my viewpoint only, that much of what you
>list are things man has been contemplating long before, and
>likely not even in conjunction with, the UFO issue.

>The question is: "Has the ETH afforded UFO research any
>progress?"

>Not, has thoughts or theories of extraterrestrial cultures, been
>beneficial to our thought processes. That's just moving the
>goalposts from the actual question.

>How in the world, or out of it, does any theory become
>beneficial to our thought processes? People think. Not theories.

<snip>

Stan-

You stated "The ETH has forced us to think of new approaches to atmospheric propulsion, to deep space propulsion".

That implies to me that you think the ETH has been beneficial to our thoughts on the subject matter you state above. That's pushing a thought process in a different direction, which you say the ETH has "forced" us to do.

I didn't agree with that either - but you brought it up.

Jeff Ritzmann

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From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 13:44:33 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 07:10:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 13:22:08 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 12:59:24 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

<snip>

>>One cannot propose a mystery as an explanation to a mystery. It
>>doesn't work. The best way to approach the UFO phenomenon is via
>>science.

>Thank you for your opinion on how you feel the UFOs reported
>every day around the world since biblical times need be
>addressed.

>Please post to the List your scientific answers to this long
>drawn out mystery of the skies and space.

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-Jason Gammon

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UFOs & Nukes NPC Conference - Media Coverage

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 23:49:18 +0200
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 07:12:22 -0400
Subject: UFOs & Nukes NPC Conference - Media Coverage

Dear Colleagues,

This is NECN Comcast 18-minute video portion from UFO & Nukes conference held today in National Press Club in Washington (Sep 27th):

<http://tinyurl.com/2dxh32s>

And here you can watch TV piece about the conference from Australia's Channel 7 - The Morning Show:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlegmDq6NNc>

Best Wishes

Giuliano

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PRG Press Release - September 28, 2010

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 18:31:54 -0400
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 07:14:20 -0400
Subject: PRG Press Release - September 28, 2010

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

Press Release - September 28, 2010

Washington, DC - Today at the National Press Club testimony from one researcher and seven former members of the United States Air Force was presented to more than two dozen print and television reporters. The subject was: the UFO-Nukes Connection. It was sponsored and organized by researcher Robert Hastings, author of UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites, and Capt. Robert Salas (USAF retired).

This was the third major witness press conference addressing UFO/ET related issues. The first was in May of 2001 (Disclosure Project) and the second in November of 2007 (Kean/Fox). PRG believes this press conference may prove the most important and has the potential to end the truth embargo by triggering a major shift in media coverage. Why? It is the direct connection to nuclear facilities and national security. Such a connection gives an already spring loaded media a clear hook upon which to hang their hat and purse and get to work.

Notably the event was live streamed in full by CNN to the Internet and is available at:

www.blip.tv/file/4172861

Considerable video material providing content background can be viewed at the following web pages:

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=capt+robert+salas&aq=f

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=robert+hastings+nukes&aq=f

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=malmstrom+ufo&aq=f

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=col+charles+halt&aq=f

"What should happen now," stated PRG executive director Stephen Bassett, who attended the event, "is for members of the political press to direct specific questions regarding this testimony at the press spokespersons for the Department and Defense, U.S. Air Force and the Central Intelligence Agency and expect answers from Secretaries Robert Gates, Michael Donley and Leon Panetta."

"At least that is what is supposed to happen if the political media in Washington, DC are not under government- or self-imposed restraints."

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From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 01:03:27 +0200
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 07:24:31 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs & Nukes NPC Conference - Media Coverage

Dear Colleagues,

Thanks to Dave Haith for initial alert.

Nick Pope was just interviewed on Talk Sport Radio about the UFO & Nukes Press Conference.

I uploaded that audio here:

<http://www.megaupload.com/?d=3FI3B5L6>

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Raytheon [was: News Links - 25-09-10]

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 00:35:02 +0000
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 07:27:14 -0400
Subject: Raytheon [was: News Links - 25-09-10]

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 18:10:23 -0300
>Subject: Re: News Links - 25-09-10

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 16:45:32 +0000
>>Subject: Re: News Links - 25-09-10

>>>Strange Lights Over Tucson Could Be Possible UFO Sighting
>>>KOLD-TV
>>><http://tinyurl.com/2cmtwp7>

>>>UFO In Tucson Finally Identified!
>>>Tucson Citizen
>>><http://tinyurl.com/2g9k5cy>

>>>Tucson UFO Sighting: UFO Enthusiast Captures Object On Video
>>>Tucson Citizen
>>><http://tinyurl.com/269shdm>

>>What!? No one called Raytheon to see what they had in the air?

>>The company has its own airport and tests its aircraft right
>>here in the middle of the Tucson/Sonoran Desert area.

>Well, Kathy, since you are right there... why not call Raytheon
>and ask? They can't test right over Tucson, however, so that
>might be a problem.

>They develop mostly missiles and lasers (LaWS) for shooting them
>down. The latter are tested out to sea.

>Doesn't seem to fit the bill for the sightings in Tucson.

Don:

Raytheon also tests UAVs, various airborne technology using
aircraft they own. Sometimes this technology is tested over the
desert just south of Tucson. This is where my house is located.
Sometimes, I have spotted an experimental craft flying just to
the west of me. Usually, over the mountains of mine tailing
debris from the Rosemont mines.

I have reported those sightings in this chat group.

Naturally, I assumed that the so-called ufo was something from
Raytheon. Therefore, to my mind, it was identified.

Interesting that you felt you could school me in who and what
Raytheon does to make money. Some of my neighbors are ex-
Raytheon employees. They willingly share what they did for a
living.

KK

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Compiled News Articles/Reports On NPC

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Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 04:28:12 -0700
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 08:13:22 -0400
Subject: Compiled News Articles/Reports On NPC

Message to Facebook members of UFOs and Nukes Press Conference:

<http://tinyurl.com/2brl69l>

The Press Conference was a complete success, the goal of getting good mainstream media coverage appears to be realized.

When Robert Salas returns from D.C. I think you can communicate with him here on Facebook.

I gathered all the main NEWS/Reports/Videos from the web and here is the list. Its good to see this many reports

CNN - Listed #1 under most popular articles

<http://tinyurl.com/2fv6fvt>

MSNBC

<http://tinyurl.com/2f43rht>

Foxnews

<http://tinyurl.com/276dr25>

Great Falls Tribune

<http://tinyurl.com/2ba8e5f>

The Sun

<http://tinyurl.com/38lseym>

The Sun

<http://tinyurl.com/34gg8tl>

TV Station Report ---Very Good

<http://tinyurl.com/3xgl2f8>

The Australian

<http://tinyurl.com/28hll8h>

The Daily Mail - UK

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

Military Times

<http://tinyurl.com/393qps3>

Air Force Times

<http://tinyurl.com/29k7v7l>

MyFox Detroit - Video

<http://tinyurl.com/29n3pjq>

The Washington Post

<http://tinyurl.com/34qr2y2>

Veterans Today

<http://tinyurl.com/28pn9vv>

OneNewsPage

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

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When the parents of a person kidnapped by terrorists are left only with the structure of a belief, a belief that their son daughter will return home safely, I realize how purposeful a belief can be, they are after all human.

Roy

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Hello,

After 20 years of looking at UFOs from a world perspective you
have told me nothing new about UFOs but your expressed opinions,
now kindly please post your scientific answers that you have
regarding UFOs to this List so that we can see how your science
has answered the UFO question.

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New videos about Conference added...

Fox 5 News - Former Air Force Officials Claim UFO Sighted At Military Bases
- Part I
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJr6PhiXuiE>

Fox 5 News - Former Air Force Officials Claim UFO Sighted At Military Bases
- Part II
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHaEDY2R12s>

Fox News Comments About Conference:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2Y6VkvU_Cs&feature=player_embedded

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Re: Raytheon

From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 13:45:06 +0200
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 08:59:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Raytheon

Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 12:38:00 GMT
From: lists.nul <Joachim Koch>
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
Subject: Re: Raytheon [was: News Links - 25-09-10]

>From: Kathy Kasten<catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates<post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 00:35:02 +0000
>Subject: Raytheon [was: News Links - 25-09-10]

>Interesting that you felt you could school me in who and what
>Raytheon does to make money. Some of my neighbors are ex-
>Raytheon employees. They willingly share what they did for a
>living.

Hi Kathy,

What you are writing here is thrilling for me because just a few weeks ago I visited Raytheon's website in the course of my research for a HAARP lecture I have to give in October.

As I understand, Raytheon has bought all the enterprises which once ran that HAARP heater. And they develop most if not all the new non-lethal weapons the American military is so proud of?

Maybe we could exchange information off-list?

Best,

Joachim

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Re: Bashing The ETH

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 12:43:48 +0100
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 09:02:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Jeff Ritzmann <jeff.ritzmann.nul>
>Date: Fri, 24 Sep 2010 23:24:31 -0400
>To: post.nul
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 08:16:58 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>For his part, in my judgment, Dave Clarke - who assures me
>>privately that he agrees with me on this broad observation about
>>the role (and limitation) of folklore studies in our subject -
>>ought to have made that a whole lot clearer on his Updates
>>postings. We would have been spared a lot of heat.

>I suspected it was a communication issue to start with.

Well for my part, it wasn't just a communication issue. The
issue for me was (and is) the way practitioners on the liberal
arts are increasingly trying to pass themselves off as social
scientists. The world doesn't need yet another ersatz social
science.

Cathy

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Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 12:44:49 +0100
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 09:04:04 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 01:04:28 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>But a SETI researcher is entitled to ask some questions of the
>>ETH, such as: What does this actually tell us about alien
>>intelligence?

>And the ETH researcher is entitled to respond - 'Not a great
>deal thus far, and that is why we need to do a lot more work on
>it. Rather like your research in that respect isn't it?'

It's very much like psychology, which is why I don't believe
psychology works as a scientific discipline any more than
Ufology does. But it is hardly true of neuroscience.

>>How does it help us to design research to increase our
>>knowledge further?

>I think that is fairly straightforward. We are still at the data
>gathering stage, and our mechanisms are extremely uneven and
>haphazard.

But this is the same tiresome old excuse we keep getting from
social scientists. Indeed Dave Clarke served it up again last
week.

People have been collecting UFO data for over half a century.
Plenty of time to get your "mechanisms" sorted out and to decide
what you're going to do with them.

>We need to standardise the data, gather much more of it (both
>geographically and over time), get it into a global database (a
>sophisticated and flexible one that supports complex queries and
>a cross-disciplinary approach), and then make it available to
>researchers.

Who will then do what with it?

Oh, and by the way - how are you going to standardize the data?
What does that even mean in this context?

>>I don't believe the ETH can answer these
>>questions.

>Nor should it have to. To start expecting answers about alien
>intelligence is jumping the gun.

It might be time for one or two good (and testable) questions,
though.

>Issues of research design
>should be independent of any specific hypothesis.

If you're doing market research or literary criticism, maybe. If
you want to do science then hypotheses are absolutely central to
any credible research design.

Cathy

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Re: UFOs & Nukes NPC Conference - Media Coverage

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 09:39:31 -0400
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 09:53:26 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs & Nukes NPC Conference - Media Coverage

CNN is covering the NPC Conference as well:

<http://tinyurl.com/2aekv3h>

<http://tinyurl.com/9v426>

Although, the on-air personalities were somewhat dismissive in their coverage, so this isn't likely to trigger follow-up.

Steve

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>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 15:39:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 18:15:06 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

<snip>

>>Is it not reasonable to suppose, at least
>>tentatively, that the subjective, 'visionary' manifestations are
>>essentially by-products that derive from the (known or
>>presumed) existence of the 'real thing'?

<snip>

>This is the single most sensible point that has been made in
>this entire discussion. If we are dealing with extremely
>advanced technologies operating in apparent defiance of our
>understanding of maths/physics/engineering, then this would be a
>perfectly reasonable assumption to make. It also provides a
>healthy antidote to unproductive objective/subjective
>dichotomies - all of which are called into question when we take
>on the full import of the 'by-product' conjecture.

>It really is a simple point, but if the implications are thought
>through carefully and patiently, then it can clarify a lot of
>issues.

Or maybe not. It certainly hasn't done that in ufology. On the
other hand, it is possible, though I don't think so, that I
misread the verb "derive" in Michael Tarbell's remark. If so, I
apologize for what follows, in which I infer the meaning is
"produced by."

Nobody who has participated in this discussion has read my
"Experience Anomalies" essay (originally my Dinsdale Award
lecture to the Society for Scientific Exploration), which I have
mentioned more than once. I refuse to reconstruct its argument
here. For one thing, I'm trying to write a book, aka make a
living, and I don't need to get dragged into List discussions,
even interesting ones like this. So - I hope - I will keep my
nose out of this as much as possible in the future.

Let me say, to start with, that reasoning like the above, while
it possesses a surface plausibility, ignores a fundamental
truth: UFO phenomena are not unique in being extraordinary and
anomalous. The world is and always has been awash in fantastic
claims and experiences, some of them difficult to explain in
prosaic terms and many more badly so explained. A small number
are even broadly UFO-like (e.g., mystery airships, ghost lights)
but are not reducible to UFOs in any coherent sense. (And anyone
who claims airships amounted to UFOs as we understand them
doesn't know what he or she is talking about. I speak as one who
has been studying the phenomenon - which was worldwide, by the
way - since the mid-1960s.)

So either we decide (as above) that UFOs are generating everything weird (by which I mean ghosts, poltergeists, cryptozoological animals, fairies, all otherworldly entities, maybe ESP and precognition ... the list is endless), or we begin to think about what makes UFO reports distinct from everything else (and to search archives for recognizable UFOs, which are there to be found in period sources, outside the culture of flying saucers). We need also think about what's distinctive about the various anomalies and also about what patterns link them, and about how they manifest in other times and places. That's where folklore studies can be helpful, since they preserve relevant materials nearly everybody else - in official culture anyway - ignored. Folklore studies, on the other hand, have nothing to contribute to analysis of radar/visuals, CE2s, and the like, except perhaps for their utility to debunking rhetorical strategies.

A literalist approach has historically led us to three dead ends: (1) mass dismissal (UFOs are just fairies in disguise, and since fairies don't exist, UFOs don't either; case closed, however many questions begged); (2) Keelism in its original form, i.e., with demons; (3) revisionist Keelism, i.e., with ETs. Happily, there are other possibilities, and I don't mean cryptoterrestrials.

Which brings me back to the essay nobody has read.

Jerry Clark

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Washington Post's Sloppy News Coverage [was:

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 10:03:34 EDT
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 11:49:36 -0400
Subject: Washington Post's Sloppy News Coverage [was:

>From: Facebook <notification+mvmu-5um.nul>
>To: Errol Bruce-Knapp <errolbk.nul>
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 04:28:12 -0700
>Subject: Compiled News Articles/Reports On NPC

<snip>

>The Washington Post
><http://tinyurl.com/34qr2y2>

<snip>

Even I have to admit that this article from Kelly at the Washington Post is sloppy and half assed, with the far too typical look_Ma_I'm_being_condescending_so_you_my_opinions_are_superior attitude.

Humor may be his edge but it didn't work here. It just comes across as a professional who was late to an assignment, didn't do his homework, didn't ask the hard hitting questions, just assumed, and then grabbed a cookie and ran.

Would you hire this guy?

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Raytheon

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 12:46:14 -0300
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 12:24:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Raytheon

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 00:35:02 +0000
>Subject: Raytheon [was: News Links - 25-09-10]

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 18:10:23 -0300
>>Subject: Re: News Links - 25-09-10

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 16:45:32 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: News Links - 25-09-10

>>>>Strange Lights Over Tucson Could Be Possible UFO Sighting
>>>>KOLD-TV
>>>><http://tinyurl.com/2cmtwp7>

>>>>UFO In Tucson Finally Identified!
>>>>Tucson Citizen
>>>><http://tinyurl.com/2g9k5cy>

>>>>Tucson UFO Sighting: UFO Enthusiast Captures Object On Video
>>>>Tucson Citizen
>>>><http://tinyurl.com/269shdm>

>>>What!? No one called Raytheon to see what they had in the air?

>>>The company has its own airport and tests its aircraft right
>>>here in the middle of the Tucson/Sonoran Desert area.

>>Well, Kathy, since you are right there... why not call Raytheon
>>and ask? They can't test right over Tucson, however, so that
>>might be a problem.

>>They develop mostly missiles and lasers (LaWS) for shooting them
>>down. The latter are tested out to sea.

>>Doesn't seem to fit the bill for the sightings in Tucson.

>Don:

>Raytheon also tests UAVs, various airborne technology using
>aircraft they own. Sometimes this technology is tested over the
>desert just south of Tucson. This is where my house is located.
>Sometimes, I have spotted an experimental craft flying just to
>the west of me. Usually, over the mountains of mine tailing
>debris from the Rosemont mines.

The Northeast corner of the RUBY 1 MOA is 20 miles from the
tower at Tucson RCO and 23 miles from the tower at Davis Monthan
AFB. The bulk of the city is 20 odd miles north of the closest
point to the northern-most MOA, Ruby 1. Could you explain to me
how looking overhead in Tucson could equate to operations over
the mountains about 20 miles away. > >I have reported those
sightings in this chat group. > >Naturally, I assumed that the
so-called ufo was something from >Raytheon. Therefore, to my
mind, it was identified.

So you didn't call? You just assumed. That's sound investigative procedure for you.

>Interesting that you felt you could school me in who and what
>Raytheon does to make money. Some of my neighbors are ex-
>Raytheon employees. They willingly share what they did for a
>living.

Well they develop missile systems and hardware for missiles systems. They don't make UAVs. The aircraft they use for airborne testing are as conventional as those flying from any of the three airports right in Tucson. Why would conventional aircraft operating miles away and out of sight arouse interest in the controlled airspace over Tucson. And I shouldn't have to school you.

Don Ledger

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From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 09:43:29 -0700
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 12:26:06 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs & Nukes NPC Conference - Media Coverage

Greetings All,

Let me add that in addition to several of the various vidcos of the event being up at The UFO Chronicles; we also have (exclusively) the excerpts of the Figel and Meiwald interviews; the former performed by Bob Salas as early as 1996.

Here, both men confirm UFO activity during missile malfunctions at Echo & Oscar in their own words.

Additionally, our local media paid favorable homage to the event here in Sacramento last night. (KCRA Channel 3).

Cheers,

Frank

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Media Coverage UFO & Nukes - New Videos

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 21:21:41 +0200
Archived: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 16:07:33 -0400
Subject: Media Coverage UFO & Nukes - New Videos

New 2 videos added to the batch:

Fox News

Is Discovering Alien Life Inevitable? - Sep 28, 2010

<http://tinyurl.com/239y5yc>

Morning Live - Air Force Officers' Sworn Testimony About UFO Encounters + Leslie Kean Interview

Happening Now - UFO Sightings Kept Under Wraps

Robert Salas & Robert Hastings interviewed over phone:

<http://tinyurl.com/268fvmd>

Conference is again merged in this piece along with the story about UN Ambassador which has denied been refuted.

<http://tinyurl.com/37bu734>

Russia Today on UFOs & Nukes Conference - mentioned reference also about Leslie's book as Leslie was a guest on the same show back in August - you can watch it here:

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

Giuliano

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From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 12:29:47 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 09:10:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 15:36:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 12:59:24 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

<snip>

>>One cannot propose a mystery as an explanation to a mystery. It
>>doesn't work. The best way to approach the UFO phenomenon is via
>>science.

>Fine Jason, but first we have to get some science.

>Try an experiment - spin a coin on your desk-top. It stands
>upright while it's spinning - but our 'science' doesn't know why
>("gyroscopic principle" is only a label hiding ignorance).

>Then look at your finger - why doesn't it disintegrate
>('sublime') into a mist of vapor, proteins and even smaller
>bits? Again, our 'science' doesn't know what compresses
>molecules, atoms and protons (they merely label a couple of
>'magic forces' - no reasons).

>The same goes for all electro-magnetic phenomena - 'magic
>forces' - no known reasons.

>I estimate we might know somewhere between 1 to 10% of physical
>reasons - most probably toward the lower end.

>If you're going to restrict yourself to accepted 'human science'
>you might as well be blindfolded, maybe better, because the
>little we think we know only serves to confuse and limit our
>thinking.

>As A.R Wallace said, "there is no law of nature yet known to
>us but may be apparently contravened by the action of more
>recondite laws or forces".

I'm not quite understanding the point of your reply.

You seem to be bashing 'scientific laws' while appearing to not
understand what a scientific law is.

By definition we do not know why a law is true. When we do
require the knowledge to explain why a law is true then it
becomes a scientific theory.

-Jason Gammon

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>ETs. Happily, there are other possibilities, and I don't mean
>cryptoterrestrials.

>Which brings me back to the essay nobody has read.

Well, Jerry, that's not playing fair.

To cite an essay you wrote but not provide a URL link to it. I,
for one, would love to read anything you have written. But,
then, you know my prejudice regarding Jerry Clark. I refer to my
crush on you.

KK

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>To: <post.nul>
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>>be candidates for extraterrestrial craft. The majority of UFO
>>reports have conventional explanations.

>>It's the roughly 5% of sightings where the data is strong enough
>>to rule out conventional explanations that provide good examples
>>for potential extraterrestrial visitations.

>>Also, I would like to touch on the apparent belief of many who
>>push a supernatural origin to the UFO phenomenon, mainly that
>>since ETH proponents cannot provide immediate results then
>>therefore the ETH is wrong.

>>The very nature of the ETH proposes we are dealing with beings
>>eons more advanced than us. It is incredibly silly in my opinion
>>to approach the subject in the standard view of human
>>superiority, or in the least that we are somehow equal to any
>>visiting extraterrestrial race, hence the gathering of evidence
>>to prove the ETH would be "easy".

>After 20 years of looking at UFOs from a world perspective you
>have told me nothing new about UFOs but your expressed opinions,
>now kindly please post your scientific answers that you have
>regarding UFOs to this List so that we can see how your science
>has answered the UFO question.

Forgetting that you apparently didn't even read my reply, I'll
assume I can end this discussion with you sooner if I just tell
you what you want to hear.

You are absolutely right. UFOs are demons. Satan and his angels
are deceiving people and are setting the stage for the arrival
of the antichrist.

The Devil needs people to believe that UFOs exist because when
the rapture happens Satan will deceive people into thinking that
Christians have been abducted by aliens.

I chose "UFOs as demons" because you come off to me as being
similar to a Creationist. If by chance you don't cater to the
belief that UFOs are demons, just let me know what other
supernatural stuff you believe in and I can come up with a story
that will satisfy you..

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Raytheon

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Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 16:54:31 +0000
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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 12:46:14 -0300
>Subject: Re: Raytheon

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 00:35:02 +0000
>>Subject: Raytheon [was: News Links - 25-09-10]

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 18:10:23 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: News Links - 25-09-10

<snip>

>>Don:

>>Raytheon also tests UAVs, various airborne technology using
>>aircraft they own. Sometimes this technology is tested over the
>>desert just south of Tucson. This is where my house is located.
>>Sometimes, I have spotted an experimental craft flying just to
>>the west of me. Usually, over the mountains of mine tailing
>>debris from the Rosemont mines.

>The Northeast corner of the RUBY 1 MOA is 20 miles from the
>tower at Tucson RCO and 23 miles from the tower at Davis Monthan
>AFB. The bulk of the city is 20 odd miles north of the closest
>point to the northern-most MOA, Ruby 1. Could you explain to me
>how looking overhead in Tucson could equate to operations over
>the mountains about 20 miles away. >>I have reported those
>sightings in this chat group. >>Naturally, I assumed that the
>so-called ufo was something from >Raytheon. Therefore, to my
>mind, it was identified.

>So you didn't call? You just assumed. That's sound investigative
>procedure for you.

>>Interesting that you felt you could school me in who and what
>>Raytheon does to make money. Some of my neighbors are ex-
>>Raytheon employees. They willingly share what they did for a
>>living.

>Well they develop missile systems and hardware for missiles
>systems. They don't make UAVs. The aircraft they use for airborn
>testing are as conventional as those flying from any of the
>three airports right in Tucson. Why would conventional aircraft
>operating miles away and out of sight arouse interest in the
>controlled airspace over Tucson. And I shouldn't have to school
>you.

Don:

You are a Canadian. I am going to assume you have never been to
Tucson. Have never seen the Raytheon complex up close and
personal.

Re: Raytheon

Why would Tucson airport report to a civilian calling in to check on air traffic an obviously covert testing operation?

And, my eye sight is fairly good, plus I have a telescope for focusing on a target. What I saw were drones and, wow, some of the aerial tricks they performed were outrageous. But, then, you are all the way in Canada and don't get to see this sort of stuff. Besides, America is at war in several countries and is relying on companies like Raytheon to produce war machines that can do the job. And, yeah, trust me, Raytheon uses UAVs for testing their guidance systems and cameras, plus, god knows, whatever else goes through the mind of the military strategists working at Raytheon.

KK

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>Let me say, to start with, that reasoning like the above, while
>it possesses a surface plausibility, ignores a fundamental
>truth: UFO phenomena are not unique in being extraordinary and
>anomalous. The world is and always has been awash in fantastic
>claims and experiences, some of them difficult to explain in
>prosaic terms and many more badly so explained. A small number
>are even broadly UFO-like (e.g., mystery airships, ghost lights)
>but are not reducible to UFOs in any coherent sense. (And anyone
>who claims airships amounted to UFOs as we understand them
>doesn't know what he or she is talking about. I speak as one who
>has been studying the phenomenon - which was worldwide, by the
>way - since the mid-1960s.)

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>everything weird (by which I mean ghosts, poltergeists,
>cryptozoological animals, fairies, all otherworldly entities,
>maybe ESP and precognition ... the list is endless), or we begin
>to think about what makes UFO reports distinct from everything
>else (and to search archives for recognizable UFOs, which are
>there to be found in period sources, outside the culture of
>flying saucers). We need also think about what's distinctive
>about the various anomalies and also about what patterns link
>them, and about how they manifest in other times and places.
>That's where folklore studies can be helpful, since they
>preserve relevant materials nearly everybody else - in official
>culture anyway - ignored. Folklore studies, on the other hand,
>have nothing to contribute to analysis of radar/visuals, CE2s,
>and the like, except perhaps for their utility to debunking
>rhetorical strategies.

>A literalist approach has historically led us to three dead
>ends: (1) mass dismissal (UFOs are just fairies in disguise, and
>since fairies don't exist, UFOs don't either; case closed,
>however many questions begged); (2) Keelism in its original
>form, i.e., with demons; (3) revisionist Keelism, i.e., with
>ETs. Happily, there are other possibilities, and I don't mean
>cryptoterrestrials.

>Which brings me back to the essay nobody has read.

>Jerry Clark

I did listen to Jerry's SSE presentation some time ago and his many anecdotes and observations were quite interesting. He seems to conclude by saying that experience is paramount, explanations are secondary if not unimportant. So "We can now believe our informants without believing their explanations". Is this the bottom line? This seems to imply that experience is highly personal and our need to form a consensus reality has misplaced importance. Does this help to understand the bigger picture underlying "high strangeness"?

After my initial, somewhat negative, reaction, the idea that personal experience is paramount did resonate a bit. It is consistent with the idea that, at some level, each consciousness constructs its own version of reality. Normally, we each choose to create a reality that is mostly consistent with that of our neighbors, so anomalous experiences are kept to a minimum.

If each of us experiences our own reality or 'script', then each experience can be unique. An unusual event may occur in one script and not in another. Looking for a common physical principle that works across scripts may be the wrong approach since different scripts do not necessarily follow the same rules in their construction. The big question, then, is how are the scripts written?

William

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Could ET spot Our Solar System?

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Tue Sep 28, 2010

Could ET Spot Our Solar System?
By Irene Klotz

Would an extraterrestrial with a planet-hunting telescope know our star has planets? Yes, conclude astronomers.

Computer models of the Kuiper Belt show Neptune would reveal its presence as a gap in the dust. The study grew out of an observation of a planet circling in a dust ring around a young, distant star. A simulation shows the Kuiper Belt region was once similar to the disks found around young stars.

If ET had telescopes no more advanced than ours, would he know our star has planets?

Apparently so, conclude researchers at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, who built a computer simulation of what our solar system's dust ring looks like from an outsider's perspective.

We have Neptune to thank for our cosmic footprint. As the planet orbits through the dusty Kuiper Belt region, its gravity perturbs the icy grains, leaving a small, telltale gap, computer simulations show.

"It turns out our solar system has a big bulls-eye of dust in it that ET can see -- if he's got good infrared telescopes," NASA astrophysicist Marc Kuchner told Discovery News.

The study grew out of a Hubble Space Telescope observation of a young star, located 25 light-years away in the constellation Piscis Austrinus, that had a slightly off-centered dust ring. Scientists spent 10 straight hours in 2008 studying the star, known as Fomalhaut. They eventually found a planet in the ring.

"We've been studying debris disks for a couple of years now. People have been looking at them and implying that there are planets perturbing the rings, so we decided to take a look at our solar system," Kuchner said.

The Kuiper Belt region, which extends from the orbit of Neptune, is filled with icy bodies believed to be leftover remains from the solar system's formation. It is similar to debris disks found around other stars, but older, says Kuchner.

As part of the research, Kuchner and colleagues modeled what the Kuiper Belt would have looked like in its earlier days, when it was more densely packed with frozen bodies. Quite often, the objects would crash into each other, producing flurries of ice grains, the study found.

Scientists used a supercomputer to track 75,000 icy particles as they interacted with the outer planets, sunlight, the solar wind and each other.

The team found that the young Kuiper Belt was not like the broad disk that exists today. It appears instead as a dense, bright ring -- a close match to the rings found around other stars, particularly Fomalhaut, says Christopher Stark, an astrophysicist at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington, D.C.

The team plans to use the model to simulate debris disks around Fomalhaut and other stars to see if they can detect where planets may be hiding.

They also plan to verify their models with data collected by NASA's New Horizons probe, which will fly by Pluto and other objects in the Kuiper Belt region beginning in 2015.

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Paradigm Research Group

PRG Media Notice - September 28, 2010
UFOs and Nukes Press Conference Coverage

Washington, DC - National and international media coverage of the September 27 press conference at the National Press Club regarding witness testimony to the presence of extraterrestrial craft over nuclear facilities in the United States and elsewhere is being archived at the following webpage:

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That was essentially my meaning, but I think you may have over-
extended its intended scope, unless, for my own part, I am
misreading your reply. Specifically, regarding:

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>everything weird (by which I mean ghosts, poltergeists,
>cryptozoological animals, fairies, all otherworldly entities,
>maybe ESP and precognition ... the list is endless)

By no means was I suggesting that this whole anomalistic
menagerie somehow "derives" from UFOs.

My contention was that, in the event that some UFOs represent
physically tangible ET visitation (a possibility you seem to
allow), then the default presumption should be that any human-
based, subjective 'visions' of UFOs "derive" from the subjects

knowledge of, or belief in, the underlying objective phenomenon.

That as opposed to postulating an additional class of phenomena, ostensibly similar to the objective ET phenomena, but of independent origin and nature, residing in an unknown realm of 'high-strangeness'. To the extent that such may exist, how would they be relevant to investigation of the 'real' (ET-based) UFOs?

Mike

BTW:

Gerald, thanks for the acknowledgment and comments.

Jerry, I did listen to, and enjoyed, your Dinsdale Award lecture.

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Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

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>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 12:44:49 +0100
>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2010 01:04:28 +0100
>>Subject: Re: New Book Predicts October UFO Global Display

(This one seems to have been over-snipped. N.B. the >>> comments are Cathy's original ones to which I replied in the first instance)

>>>But a SETI researcher is entitled to ask some questions of the
>>>ETH, such as: What does this actually tell us about alien
>>>intelligence?

>>And the ETH researcher is entitled to respond - 'Not a great
>>deal thus far, and that is why we need to do a lot more work on
>>it. Rather like your research in that respect isn't it?'

>It's very much like psychology, which is why I don't believe
>psychology works as a scientific discipline any more than
>Ufology does.

If you are looking for all scientific activity to 'work' as well as physics or chemistry then you are taking a narrow and naive view of science. You are also ignoring swathes of valid (indeed, vital) activity on the frontiers of your chosen benchmarks, where there are conjectures and counter-conjectures swimming around in grey areas of great uncertainty.

I share the view that all scientific activity should strive for accuracy and rigour, but these kind of standards have to be seen as constituting a spectrum of scientific virtue. Disciplines move along the spectrum over time as knowledge and methods improve. It isn't a question of a mechanistic, two-position, on-off, scientific-unscientific switch - such a view may be comforting to those who find it difficult to cope with uncertainty, but it reflects neither the history of science nor the progress of human knowledge.

>But it is hardly true of neuroscience.

An interesting example. This is a field where extraordinary advances are being made in terms of gathering hard data, accompanied by absurd claims in terms of the meaning of that data for our understanding of target problems like behaviour, consciousness etc.. As science goes, neuroscience looks hard compared with psychology but soft as a blancmange compared with chemical engineering. See what I mean about the spectrum thing?

Try looking at it another way: Ufology may be only one or two steps along from astrology but that's no reason to discount or disqualify it. If nobody were allowed to do anything that hadn't been done before, then nothing would ever have happened.

>>>How does it help us to design research to increase our
>>>knowledge further?

>>I think that is fairly straightforward. We are still at the data
>>gathering stage, and our mechanisms are extremely uneven and
>>haphazard.

>But this is the same tiresome old excuse we keep getting from
>social scientists.

Just because you are tired of hearing it, that doesn't mean it's
wrong.

>Indeed Dave Clarke served it up again last
>week.

And just because Dave Clarke said it, that doesn't make it wrong
either.

Social science is like that: complex phenomena and feedback
loops, no lab conditions, primitive modelling capabilities -
these guys deserve sympathy, not denigration.

>People have been collecting UFO data for over half a century.
>Plenty of time to get your "mechanisms" sorted out and to decide
>what you're going to do with them.

With adequate funding and proper academic support, you would be
right. In the real world, you are wrong. Like I said: 'uneven
and haphazard'.

>>We need to standardise the data, gather much more of it (both
>>geographically and over time), get it into a global database (a
>>sophisticated and flexible one that supports complex queries and
>>a cross-disciplinary approach), and then make it available to
>>researchers.

>Who will then do what with it?

Review, conjecture, hypothesise, test, argue; then review,
conjecture, hypothesise, test, argue - over and over again
until a consensus view emerges, only to be overturned by more
data leading to more review, conjecture, hypothesise, test,
argue; then review, conjecture, hypothesise, test, argue - over
and over again until a new consensus view emerges; and so on
until they get a foot on the first rung of the of ladder truth,
just a few rungs behind the grownups doing 'real science'...

>Oh, and by the way - how are you going to standardize the data?

Good point. Ufology awaits its Linnaeus.

>What does that even mean in this context?

Just exactly that. Ufology awaits its Linnaeus

>>>I don't believe the ETH can answer these
>>>questions.

>>Nor should it have to. To start expecting answers about alien
>>intelligence is jumping the gun.

>It might be time for one or two good (and testable) questions,
>though.

I agree. There's always room for a great leap forward.

>>Issues of research design
>>should be independent of any specific hypothesis.

>If you're doing market research or literary criticism, maybe. If
>you want to do science then hypotheses are absolutely central to
>any credible research design.

I think we may be at cross-purposes on that one. I merely meant
to make the pedantic point that rigour and accuracy in research
design should be pursued (whether they can actually be fully
achieved or not) as absolute standards.

Finally, I take it that your reference to literary criticism
reflects a pejorative undercurrent in your thinking. But please
remember that science is as dependent on textual communication
as any other narrative. Literary criticism can be a useful

discipline in laying bare hidden assumptions and cultural bias in texts of all sorts. Even in the rigorously objective hard data of the telephone directory...

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Understood. So if you don't respond to this it's because you are

snowed under. That's fair.

>Let me say, to start with, that reasoning like the above, while
>it possesses a surface plausibility, ignores a fundamental
>truth: UFO phenomena are not unique in being extraordinary and
>anomalous. The world is and always has been awash in fantastic
>claims and experiences, some of them difficult to explain in
>prosaic terms and many more badly so explained. A small number
>are even broadly UFO-like (e.g., mystery airships, ghost lights)
>but are not reducible to UFOs in any coherent sense. (And anyone
>who claims airships amounted to UFOs as we understand them
>doesn't know what he or she is talking about. I speak as one who
>has been studying the phenomenon - which was worldwide, by the
>way - since the mid-1960s.)

>
>So either we decide (as above) that UFOs are generating
>everything weird (by which I mean ghosts, poltergeists,
>cryptozoological animals, fairies, all otherworldly entities,
>maybe ESP and precognition ... the list is endless), or we begin
>to think about what makes UFO reports distinct from everything
>else (and to search archives for recognizable UFOs, which are
>there to be found in period sources, outside the culture of
>flying saucers).

I'm just not sure about this line of argument. I find the dichotomy hard to accept. If UFOs deploy a technology that also happens to generate anomalistic by-products (or side effects), then this doesn't mean that all instances of such effects have to be caused by UFOs. So attributing 'everything weird' (I love that phrase) to UFOs feels unjustifiable.

Nor does it mean, necessarily, that we have any way of telling the UFO-related effects from those with other causes. The key implication here is that there is a big gap in our knowledge, and, therefore, by definition, we are not equipped to assign causes. I think you make that point, or one very similar, toward the end of the lecture.

I'm not saying that you are wrong to suggest that we should think about the distinctiveness of UFO reports, merely that one thought-through implication of the by-product conjecture, taken in conjunction with your arguments about the other, perhaps somehow related, instances of 'weirdness', is that we just might not be able to make the distinctions. Ghastly as it may sound, if we don't know what we don't know, then we probably don't know enough.

>We need also think about what's distinctive
>about the various anomalies and also about what patterns link
>them, and about how they manifest in other times and places.
>That's where folklore studies can be helpful, since they
>preserve relevant materials nearly everybody else - in official
>culture anyway - ignored.

Of course that's exactly right.

>Folklore studies, on the other hand,
>have nothing to contribute to analysis of radar/visuals, CE2s,
>and the like, except perhaps for their utility to debunking
>rhetorical strategies.

Yes, but in some hands, they just lead to more (and more absurd) rhetorical strategies. When Vall=E9e led his expedition to Magonia I don't think he realised how many two-edged swords he would be bringing back...

>A literalist approach has historically led us to three dead
>ends: (1) mass dismissal (UFOs are just fairies in disguise, and
>since fairies don't exist, UFOs don't either; case closed,
>however many questions begged); (2) Keelism in its original
>form, i.e., with demons; (3) revisionist Keelism, i.e., with
>ETs. Happily, there are other possibilities, and I don't mean
>cryptoterrestrials.

>Which brings me back to the essay nobody has read.

Watching the lecture I was left with the strong feeling that the most plausible possibility to explore might be that of (for want of a better term) an adaptive programming technology that generates a 'mask' experience (I know this is not a new idea) by being able to scan cultural orientation in the experiencer and

then generate an appropriate experience to match that orientation with the programmer's purpose. Keeping in mind the full implications of my original remark about 'extremely advanced technologies', there seems no reason why this should preclude:

1. Apparently objective, independent physical data - why should we assume that a technology as advanced as that proposed should be capable of producing certain mental states, but incapable of generating ground traces, biochemical effects, radiation burns or radar tracks?
2. Group experiences on any scale - if a technology can scan two minds for cultural orientation, why can't it scan thousands (e.g. Fatima) and generate an appropriate 'average' experience or set of experiences?

This is what I meant when I referred to the invalidation of our standard subjective/objective evaluation routines in such circumstances. We can at least envisage a technology that would break this template down and render it redundant - if analytical philosophers can do it (and they can) then it shouldn't be a problem in the context of a sophisticated ETH.

To return to the original point, the by-product idea, I suppose it becomes an open question as to whether the instances of weirdness that infect the whole anomalistic array are indicative of or constitute the phenomenon itself, or whether they are a side effect. Either way, it feels to me that a sufficiently sophisticated ETH can be developed (or, according to one's beliefs, contorted) into enough of an explanatory framework to remain credible in the face of incredible evidence. Doesn't mean that it would be right, of course, just that it takes an impossible amount of bashing to kill it off.

Even so Jerry, notwithstanding my speculative ramblings, I do support your underlying view to the effect that the best way forward, in general terms is a catholic and highly acquisitive approach to all relevant data, accompanied by some very hard thinking about how it might most productively be classified.

(...and my sincere apologies if you've been lured into reading this far instead of making a living...)

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Close Encounter Of The Silent Kind In Tendring
Clactonan Gazette
<http://tinyurl.com/27rbq31>

Texas Triangle UFO Sighting: Low Flying Near Centerville
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/32ourhg>

UFO Spotted Near Midsomer Norton
Midsomernorton People
<http://tinyurl.com/3xq9fyb>

No U.N. 'Alien Ambassador' As The Bets Roll In
Discovery News
<http://tinyurl.com/3ygtl3o>

UFO Press Conference: Former Airmen's Sightings =96 Glowing Red
Objects
Only Kent
<http://tinyurl.com/32josba>

UFO Expert: Aliens Cautioning Humans On Nukes
Stars and Stripes
<http://tinyurl.com/23d6w72>

Aliens 'Tried To Warn US And Russia They Were Playing With Fire
During Cold War'
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/36nuj79>

Waves Break On A Stellar Lagoon
msnbc.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2f43rht>

Are We About To Get Full Disclosure About The Presence Of UFOs
On Earth?
io9
<http://tinyurl.com/2cg3w6g>

At National Press Building Today: UFO Interference With Nukes
Technorati
<http://tinyurl.com/2d2ure9>

UFOs: The UN, The Vatican And The National Press Club
DBKP - Death By 1000 Papercuts
<http://tinyurl.com/26vjnlr>

Military Officials Come Clean During UFO Press Conference
Examiner.com
<http://tinyurl.com/2e24nvl>

Tracking UFOs
Beijing Review
<http://tinyurl.com/33ax5cw>

Denver Set For UFO Vote
Denver Post
<http://tinyurl.com/36h5c4z>

UFO Reports Increase: Why Do So Many Believe? - Audio
The Takeaway
<http://tinyurl.com/33kagfu>

Life On Other Worlds Vs Only Life On Earth
UFOs - Flying Saucers
<http://tinyurl.com/27hqfuf>

How To Spot An Alien
Telegraph.co.uk
<http://tinyurl.com/24p2dvk>

UFOs In Advertising [Print & Video]
Creative Bits
<http://tinyurl.com/28gyc5l>

Novel Describes Secret Meeting, Anti-Gravity And UFO Incidents
Joint Recon Study Group
<http://tinyurl.com/23klmtx>

Arizona Plays Role In NBC's 'The Event' =96 UFO Cases Involved?
Joint Recon Group
<http://tinyurl.com/2ahdw12>

Seen A UFO? You're dreaming
Shepparton News
<http://tinyurl.com/278hb7d>

UN Should Name Obama And Carville As Official UFO Greeters
RushLimbaugh.com
<http://tinyurl.com/28tw43j>

=46rom 'The Norm':

Dust Models Paint Alien's View of the Solar System
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Re: Bashing The ETH

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 08:41:05 -0500
Archived: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 11:26:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 13:15:26 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Jerome Clark<jkclark.nul>
>>To:<post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 08:54:58 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>>From: Gerald O'Connell<goc.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 27 Sep 2010 15:39:10 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>I did listen to Jerry's SSE presentation some time ago and his
>many anecdotes and observations were quite interesting. He
>seems to conclude by saying that experience is paramount,
>explanations are secondary if not unimportant. So "We can now
>believe our informants without believing their explanations". Is
>this the bottom line? This seems to imply that experience is
>highly personal and our need to form a consensus reality has
>misplaced importance. Does this help to understand the bigger
>picture underlying "high strangeness"?

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Re: Raytheon

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 15:08:04 +0100
Archived: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 15:31:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Raytheon

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: post to ufoupdates <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 16:54:31 +0000
>Subject: Re: Raytheon

<snip>

>Don:

>You are a Canadian. I am going to assume you have never been to
>Tucson.

Yes Kathy, it's a long journey by canoe and horseback isn't it?

<snip>

>What I saw were drones and, wow, some of
>the aerial tricks they performed were outrageous. But, then, you
>are all the way in Canada and don't get to see this sort of
>stuff.

That's bit unfair. Many far-flung third-world outposts are starting to open cinemas and suchlike. I'm sure poor old Don has been able to see some moving pictures of this new-fangled stuff. For all you know, the pioneers in his neck of the woods may have sold some furs and pooled the proceeds to buy a TV to huddle together and watch on those long, cold winter evenings.

>Besides, America is at war in several countries and is
>relying on companies like Raytheon to produce war machines that
>can do the job.

Fear not Kathy, Uncle Sam does not shoulder this burden alone: for example, roughly 2,500-2,830 Canadian Forces personnel are currently deployed in Afghanistan as part of the International Security Assistance Force. I wouldn't mind betting some of these scouts, trackers and mule train runners have seen their share of drones.

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Re: UFOs & Nukes NPC Conference - Media Coverage

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 15:35:09 +0200
Archived: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 15:40:32 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs & Nukes NPC Conference - Media Coverage

2 new CNN videos:

Clips Of Military Men Talking About UFO Encounters At National Press Club
Today:

<http://tinyurl.com/2a8npp4>

Robert Hastings was interviewed on CNN's American Morning.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wNYKEJqldI>

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CBC News Channel On UFOs & Nukes

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 15:43:13 -0400
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Subject: CBC News Channel On UFOs & Nukes

Canada's CBC-TV News Channel's Mark Kelley:

UFOs Shut Down Nuclear Missiles

Part 1:

<http://tinyurl.com/24c3kea>

Part 2:

<http://tinyurl.com/2827s6c>

Fair and open-minded coverage by Kelley - 14 Minutes

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Re: Bashing The ETH

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 16:42:16 +0100
Archived: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 15:46:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Jason Gammon <boyinthemachine.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 12:49:42 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

<snip>

>I chose "UFOs as demons" because you come off to me as being
>similar to a Creationist. If by chance you don't cater to the
>belief that UFOs are demons, just let me know what other
>supernatural stuff you believe in and I can come up with a story
>that will satisfy you..

Thank you for your scientific answers to the UFO community.

Roy

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 15:48:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 08:41:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

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Hiya!

Regarding insane reports from sane people:

Dr. J. Allen Hynek (_still_ a ufologist's dean, eh?), writes in his, I submit, very rational and thoughtful book, _The UFO Experience -- A Scientific Inquiry_, regarding an interesting analogy handily brought to bear on the credibility, personal character, and veracity of persons such as those pointed out, despite how far off the wall these persons seemed to ricochet! Hynek compared all individuals to scientific observational instruments of varying usefulness in the proceeding analogy next paragraph. I submit he proved his logic, also handily, in this rational reflection ... which makes perfect sense, imo, first wash.

"In science," he wrote, "It is standard practice to calibrate ones instruments. No astronomer, for instance, would accept measures of the velocities of distant galaxies obtained by the means of an un-calibrated spectrograph. However, if such an instrument had given consistently good results in the past, had frequently been tested and had not recently experienced any jarring shocks, the observer would usually accept its results without any further checking..."

Hynek continues, "...The parallel for us is, of course, obvious: if our UFO reporter has, by his past actions and performance, shown a high degree of reliability and responsibility and is known to be stable and not 'out of adjustment,' then we have no

a priori reason to distrust his coherent report, particularly when it is given in concert with several other 'human instruments,' also of acceptable reliability."

Eh? This may shoot "extraordinary claims requiring extraordinary evidence of such" in the foot, to a degree, too, as the consistency required for the logic we all are admonished to adhere to seems to indicate, then, that mundane claims require only mundane evidence of same for a, however tentative, conclusion to be drawn. No, I submit the standards should have balance that "extraordinary" identifications defeat as a result of their movable goal-posts.

Moreover, while we're here, "no evidense of the ETH," extant, presumes, one, that there are no mechanisms of cover-up or disinformation in place to distort the overview of such evidence, voluminous still, across five categories - so as to maintain a the hugely corrupt prerequisites discovered in the marriage of Corporations and government, also extant. Two, it seems to presume that the observer would recognize the evidence offered, as offered, as that evidence offered, given the alien's alien-ness lacks the frame of reference needed to provide for recognition unspeakable sans an experiential dictionary for communication facilitating that recognition, eh? Three, that we entirely ignore the best evidence we have of the ETH, the undeniable evidence of the existence of ourselves, flawed as we are!

My understanding of the immutable existential, howsoever that must play out, or not, is: given time/space and surface area, whatever remotely can happen, leap the hurdle into actual occurrence, will happen. That single "happening" seems to insure a line crossed, some cosmic rule governing the formality of actual occurrence actuated... so it happens again, then again... and again - near ad infinitum ...

Folks. Humanity has satisfied the requirements for the formality of occurrence as regards its tenuous existence. We "happened." Only, I don't think we can presume upon the assumption that we are anywhere near first in line.

There's the ETH so far up your nose you feel knees on your top lip, eh? They're "there," because we're "here."

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Our Favourite Con Artists Are At It Again

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 18:14:49 +0100
Archived: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 15:50:50 -0400
Subject: Our Favourite Con Artists Are At It Again

Our favourite two con artists are at it again.

The Ant & Dec movie Alien Autopsy has now been released on DVD in the USA and Santilli & Shoefield are spouting yet more lies.

See the following website for an example of what I mean:

<http://www.ifmagazine.com/Feature.asp?article=3978>

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Is This A First?

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 18:31:21 +0100
Archived: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 15:59:54 -0400
Subject: Is This A First?

In the wake of that pathetic and jokey coverage of the UFO/Nukes press conference by the Washington Post, I wondered if ever our subject was going to be taken seriously by the mainstream.

To be fair the newspapers have covered it - I say 'covered' and not 'investigated' - fairly honestly but TV news just can't bear to look at it without grins and giggles and 'little green men' comments.

Until this which aired today on CNN:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wNYKEJq1dI>

Not only did CNN stream the conference live but this newscast didn't once belittle Robert Hastings and there was not a smile in sight.

Is this a first?

Dave Haith

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Re: Bashing The ETH

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Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 15:08:06 -0400
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Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 08:54:58 -0500
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

<snip>

>Nobody who has participated in this discussion has read my
>"Experience Anomalies" essay (originally my Dinsdale Award
>lecture to the Society for Scientific Exploration), which I have
>mentioned more than once. I refuse to reconstruct its argument
>here. For one thing, I'm trying to write a book, aka make a
>living, and I don't need to get dragged into List discussions,
>even interesting ones like this. So - I hope - I will keep my
>nose out of this as much as possible in the future.

<snip>

Hello Jerry and List,

One can find on YouTube maybe the next best thing to your written
essay:

In four parts:

<http://tinyurl.com/34de9ou>

<http://tinyurl.com/362dgrk>

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Great stuff.

Vincent Boudreau

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The UN's Secretive 'Alien Ambassador'

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Sep 28th 2010

Science and technology
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Alien diplomacy

The UN's Secretive Alien Ambassador
by Babbage

Last Sunday, it emerged that the UN was set to appoint a Malaysian astrophysicist called Mazlan Othman to lead international efforts to respond to visitors from outer space. As the article in the Sunday Times explained, Dr Othman is the head of the UN's Office for Outer Space Affairs (Unoosa). But then an article on the Guardian's News Blog seemed to pour cold green slime over the whole story. The Guardian reports that Dr Othman said, "it sounds really cool but I have to deny it". Dr Othman is quoted as saying she is attending a conference next week on how the world deals with "near-Earth objects".

This cannot be correct unless Unoosa considers aliens to be near-earth objects (like comets and asteroids). The Guardian did not contact the author of the original piece. Yet it is a matter of record that Dr Othman is due to attend a meeting at the Royal Society next Monday about how science and society should respond to aliens. If she turns up to talk about near-Earth objects, she'll be politely shown to the transporter chamber.

Dr Othman is attending a debate about political issues for the UN that arise from alien life. One of her co-panellists, Frans Von der Dunk, will discuss the role of the UN in representing humanity in "any inter-cosmic =E2=80=98discourse". The current version of the programme does not say exactly what Dr Othman is there to discuss, but it isn't a bold voyage into the unknown to wonder whether she will be reprising her words to a similar meeting in January on the consequences of detecting aliens.

In a March version of that talk she wrote, when aliens arrive "we should have in place a coordinated response that takes into account all the sensitivities related to the subject. The United Nations are a ready-made mechanism for such coordination." It is clear that she is proposing her agency, so why deny it?

So is there going to be an alien ambassador? Well for one thing, distances in space are so vast the chances of anything more than a signal arriving from aliens is fantastically remote. For another, it is more likely that if we discover alien life it will be some form of microbe found under a damp rock on Mars or some pattern in the chemistry of a planet several hundred million years away.

Yet another problem is that there is already another international group competing to manage the issue of alien contact. Run by Paul Davies, an astrobiologist at Arizona State

University, the SETI Post-Detection Taskgroup operates under the aegis of the International Academy of Astronautics, according to MSNBC.

While the boffins get their tentacles in a twist over who is in charge of alien contact on Earth, the truth of the matter is that it is leaders of big countries like America and China, not the international agencies, who are going to have the final say on what gets said by whom. What is more, if ever there was a story that demonstrated how awful the UN can be at being in charge, it is this. Attempts to reach Dr Othman have failed. Your correspondent will approach Unoosa again tomorrow, this time covered in green face paint and sporting three eyes in the hope of attracting attention.

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>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 16:54:31 +0000
>Subject: Re: Raytheon

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 12:46:14 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Raytheon

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
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>>>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 00:35:02 +0000
>>>Subject: Raytheon [was: News Links - 25-09-10]

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>>>Don:

>>>Raytheon also tests UAVs, various airborne technology using
>>>aircraft they own. Sometimes this technology is tested over the
>>>desert just south of Tucson. This is where my house is located.
>>>Sometimes, I have spotted an experimental craft flying just to
>>>the west of me. Usually, over the mountains of mine tailing
>>>debris from the Rosemont mines.

>>The Northeast corner of the RUBY 1 MOA is 20 miles from the
>>tower at Tucson RCO and 23 miles from the tower at Davis Monthan
>>AFB. The bulk of the city is 20 odd miles north of the closest
>>point to the northern-most MOA, Ruby 1. Could you explain to me
>>how looking overhead in Tucson could equate to operations over
>>the mountains about 20 miles away. >>I have reported those
>>sightings in this chat group. >>Naturally, I assumed that the
>>so-called ufo was something from >Raytheon. Therefore, to my
>>mind, it was identified.

>>So you didn't call? You just assumed. That's sound investigative
>>procedure for you.

>>>Interesting that you felt you could school me in who and what
>>>Raytheon does to make money. Some of my neighbors are ex-
>>>Raytheon employees. They willingly share what they did for a
>>>living.

>>Well they develop missile systems and hardware for missiles
>>systems. They don't make UAVs. The aircraft they use for airborn
>>testing are as conventional as those flying from any of the
>>three airports right in Tucson. Why would conventional aircraft
>>operating miles away and out of sight arouse interest in the
>>controlled airspace over Tucson. And I shouldn't have to school
>>you.

>Don:

>You are a Canadian. I am going to assume you have never been to
>Tucson. Have never seen the Raytheon complex up close and
>personal.

There are highways and airways connecting the US and Canada, and

I've been through Tucson a couple of times. Didn't see the plant though. It has no value in this conversation in any event. >>Why would Tucson airport report to a civilian calling in to >check on air traffic an obviously covert testing operation?

I don't understand this question. Two things they will respond to questions if you know what you are doing and secondly, the event occurred over Tucson in civilian controlled airspace so their should have been some activity reported there. Incidentally if the public saw the operation that necessarily negates a 'covert' operation.

>And, my eye sight is fairly good, plus I have a telescope for >focusing on a target. What I saw were drones and, wow, some of >the aerial tricks they performed were outrageous.

UAVs perform in the same manner as conventional aircraft with perhaps higher G turns since they don't have pilots controlling them, just overgrown video game operators.

Anyway you were looking in the wrong place. The AF says they weren't operating that night in any event. Witnesses placed the objects over an intersection on Starr Pass Blvd. and travelling northwest. Starr Pass BLVD. is 23 SMS north of the smaller Ruby 1 MOA and 27 miles north of Ruby 1 'Fuzzy' MOA.

Some witnesses stated that they saw the object proceeding northwest from Green Valley which is approx. 5 miles northeast of the NE corner of Ruby 1. That takes it right through the Tucson and Davis Monthan Tower Control area.

>But, then, you
>are all the way in Canada and don't get to see this sort of
>stuff.

Sure we do. Not in Nova Scotia I don't, but they are usually cold tested in Cold Lake, Alberta. (BTW you are not one of those Americans who think they have to get on top of the Canadian Glacier when they reach the US/Can border are you?)

>Besides, America is at war in several countries and is
>relying on companies like Raytheon to produce war machines that
>can do the job.

Missiles, radar, circuit boards, tank defences, airtraffic control related products, intergrated systems and laser weapons; that's it. They don't build aircraft. They design, produce and install systems in UAVs and many defensive aircraft, naval vessels and tanks for exampale, but they don't build aircraft in the United States. They are developing small LTA's in the UK however.

There are 4 Raytheon production plants in Canada-mostly in Ontario and one in Calgary.

>And, yeah, trust me, Raytheon uses UAVs for
>testing their guidance systems and cameras, plus, god knows,
>whatever else goes through the mind of the military strategists
>working at Raytheon.

You are trying to make a case for UAVs as responsible for sightings that are anomalous when in fact a UAV is still a conventionally powered, lifting surfaced, three axis controlled aircraft sans a pilot. There is nothing otherworldly about them. They are basically the sophisticated version of R/C model airplanes with an attitude and a controller who's ass is never in danger other than getting blisters from sitting on his or her ass in a climate controlled room in varous bunkers in the US. The best I can say to you is that once they stray into civilian airspace they are a hazard and a case can be made in perhaps two cases where they might be responsible for 2 civilian deaths.

And your FAA has just increased the chances of this happening by opening congested (caved into pressure from the USAF playing the homeland security paranoia card) civilian airspace to to these UAVs. Not for military testing, however. You can expect more UAV/aircraft collisions in the future. One nearly nailed the right wing of a commercial Boeing 767 over Iraq a couple of years ago.

Re: Raytheon

The solution has to fit the claims of the witnesses. You haven't done that. There's a loyt of that going around.

Don Ledger

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>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 29 Sep 2010 04:04:57 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>>From: Jerome Clark<jkclark.nul>
>>To:<post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 08:54:58 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Bashing The ETH

>><snip>

>>Which brings me back to the essay nobody has read.

>Watching the lecture I was left with the strong feeling that the
>most plausible possibility to explore might be that of (for want
>of a better term) an adaptive programming technology that
>generates a 'mask' experience (I know this is not a new idea) by
>being able to scan cultural orientation in the experiencer and
>then generate an appropriate experience to match that
>orientation with the programmer's purpose. Keeping in mind the
>full implications of my original remark about 'extremely
>advanced technologies', there seems no reason why this should
>preclude:

>1. Apparently objective, independent physical data - why should
>we assume that a technology as advanced as that proposed should
>be capable of producing certain mental states, but incapable of
>generating ground traces, biochemical effects, radiation burns
>or radar tracks?

>2. Group experiences on any scale - if a technology can scan two
>minds for cultural orientation, why can't it scan thousands
>(e.g. Fatima) and generate an appropriate 'average' experience
>or set of experiences?

>This is what I meant when I referred to the invalidation of our
>standard subjective/objective evaluation routines in such
>circumstances. We can at least envisage a technology that would
>break this template down and render it redundant - if analytical
>philosophers can do it (and they can) then it shouldn't be a
>problem in the context of a sophisticated ETH.

The suggestion that the ETs have a technology that imposes on us
certain mental states as well as physical effects is another way
to talk about the fundamental nature of reality. As you say,
this technology would also need to have the ability to scan the
population for cultural orientation, etc. in order to generate
the desired effects.

It would be more economical to propose that each consciousness
generates its own reality via the proposed "technology" residing
in each consciousness. There would then be no need to have the
ability to scan an entire population for cultural orientation.
That orientation would be maintained by each individual, and
would be updated during each individual's continuous acts of
creation.

Effects we call ET-related might be generated by interference

with the "cultural orientation database". Such interference might have an entirely external origin, but it could equally be an internal response to an internal or external trigger. According to this model, ETs would be introduced into our reality by modifications to the same mechanism we normally use to generate our awareness of more mundane physical things.

In other times or places where people have different content in their cultural orientation databases, the same trigger might generate other weirdness (e.g., fairies) that are as real as the UFOs some people generate today.

William

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>>Don:

>>You are a Canadian. I am going to assume you have never been to
>>Tucson.

>Yes Kathy, it's a long journey by canoe and horseback isn't it?

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>>What I saw were drones and, wow, some of
>>the aerial tricks they performed were outrageous. But, then, you
>>are all the way in Canada and don't get to see this sort of
>>stuff.

>That's bit unfair. Many far-flung third-world outposts are
>starting to open cinemas and suchlike. I'm sure poor old Don has
>been able to see some moving pictures of this new-fangled stuff.
>For all you know, the pioneers in his neck of the woods may have
>sold some furs and pooled the proceeds to buy a TV to huddle
>together and watch on those long, cold winter evenings.

Thank you Gerald. As a matter of fact I just came in from
repairing the right runner on my dogsled. Getting ready for
winter now, poking moss into the gaps in the log siding. The
tundra is an unforgiving area during the winter. By winter I
mean the real winter, not the little snowstorms we get in July.

>>Besides, America is at war in several countries and is
>>relying on companies like Raytheon to produce war machines that
>>can do the job.

>Fear not Kathy, Uncle Sam does not shoulder this burden alone:
>for example, roughly 2,500-2,830 Canadian Forces personnel are
>currently deployed in Afghanistan as part of the International
>Security Assistance Force.

About 160 of whom have been killed so far by snipers and IEDs.
The Canadian troops deploy from Kandahar,

>I wouldn't mind betting some of these
>scouts, trackers and mule train runners have seen their share of
>drones.

We actually own some. They run on beaver power.

Don Ledger

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Subject: Schmitt, Friedman, Marden At Conference

Those of you who live in or near Southeastern Wisconsin might be interested in the Vortex Conference in Burlington Oct. 29-31, with lectures on UFOs etc.:

<http://www.burlingtonnews.net/conference.html>

Oct. 25-28 they have other events that might also be of interest:

<http://www.livinginthelightms.com/events-conference>

Speakers include Don Schmitt, Bonnie Meyer, Stan Friedman, Kathleen Marden, and Peter Moon.

Mary and Brad Sutherland put on a great event last year.

Rich Heiden

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Just in case this is one you missed from Australia... which also features Bill Chalker.

Channel 7 TV Australia The Morning Show - Date: Sep 27th, 2010:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlegmDq6NNc&feature=player_embedded

Dave

[More straight-ahead, no stupidity, coverage --ebk]

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Something is up with this story:

<http://tinyurl.com/23k7jyd>

Best keep a weather eye out for it.

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>Canada's CBC-TV News Channel's Mark Kelley:

>UFOs Shut Down Nuclear Missiles

>Part 1:

><http://tinyurl.com/24c3kea>

>Part 2:

><http://tinyurl.com/2827s6c>

>Fair and open-minded coverage by Kelley - 14 Minutes

>ebk

Hi Errol,

Excellent! Finally! I also saw coverage on CTV.

This is unprecedented. CBC has had almost negligible coverage of UFOs since the Shag Harbor incident. I have heard interviews on CBC with Chris Rutkowski, but they have always been accompanied by the obligatory 'yuk yuk little green men' jokes.

Is this disclosure? Maybe not, but it may be the beginning of Glasnost.

In addition to that, UFOBC has recently been invited to make UFO presentations at the Vancouver Public Library (Oct. 19th at 7:00 PM) and the Vancouver Space Centre (Oct. 30th at 8:00 PM).

I don't think either organization has ever invited us to make presentations.

Cheers,

Gord Heath
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It is good to be aware of the possibility that thermal pockets
might have heat signatures strong enough to be picked up on
film. However, the argument presented in the article is too
general to be effective.

Take the specific case of the infrared video taken by personnel
on a Mexican military aircraft after detecting invisible objects
on radar. Eleven objects were seen with the infrared camera, and
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<http://www.ufoevidence.org/news/article87.htm>

The thermal pocket idea might be more relevant for explaining
images of objects that appear to have properties of biological
organisms. Some, called rods, have been seen on infrared video.
But the speed of these objects argues against a simple thermal
pocket explanation. Further, such objects have also been spotted
moving outside the atmosphere where localized heat sources are
unlikely.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uhmcl5eXGW8>

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MIT "How To Build A Warp Drive..."

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Subject: MIT "How To Build A Warp Drive..."

MIT Technology Review: "How to Build a Warp Drive Using Metamaterials"

Background:

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

Article:

"How to Build a Warp Drive Using Metamaterials"

<http://www.technologyreview.com/blog/arxiv/25811/?nlid=3575>

"But there's another thing that general relativity appears to allow: faster than light travel. In 1994, the Mexican physicist, Michael Alcubierre, realised that while relativity prevents faster-than-light travel relative to the fabric of spacetime, it places no restriction on the speed at which regions of spacetime can move relative to each other.

That suggests a way of building a warp drive. Alcubierre imagined a small volume of flat spacetime in which a spacecraft sits, surrounded by a bubble of spacetime that shrinks in the direction of travel, bringing your destination nearer, and stretches behind you. He showed that this shrinking and stretching could enable the bubble--and the spaceship it contained--to move at superluminal speeds.

Today, Igor Smolyaninov at the University of Maryland, points out that if these kinds of bubbles are possible in spacetime, then it ought to be possible to simulate them inside a metamaterial."

[... additional material at link]

Some additional thoughts. Here is the non peer reviewed paper at arxiv:

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1009.5663>

And here is the abstract:

Electromagnetic metamaterials are capable of emulating many exotic space-time geometries, such as black holes, rotating cosmic strings, and the big bang singularity. Here we present a metamaterial-based model of the Alcubierre warp drive, and study its limitations due to available range of material parameters. It appears that the material parameter range introduces strong limitations on the achievable "warp speed", so that ordinary magnetoelectric materials cannot be used. On the other hand, newly developed "perfect" magnetoelectric metamaterials are capable of emulating the physics of warp drive gradually accelerating up to $1/4c$.

Next, take note of this other MIT Tech review write up and paper outlining a method to test Hawking Radiation also using metamaterials:

Background on Hawking Radiation:

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

Article:

<http://www.technologyreview.com/blog/arxiv/25805/?ref=rss>

"Today, Franco Belgiorno at the University of Milan and a few buddies say they've produced Hawking radiation by firing an intense laser pulse through a so-called nonlinear material, that is one in which the light itself changes the refractive index of the medium.

As the pulse moves through the material, so too does the change in refractive index, creating a kind of bow wave in which the refractive index is much higher than the surrounding material.

This increase in refractive index causes any light heading into it to slow down. "By choosing appropriate conditions, it is possible to bring the light waves to a standstill," say Belgionio and co. This creates a horizon beyond which light cannot penetrate, what physicists call a white hole event horizon, the inverse of a black hole.

White holes aren't so different to black holes (in fact Hawking argues that they are formally equivalent). And it's not hard to imagine what happens to particle pairs that form at this type of horizon. If one of the pair crosses the horizon, it can make no headway and so becomes trapped. The other is free to go. So the horizon ought to look as if it is generating quantum particles.

It is this radiation that Belgiorno and co say they've seen by watching from the side as a high power infrared laser pulse ploughs through a lump of fused silica. Their pulse has frequency of 1055nm but the light they see emitted at right angles has a wavelength of around 850nm."

And here is the formal (non peer reviewed) paper discussing the potential discovery of Hawking Radiation:

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1009.4634>

Abstract:

"Event horizons of astrophysical black holes and gravitational analogues have been predicted to excite the quantum vacuum and give rise to the emission of quanta, known as Hawking radiation. We experimentally create such a gravitational analogue using ultrashort laser pulse filaments and our measurements demonstrate a spontaneous emission of photons that confirms theoretical predictions."

What interests me about this is that in both cases, two separate teams discuss the use of meta-materials to model real gravitational effects. One the one hand is the claim that the materials could be used to model electromagnetic space-time manipulation for propulsion and on the other is a team who claims to have modeled Hawking Radiation which is typically thought to be emitted from black hole.

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Re: Infrared Cameras & UFOs

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>Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2010 10:26:22 -0400
>Subject: Re: Infrared Cameras & UFOs

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><http://tinyurl.com/37n2ppc>

>>I was impressed by the chapter when I originally read it almost
>>30 years ago. Apparently it never appeared in English until now.

>It is good to be aware of the possibility that thermal pockets
>might have heat signatures strong enough to be picked up on
>film. However, the argument presented in the article is too
>general to be effective.

Highly doubtful that atmospheric thermals could be picked up as
heat signatures on film. Perhaps if the atmosphere reached
hundreds of degrees centigrade... (The effects of thermal,
atmospheric distortion of light paths causing "mirage" can be
detected as distortions on the photographed scenery.)

Infrared is often used loosely as "heat". However, typically
IR as detected by various types of cameras can be divided into
three wavelength ranges:

Near IR - 700-1100 nanometers wavelength

Mid IR 3000-5000 nm

Far IR or Thermal IR - 8000-10000 nm or 8 - 10 microns

Cameras with IR film and digital cameras with silicon CCD
devices in place of the film can register images in the visible
(450 to 650 or 700 nm) as well as in the near IR (film goes to
about 900 nm, silicon may reach to 1100). "Night shot" cameras
(Sony) can register near IR from a beam emitted by the camera
and reflected from the scene. "Cheap" cameras. Some types of
"trail cameras" use visible light from a flash to take a picture
after a thermally sensitive detector detects motion or a change
in the thermal signature of the imaged scene. Some more
expensive trail cameras use a bunch of near IR LEDs (light
emitting diodes) to illuminate a scene and take a picture that
shows the near IR reflectivity of the scene. These diodes emit
light that "can't be seen" by the naked eye... "stealth"
cameras.

Special cameras, sometimes cooled (liquid nitrogen temp for
example), can register "mid IR". Images in the mid IR show a
combination of high temperature radiation from the imaged object
plus light (in the 3000-5000 nm range) reflected from the
object.

Hence objects images using mid IR radiation often appear to have
the same shape as they do in visible light but, unlike the
images in visible light, the mid IR images show the "hot spots"
on the object. Not Cheap.

Thermal cameras or "far IR" cameras, sometimes cooled, are sensitive to small (0.1 degree or less) variations in temperature of the surface of an object. They are used by the "ghost hunters" (expecting warm ghosts) and by firemen (to locate the actual flame areas). Not cheap.

>Take the specific case of the infrared video taken by personnel
>on a Mexican military aircraft after detecting invisible objects
>on radar. Eleven objects were seen with the infrared camera, and
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The above version of the Mexican AF case is out of date and should be replaced or a link should be established to:

<http://brumac.8k.com/MexicanDOD5mar04>

(download file)

The Mexican AF case began with the detection by radar of a single object which traveled in front of the plane for about 10 minutes before the plane made a turn away from the object. It got as close as 2 miles. This IMHO is a true radar UFO (no radar mirage here; the distance is too short and the object too "dynamic"). Read the above analysis to see why.

During this radar-only sighting they tried to (a) see the object (only 2 miles away - they assumed it was a small airplane but couldn't see it) (b) detect it with a mir-IR FLIR system (\$400K installed on the airplane; manufactured by FLIR corp) - they should have been able see a heat signature from the rear view they had but saw nothing clearly associated with the radar target (might have had a contact briefly at the time of the turn). After they made a turn they did find "lights" (bright/or hot images) on the horizon which seemed to move. My guess is that they were stationary and a hundred miles away, but this is yet to be absolutely confirmed. Again, this is spelled out in gory detail in my report mentioned above.

Point wrt IR images: one must know what wavelength range is being imaged in order to know whether the image shows a true thermal signature simply the variations in reflectivity of the objects in the scene.

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