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>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
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>>Date: Wed, 30 Nov 2011 08:59:38 -0600
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>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Nov 2011 18:14:32 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

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>It could be that I have met, listened to and related to female
>researchers you did not list. Please see a previous e-mail where
>I list those researchers. And, yes, their approach was
>somewhat different than the male perspective. And, yes, the male
>approach is subtly different from the female approach.

That could well be, Kathy. I'm sure that men and women are
different in ways not necessarily immediately apparent. (I type,
incidentally, as one who has spent his life in the company of
strong and remarkable women: grandmother, mother, daughter,
spouses -- ex- and current -- friends, colleagues.) But as one
who knows more than one ought about the history of ufology, I
have never been able to detect any male-female difference that
has mattered. We are, after all, supposed to be engaged in fact-
finding, an enterprise in which ufology's women have been as
able, lousy, or indifferent as their male counterparts.

Empirically demonstrable facts, toward which all serious
researchers are expected to strive, are not gendered and
shouldn't be treated as if they were.

<snip>

>For many decades now the subjective has been viewed with
>suspicion and a huge amount of skepticism by male researchers. I
>believe the reason is because females really do have a very
>different method and sensitivity to the subject of both
>paranormal and ufological research.

Not only "different," Kathy, but "_very_ different," huh? Okay,
enough of the broad, sweeping assertions of gender essentialism.
Let's go to the chapter and the verse. Please cite specifics in
the literature so that we know what you're talking about, other
than -- as I suspect -- dated, sentimental notions of male-
female difference (ending in all cases, needless to say, with
the superior virtue of the feminine affirmed).

On this List, by the way, I have already demonstrated that
ufology's onetime move toward the paranormal was driven entirely
by males (Keel, Vallee, Creighton et al.). Ufology's most
prominent women of the period, for example Lorenzen and Davis,
were fiercely critical of what they saw as a suicidal flight

into irrationalism. Leslie Kean, American ufology's most prominent and respected woman in our time, is no friend of occult approaches, either. Nothing here, in short, to validate the sort of gender narrative you're trying to push.

Jerry Clark

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
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Subject: Formation Over Pennsylvania Spotted From Two

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/76tf23z>

November 30, 2011

Light Formation Over Pennsylvania Spotted From Two Locations
Roger Marsh

A group of Trooper, PA, witnesses report watching between "8 and 12 lights flying in formation at what appeared to be 500 to 1,000 feet," according to November 29, 2011, testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

One adult witness called the other five adults and two children outside to observe the objects moving overhead - bright yellow-white lights.

"We observed them for about 5 minutes until they flew out of sight," the reporting witness stated. "I even went into the backyard where there was no noise and cupped my ear to the sky as the last one passed, but there was still no sound at all."

A 911 dispatch operator told the witness that another report describing the same objects came from Willow Grove.

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 30 Nov 2011 14:28:36 -0600
Archived: Thu, 01 Dec 2011 07:29:31 -0500
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>From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 30 Nov 2011 10:48:50 -0800
>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 30 Nov 2011 08:59:38 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>>A more useful question to explore is why so few African
>>Americans are attracted to ufology.

>I phoned a long-time friend and read him your comments.

>(He prefers to be called an "American Negro" rather than African
>American, but that's for reasons outside of this discussion).

>He agrees that very few American Negroes believe in the existence
>of UFO and/or aliens.

Actually, this is a separate question from the one I raised,
though I suppose arguably related. I have no idea whether
African Americans embrace or reject in UFOs in similar or
dissimilar proportions from European- and other hyphenated
Americans. All I know is that I have encountered few (though not
quite zero) in my life as a ufologist.

I'm sure we all understand that one member of a minority -
especially one so out of step that he insists on being called an
"American Negro" - speaks for all. Only polling could determine
the answer to sympathetic/unsympathetic percentages among
African Americans. At least one subset, Black Muslims, are
sufficiently sympathetic to UFOs to incorporate them into their
theology.

Anyway, we need hard data, not just one man's perhaps
unrepresentative opinion, to answer the interesting question Ed
raises.

Jerry Clark

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UFO Hovered 100 Feet Witnesses

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Date: Thu, 01 Dec 2011 07:33:30 -0500
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Subject: UFO Hovered 100 Feet Witnesses

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/7bqkwa6>

November 30, 2011

UFO Hovered 100 Feet Over Wooded California Area: Witnesses Flee
Roger Marsh

Two Midpines, CA, witnesses report watching a hovering object just 100 feet in the air that was shining a light down into a wooded area at about 1 a.m. on November 29, 2011, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The two friends were sitting in a truck talking when the lights from the object first came into view and were noticed by one of them.

"He pointed towards the lights and I realized they were suspended in the air and actually flying/hovering, moving in a weird up-and-down, side-to-side motion," the reporting witness stated. "The lights were orange that seemed to circle around the craft, or at least move from right to left down the side of the craft and a blue light that stayed in one place."

The two immediately got out of the car to look at the object.

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Virginia Witnesses To Large, Low Boomerang

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Archived: Thu, 01 Dec 2011 07:36:55 -0500
Subject: Virginia Witnesses To Large, Low Boomerang

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/88qwe31>

November 30, 2011

Virginia Witnesses Describe Large, Low-Flying Boomerang UFO
Roger Marsh

A Stafford, VA, mother and son report watching a "very large boomerang-shaped object with three extremely bright, white lights" that was slowly gliding behind their home, according to November 29, 2011, testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The woman was home alone at 10:30 p.m. when the object first came into view from the east.

"The angle of elevation from my viewpoint was probably about 45 degrees," the woman stated. "The big lights were white, but it also had a few blinking red lights, not the normal red and green lights you would see on the wings of a commercial airplane. I am accustomed to seeing planes in the night sky as we are on a path toward the DC airports. This was much lower than the planes normally fly and was traveling roughly north to south rather than the normal south to north-flying planes we are accustomed to seeing at night heading toward the airports."

The object turned toward the south.

[More at site...]

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At Least Our Brains Are Bigger

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Subject: At Least Our Brains Are Bigger

Source: Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/72gh42x>

November 30th, 2011

At Least Our Brains Are Bigger
by Billy Cox

As a kid, De Void used to wonder why H.G. Wells invented octopoid Martians to invade Earth in The War of the Worlds. They seemed sluggish and biologically dubious. But a fascinating piece on octopuses in the November/December edition of Orion Magazine examines the "intelligence, emotions and individual personalities" driving these oozing cephalopods, and cites studies that "are challenging our understanding of consciousness itself."

Chances are, you're already familiar with octopus cloaking behaviors (these videos may take a moment or two to load, but the pause is worth it so try look busy while you pretend to work):

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Roswell Dream Team - A Brief Update

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Dec 2011 07:48:21 -0500
Archived: Thu, 01 Dec 2011 07:48:21 -0500
Subject: Roswell Dream Team - A Brief Update

Source: Kevin Randle's Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/7er4ec2>

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Roswell Dream Team - A Brief Update

By examining a little of the material about the Roswell case, and here I mean a combination of documentation and testimony, we can draw a couple of conclusions in a limited way. I will note that I hold all the documentation for this, meaning I have copies of the relevant material, and I conducted the interviews with the witnesses, which include recordings of the conversations.

Here's what we know and what we can prove.

According to the mythology of Roswell, the officers at Roswell were so confused by the Mogul arrays, they didn't know that what they had were mere weather balloons and rawin radar reflectors. They flew the material to Fort Worth, their higher headquarters, where a low-ranking weather officer identified it all as nothing more than a balloon and foil-like rawin.

The problem here is that the timing doesn't really work out if we believe that the men at Roswell didn't know what they had until they got to Fort Worth. That would mean that the men in Fort Worth would be unable to identify it until the stuff arrived.

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<http://tinyurl.com/7kqrr23>

29 November 2011

Secretive Air Force Space Plane Nears Orbital Record
by Leonard David

The secretive X-37B robotic space plane is about to set its own space-endurance record on a hush-hush project operated by the U.S. Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office.

The craft, also known as the Orbital Test Vehicle-2, was boosted into Earth orbit atop an Atlas 5 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on March 5. Tomorrow (Nov. 30), the X-37B spacecraft will mark its 270th day of flight - a lifetime in space that was heralded in the past as the vehicle's upper limit for spaceflight by project officials.

"It's still up there," U.S. Air Force Maj. Tracy Bunko of the Air Force Press Desk at the Pentagon, told SPACE.com, noting that project officials planned for a 9- month-plus mission, "so we're close to that now."

[More at site... thanks to Diana Cammack for the lead]

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PRG Press Release - Disclosure Petition II -

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Dec 2011 08:06:40 -0800
Archived: Fri, 02 Dec 2011 07:30:29 -0500
Subject: PRG Press Release - Disclosure Petition II -

[Let the snarking begin.]

Press Release.
December 1, 2011

Disclosure Petition II - Rockefeller Initiative is now active on the White House website

Washington, DC - On September 22, 2011 Paradigm Research Group (PRG) submitted a petition to the White House sponsored initiative "We the People." Thousands of petitions have been submitted to We the People and approximately 300 of those accumulated the minimum 150 signatures required to be published to the White House website. A few dozen of the published petitions accumulated the 5000 (eventually raised to 25,000) signatures necessary for a formal response from the Obama Administration.

One of those receiving a formal response was the Disclosure Petition submitted by PRG. This petition acquired 12,078 signatures, and the White House response on November 4, 2011 generated hundreds of print and television news pieces around the world in many languages. The White House response can be viewed at

<http://tinyurl.com/7c33zhk>

and includes the following statements:

"The U.S. government has no evidence that any life exists outside our planet, or that an extraterrestrial presence has contacted or engaged any member of the human race. In addition, there is no credible information to suggest that any evidence is being hidden from the public's eye."

"The fact is we have no credible evidence of extraterrestrial presence here on Earth."

These statements from the Office of Science and Technology Policy are false and indefensible. To reinforce this assertion PRG today submitted "Disclosure Petition II - the Rockefeller Initiative" to We the People. It reads as follows:

"We petition the Obama Administration to demand a full congressional investigation of UFO/ET Disclosure efforts by the Clinton OSTP - the Rockefeller Initiative."

In response to the Disclosure Petition, the OSTP stated, "The U.S. government has no evidence that any life exists outside our planet, or that an extraterrestrial presence has contacted or engaged any member of the human race."

If true, what was the OSTP investigating from March 1993 to October 1996 in concert with billionaire and Clinton friend, Laurance Rockefeller?

Those who knew of and have not spoken publicly of this initiative include: Bill Clinton, Sec. of State Hillary Clinton,

Obama transition co-chair John Podesta, Sec. of Defense Leon Panetta, Dr. John Gibbons, Albert Gore and Governor Bill Richardson.

See:

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Rockefeller_Initiative_Documents.htm

and

www.presidentialufo.com/bill-clinton

The direct link to this petition is: <http://wh.gov/jz0>

More information is available at: www.disclosurepetition.info
Should this petition acquire 25,000 signatures by December 31, 2011, a response from the Administration is expected by mid-January 2012. When Disclosure Petition II has run its course, there will be a third and a fourth and so on. Given that the evidence that the White House now asserts does not exist is both massive and readily available, considerable pressure will be brought to bear on the Administration's formal policy statement.

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PRG press releases archived at:

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From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Dec 2011 16:14:09 +0000
Archived: Fri, 02 Dec 2011 08:13:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 30 Nov 2011 13:33:56 -0600
>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 30 Nov 2011 16:56:43 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 29 Nov 2011 18:14:32 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

><snip>

>>Here's the list of women researchers I would like to see at a
>>symposium. Individuals who would bring a new perspective to the
>>field:

>>Edith Fiore, Ph.D. - Encounters

><snip>

>>You all never heard of these researchers? I have and they really
>>are not trying to claim a position in the ufo orthodoxy and
>>seeking the approval of the male researchers already in the
>>field. They are pushing the boundaries.

>I met Edith Fiore once or twice some years ago. She was a
>pleasant woman in my recollection, though a New Age sort with
>whom I had little in common.

>I certainly won't dispute that she is indeed "pushing the
>boundaries." She spoke of having a client who, hypnotized to
>recall a previous lifetime, remembered being one of the aliens
>who crashed at Roswell. It was clear in the context that she
>believed this testimony to be literally true.

>By the way, I don't think she believed this to be literally true
>because she's a woman. I know men who perfectly able to believe
>the same. If I don't elect to seek out their company, well, so
>it goes.

Jerry:

When I met her, listened to her lecture, and read her book, I
came away with the impression Fiore was in the camp that equated
highly strange experiences to be in the "eye of the beholder."
The experiencer was firmly convinced what they experienced was
real and therefore, to them, it was real.

Seek out female researchers company? Well, that is a new way to
put it. Are you saying you avoid lectures by women in the field?

I hope not. That would be a clear case of discrimination against
an entire gender. Last I heard, you were married. Surely, you

trust your wife's opinion and seek her counsel.

KK

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Man-Made Balls Of Light In The Sky

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Dec 2011 13:13:05 -0500
Archived: Fri, 02 Dec 2011 08:14:22 -0500
Subject: Man-Made Balls Of Light In The Sky

A considerable number of UFO reports describe balls of white or colored lights. I argue that at least some of them are man-made. The evidence suggests that a covert technology exists which can produce a ball of plasma, or orb, at a distant location in the sky. Further, it seems orbs can now be made small enough and close enough together to be pixels in a three-dimensional digital image.

<http://www.treurniet.ca/bigpic/orbtech.htm>

Regards,

William

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PRG Update - 12/1/11 - Disclosure Petition II

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Dec 2011 11:18:38 -0800
Archived: Fri, 02 Dec 2011 08:16:55 -0500
Subject: PRG Update - 12/1/11 - Disclosure Petition II

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Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - December 1, 2011
Disclosure Petition II - Rockefeller Initiative
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Press_Releases/Updates.html

Disclosure Petition II - Rockefeller Initiative

www.disclosurepetition.info
<http://wh.gov/jz0>

The second PRG Disclosure petition is up on the White House website and quickly gathering signatures. It cleared the 150 posting threshold in 15 minutes. It will take 25,000 signatures by December 31 to trigger a formal response from the White House. Of equal importance, if it can quickly gather 10,000 signatures, it will attract media attention.

All nations can sign. Share the direct link to the petition via Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, email lists, websites, etc. Banners for linkage are available at the Petition Info site. If you signed the first PRG Disclosure Petition, you do not need to create a new account. Use your password and log in. First time signers will need to create an account with We the People, get a password back via email and log in. Takes a couple of minutes.

This petition is a direct challenge to the White House (OSTP) response to Disclosure Petition I. If it clears the 25K threshold, it will pose a difficult challenge to whomever is called upon to write a response.

White House response to Disclosure Petition I

<http://tinyurl.com/7c33zhk>

PRG's response to the White House response

<http://tinyurl.com/733umsj>

Zabel/Dolan Petition

www.disclosurepetition.com
www.afterdisclosure.com

Richard Dolan and Bryce Zabel have simultaneously submitted a petition to the White House which approaches the issue from a different angle. PRG strongly encourages all supporters to sign. These two petitions are sufficiently different to likely receive separate responses from the White House if they reach the 25K threshold. The more responses the better. The first URL above is a direct link to this petition. Below is the text:

WE PETITION THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO:

Investigate
Unidentified Aerial Phenomena as Reported by Citizens, Police,
Astronauts, Pilots and the Military.

Searching for microbes on Mars and radio signals from space is
not enough. We must explain Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, or
UAP, right here on Earth.

For six decades worldwide, credible witnesses (including
Presidents Carter and Reagan) have consistently described
objects with flight capabilities beyond our technology. UAP are
often verified by radar and even seen at nuclear sites by
military officers.

Given the national security implications, the United States
should conduct an independent investigation. This inquiry must
transparently review the key unsolved UAP reports with access to
classified documents. It must have the power to call witnesses
and grant immunity.

The findings should be publicly presented.

2012 Woman's UFO Symposium
May 19-20 Glen Rose, TX
<http://starworksusa.com>

The Women's UFO Symposium brings together leading women in UFO
research, documentation and related information.

The first annual Symposium will be held at the Somervell County
Expo Center and Texas Amphitheater in Glen Rose, Texas on May
19-20, 2012. The event will be hosted by Tracie Austin Peters,
producer and host of "Let's Talk...Paranormal" radio and TV talk
show.

PRG strongly supports this conference and all women
research/activist/journalists. More are needed.

Documentaries

UFO/ET/Exopolitics relevant documentaries continue to pour out.

Here a few PRG strongly encourages its supporters to watch:

Secret Access: UFOs on the Record

<http://tinyurl.com/7fhflne>

Disclosure Dialogues

www.paranormalmediagroup.com/disclosures.html

Thrive

www.thrivemovement.com

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>Actually, this is a separate question from the one I raised,
>though I suppose arguably related.

Jerry,

Yes, but you mentioned attraction and that's my point. I agree. They don't seem attracted and they seem resistant. Are there any African American Negroes on the List? I have been to many conferences and seldom see any people of color of any kind.

>I have no idea whether
>African Americans embrace or reject in UFOs in similar or
>dissimilar proportions from European- and other hyphenated
>Americans. All I know is that I have encountered few (though not
>quite zero) in my life as a ufologist.

>I'm sure we all understand that one member of a minority -
>especially one so out of step that he insists on being called an
>"American Negro" - speaks for all.

"Negro" superseded "colored" as the most polite terminology, at a time when "black" was more offensive.[6] Since the late 1960s, various other roughly similar terms have been in popular usage. The latter include Black, Black African, Afro-American (in use from the late 1960s to 1990) and African American (used in the United States to refer to Black Americans, peoples often referred to in the past as American Negroes).[7]

The United States Census Bureau announced that "Negro" would be included on the 2010 United States Census, alongside "Black" and "African-American" because some older Black Americans nevertheless self-identify with the term."

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

>Only polling could determine
>the answer to sympathetic/unsympathetic percentages among
>African Americans. At least one subset, Black Muslims, are
>sufficiently sympathetic to UFOs to incorporate them into their
>theology.

That's interesting. Can you elaborate?

>Anyway, we need hard data, not just one man's perhaps
>unrepresentative opinion, to answer the interesting question Ed
>raises.

I don't think the question has been presented before. Do you have any African American Negro friends you could ask?

Ed

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FAA - Falling Debris Not From Any Aircraft

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Archived: Fri, 02 Dec 2011 13:49:24 -0500
Subject: FAA - Falling Debris Not From Any Aircraft

Source: Gather.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/84uf14u>

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FAA Says Falling Debris Not From Any Known Aircraft
by Tom Rose

In the most significant UFO news to date, FAA officials are baffled by a piece of metal which crashed through the roof of a furniture warehouse in Plymouth, MA on Thursday because the debris does not belong to any known aircraft.

The 5-lb. chunk of metal was discovered on the floor of Michael's Wholesale Furniture Distributors after workers noticed a giant hole in the roof and the office below in disarray. Police were called in but soon turned the matter over to the FAA when they could not identify the metallic object.

A piece of metal crashed through the roof of a Plymouth business. (Photo Credit: Kathy Curran)

"We have no idea what it is. At this point, we can only speculate," said Plymouth police Capt. John Rogers. "This would have had to come through with some significant force or velocity to get through the warehouse roof and cause damage."

[More at site... thanks to Greg Boonme for the lead]

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 09:24:27 -0600
Archived: Fri, 02 Dec 2011 13:51:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Dec 2011 16:42:39 -0800
>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 30 Nov 2011 14:28:36 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

Hi, Ed,

<snip>

>>I'm sure we all understand that one member of a minority -
>>especially one so out of step that he insists on being called an
>>"American Negro" - speaks for all.

>"Negro" superseded "colored" as the most polite terminology, at
>a time when "black" was more offensive

As a student of American history, including prominently its
sorry racial history, I am well aware of how names by which
persons of African descent have prefer to call themselves have
evolved over time. I don't have to go to Wikipedia to inform
myself. Any person of color in 2011 who prefers to be called
"Negro" is not a representative African American. That's simply
a factual statement, not a value judgment.

Again, only polling data, not conversations with random
individuals, can answer the question of how African Americans
feel about UFOs. Such an effort should also compare their
interests as opposed to other Americans' in other, non-
ufological recreational matters and hobbies. Until such data are
available, further discussion - especially by a couple of white
guys - seems pointless.

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>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Dec 2011 16:14:09 +0000
>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 30 Nov 2011 13:33:56 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 30 Nov 2011 16:56:43 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>>Date: Tue, 29 Nov 2011 18:14:32 +0000
>>>>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

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>>because she's a woman. I know men who are perfectly able to believe
>>the same. If I don't elect to seek out their company, well, so
>>it goes.

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>Seek out female researchers company? Well, that is a new way to
>put it. Are you saying you avoid lectures by women in the field?

>I hope not. That would be a clear case of discrimination against
>an entire gender. Last I heard, you were married. Surely, you
>trust your wife's opinion and seek her counsel.

Always the comedian, aren't you, Kathy?

If I didn't think that you were joking, I would have to assume
that you suffer from reading-comprehension problems. I would
have to ask you to reread my last quoted paragraph above, and
then ask you to try to discern how many genders the possessive
pronoun "their" refers to. Hint: more than one.

Or I could charge you with the fantastic belief that one woman
speaks for all women, meaning that if I don't embrace Fiore's
apparent belief in a reincarnated Roswell alien, I am
disrespecting all women.

But fortunately, I don't have to do that because owing to
clairvoyant powers I can see a tongue sticking firmly in a
cheek.

Cordially,
Jerry Clark

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Dec 2011 12:48:16 -0400
Archived: Fri, 02 Dec 2011 13:55:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

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>>pleasant woman in my recollection, though a New Age sort with
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>Jerry:

>When I met her, listened to her lecture, and read her book, I
>came away with the impression Fiore was in the camp that equated
>highly strange experiences to be in the "eye of the beholder."
>The experiencer was firmly convinced what they experienced was
>real and therefore, to them, it was real.

What a new and original hypothesis. How come no one has thought
of this before. This is ground-breaking, Earth shattering, self
serving too; and of course rubbish.

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>put it. Are you saying you avoid lectures by women in the field?

Jerry is probably like me; he sorts out the fringers and the
nutcases from the rest whether they be female or male.

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>an entire gender. Last I heard, you were married. Surely, you
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What about the women only UFO conference; would you not agree
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Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 17:41:43 +0000
Archived: Sat, 03 Dec 2011 06:37:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>From: Stanton T. Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 26 Nov 2011 09:47:13 -0400
>Subject: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

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German Parliament Must Give Access To Secret

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Dec 2011 06:45:12 -0500
Archived: Sat, 03 Dec 2011 06:45:12 -0500
Subject: German Parliament Must Give Access To Secret

Source: grenzwissenschaft-aktuell.blogspot.com

<http://tinyurl.com/c2k2hgy>

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Court Decision: German Parliament Must Give Access To Secret
UFO-Report

Berlin, Germany - The Administrative Court of Berlin has decided that the German parliament, the Deutsche Bundestag, has to give access to a so far secret official report compiled by the Scientific Research Service of the German parliament on demand of delegates on the question on the government's knowledge and studies about UFOs and extraterrestrial life. However, the parliament has already appealed against the decision.

- This article is a translation of an original German article

"The right of access to official information under the German freedom of information act (Informationsfreiheitsgesetz, IFG) also applies to studies and reports of the 'Scientific Research Service of the Bundestag', the Berlin Administrative Court explained in its decision announcement today (1 December, 2011).

Until the court hearing the Bundestag denied access to the paper by referring to the claim that the work and results of the "Scientific Research Service of the Bundestag" are part of the work of the parliament and the mandatory work of the delegates and therefore should be excluded from demands referring to the freedom of information act ...

[More at site... thanks to A. J. Gevaerd for the lead]

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Re: PRG Update - 12/1/11 - Disclosure Petition II

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 18:39:26 +0000
Archived: Sat, 03 Dec 2011 06:47:37 -0500
Subject: Re: PRG Update - 12/1/11 - Disclosure Petition II

>From: Stephen Bassett <PRG.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Thu, 01 Dec 2011 11:18:38 -0800
>Subject: PRG Update - 12/1/11 - Disclosure Petition II

>PRG
>Paradigm Research Group

>PRG Update - December 1, 2011
>Disclosure Petition II - Rockefeller Initiative
>www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Press_Releases/Updates.html

<snip>

>WE PETITION THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO:

>Investigate
>Unidentified Aerial Phenomena as Reported by Citizens, Police,
>Astronauts, Pilots and the Military.

>Searching for microbes on Mars and radio signals from space is
>not enough. We must explain Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, or
>UAP, right here on Earth.

>For six decades worldwide, credible witnesses (including
>Presidents Carter and Reagan) have consistently described
>objects with flight capabilities beyond our technology. UAP are
>often verified by radar and even seen at nuclear sites by
>military officers.

>Given the national security implications, the United States
>should conduct an independent investigation. This inquiry must
>transparently review the key unsolved UAP reports with access to
>classified documents. It must have the power to call witnesses
>and grant immunity.

>The findings should be publicly presented.

Ah, this petition is a much more intelligent approach. I like it.

KK

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 18:46:03 +0000
Archived: Sat, 03 Dec 2011 06:49:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Man-Made Balls Of Light In The Sky

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 01 Dec 2011 13:13:05 -0500
>Subject: Man-Made Balls Of Light In The Sky

>A considerable number of UFO reports describe balls of white or
>colored lights. I argue that at least some of them are man-made.
>The evidence suggests that a covert technology exists which can
>produce a ball of plasma, or orb, at a distant location in the
>sky. Further, it seems orbs can now be made small enough and
>close enough together to be pixels in a three-dimensional
>digital image.

><http://www.treurniet.ca/bigpic/orbtech.htm>

Just as plasma balls/figures might be man-made using advanced technology, I think we should consider that so-called crop circles could be made by advanced technology. That technology's primary purpose may not be used to make crop circles, but its primary use is something not disclosed to the public. Some researchers into the phenomena claim that electromagnetic frequencies are used. That technology is well within the spectrum of tools humans control, project and manipulate. Why not plasma balls?

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Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 07:40:30 -0500 (EST)
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KK's statement that Denise Stoner and I are only looking for data appears to be a criticism of the fact that we are not mental health practitioners. The fact is that most abduction investigators and researchers are not psychotherapists. We do not purport that this survey will be used to heal the emotional wounds of abduction experiencers. We have made it very clear that we are UFO abduction researchers and investigators collecting data about the commonalities in UFO abduction experiences.

It seems pertinent that I should mention that I am very well aware of the emotional and psychic pain suffered by abductees. I am the niece of Betty and Barney Hill and was very close to them. I am also sympathetic to the plight of others who have been subjected to the emotional and physical trauma of having been kidnapped and experimented on by non-human entities.

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Beyond The Laughter Curtain, This Main Line Group Provides Forum
For Sharing UFO Experiences
By Pete Bannan
pbannan.nul

Jennifer Stein holds up a DVD documentary she has produced on
UFOs.

As a young woman growing up on a farm outside Lansdale, Jennifer
Stein awoke early one morning to witness something that she
could not explain. From her bedroom window she spotted a large
rectangular object with brilliant white lights about one mile
from her home. It was about 1,500 feet in air and about 45
degrees off the horizon. In the darkness she stared at it for a
few minutes as it sat silently in the distance.

"At first I thought it was a plane," Stein said as she recalled
the event. "But it did not change. After several minutes it
jumped to within 500 feet of our home nearly at eye level above
a large oak tree. Close up she could see it was 80-90 feet long
and rectangular in shape as it hovered 10 feet above an oak tree
in a meadow."

"I buried it for about 25 years because I thought I was alone at
the time," Stein said as she waited for the monthly meeting of
the Main Line Mutual UFO Network to begin. Stein, a Radnor
resident, is the director of the group, which has between 300-
400 members. 50-60 people regularly attend the group's monthly
meetings at the Tredyffrin Library.

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Source: NewScientist.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/7tey8to>

02 December 2011

Let's Build A Beacon To Tell Aliens Who We Were
by Chris Wilson

Somewhere in the cosmos, 36 light years away from us in the direction of the Hercules constellation, a series of electromagnetic waves stretching across 30 million miles of space carries a message from Earth. Each of the 1,679 signals it contains falls in one of two frequencies - an FM signal that translates to a bunch of ones and zeroes.

This message originated in 1974, when it was broadcast from the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico to commemorate the facility's renovation. The authors of the message, Carl Sagan and SETI founder Frank Drake, hoped that any aliens who happened to receive it might notice that 1,679 is the product of two prime numbers, 23 and 73, and if you arrange all the zeroes and ones in a grid of 23 columns and 73 rows, you get a series of simple, ASCII-like pictures, including a double helix and a crude image of a person. Whether or not an alien civilization could crack the code, they would at least notice something funny about these FM signals. They're 10 million times stronger than the background noise from our sun.

But no extraterrestrials will even get the chance. The Arecibo transmission was aimed at a system 25,000 light years away that will have long since orbited out of the signal's path by the time it arrives in the vicinity. The odds of any two civilizations ever overlapping in time are extremely small. Even if we left the Arecibo telescope squealing out its signal until its power ran out and its hardware rusted, there's virtually no chance that the emanations would get anywhere in particular, and hang around long enough to be seen or heard. The only way we'll make contact is if we can make a beacon that keeps going for millions or billions of years after we're gone.

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Jesus Borg Cube Awesome New UFO Theory

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Dec 2011 12:01:39 -0500
Archived: Sat, 03 Dec 2011 12:01:39 -0500
Subject: Jesus Borg Cube Awesome New UFO Theory

Source: Io9.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/7jl9ann>

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[Doh!]

Awesome New UFO Theory: Approaching Comet Is Really A Borg Cube
From Jesus
By Charlie Jane Anders

Awesome New UFO Theory: Approaching Comet is Really a Borg Cube
From JesusThere's nothing better than a wild UFO conspiracy
theory - unless it's a UFO theory that wraps in a debunked
comet, the Catholic Church, and Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Conspiracy theorists believe that Comet Elenin is rapidly
approaching Earth, and that it's a perfect cube. A cube piloted
by cyborgs who seek to assimilate the human race into their
collective. A Borg Cube, in other words. Yes, the writers of
Star Trek: The Next Generation "were being prophetic" when they
created the Borg, writes extraterrestrial expert Alex Collier
over at the Canadian National Newspaper.

(For what it's worth, NASA says Comet Elenin was destroyed in
October, and it was never going to be an issue in any case. But
that's just what you'd expect them to say.)

So Comet Elenin wasn't actually destroyed, and it's a perfect
cube, and this proves the Borg are real. Okay. But it doesn't
stop there - apparently this Borg cube is known as the Galactic
Obliteration Device, or G.O.D. for short. And there's tons of
evidence that Christianity and the Bible are really about how
Jesus is a Borg and he's coming to assimilate us. Just look at
the image up top, depicting "Jesus of Borg". Apparently this is
spelled out in the Book of Revelation.

Over at the Luciferian Liberation Front, there's an article that
spells out how going to Heaven is really a metaphor for joining
the Borg:

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Marc Garneau's Take On Extra-Terrestrials

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Archived: Sat, 03 Dec 2011 12:07:09 -0500
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Source: TheGlobeAndMail.com

<http://tinyurl.com/6qvgukf>

Wednesday, November 23, 2011

Marc Garneau's Take On Extra-Terrestrials: 'There Must Be Life Out There'
Jane Taber

Marc Garneau was approached by a Parliament Hill commissionaire this week and asked: "Are we alone in the universe?"

He gets that a lot. The two-term Liberal MP from Montreal has a hard time shaking off the legacy of his earlier job =96 that of Canada's first astronaut.

Although he flew his first of three missions to space 27 years ago, he doesn't mind answering the questions. He feels he has a responsibility.

"Good question", the 62-year-old politician said, proceeding to tell the commissionaire what he believes:

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Police Officer Spots 'Round Object' Over Trees

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Dec 2011 12:10:03 -0500
Archived: Sat, 03 Dec 2011 12:10:03 -0500
Subject: Police Officer Spots 'Round Object' Over Trees

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/6vv2njw>

December 2, 2011

Missouri UFO: Police Officer Spots 'Round Object' At Tree Tops
Roger Marsh

A Missouri police officer at Lee's Summit reports watching a "round object with very bright, white lights" that hovered just above the tree tops, according to December 2, 2011, testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The officer was on-duty at the time and was at the intersection of 291 Highway and 150 Highway when the object was noticed to the west.

"It would take a baseball held at arm's length to cover the object," the officer stated. "The white lights had a blue hue to them and all of the lights were on the bottom of the craft. The lights were strobing, and there was no sound whatsoever. It was a clear night with no cloud cover, and the object was very low, just above treetop level."

The officer was able to capture the object with a dashboard cam - although the video was not submitted with the original report.

"I watched as it hovered, and filmed it with the dash cam on my patrol car for approximately 15 minutes, then finally turned the camera off because I didn't want to use up memory on the camera. I called dispatch, who got a good laugh out of it, but they wouldn't take me seriously. I requested a copy of the video when I arrived at the station and will forward that to MUFON when I get it."

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Re: Man-Made Balls Of Light In The Sky

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 Dec 2011 09:52:07 -0500
Archived: Sat, 03 Dec 2011 12:11:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Man-Made Balls Of Light In The Sky

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 18:46:03 +0000
>Subject: Re: Man-Made Balls Of Light In The Sky

>>From: William Treurniet<wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates<post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 01 Dec 2011 13:13:05 -0500
>>Subject: Man-Made Balls Of Light In The Sky

>>A considerable number of UFO reports describe balls of white or
>>colored lights. I argue that at least some of them are man-made.
>>The evidence suggests that a covert technology exists which can
>>produce a ball of plasma, or orb, at a distant location in the
>>sky. Further, it seems orbs can now be made small enough and
>>close enough together to be pixels in a three-dimensional
>>digital image.

>><http://www.treurniet.ca/bigpic/orbtech.htm>

>Just as plasma balls/figures might be man-made using advanced
>technology, I think we should consider that so-called crop
>circles could be made by advanced technology. That technology's
>primary purpose may not be used to make crop circles, but its
>primary use is something not disclosed to the public. Some
>researchers into the phenomena claim that electromagnetic
>frequencies are used. That technology is well within the
>spectrum of tools humans control, project and manipulate. Why
>not plasma balls?

Yes, I agree.

In 2001, Haselhoff analyzed a simple crop circle and found that the elongation of the flattened plant nodes varied monotonically from the center of the circle to the edge. A witness had observed a ball of light floating above the field where this particular circle appeared, and Haselhoff found that the pattern of node elongations was fit very well by a model of a source of electromagnetic radiation suspended 4.1 m above the center of the circle. The model implies that the plants fell over because of local heating of the plant nodes.

It's possible that such an effect on plants was used by plasma researchers to practice their control over positioning the ball of plasma. They would have needed an application that would not attract attention back to them. The resulting crop formations would be attributed to aliens or to crop artists with boards. The reported flyovers of the crop formations by military helicopters would have been done to take photos for assessing the accuracy of the plasma ball control system. This scenario might also explain the rumors of involvement by intelligence organizations such as MI-5.

However, I'm still open to the possibility that some plasma balls in the sky and some crop formations are not man-made. Military researchers may be working hard to catch up. Creating plasma balls and crop formations may be ways to practice aiming, but the actual weapons to be aimed could be beyond our ability to imagine.

William

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Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 19:50:29 +0000
Archived: Sun, 04 Dec 2011 07:50:53 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>From: Kathleen Marden <Kmarden.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 07:40:30 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 17:41:43 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

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>been subjected to the emotional and physical trauma of having
>been kidnapped and experimented on by non-human entities.

Kathleen:

That is the problem, isn't it? You are thinking my opinion is a criticism of your research. In a way, it is.

The model you are implementing is what would be referred to as the Jack Webb/Dragnet model of "give me the facts, ma'am, just the facts". At no time, in what I read, is there information provided to the volunteer of what could happen to their mental state by reliving the experience. Your focus is just on the facts, not the human providing the facts.

The people you want to volunteer had a crack in their worldview, slid through and returned to tell the tale. And, all you are focused on is mining their data. That is a little on the cold side. But, then that is how any witness is treated within the field of UFO research. 'Just give us the facts, just the facts'. Without regard for the what has happened emotionally, and sometimes physically, to the witness/experiencer.

Maybe, you should consult with a shaman or psychotherapist before proceeding with your research. And, as I recommended possibly contacting Dr. Rick Strassman (www.rickstrassman.com) or accessing the government website for information regarding Informed Consent Form.

I was hoping the above would be seen as helpful not being critical of your wanting to do the research.

Just because someone wants to provide information doesn't

mean you should take advantage of their desire to do so.

KK

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Nick Redfern's 'Keep Out!'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sun, 04 Dec 2011 08:42:35 -0500
Archived: Sun, 04 Dec 2011 08:42:35 -0500
Subject: Nick Redfern's 'Keep Out!'

Source: UFOMystic.Com

<http://www.ufomystic.com/2011/12/02/keep-out-2/>

Dec 02 2011

Keep Out!
Nick Redfern

Area 51, Hangar 18, and the Dulce Base: these are just a handful of the many and varied select, highly-classified installations about which the governments of the United States, Australia, China, Russia, the United Kingdom and elsewhere prefer we, the general public, remain steadfastly ignorant. And those same governments have extremely good reasons for wishing us to remain in the dark.

It is at these very same secret facilities that, for decades, clandestine research is said to have been undertaken into lethal viruses, genetic manipulation, crashed UFOs and deceased alien entities, biological-warfare, mind-control experimentation, futuristic aircraft and spacecraft, teleportation, weather-modification, invisibility, time-travel, and much, much more of a conspiratorial and cosmic nature.

Whether situated deep under the oceans, far below the ground, or within the heart of hidden, remote desert locales, these and many other super-secret places are guarded with a paranoid zeal by those in power who wish to keep their secrets buried and locked far away from prying-eyes.

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Tim Good On BBC-TV

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 20:24:25 -0000
Archived: Sun, 04 Dec 2011 08:46:59 -0500
Subject: Tim Good On BBC-TV

Below is from Joe McGonagle www.uk-ufo.org on his ufologyinuk List:

Timothy Good appeared briefly on comedian Frank Skinner's BBC2 show 'Opinionated'. He described what he interpreted as a response to his telepathic appeal for an alien to show himself. The appearance starts at around 18 minutes into the show at the BBC web site:

<http://tinyurl.com/77nwoa9>

He also claimed (not for the first time) that Eisenhower had direct contact with aliens in 1955...

Watch from about 10 minutes in cos there's that scene where the astronaut Buzz Aldrin lands a punch on the guy who doesn't believe he went to the moon and then a funny video segment where the astronauts' home from the moon are greeted by Nixon. They play the US national anthem and the spacemen stand up and all you can see through the letterbox window is their crotches!!

Tim Good manages to alienate himself from the audience I felt with his claimed alien history and his own meeting with an alien.

Dave Haith

BTW - I don't think this show is accessible from North America but I have Tim Good's bit as an .mp3 should anyone want it.

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Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 12:30:29 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Sun, 04 Dec 2011 08:48:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>From: Kathleen Marden <Kmarden.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 07:40:30 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 17:41:43 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

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>been kidnapped and experimented on by non-human entities.

Kathleen:

I appreciate your work in this area.

But I must agree with Kathy to emphasize the importance of
helping and not hurting those traumatized.

I'm not sure a statement about being mental health
practitioners, or being well aware of pain experienced, by
itself, is going to make everyone rest assured.

Just as I'm not sure any informed consent will. Though it
helps.

Paraphrasing what John Velez has said, let's stop scarring
abductees further by cutting out their implants. And repeating
what Kathy has said, let's not leave the traumatized hanging in
the wind.

Compassion, respect, legal and ethical responsibility: these
must be paramount.

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Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

From: Denise Stoner <dms.mufonssd.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 10:15:14 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Sun, 04 Dec 2011 09:45:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 17:41:43 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>>From: Stanton T. Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 26 Nov 2011 09:47:13 -0400
>>Subject: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>>Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>>Abduction researcher, author and former International Director
>>of Field Investigator Training, Kathleen Marden, and Denise
>>Stoner, Florida MUFON's Director of Investigations, are
>>collaborating on an abduction experiencer research project.

>>Our goal is to expand our understanding of the alien abduction
>>phenomenon through the use of two questionnaires.

>>We, in turn, plan to publish our findings pertaining to little
>>known commonalities among UFO abductees.

>>The UFO Abduction Experiencer Survey lists 45 general multiple
>>choice questions pertaining to experiencer's demographics,
>>abduction memories, psychic phenomena experiences, and
>>physiological responses. Some examples of these questions
>>include the following:

><snip>

>>Participants' identities will remain anonymous. If you wish to
>>be personally contacted regarding the results of this survey,
>>you need only include your email address.

>>Denise Stoner and I want to thank-you in advance for
>>facilitating our research efforts and increasing our knowledge
>>about alien abduction.

>List:

>While it is important to have an individual who experienced a
>crack in their worldview - passed through the crack and lived to
>tell the tale - these researchers are only looking for data not
>offering a guide to managing & healing themselves.

>I am not making a reference to seeking out someone who claims to
>"work with abductees". There is a psychic/emotional component
>that is never addressed. The appropriate individual to address
>this aspect of the experience would be a shaman or
>psychotherapist. Someone with the background of Dr. Angela
>Smith.

>More to the point, nowhere in the blurb was Informed Consent
>Form discussed. There is a brief statement about participants
>remaining anonymous, but not much else.

>I suggest that the researchers contact or read DMT by Dr. Rick

>Strassman, M.D. for an example of how to write an ICF for
>unconventional research. If no ICF is a part of this research,
>it cannot be called or seen as a scientific study. And, the
>participant will not be protected from adverse effects of
>participating in this project. Yes, there could be adverse
>effects. Because, once again, the UFO research community
>collects the data but leaves the experiencer/witness hanging in
>the wind.

There are many aspects of research and final discovery of truth that can remain enmeshed in a web of rules decided by many who feel the individuals conducting any type of research are not qualified to do so. I believe science and medicine should play a huge part in this search. However, after working with these possible abductees for 20+ years, holding private meetings, and collecting their stories during these meetings, Kathy and I have gathered information science and medical people will never be privy to.

These private meetings are attended by all walks of life including doctors, researchers, Psychologists, etc. They do not wish to have their experiences exposed to the general populace nor the media. What sharing is done, is freely offered within the confines of this small space, but all of it stays in that room. Once the door is opened and everyone leaves to go home, not a word is spoken regarding information shared. It has been mentioned time and again what great relief and peace of mind is felt when they are given this opportunity to meet other "experiencers" in such a setting.

At one point it was discovered that these individuals had several things in common, enough so that Kathy and I felt it would benefit the support group even more if they had a survey to answer, something solid to see on paper, comparisons to make and discuss at a future meeting. The group was thrilled and excited to fill out what we put together. How many others have been helped this way - uncountable I suspect. We will meet in the near future to give them the results so even if there is nothing written in concrete - we have something to think about, talk about, and perhaps look at a connection between these people.

We felt this would be an opportunity for other people out there to help us and themselves learn more about this subject. No one is forcing a person to take pen in hand and fill them out. All answers do not have to come from a laboratory or licensed professional. Just a few people who care about each other, want to share, need the answers to a life long question and are willing to continue seeking in whatever manner they choose. The truth may not be in a test tube or Dr.s response but a small room where a lot of talking goes on freely, unencumbered by the outside world, and ideas of what to do next in order to help each other are highly respected.

Denise M. Stoner
Chief Investigator, Florida
MUFON State Section Director

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Archived: Sun, 04 Dec 2011 11:12:51 -0500
Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 09:24:27 -0600
>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Dec 2011 16:42:39 -0800
>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

Hi, Ed,

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>>"Negro" superseded "colored" as the most polite terminology, at
>>a time when "black" was more offensive

>As a student of American history, including prominently its
>sorry racial history, I am well aware of how names by which
>persons of African descent have prefer to call themselves have
>evolved over time. I don't have to go to Wikipedia to inform
>myself.

Jerry,

Yes, you probably do have a grasp of black history, but I wanted
the List members to understand the context. My friend wants to
be known as an American Negro, but that shouldn't disqualify him
from having an opinion as to why African Americans aren't
attracted to or interested in UFO. He was agreeing with your
observation. Most blacks, African Americans and Negroes aren't
interested in UFO or aliens. It's "white folks business".

>Any person of color in 2011 who prefers to be called
>"Negro" is not a representative African American. That's simply
>a factual statement, not a value judgment.

The use of "negro" as an identifying term is/was quite common
and was used by 50,000 folks in the 2000 census. That's why it
was included on the 2010 form.

>Again, only polling data, not conversations with random
>individuals, can answer the question of how African Americans
>feel about UFOs. Such an effort should also compare their
>interests as opposed to other Americans' in other, non-
>ufological recreational matters and hobbies. Until such data are
>available, further discussion - especially by a couple of white
>guys - seems pointless.

Again, you brought this subject up. Who did you think would be
discussing it? UpDates is a List of white guys with a few women
and as far as I can tell, very few people of color and probably
no American Negroes.

So the best we can hope for in our discussion is a bunch of
white guys and maybe a woman, working together, trying to figure
out some of the reasons why African Americans aren't attracted
to ufological matters. I have to agree: it does seem a little

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Ed

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Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

From: Kathleen Marden <Kmarden.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Dec 2011 09:50:27 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 07:21:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 19:50:29 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>>From: Kathleen Marden <Kmarden.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 07:40:30 -0500 (EST)
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 17:41:43 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

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>>am the niece of Betty and Barney Hill and was very close to
>>them. I am also sympathetic to the plight of others who have
>>been subjected to the emotional and physical trauma of having
>>been kidnapped and experimented on by non-human entities.

>Kathleen:

>That is the problem, isn't it? You are thinking my opinion is a
>criticism of your research. In a way, it is.

>The model you are implementing is what would be referred to as
>the Jack Webb/Dragnet model of "give me the facts, ma'am, just
>the facts". At no time, in what I read, is there information
>provided to the volunteer of what could happen to their mental
>state by reliving the experience. Your focus is just on the
>facts, not the human providing the facts.

>The people you want to volunteer had a crack in their worldview,
>slid through and returned to tell the tale. And, all you are
>focused on is mining their data. That is a little on the cold
>side. But, then that is how any witness is treated within the
>field of UFO research. 'Just give us the facts, just the facts'.
>Without regard for the what has happened emotionally, and
>sometimes physically, to the witness/experiencer.

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The survey is being offered on a volunteer basis to those who feel comfortable taking it. No one is being forced to do anything. Many people gain a sense of relief in knowing that others have had identical experiences.

Denise and I have been providing support and understanding to abductees for many years.

It is though talking to a others who share the same experiences and gaining acceptance and understanding that they are able to move on with their lives. It is cathartic. Comments from abductees that have taken the survey have been very positive. They are anxious to hear the results.

I have visited Dr. Rick Strassman's site. Our questionnaire is not an experimental study. It is a only a simple, straight forward survey. No identifying information is necessary.

I must comment that my perception of your behavior is that you tend to heap an inordinate amount of criticism upon others.

Kindness in this overly nasty world is very much appreciated.

Kathleen Marden

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From: Kathleen Marden <Kmarden.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Dec 2011 09:56:21 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 07:24:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 12:30:29 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>>From: Kathleen Marden <Kmarden.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 07:40:30 -0500 (EST)
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>>been subjected to the emotional and physical trauma of having
>>been kidnapped and experimented on by non-human entities.

>Kathleen:

>I appreciate your work in this area.

>But I must agree with Kathy to emphasize the importance of
>helping and not hurting those traumatized.

>I'm not sure a statement about being mental health
>practitioners, or being well aware of pain experienced, by
>itself, is going to make everyone rest assured.

>Just as I'm not sure any informed consent will. Though it
>helps.

>Paraphrasing what John Velez has said, let's stop scarring
>abductees further by cutting out their implants. And repeating
>what Kathy has said, let's not leave the traumatized hanging in
>the wind.

>Compassion, respect, legal and ethical responsibility: these
>must be paramount.

I fully agree with you. Compassion, respect and ethical
responsibility are the primary reasons why Denise and I work
with abductees.

Our surveys have been reviewed and approved by Les Valez and Clifford Clift.

Kathleen Marden

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Re: Nick Redfern's 'Keep Out!'

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Dec 2011 09:10:57 -0500
Archived: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 07:26:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Nick Redfern's 'Keep Out!'

>Source: UFOMystic.Com

><http://www.ufomystic.com/2011/12/02/keep-out-2/>

>Dec 02 2011

>Keep Out!
>Nick Redfern

>Area 51, Hangar 18, and the Dulce Base: these are just a handful
>of the many and varied select, highly-classified installations
>about which the governments of the United States, Australia,
>China, Russia, the United Kingdom and elsewhere prefer we, the
>general public, remain steadfastly ignorant. And those same
>governments have extremely good reasons for wishing us to remain
>in the dark.

>It is at these very same secret facilities that, for decades,
>clandestine research is said to have been undertaken into lethal
>viruses, genetic manipulation, crashed UFOs and deceased alien
>entities, biological-warfare, mind-control experimentation,
>futuristic aircraft and spacecraft, teleportation, weather-
>modification, invisibility, time-travel, and much, much more of
>a conspiratorial and cosmic nature.

>Whether situated deep under the oceans, far below the ground, or
>within the heart of hidden, remote desert locales, these and
>many other super-secret places are guarded with a paranoid zeal
>by those in power who wish to keep their secrets buried and
>locked far away from prying-eyes.

>[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

One has to ask if Nick has ever been to Dulce?

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Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Dec 2011 10:20:33 -0600
Archived: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 07:28:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 16:22:02 -0800
>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 09:24:27 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

>>From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 1 Dec 2011 16:42:39 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Women's UFO Symposium Takes On 'Old Boys Club'

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>white guys and maybe a woman, working together, trying to figure
>out some of the reasons why African Americans aren't attracted
>to ufological matters. I have to agree: it does seem a little
>pointless.

Ed,

I do hope that if some empirical - which is to say polling -
data come to light, an UpDates member will alert us to the fact,
and then we'll have something to discuss beyond rank
speculation.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

From: Michael Hughes <michaelmhughes.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Dec 2011 14:07:35 -0500
Archived: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 07:30:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

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>mean you should take advantage of their desire to do so.

While I am a fan of Strassman's work, and of the principle of informed consent, Strassman's research involved injecting people with a powerful psychedelic (DMT) in an institutional setting.

A survey, essentially asking questions and receiving answers, in no way should be seen as requiring the type of formal paperwork and review as a study like Strassman's. A survey is simply a survey or information gathering exercise people will voluntarily contribute to.

I don't understand why you think any sort of consent form is necessary here=80=93people who provide data are doing so willingly, and the researchers are not responsible for their well-being.

Michael M. Hughes

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Re: Let's Build A Beacon To Tell Aliens Who We Were

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Dec 2011 19:21:50 +0000
Archived: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 07:39:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Let's Build A Beacon To Tell Aliens Who We Were

>From: post.nul
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 11:56:01 -0500
>Subject: Let's Build A Beacon To Tell Aliens Who We Were

>Source: NewScientist.Com

><http://tinyurl.com/7tey8to>

>02 December 2011

>Let's Build A Beacon To Tell Aliens Who We Were
>by Chris Wilson

>Somewhere in the cosmos, 36 light years away from us in the
>direction of the Hercules constellation, a series of
>electromagnetic waves stretching across 30 million miles of
>space carries a message from Earth. Each of the 1,679 signals it
>contains falls in one of two frequencies - an FM signal that
>translates to a bunch of ones and zeroes.

>This message originated in 1974, when it was broadcast from the
>Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico to commemorate the
>facility's renovation. The authors of the message, Carl Sagan
>and SETI founder Frank Drake, hoped that any aliens who happened
>to receive it might notice that 1,679 is the product of two
>prime numbers, 23 and 73, and if you arrange all the zeroes and
>ones in a grid of 23 columns and 73 rows, you get a series of
>simple, ASCII-like pictures, including a double helix and a
>crude image of a person. Whether or not an alien civilization
>could crack the code, they would at least notice something funny
>about these FM signals. They're 10 million times stronger than
>the background noise from our sun.

>But no extraterrestrials will even get the chance. The Arecibo
>transmission was aimed at a system 25,000 light years away that
>will have long since orbited out of the signal's path by the
>time it arrives in the vicinity. The odds of any two
>civilizations ever overlapping in time are extremely small. Even
>if we left the Arecibo telescope squealing out its signal until
>its power ran out and its hardware rusted, there's virtually no
>chance that the emanations would get anywhere in particular, and
>hang around long enough to be seen or heard. The only way we'll
>make contact is if we can make a beacon that keeps going for
>millions or billions of years after we're gone.

>[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

Sky & Telescope, January 2012 issue, page 28-31, Joseph Lazio provides the article "How Alien Astronomers Could Find Earth" The subtitle of the article "We could make it easier for our counterparts on distant planets to find evidence of our existence; but it would be a massive undertaking for us." The article details the question into two parts. 1) how much Earth emits detectable energy naturally; 2) how much radiation could our civilization generate to infer our existence.

One of Lazio's suggestions is to build a particle accelerator in

space which would beam neutrons. He notes that neutron trajectories would not be affected by interstellar magnetic fields. He argues that the Keck I & II laser beams are too weak to be detectable across interstellar distances.

Lazio is a radio astronomer and he opines that radio signals are the most still the most practical for interstellar communication/detection.

KK

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 Dec 2011 20:09:40 +0000
Archived: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 07:45:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>From: Denise Stoner <dms.mUFOnessd.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2011 10:15:14 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 17:41:43 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

<snip>

>>List:

>>While it is important to have an individual who experienced a
>>crack in their worldview - passed through the crack and lived to
>>tell the tale - these researchers are only looking for data not
>>offering a guide to managing & healing themselves.

>>I am not making a reference to seeking out someone who claims to
>>"work with abductees". There is a psychic/emotional component
>>that is never addressed. The appropriate individual to address
>>this aspect of the experience would be a shaman or
>>psychotherapist. Someone with the background of Dr. Angela
>>Smith.

>>More to the point, nowhere in the blurb was Informed Consent
>>Form discussed. There is a brief statement about participants
>>remaining anonymous, but not much else.

>>I suggest that the researchers contact or read DMT by Dr. Rick
>>Strassman, M.D. for an example of how to write an ICF for
>>unconventional research. If no ICF is a part of this research,
>>it cannot be called or seen as a scientific study. And, the
>>participant will not be protected from adverse effects of
>>participating in this project. Yes, there could be adverse
>>effects. Because, once again, the UFO research community
>>collects the data but leaves the experiencer/witness hanging in
>>the wind.

>>There are many aspects of research and final discovery of truth
>>that can remain enmeshed in a web of rules decided by many who
>>feel the individuals conducting any type of research are not
>>qualified to do so. I believe science and medicine should play a
>>huge part in this search. However, after working with these
>>possible abductees for 20+ years, holding private meetings, and
>>collecting their stories during these meetings, Kathy and I have
>>gathered information science and medical people will never be
>>privy to.

I am afraid you missed the point of my suggestion.

Once again, a member of your research team has decided they
were being attacked for their qualifications to conduct their study.
That was not the case. My opinion was NOT about you but asking
the team to put themselves in the place of the subject/volunteer
being asked to participate.

>>These private meetings are attended by all walks of life

>including doctors, researchers, Psychologists, etc. They do not
>wish to have their experiences exposed to the general populace
>nor the media. What sharing is done, is freely offered within
>the confines of this small space, but all of it stays in that
>room. Once the door is opened and everyone leaves to go home,
>not a word is spoken regarding information shared. It has been
>mentioned time and again what great relief and peace of mind is
>felt when they are given this opportunity to meet other
>"experiencers" in such a setting.

How do you identify your case files; where is the information kept; how long are you keeping the case files. Are you implying that there is a group participating together in your "sessions?" Is this the primary setting for "collecting" the data you will be using for your published study results? Are you sharing with people who volunteer intimate information about their experiences in a group setting?

I thought you were relying only on answering a questionnaire.

>At one point it was discovered that these individuals had
>several things in common, enough so that Kathy and I felt it
>would benefit the support group even more if they had a survey
>to answer, something solid to see on paper, comparisons to make
>and discuss at a future meeting. The group was thrilled and
>excited to fill out what we put together. How many others have
>been helped this way - uncountable I suspect. We will meet in
>the near future to give them the results so even if there is
>nothing written in concrete - we have something to think about,
>talk about, and perhaps look at a connection between these
>people.

Manipulating a group of people to participate in your study? Of course, the group was motivated by each other, what an incredible ploy. How could anyone refuse to participate when the rest of the group is raising their hands and offering information. It is obvious that neither of the team members have an understanding of how a group influences each other.

>We felt this would be an opportunity for other people out there
>to help us and themselves learn more about this subject. No one
>is forcing a person to take pen in hand and fill them out. All
>answers do not have to come from a laboratory or licensed
>professional. Just a few people who care about each other, want
>to share, need the answers to a life long question and are
>willing to continue seeking in whatever manner they choose. The
>truth may not be in a test tube or Dr.s response but a small
>room where a lot of talking goes on freely, unencumbered by the
>outside world, and ideas of what to do next in order to help
>each other are highly respected.

Nowhere did you explain to me or the List how you are "collecting" the data for your written study except a questionnaire. From your statement, the group questioning takes place in a very controlled environment. That could work two ways. Yes, a very private environment where someone feels free to talk. (Into a tape recorder?)

I understand no one thinks about disclosing to the volunteer the nature of the study, the side effects of talking about/reliving the experience.

Just a couple of issues that should be shared with the volunteer before contributing to your study.

You and Kathy's response to my original e-mail indicates neither of you have been subjected to the event you are studying. You have strictly an objective approach - without experiencing the subjective experience - and it shows. Not a bad thing, just the position of most UFO researchers. It seems to be taking the view of 'the others' versus us - the UFO researchers. The 'others' are to be studied, held at arm's length, put under the microscope, have lost their status as human being. The 'others' have become contaminated by contact. Oh dear, to change the appearance you are projecting, maybe, really, you should consider at least looking up what an Informed Consent Form is.

At least, just to protect yourselves legally against someone who might suffer an adverse event from participating in your study.

KK

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Hot On Trail Of 'Just Right' Far-Off Planet

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 08:02:56 -0500
Archived: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 08:02:56 -0500
Subject: Hot On Trail Of 'Just Right' Far-Off Planet

Source: NYTimes.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/7n4z215>

December 2, 2011

Hot On Trail Of 'Just Right' Far-Off Planet
By Dennis Overbye

At least four times in the last few years, astronomers have announced they have found planets orbiting other stars in the sweet spot known as the habitable zone - not too hot, not too cold - where water and thus perhaps life are possible. In short, a so-called Goldilocks planet fit to be inhabited by the biochemical likes of us.

None of these claims are without controversy, but astronomers who are making discoveries with NASA's Kepler spacecraft are meeting next week in California to review the first two years of their quest, which seems tantalizingly close to hitting pay dirt.

"Sooner or later, Kepler will find a lukewarm planet with a size making it probably Earthlike," said Geoffrey Marcy of the University of California, Berkeley, who spends his time tracking down candidates identified by Kepler. "We're no more than a year away" from such a discovery, he said.

Sara Seager, a planetary astronomer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, put it this way: "We are on the verge of being those people who will be remembered."

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Subject: Astronomers Discover 18 Huge New Alien Planets

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<http://tinyurl.com/72qpgxq>

December 2, 2011

Astronomers Discover 18 Huge New Alien Planets
Staff

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The discoveries increase the number of known planets orbiting massive stars by 50 percent. The exoplanet bounty should also help astronomers better understand how giant planets form and grow in nascent alien solar systems, researchers said.

The haul comes just a few months after a different team of researchers announced the discovery of 50 newfound alien worlds, including one rocky planet that could be a good candidate for life. The list of known alien planets is now well over 700 and climbing fast.

Staring at 'retired' stars

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Friedman's 'Contact: Learning From Outer Space'

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Date: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 08:22:42 -0500
Archived: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 08:22:42 -0500
Subject: Friedman's 'Contact: Learning From Outer Space'

Source: YouTube.Com

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P51bd6EKEOo>

2011-01-23

[Video]

Stanton Friedman's 'Contact Learning From Outer Space' at: the
Global Competitive Conference 2011-01-23

There are links to other UFO talks at the conference down the
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From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 2011 08:56:04 -0400
Archived: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 08:25:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Let's Build A Beacon To Tell Aliens Who We Were

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
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I guess you will need to contact Joseph Lazio at Sky & Telescope
to tell him he is wrong. I was quoting directly from the
article. Could it be that a radio astronomer doesn't know his
neutrons from a hole in the ground?

KK

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 Dec 2011 15:08:04 -0500
Archived: Tue, 06 Dec 2011 06:05:01 -0500
Subject: Re: What Are The Waituhi Lights?

>Source: Gather.Com

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The sole comment after the article suggests the lights are chinese lanterns, but the pictures of such I've seen show them as somewhat elongated. These objects are spherical as far as I can tell. I suggest they are candidates for man-made orbs.

The color is just about right for a plasma made of nitrogen gas.

I discussed the evidence that this is now possible to do in a recent post.

This video would add New Zealand or perhaps Australia to the places where this research may be going on.

William

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Date: Mon, 5 Dec 2011 16:02:16 +0000
Archived: Tue, 06 Dec 2011 06:07:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>From: Michael Hughes <michaelmhughes.nul>
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Sighting In Allentown Reported To MUFON

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Dec 2011 06:11:26 -0500
Archived: Tue, 06 Dec 2011 06:11:26 -0500
Subject: Sighting In Allentown Reported To MUFON

Source: TheMorningCall.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/823zph7>

December 5, 2011

UFO Sighting In Allentown Reported To MUFON
By Tracy Jordan

Up in the sky above the Sam's Club store in Allentown around 5:15 p.m. Sunday several people apparently saw and possibly recorded three unidentified flying objects.

An anonymous report to the Mutual UFO Network or MUFON, which has an online database that accepts reports of UFO sightings, includes a listing from Allentown, Pa.

The MUFON report posted to the organization's website Sunday night, says several people were looking up in the sky early Sunday evening in the Sam's Club parking lot on Airport Center Road.

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Re: Nick Redfern's 'Keep Out!'

From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Dec 2011 21:10:34 +0000
Archived: Tue, 06 Dec 2011 06:21:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Nick Redfern's 'Keep Out!'

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 Dec 2011 09:10:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: Nick Redfern's 'Keep Out!'

>>Source: UFOMystic.Com

>><http://www.ufomystic.com/2011/12/02/keep-out-2/>

>>Dec 02 2011

>>Keep Out!
>>Nick Redfern

>>Area 51, Hangar 18, and the Dulce Base: these are just a handful
>>of the many and varied select, highly-classified installations
>>about which the governments of the United States, Australia,
>>China, Russia, the United Kingdom and elsewhere prefer we, the
>>general public, remain steadfastly ignorant. And those same
>>governments have extremely good reasons for wishing us to remain
>>in the dark.

>>It is at these very same secret facilities that, for decades,
>>clandestine research is said to have been undertaken into lethal
>>viruses, genetic manipulation, crashed UFOs and deceased alien
>>entities, biological-warfare, mind-control experimentation,
>>futuristic aircraft and spacecraft, teleportation, weather-
>>modification, invisibility, time-travel, and much, much more of
>>a conspiratorial and cosmic nature.

>>Whether situated deep under the oceans, far below the ground, or
>>within the heart of hidden, remote desert locales, these and
>>many other super-secret places are guarded with a paranoid zeal
>>by those in power who wish to keep their secrets buried and
>>locked far away from prying-eyes.

>One has to ask if Nick has ever been to Dulce?

Or, at least has read Greg Bishop's book discussing just what
the term Dulce means and to which Dulce Redfern is referring to.

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Subject: Kepler 22-b: Earth-Like Planet Confirmed

Source: bbc.co.uk

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-16040655>

5 December 2011

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Astronomers have confirmed the existence of an Earth-like planet in the "habitable zone" around a star not unlike our own.

The planet, Kepler 22-b, lies about 600 light-years away and is about 2.4 times the size of Earth, and has a temperature of about 22C.

It is the closest confirmed planet yet to one like ours - an "Earth 2.0".

However, the team does not yet know if Kepler 22-b is made mostly of rock, gas or liquid.

During the conference at which the result was announced, the Kepler team also said that it had spotted some 1,094 new candidate planets - nearly doubling the telescope's haul of potential far-flung worlds.

Kepler 22-b was one of 54 exoplanet candidates in habitable zones reported by the Kepler team in February, and is just the first to be formally confirmed using other telescopes.

More of these "Earth 2.0" candidates are likely to be confirmed in the near future, though a redefinition of the habitable zone's boundaries has brought that number down to 48. Ten of those are Earth-sized.

'Superb opportunity'...

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November Florida Panhandle UFO Video Enhanced

From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Dec 2011 00:22:02 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Tue, 06 Dec 2011 07:11:59 -0500
Subject: November Florida Panhandle UFO Video Enhanced

This is an interesting one.

<http://tinyurl.com/872txdl>

It borders on that realm of not a blurry UFO and not an obvious staged event.

Of course it will take some expert analysis to pinpoint what the object is in the video but something is very interesting to me and I can't put my finger on it yet.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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But a voluntary information gathering exercise does not require some kind of psychological screening or approval of an institution to be ethically sound. Anyone who is uncomfortable taking a survey can simply choose not to take it.

I'm puzzled by your insistence on the need for institutional review, and I'm guessing that your personal experiences make you extra attentive to the needs of experiencers. Nothing wrong with that, and I applaud your concern, but surveys are conducted all the time about all sorts of potentially sensitive issues - without any institutional review. So you are factually incorrect.

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Source: TheHuffingtonPost.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/c5tlfs2>

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UFO Hunters Keep Pressing White House For Answers Through 'We
The People' Petitions
Lee Spiegel

Thousands of people who believe in UFOs and think the U.S.
government knows more than it admits were hoping for a
breakthrough last month when they signed petitions on the "We
The People" website. But they got what they've been getting for
decades -- nothing.

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
announced on the site there was no evidence of alien life and
"no credible information to suggest that any evidence is being
hidden from the public's eye."

But Ufologists -- those who study the possibility of
unidentified flying objects -- aren't giving up.

Two new petitions have begun collecting signatures, but unlike
the original petitions in October, which required 5,000
signatures before the White House must respond, the threshold is
now 25,000.

Of course, there's always been a tense relationship between
those who believe the truth about alien visitation is out there
and the federal government. The UFO community claims the
government has engaged in policies to debunk and ridicule
eyewitnesses.

Despite that, the Obama administration is being challenged again
to reveal UFO evidence.

[More at site...]

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>and not charged.

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Lazio was thinking of such devices.

Compact accelerator neutron generators:

<http://www.aip.org/tip/INPHFA/vol-9/iss-6/p22.html>

Spallation Neutron Source:

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

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Re: UFO Hunters Keep Pressing White House

From: Lyle Michel <ljm1915.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Dec 2011 13:46:34 -0800
Archived: Wed, 07 Dec 2011 06:25:08 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Hunters Keep Pressing White House

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Tuesday, December 06, 2011 9:06 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFO Hunters Keep Pressing White House

>Source: TheHuffingtonPost.Com

><http://tinyurl.com/c5tlfs2>

>12/ 6/11

>UFO Hunters Keep Pressing White House For Answers Through 'We
>The People' Petitions
>Lee Speigel

<snip>

I respect the opinions of those who really want to know how to build an antigravitational space craft or another way to put it the real science that makes it possible to travel faster than the speed of light. I fully xpect that our government has an understanding of these aspect of the phenomena. I seriously doubt anyone in the white house has this level of understanding.

As for the other aspect of the phenomena thanks to a free press and the rights of publisher to publish all the general information that we desire on the subject our book stores and internet web sites have more than I can absorb. There is an absolute ocean of information on who the extraterrestrials are, what they are doing and why they are doing it. I like to tell people that our best witnesses are those who have worked on extraterrestrial programs. I suggest that those of you who want to know more simply go the project Camelot web site and listen to eyewitness testimony about our friends from other worlds. If you will only learn to focus on court room type evidence I feel you will learn a great deal about the extraterrestrial phenomena.

Lyle Michel

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Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

From: **Kathy Marden** <Kmarden.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Dec 2011 17:27:34 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Wed, 07 Dec 2011 06:31:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>From: Michael Hughes <michaelmhughes.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Dec 2011 08:43:44 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 5 Dec 2011 16:02:16 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Experiencer Surveys

<snip>

>>It looks to me that I am dealing - on this List - with people
>>who have never done a formal study.

>>BTW, I am one of the people who called out John Mack in his lack
>>of developing a protocol and administering an ICF. He set a bad
>>example as to how a researcher should be interacting with
>>volunteers. Believed me, he did not set a standard that should
>>be replicated. His heart was in the right place, but he ignored
>>having a protocol. He or his institution could have been easily
>>sued by a volunteer who might have suffered adverse side
>>effects.

>>As I said, in my view, UFO researchers are wreckless when
>>interacting with people willing to volunteer details of their
>>experiences.

>Au contraire, Kathy. I've worked with a large number of
>researchers and postdocs who have conducted surveys, gathering
>all sorts of information about everything from food choices to
>attitudes about transgenic laboratory mice. None have required
>the approval of the IRB that governs the studies with volunteers
>which take place at the university, such as the psilocybin
>research I've written about, which required extensive and
>extremely rigorous review.

>But a voluntary information gathering exercise does not require
>some kind of psychological screening or approval of an
>institution to be ethically sound. Anyone who is uncomfortable
>taking a survey can simply choose not to take it.

>I'm puzzled by your insistence on the need for institutional
>review, and I'm guessing that your personal experiences make you
>extra attentive to the needs of experiencers. Nothing wrong with
>that, and I applaud your concern, but surveys are conducted all
>the time about all sorts of potentially sensitive issues -
>without any institutional review. So you are factually
>incorrect.

First, we want to make it clear that the researchers have had formal training in social research methodology and have issued questionnaires in the past. Kathy sat in on a medical ethics committee meetings as a graduate student. Simple surveys that do not involve interviews or ask for identifying information do not require a signed consent form, as the participants identities are not collected by the researchers. Informed consent implies that more than a simple survey (such as a clinical study), is being conducted.

KK is building a mountain out of a mole hill by assuming that the same rules apply to a simple survey as to a complex medical study where drugs are administered to patients and there is interaction between the experimental team and the clinical subjects. The same rules do not apply.

Second, although it is not necessary to issue an informed consent form in a simple survey, one has been posted at:

www.kathleen-marden.com

However, it should only be signed and returned to the researchers in the event that a participant wishes to supply identifying information. No identifying information has been requested from participants taking the simple survey.

We would like to include this link for anyone who would be considering a survey of any kind in the future:

<http://intghc.oxfordjournals.org/content/15/3/261.full>

Third, we find it important to repeat that when an individual deems it necessary to object to a study, survey, comment, etc., and cannot go immediately to the source of that topic, there is something wrong. They have not done their homework and know absolutely nothing about the background to begin with. When the flat out distortion and misrepresentation of information is disseminated on a public forum, one has to question the writer's motive or failure to understand the facts.

Any questions pertaining to the simple survey should be sent directly to those involved, not aired in public as an act of showmanship. Neither Kathy nor I (Denise) care to continue an argument with someone who has no idea of the methods we are using and obviously did not comprehend what our last statement said - to print that we had the participants attending our meeting respond orally or that there was a contamination of information is proof of that.

Objectivity is one of the requirements of scientific research. Kathy and Denise are very careful in our protocols to prevent the contamination of information. The interactions between participants at a self-help group are subjective and designed for another purpose. Our detractor wasn't there, and by her statements has demonstrated that she has no earthly idea of what transpired. She is, in fact, entirely wrong in her assumptions.

If you have a true interest in helping and not hindering anyone searching for answers to this mystery, why not write us, call us, or interview either one of us about questions beyond the scope of what we have already written?

Denise finds that certain personalities tend to enjoy sinking their teeth into many things in an objectionable manner and appear to love doing so out in the open. This is just possibly a way to say "I didn't think of it first", or could there be a hidden agenda, or do they enjoy a good debate? Perhaps this is so simple that you just require an audience? Well we will give you that but won't be a part of it any longer so the final applause is yours to take, we bow out exiting stage left.

Kathy can see no useful purpose in responding to individuals who clearly have misinterpreted information and continue to do so, despite our best efforts to elucidate the facts pertaining to our simple survey. It is, likewise, perplexing that anyone would question our right to offer support and understanding to individuals with whom we empathize, especially with my background in social work and my extensive knowledge of abduction and Denise's outstanding background in the UFO and abduction field.

Anyone who feels that this is an important part of discovering some small common thread among abductees, hence one small step forward - please help us out and respond to the survey. If you don't, please just ignore it. We are here to answer questions if you have any. Please go directly to the source for the whys and wherefores.

As Stanton Friedman has said quite a few times in words more eloquent than ours, who would want to make themselves known to

us if they are from another planet? Those are our thoughts exactly. We have never learned to treat each other with common decency. Perhaps when we learn to settle our differences in a humane and gentle fashion, we will have earned the right to be introduced to the cosmic kindergarten.

Sincerely,

Kathy Marden and Denise Stoner

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Archived: Wed, 07 Dec 2011 06:37:08 -0500
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>and not charged.

OK - Stan is correct only in that you cannot accelerate neutrons
directly, but... That is not what Lazio said.

You can build a Particle Accelerator that generates a neutron
particle beam at up to 96% of light speed.

Lazio's remarks are absolutely accurate.

<http://tinyurl.com/7x39ngm>

Bruce Hutchinson

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Source: UniverseToday.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/bg5cvk7>

December 6, 2011

SETI To Resume Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence; Will
Target Kepler Data
by Ray Sanders

After being shut down for over six months due to financial
problems, The Allen Telescope Array (ATA) is once again
searching other planetary systems for radio signals, looking for
evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence.

Some of the first targets in SETI=92s renewed search will be a
selection of recently discovered exoplanet candidates by NASA=92s
Kepler mission.

"This is a superb opportunity for SETI observations," said Dr.
Jill Tarter, the Director of the Center for SETI Research at the
SETI Institute. "For the first time, we can point our telescopes
at stars, and know that those stars actually host planetary
systems =96 including at least one that begins to approximate an
Earth analog in the habitable zone around its host star. That=92s
the type of world that might be home to a civilization capable
of building radio transmitters."

What other studies will SETI be performing with the array, and
how were they able to restart the Allen Telescope Array?

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Source: Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/dxrh6e3>

December 6th, 2011

Even The Colts Can Get 25,000 People
by Billy Cox

The latest attempt to lure the Obama administration deeper into the UFO debate began last week with the White House's own words turned against it. "Searching for microbes and radio signals in space," declares the most recent challenge, "is not enough." Because that's how the White House attempted, in October, to acknowledge public interest in ET - don't worry, space probes and radiotelescopes are busily scanning the cosmos for evidence.

The White House started this mess in September, when it established its We The People petition website. It essentially invited every Tom Dick & Harry with a grievance to put it in writing and get an on-the-record reaction - providing they could collect enough autographs within a 30-day span. When thousands of people signed in wanting the feds to disclose what it knew about the "extraterrestrial presence", the unhappy chore of mollifying the UFO crowd fell to the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

But instead of going away, at least two additional and more sharply focused petitions are rapping on the door again. And one - by UFO historian Richard Dolan and screenwriter/producer Bryce Zabel - hopes to make the 1975-76 Church Committee CIA hearings look like a warmup act.

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A Japanese team recently reported beaming neutron's at 60% of
light speed. I don't recall the technical set-up.

But although I couldn't see the original quote at the New
Scientist blog url for some reason, is it possible that the
author said "neutrons" when it should be "neutral particles"?
Neutral particle beams (basically neutral hydrogen atoms) can be
fired from accelerators. They are positive charged first
(stripped of an electron) so they couple with the field and then
neutralised again by combining with an electron beam. I believe

these can be brought near the speed of light.

Martin Shough

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Archived: Wed, 07 Dec 2011 07:31:31 -0500
Subject: Dark Triangle Reported Over Jacksonville

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/6opn617>

December 6, 2011

'Dark Triangle' Reported Low Over Jacksonville, Florida
Roger Marsh

A Florida witness driving over the Timuquana Bridge on Jacksonville's west side reports watching a "dark triangle" UFO between 300 and 400 feet in the air and moving between 40 and 60 mph, according to December 6, 2011, testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

"I observed an apparent dark triangle about the size of a plane, with three uniform lights, one at each corner of the triangle, but with no flashing FAA lights," the witness stated. "I am quite used to seeing many jets and planes regularly, as I live in close proximity to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, and this was not a plane."

The object was flying very close to ground level.

"It was flying at an altitude of maybe 300-400 feet, at a speed of 40-60 mph. I noticed it approaching from the north, which was to my left as I was headed east on 103rd Street and almost on the bridge. The triangle slowly flew overhead to the south and I lost sight of it through the trees as I began to cross the bridge."

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Subject: UFOs Won't Visit Aztec Next Year

Source: TheDailyTimes.Com

http://www.daily-times.com/ci_19486527

12/07/201

UFOs Won't Visit Aztec Next Year
By Leigh Irvin lirvin.nul-times.com

AZTEC =97 One of the most anticipated and out-of-this-world annual events in San Juan County is no more.

2011 marked the last year for the annual Aztec UFO Symposium, which has taken place for the past 14 years.

"The symposium actually went on four years longer than anyone expected," said Katie McClure, event organizer and vice president of the Friends of the Library Board. "I think 14 years is a pretty good run."

McClure cited declining interest in UFO gatherings as a reason for the cancellation, as well as lack of board members willing and able to put the intensive amount of time into planning and holding the event.

During the symposium's prime years, 2002 through 2005, some of the best-known speakers on the UFO phenomenon spoke at the conference, with the Friends of the Library covering only travel costs. The popular events were accounts of firsthand experiences of those who claimed to have encountered UFOs or aliens.

"But with the advent of cable TV, you can watch shows about UFOs all day long," said McClure, who added that other well-known UFO conferences also are scaling back or canceling annual events.

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Subject: Essential Read From Current Encounters List

An essential read from posts at:

Francis Ridge's Current Encounters List

From: John W - Sat, 3 Dec 2011

Inside Secret US Government Warehouses -UFO documentary

This can be downloaded as a 1hr 27min, 203 Mb, FLV video file.
Very comprehensive documentary.

Jan Aldrich - Sat, 3 Dec 2011

I guess this shows how far we have strayed from real ufology.
UFO fantasy sells better than actual facts. The will to believe
the most outlandish stuff funds such half baked productions.
Doesn't matter how many times hoaxes are exposed, the crowd will
always come back for more. The real disinformation agents, look
in the mirror!

William Shakalis - Sat, 3 Dec 2011

Well said Jan. Too much of that in all kinds of 'UFO circles'...

Jan Aldrich - Sun, 4 Dec 2011

Yes, William, and I am not going to let this go with just one
little comment. The damage this kind of stuff does to our image
is really beyond belief.

Sometimes we do escape! I attended a MUFON Connecticut meeting
in which the press was invited. It was the day before the
release of the high resolution photos of the Face on Mars. And
there was Bleechmen making the most outlandish claims about the
Face on Mars. It went on and on without stopping. Mercifully,
the press did not come to the meeting. The contrast of what was
claimed to the photographs would provide further fodder for
press ridicule! The meeting was for me worthwhile as the WWII
AAF intelligence officer I mentioned at my MUFON Connecticut
presentaion took me aside and told me about the WWII 9th AF Foo
Fighter study which Greenwood later found discussed in a Boston
newspaper article in 1947.

Real ufology is represented by the Minot B-52 investigation,
which took years, thousand of man hours, miles of travel and
great expense.

<http://minotb52ufo.com>

Almost no comment or discussion on most Lists or Blogs. Too complicated. Rather, people telling you about hidden alien artifacts in govermennt warehouses, let's promote this schlock!

Earlier we had a question about UFO sightings at the Woomera missile base. Keith Basterfield's blog on the subject (follow the links here for a comprehensive listing of cases) took years of hard research.

<http://tinyurl.com/bohgo8c>

Of course, this is not a subject of over-hyped crank stories. If I were to design a disinformation program to keep rational people from looking for UFO evidence, I could have done better than "Secret U\$ Govt Warehouses - documentary".

Steven Kaeser - Sat, 3 Dec 2011

In the past several decades we have created a mythos around phenomena we can't explain. We've seen the rise of UFO Advocates, as opposed to Researchers, and the science isn't the better for it. And unfortunately, as most researchers spend time researching old cases and going through archives, Advocates offer explanations and a view of a future that many people want to hear. So, their message resonates much better than graphs, charts and obscure scientific analysis.

The problem is that the genre is being defined by the public and the Internet, which is both the greatest boon and the greatest curse to ufology (IMO). I believe the truly scientific side of this investigation faded into the background almost a decade ago, and while research still takes place, it remains unco-ordinated and becomes more of the noise on the Internet (again, IMO). As researchers pull data from un-vetted sources, which has become a problem, the scientific foundation of the entire field begins to weaken.

For a variety of reasons I have become a lurker for the most part on this List, but I will again promote the ideal that someone should write a comprehensive look at the evolution of ufology from the psychological perspective, looking at the evolution of the research and public/government response to unknown phenomena. There are aspects of this genre that you couldn't make up.

I'll add that much has been written about the impact of Star Trek on people that made it so popular, and one factor is thought to be the fact that it showed a future. In the 60s, we were in a very dark time, facing nuclear war, the Viet Nam mess, racial tension and much more. So, when a new world of the future was shown on television, showing advances in technology and racial harmony, that was very attractive to a young audience. I would suspect that the UFO genre offers that same hope for many, as we face different stresses in our world today. I believe there are many who look with hope to some sort of external salvation from our ills, or would at least like to believe that if other civilizations survived, there might be hope for us.

Now, this is a lot more than I wanted to type and moved to an area that is far different than the investigation of lights in the sky.

Francis Ridge - Tue, 06 Dec 2011

Steven,

I agree with a lot of what you have to say about the advocates of Ufology and some of the researchers today. I'm constantly reminded by friends about what they heard on Coast to Coast or saw on television. These interpretations of the UFO 'truth' are very similar to other areas of science throughout history. But time heals and time resolves issues as investigation and research (good and bad) continues on.

One thing we can truly say is that instead of throwing cases into the pot and each having his own take and what we want to believe and don't want to believe, we actually go to the source and establish what was reported, not what somebody said about it. Keyhoe or Ruppelt mentioned a case and somebody says it didn't happen or was exaggerated, we go to the Blue Book documents and establish what the witness actually reported and what this implies. We have done this with the cases documented in the last couple of years and have at least a thousand such cases that were once questionable or weren't even known about until we found them, right in the BB records. We can be proud of what we have accomplished.

The concept that we have been or are being observed is as true today as it was when Keyhoe used that phrase in the 1950's. The only difference is it is a lot more complicated now than it was back then.

Rob Duvall - Tue, 6 Dec 2011

Fran,

That it is - more complicated.

In the mid to late forties when the bulk of the strong sightings were related to sensitive military activities and installations, that was the extent of it.

Since then many other aspects to this phenomena have become prevalent. It is a simple concept to realize why someone would focus attention on military and nuclear developments and activities. But throw in abduction, animal and human mutilation, crop circles, prominent overt sightings over highly populated cities, and many other aspects and suddenly it is not so clear anymore. (I add these without stating a specific relationship)

Yet a relationship may exist and it is extremely difficult to put them together. Similarly there may be reasons for all of this activity to relate back to the military and nuclear aspect that began with during WW2.

I have looked into the possibility of the activity tracking developments and policy since we began our interest globally in pursuing nuclear weapons development. It seems that has been occurring, but what if that assertion is flawed. I don't feel the need to muddy the waters anymore than they already are. I used to be adamant about it, but rather than jump into the fray I chose to wait a while and gain perspective.

I still do strongly believe that much could be gained by comparative study of our history to these events, but conclusions and relationships must not be forced. Rather, incremental steps with solid backing must prevail from certain sectors of the research community which have established credibility.

I will not compromise those who have put much work into solid structured findings. But you are right, time will resolve many of the questions and eventually some fragmented picture will emerge that conveys clues to the meaning of all of this. In the meantime and since the beginning of this current phase (historically speaking) of interaction, there has and will continue to be noise to sort from the signal.

While it frustrates those who put genuine hard effort that is peer reviewed into solidifying the evidence, the truth is that once the noise is removed the signal is very strong and will continue to provide those in the future with strong material to work with.

The generation that started all of this gave us much to work with and as time goes on it is up to us to solidify and add to the meaning for the next generations. That is how the picture will eventually emerge.

Richard Haines - Tue, 6 Dec 2011

Steven and Fran

I've been following your interesting and timely conversations concerning the larger and more philosophical picture of ufology over the decades (e.g., see below) and find myself agreeing with your basic conclusions.

On a separate topic I'd like to put a plea in for a new focused research project as follows. The rationale for the proposed project is to be able to eliminate one of the possible explanations for many uap sighting reports, viz., unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) also called by many other names. We must be able to show that manmade aero-technology could not have been present to produce the flight characteristics that were seen at the time the sighting was made. Thus, a comprehensive catalog is needed of all unmanned aerial vehicles. We know that this would produce a truly huge list. One place to begin is in Janes-All the World's Aircraft even though there are likely some highly classified test flights before publication there. Aerospace America with the AIAA also periodically publishes a very large listing of UAV around the world. Serious uap researchers will have to confront them one way or another from now on!

In NARCAP Tech. Rept. 11 "A Review of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Designs and Operational Characteristics" (2009) T. J. Osborn concludes by saying,

"These factors, size, performance and EM environment (of UAV) together, mean that pilots and air traffic controllers will be exposed to vehicles that seem much more amazing than current aircraft. Pilots and controllers may also experience unusual influences from the unique and changing EM environment associated with UAVs. Observers and investigators of UAPs must certainly consider these factors carefully." www.narcap.org

I personally support his statement and would urge someone (or some group) to assemble such a comprehensive catalog for the good of the order. Dr. Osborn and I also prepared a separate discussion of UAV in section 4.2 in NARCAP's Project Sphere final report "Spherical UAP and Aviation Safety: A Critical Review" (April 2010). (NARCAP Tech. Rept. 14) even though our coverage also included various lighter-than-air craft and balloons. One of our jobs is to separate the signal from the noise; UAV constitute part of the noise component in my opinion.

If anyone knows of such a catalog already in existence I would be very glad to know about it.

ebk

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Thanks for making my point.

Accelerators are used to accelerate charged particles (ions)
which then interact with targets to produce neutrons. The
neutrons are not accelerated because being neutral they cannot
be accelerated by electric or magnetic fields.

It should be noted that when using fusion propulsion systems for
deep space travel one uses reactions such as Deuterium-Helium 3

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to produce very energetic charged particles and to minimize the number of neutrons produced.

Stan Friedman

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
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Source: Chris Rutkowski's UFOForum Blog

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

Tuesday, December 06, 2011

Some Interesting Recent Canadian UFO Cases

During the month of November, I have received and gathered a significant number of Canadian UFO reports, although as I've stated often in this blog, the number of reports this year is down from last year. It remains to be seen how much difference there will be.

However, I have sifted through the batch and will summarize some of the more interesting ones here:

November 3, 2011 7:30 pm Scarborough Bluffs, ON

This one is interesting simply because it's so typical of the reports that come in. Low in content and quality, yet it's possible to suggest an explanation anyway. "It's been coming and going all night. East of the Scarborough Bluffs over the water. Due east. Sometime ones. Sometimes two. Sometimes three. They just sit there, then disappear, then reappear." Due east from Scarborough Bluffs is the entire length of Lake Ontario. The atmospheric refraction is intense, so I'd say boats. Or if we're talking slightly elevated, then perhaps stars. (Vike)

November 5, 2011 12:45 pm Toronto, ON

White, blimp-like object with bands or rings around the centre, which seemed "elevated slightly from the surface." The object was thought to be at about 5,000 ft altitude. Originally, the witness thought it was a Porter Airlines Bombardier aircraft, but decided that the object did not show the correct markings or wings. (MUFON)

November 7, 2011 6:15 pm Kitchener, ON

Starlike object seen and photographed often through the course of a year.

<http://tinyurl.com/73zz2ck>

"I thought it was a star but noticed it changes colours." NB: that's what stars do when they twinkle. "It would stay out for two and a half hours." NB: that's what stars do. The witness didn't provide any directions or altitude, so we can't determine which star or planet is the culprit. Nice jiggled trail photo of starlike UFO, though. (MUFON)

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Dec 2011 13:58:27 -0000
Archived: Wed, 07 Dec 2011 09:36:57 -0500
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Reading the posts in this thread, and their difficulties, am reminded of the Paul Davies (SETI Contact Team) concept of finding ET's footprint instead of a broadcast message. One was by finding spectrum readings of 'impossible' complex elements burning in a medium-young star; that is, elements which couldn't have been produced by the star itself.

Davies envisaged that happening when ET or its robots had mined-out a solar system and dumped their waste products into the primary, but you could also use that method as a simple and quite long-lasting beacon.

Any other, more active broadcasting beacons have big problems with power and durability - i.e. the lack of.

Cheers

Ray D

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>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 7:21 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Essential Read From Current Encounters List

>An essential read from posts at:

>Francis Ridge's Current Encounters List

>From: John W - Sat, 3 Dec 2011

>Inside Secret U\$ Government Warehouses -UFO documentary

>This can be downloaded as a 1hr 27min, 203 Mb, FLV video file.
>Very comprehensive documentary.

>Jan Aldrich - Sat, 3 Dec 2011

>I guess this shows how far we have strayed from real ufology.
>UFO fantasy sells better than actual facts. The will to believe
>the most outlandish stuff funds such half baked productions.
>Doesn't matter how many times hoaxes are exposed, the crowd will
>always come back for more. The real disinformation agents, look
>in the mirror!

<snip>

This is indeed an intelligent discussion which ought to be read in its entirety by any thoughtful, concerned student of the UFO phenomenon.

One point, however, is missed, and that is the utter ordinariness of what goes on within ufology. The more I observe what happens in society generally, the more I am struck that ufologists are no less gullible, paranoid, and ignorant, or enchanted with dubious, half-baked, and false notions, than a good many of their fellow citizens. Facts and logic are harder to get to than sensationalistic beliefs and charges, and lots of people can't be bothered to make the effort. After all, they might have to read books by scholars and journalists who know what they're talking about, and then have to do some serious reflection requiring, but for one example, nuance and tolerance for ambiguity.

Consequently, the problem is deeper, much deeper, than ufology's shortcomings. Intellectual sophistication is a rare commodity in just about any context. If somebody wants to believe something badly enough, years, decades, or centuries of contrary accumulated knowledge about nature, history, science, and the world are easily shrugged off, if the shrugger is even conscious of that knowledge. Absurdities in ufology are only one, and (since ufologists are marginalized and powerless) inconsequential, result.

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>From: post.nul
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>A Japanese team recently reported beaming neutron's at 60% of
>light speed. I don't recall the technical set-up.

>But although I couldn't see the original quote at the New
>Scientist blog url for some reason, is it possible that the
>author said "neutrons" when it should be "neutral particles"?
>Neutral particle beams (basically neutral hydrogen atoms) can be
>fired from accelerators. They are positive charged first
>(stripped of an electron) so they couple with the field and then
>neutralised again by combining with an electron beam. I believe
>these can be brought near the speed of light.

Dear List:

Sky & Telescope, pages 29-30, to qualify Lazio's statement:

"Could we produce a neutron beam so that 11 minutes in the
neutron beam's frame of reference would be 4 years in our frame
of reference, thereby allowing about half of the neutrons to
make it to the nearest star? Unfortunately, no. Scientists
would have to accelerate neutrons to energies near the surfaces
of neutron stars, which is at least 1,000 times beyond LHC's
capabilities."

I don't want to speak for Lazio, but I believe he was proposing
various methods. Some of which we are capable of doing now. And
some that would be possible in the future.

I suggest if you all really are interested in this subject, dash
to your local magazine dealer and buy a copy of the latest Sky &
Telescope. Lazio, to my mind, is blowing my mind. Who would have
thought S&T would be publishing an article discussing contact
with other civilizations. I think this issue is a historic issue
and should be kept for future reference when we actually make
contact.

KK

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McAllen Librarian Pens Books About UFOs, Aliens
Amy Nichol Smith

It's safe to say Noe Torres lives his life for books.

Torres, 55, has been the librarian at McAllen High School for the past several years, and he earned his degree in library science from the University of Texas at Austin.

In 2008, Torres began co-authoring and self-publishing books about unidentified flying objects in South Texas and Mexico. Now he has more than half a dozen books he's penned or edited.

He met his writing partner Ruben Uriarte at a conference in Roswell, New Mexico, a hot spot for UFO investigators.

The two embarked on a quest to tell the story of Mexico's Roswell, where a UFO reportedly crashed in 1974 in Chihuahua. The book and Torres were featured on the History Channel's series UFO Hunters and UFO Files.

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It's worse than that Jerry.

You are perfectly right to point to the human propensity for intellectual laziness. All the ammunition is there, ready and waiting, for those who would exploit this weakness: major world religions that purport to encompass all significant truth in a single book (never mind that the book is more than a thousand years old); Marxist and Free Market dogma that 'solve' the problems of poverty and need with just a few simple formulae; the strangely unaccountable scientific superstition that a 'theory of everything' might be 'elegantly' expressed in a single equation; politicians who can win elections with a single word promise, without ever properly specifying what they are going to 'change', why how and when.

And then we come to ufology, where the most intransigent set of perplexing, contradictory phenomena confronts us. Should we be surprised to find that this field is beset with the most appalling array of simplistic quackery? Should we be surprised that so little comparative weight is given to the work of those (to instantiate a few: Vallee, Dolan, yourself even) who make an intelligent and intellectually honest attempt to engage the data and make sense of it?

In context, I would suggest that it should come as no surprise at all.

Gerald O'Connell
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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Essential Read From Current Encounters List

>>An _essential_ read from posts at:
>>Francis Ridge's Current Encounters List

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>This is indeed an intelligent discussion which ought to be read
>in its entirety by any thoughtful, concerned student of the UFO
>phenomenon.

>One point, however, is missed, and that is the utter
>ordinariness of what goes on within ufology. The more I observe
>what happens in society generally, the more I am struck that
>ufologists are no less gullible, paranoid, and ignorant, or
>enchanted with dubious, half-baked, and false notions, than a
>good many of their fellow citizens. Facts and logic are harder
>to get to than sensationalistic beliefs and charges, and lots of
>people can't be bothered to make the effort.

<snip>

True enough Jerry,

Yet, partly because `ufologists' are a (weighted) slice of the general population, sharing in various individual ways with the biases, preferences and interests spread across all of us, I'm a bit dubious about declaring _any_ book or even a collection of tomes as `essential reading'. That, partially, is because, in ufology', folk all have different takes on the subject, as we, the general population, do on any subject.

The rest of the reason is that we don't yet know what aspect of the subject _is_ actually important.

I.e. - It could be that nut'n'bolts are the `real' component and all else is down to the enormous ability of human brains to mis-read sensory evidence,

Or, that we are constantly being fooled with and _no_ physical ufology evidence is `real' - for as far back as records go and probably beyond.

We also have to consider combinations of those two possibilities, all being carried out either for unknowable `alien' motives; for devious human purposes; or again for various permutations of both.

Therefore, although personally addicted to collecting facts'n'figures for my own analyses, it's possible, as Lee Smolin said about the blockage in modern physics, that a visionary's view might be necessary, more so than the technician's.

So how do we train, equip, or evaluate, a visionary?

Cheers

Ray D

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>And then we come to ufology, where the most intransigent set of
>perplexing, contradictory phenomena confronts us. Should we be
>surprised to find that this field is beset with the most
>appalling array of simplistic quackery? Should we be surprised
>that so little comparative weight is given to the work of those
>(to instantiate a few: Vallee, Dolan, yourself even) who make an
>intelligent and intellectually honest attempt to engage the data
>and make sense of it?

>In context, I would suggest that it should come as no surprise
>at all.

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I remember a meeting where known ufologists were attempting to
come up with a Hall Of Fame for UFO researchers, as a means to
show the strengths of the field. But, it quickly got bogged
down on specific individuals and whether or not they really
belonged in that grouping.

It seems that one issue was that being a prolific writer in the
field doesn't necessarily translate into being an historic
researcher that has had an impact on the field, and technology
has now made the entire issue more cloudy.

Steve

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'Space situational awareness' cash for Allen Array
By Lewis Page

The Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) has announced that it is back in business checking out the new habitable exoplanets recently discovered by NASA's Kepler space telescope to see if they might be home to alien civilisations. The cash needed to restart SETI's efforts has come in part from the US Air Force Space Command, who are interested in using the organisation's detection instruments for "space situational awareness".

"This is a superb opportunity for SETI observations," said Jill Tarter, the Director of the Center for SETI Research, in a statement issued yesterday. "For the first time, we can point our telescopes at stars, and know that those stars actually host planetary systems - including at least one that begins to approximate an Earth analog in the habitable zone around its host star. That's the type of world that might be home to a civilization capable of building radio transmitters."

NASA has just announced the discovery of many exoplanets orbiting other stars by its Kepler spacecraft, including the world Kepler-22b - described as Earth's "twin" by the space agency - which orbits a Sun-like G type star some 600 lightyears away at such a distance that it could well have liquid water on its surface and thus be home to life along Earthly lines.

Intriguingly, SETI notes that its resurgence and new mission of examining the Kepler-discovered planetary systems is partially funded by the US military:

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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According to SETI's 2010 Form 990, \$17M of their \$18M

income was from government grants. I can check other years, but it seems this was always the case, aside from Allen's seed money.

Here's what you need to view SETI's returns:

1.Go to:

<http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/990finder/>

2.Input the following:

Name: SETI
State: CA
Zip: 94043
EIN: 942951356
Fiscal Yr: 2010, or your choice.

It's fascinating reading, and you don't have to be an accountant. Check out the salaries pages (7 & 8){-:}

P.S. You may also want to view your favorite charities. I didn't need an EIN, but you can find them here:

<http://www.melissadata.com>

Albert

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And, the above is why I adore you, Jerry Clark.

You can't know this, but I was told by a couple of agents and
publishers that they couldn't represent/publish my book. Not
because it was poorly written or illogical, but because it would
not support or cater to the UFO believers.

I didn't have enough literary weight to argue with them.

Maybe, someday, I will self-publish the damn thing and not worry
about catering to 'the crowd of believers'. I always hoped there
was a crowd out there willing to listen to rational explanations
supported by historical documents.

Unlike Dolan, I don't hold an academic degree in history or heavy duty resume.

Oh well,

KK

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Spielberg Says ET Was Originally About Alleged Alien Attack
Alejandro Rojas

Spielberg has recently said that his famous family-friendly alien film, ET: The Extraterrestrial, was originally going to recount the alleged horrific experience of a family in rural Kentucky who says they were harassed by aliens. ET was eventually toned down, but creatures similar to the mischievous "little green men" reported in Kentucky terrorized an entire town in his movie Gremlins.

Spielberg told Entertainment Weekly:

It was going to be called Night Skies, based on a piece of UFO mythology ... where a farm family reported little spindly grey aliens attacking their farm, even riding cows in the farmyard... This farm family basically huddled together for survival ... It's a story that's well-known in the world of ufology, and we based our script on that story.

The Kentucky encounter never made it to the silver screen because Spielberg was able to talk Harrison Ford's girlfriend at the time, Melissa Mathison, into rewriting the screenplay, producing the loveable character we know today. The creatures that the Sutton and Taylor families claim attacked them the night of August 21, 1955 near Hopkinsville, Kentucky, were not so loveable.

It all started during a visit by the Taylor family to the Sutton's farm...

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implicit or explicit assumptions that are held. So when someone
is labeled a quack, it may be because of a mismatch in the
underlying assumptions rather than a fault in that person's
logic.

For example, if I were to adopt the assumption that
consciousness can have a direct effect on the material world, I
might interpret a successful telekinesis experiment in a way
that reflects this assumption. A strict materialist with a
different set of assumptions might call me a quack and attribute
the results to chance.

The point is that labeling someone a quack as soon as they open
mouths or attack keyboards may be a little premature - maybe
even lazy. It would be more honest to take some time first to
understand the context of what that person is trying to
communicate. Then one could disagree either with the assumptions
or with the logic or both. That is why, in some fields such as
psychology, different "schools of thought" have arisen in
recognition of different sets of underlying assumptions.

The field of ufology, such as it is, does not yet seem organized
or mature enough to be able to formalize such differences.

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I recently had such an audience of one, a reviewer for the JSE who was presumably representative of an intellectually sophisticated membership. The paper I submitted reported a pattern in earthquake data predicted by Calleman's Mayan calendar model.

The reviewer could not get past the origin of the model, saying it was "a highly fanciful flight into obscure mythology". Further, he refused to accept that the reported pattern was predicted, preferring to believe that the pattern in the data came first, and was then used to support the mythical concept of the calendar. This, despite the fact that the model was needed to predict the granularity and form of the pattern and where in time it would be found.

Clearly, he was insulted by the paper because my assumption, that the model was scientifically legitimate and made testable predictions, was unacceptable to him. He may well have considered me a quack. It goes without saying that the paper was rejected.

In this example, it was apparently difficult to examine assumptions and understand the reason for the disagreement. The reviewer would have been more honest with himself (and me) if he had recognized that the nature of the model was sufficient reason for him to reject the paper.

If the members of the intellectually sophisticated audience all adhere to the ruling paradigm, they can be just as dismissive of a different approach as anyone else. They may even be insulted merely because an argument is based on assumptions they find unacceptable, or rejects assumptions they believe to be true. That does not mean they would be right, or even sensible.

William

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This is precisely the kind of thinking that has always hobbled
ufology and anomalistics: the notion that, really, one person's
opinion is as good as another's and all views, however seemingly
far-fetched and logic-deficient, merit an equal hearing. Are we
then to believe there are no quacks, only differing opinions and
assumptions? If so, then no progress is possible, and our
enterprise will die of its own fatuousness.

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When you have matched my publication and research record in this
field, then we can decide who's "lazy" here.

It is true, of course, that not all quacks are instantly
recognizable. The quackery of a few becomes apparent only over
time. (An excellent discussion of crankery in anomalistics -
actually the most thorough and perceptive I've ever read - can
be found in Henry H. Bauer's 1984 book Beyond Velikovsky: The
History of a Public Controversy.) But many fall into instantly
recognizable, and drearily unoriginal, ways of thinking which

any sophisticated and knowledgeable observer of this field will have no trouble spotting. That observer will also be spared the folly of apologetics.

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I suspect I have read a whole lot more of ufology's crank literature than you have. I have a fairly keen grasp not only of its content but of its history in pre-ufology occult traditions. My last book (Hidden Realms, Lost Civilizations, and Beings from Other Worlds) explored some of it in detail. I also have written about it at length in my encyclopedia and elsewhere. I have spent, I am certain, a whole lot more time with it than you have. So please spare me the lectures.

Jerry Clark

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>>>To: <post.nul>,
>>>Date: Thu, 8 Dec 2011 10:14:14 -0500
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>>>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
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>>>>Date: Thu, 8 Dec 2011 11:35:55 -0000
>>>>Subject: Re: Essential Read From Current Encounters List

>And, the above is why I adore you, Jerry Clark.

>You can't know this, but I was told by a couple of agents and
>publishers that they couldn't represent/publish my book. Not
>because it was poorly written or illogical, but because it would
>not support or cater to the UFO believers.

If one wants an object lesson in where the money is, Kathy, compare the lavishly funded "skeptics'" organization formerly known as CSICOP to the ever struggling CUFOs. Among the most pernicious - and demonstrably false - beliefs in the controversy about anomalies, the notion that "believers" have the money surely reigns supreme. It's no surprise that people in the publishing business believe it, too.

Nothing I wrote should be read as giving aid and comfort to "skeptics" who have their own grave problems with logic, evidence, and credibility.

Jerry Clark

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Riddles Of The Sand
Google Earth images of Gobi desert spark new UFO frenzy
Nick Pope

These amazing satellite pictures have started conspiracy theories around the world. They come from Google Earth, where fans of the unexplained are discovering weird phenomena. Such pictures have always caused controversy. An aerial shot from 1959 in Turkey was said to show the remains of Noah's Ark.

Here UFO expert Nick Pope discusses the latest finds.

InterNet forums are buzzing with talk of bizarre, futuristic-looking structures that have been found in a remote part of China.

But what are they? Lost cities? Secret military bases? Might there be a connection with UFOs and aliens?

The modern-day explorers who have found these weird objects are not brave adventurers in the style of Indiana Jones.

These are ordinary people, sitting at home in front of their computers, using Google Earth to search for discoveries they believe might change the world.

One of the images they have found in the Gobi desert is a structure that looks like a giant spider's web. Is it a man-made crop circle? Have Chinese scientists cracked the code and is this an attempt to establish communication with aliens?

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to make their own way through the tangle.

Accepting a guru, or worse, a consensus, is merely closing one's
eyes to the possible but yet unthought-of.

For we know that most/all? (Western) gurus prove to be false,
and that the consensus is always wrong.

Think epicycles (for 1,500 years); 'bad air' disease
transmission (malaria); phlogiston and countless other consensus
delusions. Today we have the 'standard models' of cosmology and
of particle physics - but maybe not for long?

Like John D Barrow wrote in 'The Constants of Nature':

"Eventually, they [our current theories] will all be shown to be
wrong."

And if we need further incentive to think for ourselves, maybe
reflect on the motto of the Royal Society: 'Nullius In Verba' -
which roughly translates as 'take nobody's word for it'.

Cheers

Ray D

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>Source: TheSun.Co.UK

><http://tinyurl.com/cga4ebd>

>Fri, 09 Dec 2011

>Google Earth images of Gobi desert spark new UFO frenzy
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Ha! Sincerely hope not. Especially not about a load of re-hashed
hype.

For one thing those images have been known about for years,
along with much other ground-art made by private (non-gov't)
groups and visible on Google-Earth or Maps.

For another, there are no 'UFO experts' - just people with
opinions (and books to sell).

Cheers

Ray D

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>>>Expressed this way - and I'm sure it's not your meaning, Steve -
>>>this comes across as intellectual relativism. In fact, there
>>>_are_ quacks in this field, and I think a great many are
>>>recognizable as soon as they open mouths or attack keyboards.

>>Usually it's the proponents of the norm in any field who decide
>>how facts should be interpreted. But the same set of facts can
>>often be interpreted in different ways, depending on the
>>implicit or explicit assumptions that are held. So when someone
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how that sounds?

><snip>

>>The point is that labeling someone a quack as soon as they open
>>mouths or attack keyboards may be a little premature - maybe
>>even lazy.

>When you have matched my publication and research record in this

>field, _then_ we can decide who's "lazy" here.

Your publication record is not questioned here. It was your professed ability to jump to conclusions based on little evidence.

>It is true, of course, that not all quacks are instantly >recognizable. The quackery of a few becomes apparent only over >time. (An excellent discussion of crankery in anomalistics - >actually the most thorough and perceptive I've ever read - can >be found in Henry H. Bauer's 1984 book Beyond Velikovsky: The >History of a Public Controversy.) But many fall into instantly >recognizable, and dreadfully unoriginal, ways of thinking which >any sophisticated and knowledgeable observer of this field will >have no trouble spotting. That observer will also be spared the >folly of apologetics.

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Again, I appreciate your publication record, and do not question most of the opinions you have expressed now and then. But it does not spare you from potential rigidity in you thinking. In fact, it might even predispose you to it. And I do not mean to lecture, so how then should I disagree with you? Would a joke or two help?

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Hi Jerry,

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on examination it's either over-restrictive or virtually
meaningless:

i) 'a decent awareness' is open to interpretation (and claims);

ii) 'established knowledge' demands blind acceptance of the
text-books - all obsolete, many before being printed;

iii) 'established disciplines' presumes no further, presently
unimagined, disciplines will emerge;

iv) 'intelligent respect' again is open to interpretation (and
claims);

and

v) 'logical thinking', while I've often been tempted to use it,
avoids the question; "Whose logic?".

For instance, Anthony Roberts and Geoff Gilbertson in 'The Dark
gods: Do they Haunt Us Still?' made an interesting point:

"The numerous phenomena manifest just outside any knowledge-
framework of the receivers, and yet they seem to have 'natural
laws' and formal interconnections of their own"

I.e - indicating a working 'logic' which is nevertheless
inimicable to 'established knowledge'.

Cheers

Ray D

* although the etymologists seem unaware, I believe the word
derives from the apparently endless (in earlier times)
discussions about the exact direction (qibla) one should face
in order to be pointing at the Ka'aba in Mecca.

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

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If you had read my actual words, you would know that I
specifically stated my criticisms _are not about_ particular
conclusions (on which reasonable persons will continue to
differ) about the nature of the phenomenon, but about the
intellectual grounding that ought to guide our thinking and
analysis. Is this controversial to you?

>><snip>

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Does this even merit a response? This is less an accusation than
a clumsy rhetorical maneuver from someone who apparently has no
idea of what's actually in my publication record.

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else to explain my strange conviction that ufologists should be
intellectually grounded?

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It's hard to imagine who doesn't favor novel ideas (not

synonymous, by the way, with chaos and incoherence), though it's sadly easy to imagine those who are thrilled to embrace novel ideas offered up by the intellectually clueless. After all, the whole history of ufology (and anomalistics generally) testifies to the appeal of ideas without demonstrable merit in knowledge, logic, and data. And look how far that's gotten us.

As one who has offered up novel ideas (beginning with those proposed in my first book, published in 1975) sufficient to have influenced the history of UFO theory, I can only assume you intended to address these remarks to somebody else named Jerome Clark. Either that, or I can only infer you are unfamiliar with the theoretical framework - a novel one, I suppose I am forced to add - to which I came in my later adult life, expressed in writings that have subsequently affected discussion of the nature of extraordinary experiences. I sought to resolve some of the issues that have led to centuries of stalemate about what's often called the "supernatural," including some kinds of ostensible UFO encounters.

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In short, as I complained at the outset, to some it's no problem that one UFO buff's opinion should be received as if it effectually is as good as another's. The reason, in other words, that ufology will continue to stand paralyzed as it awaits its inevitable demise on the far fringes.

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And so on...

What you're expressing, of course, is classic anti-intellectualism. I believe I am safe in presuming you have not heard, or probably ever heard of, the late Richard Hofstadter's revelatory essay on the subject.

I don't know why I should be shocked that some in our field would actually defend the proposition that knowledge makes one rigid, textbooks are a waste of paper, and scientists, historians, and scholars in general are just a punch of pointy-heads whose sole purpose is to foil progress.

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Phobos-Soil Spacecraft Failure

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Dec 2011 16:45:57 +0000
Archived: Sat, 10 Dec 2011 15:06:39 -0500
Subject: Phobos-Soil Spacecraft Failure

Dear List:

I just received this e-mail from the Planetary Society. It looks like the loss of the spacecraft involved the Planetary Society's LIFE capsule.

Dear Kathy Kasten,

Since you are a valued member of the Planetary Society team that helped launch our Phobos LIFE experiment, I want to share with you excerpts from a letter we just received from our colleagues at the Space Research Institute (IKI) of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

As you'll read, the Phobos-Grunt (Soil) spacecraft failed to leave Earth orbit after it was launched last month, carrying our LIFE capsule on what we hoped would be a round trip to Mars' moon Phobos and back.

The letter came from Lev Zelenyi, Director of the Space Research Institute. It reads:

"As you may already know, the launch of the Phobos-Soil spacecraft was a failure. On November 8, 2011 the spacecraft was put into the near Earth orbit, however, the booster did not turn on, and, therefore, the spacecraft did not manage to change this initial orbit and transfer to the interplanetary trajectory. The reason of this failure has not been determined yet.

"Immediately after this unpredictable event all forces of the mission control team were concentrated in order to attempt to establish communication with the spacecraft. Several foreign organizations, in particular, ESOC-ESA, DSN-JPL-NASA, NORAD-STRATCOM, numerous amateur observers tracked the spacecraft to establish communication with it and determine parameters of the orbit, its orientation and attitude. However, despite people being at work 24 / 7 since the launch, all these attempts have not yield any satisfactory results. We are grateful to our foreign colleagues, who provided us with every list of information about the spacecraft which was crucial at the time.

"Currently, the spacecraft is rotating at the near Earth orbit, lowering every day, and we expect that it is to enter the atmosphere in several weeks. Lavochkin Association specialists will continue their attempts to establish connection with the spacecraft and send commands until the very end of its existence. We are working nevertheless on the issue of re-entry and probability of where and which fragments may hit the ground (if any).

"We would like to express our deep gratitude to you and all the scientists and specialists for collaboration on the Phobos-Soil Mission, preparation of scientific instruments and provision of ground support. We are deeply sorry about the failure of the Phobos-Soil Mission. We hope in future to continue our collaboration on space science projects."

The loss of Phobos LIFE is a blow, but we are already recovering and looking forward to the future. We are even now analyzing the microorganisms that flew with our Shuttle LIFE project on the last flight of Endeavour, and we are seeking out future exploratory opportunities to share with you.

With your invaluable help and support, we know that together we will make our future in space vibrant, coming ever closer to our shared goals of understanding and appreciating the worlds around us.

Thank you again for all your support.

Sincerely,

Bruce Betts,
Phobos LIFE Project Manager

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Gerald O'Connell
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Cox - Volunteers For Tank Duty, Anyone?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Dec 2011 15:13:42 -0500
Archived: Sat, 10 Dec 2011 15:13:42 -0500
Subject: Cox - Volunteers For Tank Duty, Anyone?

Source: Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/6ttp5rn>

Friday, December 9, 2011

Volunteers For Tank Duty, Anyone?
by Billy Cox

If only Phil Larson had answered Grant Cameron's email about whether he got a formal briefing on the ET controversy before posting the official White House response on its We The People petition site back in October...

Just look at what happened: Larson's boss at the Office of Science and Technology Policy, John Holdren, is having to deal with FOIAs filed by the veteran Canadian UFO researcher. Cameron wants to review "all interviews done by Mr. Larson regarding his blog posting on the ET petitions, all e-mails he received related to the blog posting and his reply, all correspondence with members of OSTP, or other government departments related to the posting before during or after Mr. Larson composed the blog posting for the White House." He wants "any related notes made by Mr. Larson electronically or in writing," and "all schedules, e-mail, and phone records... from October 1, 2011 to November 9, 2011. The reply should include all records, documents produced and related to my request, on OSTP assets, such as email accounts, computers, flash drives, discs and servers."

YOW-za!

In April 2001, Cameron managed to pose a question regarding White House UFO briefings to new veep Dick Cheney via Diane Rehm's public radio call-in show. Obviously caught off guard, the former SecDef replied "Well, if I had been briefed on that, I am sure it would have been classified, and I couldn't talk about it." Cheney recovered quickly and denied he'd attended any UFO meetings, but subsequent events in Iraq would obliterate his pretensions to candor.

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Leslie Kean On National Public Radio

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Dec 2011 23:20:05 +0100
Archived: Sun, 11 Dec 2011 07:04:17 -0500
Subject: Leslie Kean On National Public Radio

Dear Colleagues

Here is the page for the latest interview with Leslie Kean on National Public Radio's To The Best Of Our Knowledge:

<http://ttbook.org/book/paranormal-pop-culture>

Description:

Leslie Kean On UFOs

Investigative journalist Leslie Kean talks to Jim Fleming about her book, UFOs: Generals, Pilots, And Government Officials Go On The Record.

Best Wishes,

Giuliano
<http://ufoprintclip.x10.mx/>

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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>Date: Sat, 10 Dec 2011 09:24:17 -0600
>Subject: Re: Essential Read From Current Encounters List

>And so on...

>What you're expressing, of course, is classic
>anti-intellectualism. I believe I am safe in presuming you have
>not heard, or probably ever heard of, the late Richard
>Hofstadter's revelatory essay on the subject.

>I don't know why I should be shocked that some in our field
>would actually defend the proposition that knowledge makes one
>rigid, textbooks are a waste of paper, and scientists,
>historians, and scholars in general are just a punch of
>pointy-heads whose sole purpose is to foil progress.

No fair Jerry. That's 'straw man' tactics. None of those
concepts/opinions are mine but generated by you, for ease of
shooting/shouting down.

In fact one must do a great deal of study (necessarily using
text-books) before being equipped to realize how text-books can
mislead and misdirect.

Firstly and most commonly by omission of inconvenient experiment
details (i.e. the 'two-slit is almost always described without
the part which doesn't fit the wave/particle concepts usually
presented).

Secondly by peddling 'consensus models' which bear little
relation to reality and usually go way beyond what the
physical results can justify. Try almost any text-books written
in last half-century on Relativity, and also more recent stuff
on Quantum (inc. Feynman's lectures, good as they are). A wise
student would ignore about 30% to 50%, sometimes more (but how
can we be wise before doing the study?).

Ironically, reading Feynman intensively should bring you his
confession that he 'rigs the figures' in many lectures, not
merely because 'it's complicated' but because some/many photon
actions are too 'weird' (anti-intuitive) to fit with his lecture
descriptions.

And if you take the trouble, as I have, to read some of
Einstein's actual early papers, like 'The Foundation of the
General Theory of Relativity' A. Einstein 1916 - Annalen der
Physik (translations available) you should easily see that much
subsequent text-book gush is hot air.

[Folk might like to also try Weyl's contemporary thoughts,
usually printed in those same translations - personally I think
they're deeper and more interesting. And for a more extensive
modern critique of various 'Relativities' try Tom van Flandern's
'Speed of Gravity' at:

www.metaresearch.org/cosmology/speed_of_gravity.asp

along with several cups of coffee.]

There seems to be no easy route, no guaranteed '100% correct' texts to read. I.e. - in physics, as in ufology, genuine students have to find their own way. [Unless, if course, you want to be a 'talking-head' poser, or to work as a (gov't) scientist, in which case you probably have to learn just the 'approved texts' to qualify.]

Cheers

Ray D

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>of real knowledge.

Ha! Right Gerald, that's maybe a more accurate description of my
own thoughts, as said in last reply to Jerry.

However I get the impression (and am not alone) that Western
education orgs, including the peer-review journals, have, in the
last few decades become repressive and almost dogmatic in their
increasing exclusion of critical or dissenting voices.

Some of those dissenting voices can be found in these links on
academic censorship:

www.archivefreedom.org/

www.tcm.phy.cam.ac.uk/~bdj10/archivefreedom/main.html

maybe also

http://academia.wikia.com/wiki/Journal_of_Suppressed_Science

and there's a general rant on the shameful state of UK education
at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/ed4.html

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Essential Read From Current Encounters List

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Dec 2011 22:35:13 -0500
Archived: Sun, 11 Dec 2011 07:09:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Essential Read From Current Encounters List

>From: Jerome Clark<jkclark.nul>
>To:<post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Dec 2011 09:10:47 -0600
>Subject: Re: Essential Read From Current Encounters List

>>From: William Treurniet<wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 09 Dec 2011 12:02:35 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Essential Read From Current Encounters List

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>If you had read my actual words, you would know that I
>specifically stated my criticisms _are not about_ particular
>conclusions (on which reasonable persons will continue to
>differ) about the nature of the phenomenon, but about the
>intellectual grounding that ought to guide our thinking and
>analysis. Is this controversial to you?

No , not if the intellectual grounding is not limited to a
particular kind. Different intellectual groundings would be
expected to give different perspectives on the problem. For
example, the thinking and analysis offered by a folklorist would
likely be different from those offered by a physicist.

>><snip>

>>Your publication record is not questioned here. It was your
>>professed ability to jump to conclusions based on little
>>evidence.

>Does this even merit a response? This is less an accusation than
>a clumsy rhetorical maneuver from someone who apparently has no
>idea of what's actually in my publication record.

What started our talking past each other was your comment that
"I think a great many [quacks] are recognizable as soon as they
open mouths or attack keyboards." So, no, it's not a clumsy
rhetorical maneuver.

><snip>

>As one who has offered up novel ideas (beginning with those
>proposed in my first book, published in 1975) sufficient to have
>influenced the history of UFO theory, I can only assume you
>intended to address these remarks to somebody else named Jerome
>Clark. Either that, or I can only infer you are unfamiliar with
>the theoretical framework - a novel one, I suppose I am forced
>to add - to which I came in my later adult life, expressed in
>writings that have subsequently affected discussion of the
>nature of extraordinary experiences. I sought to resolve some of
>the issues that have led to centuries of stalemate about what's
>often called the "supernatural," including some kinds of
>ostensible UFO encounters.

>>Even if the ideas
>>are half-baked or silly, they add to the conversation and may
>>contribute to a better understanding of what's going on. I
>>accept the responsibility to separate the signal from the noise.

>>But what is signal for me may be noise for someone else, and
>>vice versa.

>In short, as I complained at the outset, to some it's no problem
>that one UFO buff's opinion should be received as if it
>effectually is as good as another's. The reason, in other words,
>that ufology will continue to stand paralyzed as it awaits its
>inevitable demise on the far fringes.

As I said before, we need to filter the signal from the noise,
and one person's noise may be another person's signal. So I hope
you are not implying that I said that one UFO buff's opinion is
as good as another's. I agree that a mere unjustified opinion
should generally be treated as noise, although it may still be
useful if it triggers an avenue of investigation.

Your presentation to the SSE, available online, is an example of
what I would call a signal in the noise. You proposed the
concept of experience anomalies as a different way of thinking
about anomalous events. As I understand it, the experience of an
anomalous event is real and exists in its own right. Also, while
the event is real during the experience, it may not exist by
itself in the real world.

Although this theoretical framework raises many questions, it
gives a perspective that someone else can use to attempt to
devise a more complete cosmology. That person may have a very
different set of knowledge and skills than you, in which case,
you may find the resulting cosmology to be incomprehensible.
Perhaps your comment that started this exchange was more extreme
than you intended, but it suggests that you might be tempted to
label that person a quack.

William

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Subject: NY Witness Reports Two UFOs

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/ct8extk>

December 9, 2011

New York Witness Reports Two UFOs With Unusual Lighting
Roger Marsh

A Higginsville, NY, witness reports an object with triangle-shaped lights and a second object with square-shaped lights directly above in the sky, according to December 9, 2011, testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The witness believes it was two objects on first observation.

"I deliberately noted that I could see the background sky between the two objects.," the witness stated.

The witness then moved inside to alert family members, but once outside, the group could only see one object.

"Although I previously saw the distinction of two aircraft with the sky between the two, by the time we all ran out, we only saw one cluster of lights."

Family members commented on what they were seeing.

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>>want to be a 'talking-head' poser, or to work as a (gov't)
>scientist, in which case you probably have to learn just the
>'approved texts' to qualify.]

I really have nothing left to say except that ufologists (1)
need to pay attention to the formal processes by which
knowledge, always a complicated matter pursued by continuing
research and debate, is accumulated over time, (2) act
accordingly, and (3) appreciate that all truth cannot be found
in a single book, though portions of it are more likely to be
found in some than in others.

In the end, if often enough by fits and starts, science works,
thus - for one example - the computer on which this discussion
is being composed.

Jerry Clark

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Tulk Carey & Schmitt Interview

From: **Eleanor White** <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Dec 2011 12:34:45 -0500
Archived: Sun, 11 Dec 2011 12:51:58 -0500
Subject: Tulk Carey & Schmitt Interview

Last night I heard what I found to be an interesting interview with a granddaughter of Sheriff George Wilcox, who played a role in the Roswell incident.

A lot of the interview was chatty, not much 'meat', but still, the things said may bear on whether the incident involved a UFO craft, or not. I feel that the granddaughter's testimony, along with the two researchers who were also interviewed, did point to Roswell being a genuine UFO craft incident and not a hoax.

For what it may be worth:

Archives for this interview (hours 1 and 2) are here:

<http://radioamerikanow.com/?p=3D3394>

"Joining Amerika Now for the first half of the show to discuss Roswell are Christine Tulk, Tom Carey, and Don Schmitt.

Christine Tulk was born in Roswell, New Mexico, but was raised on the family ranch 65 miles east of Roswell. She is the youngest granddaughter of the legendary Sheriff George Wilcox, of Roswell fame, and her grandmother was the late Inez Wilcox.

Christine never met her grandfather as Sheriff George Wilcox died in 1961 and Christine was born in 1964. She would learn about the `Extraterrestrial=B4 UFO crash and her grandfather=B4s involvement while watching an episode about Roswell on the television program, Unsolved Mysteries in 1989.

In her search for answers, Christine would venture on her own journey to understand what really happened in 1947."

More at site.

Eleanor White

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NASA's 3rd Rock Web Radio Station

From: **NASA News** <hqnews.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Dec 2011 08:22:39 -0700
Archived: Mon, 12 Dec 2011 11:06:43 -0500
Subject: NASA's 3rd Rock Web Radio Station

Dec. 12, 2011

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RELEASE: 11-409

NASA ENGAGES PUBLIC WITH NEW CUSTOM INTERNET RADIO STATION

WASHINGTON -- NASA's mission of discovery and exploration will be showcased in a custom-produced Internet music radio station that is crafted specifically to speak the language of tech-savvy young adults.

Third Rock - America's Space Station is set to launch with a New Rock/Indie/Alternative format on Monday, Dec. 12. The station is being developed and operated at no cost to the government through a Space Act Agreement. Third Rock can be reached from NASA's home page, www.nasa.gov, and will soon be available through NASA iPhone and Droid mobile applications.

"NASA constantly is looking for new and innovative ways to engage the public and inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers," said David Weaver, associate administrator for the Office of Communications at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "We have led the way in innovative uses of new media and this is another example of how the agency is taking advantage of these important communication tools."

NASA is collaborating with Houston-based RFC Media to launch the station.

"Today's 4G audience craves new music and enjoys finding it," said Pat Fant, RFC Media co-founder and chief operating officer. "We've pulled out the best songs and the deepest tracks from a full spectrum of rock artists across many styles and decades. NASA features and news items are embedded throughout the programming alongside greetings by celebrity artists."

Third Rock also will help partner companies fill high-tech job openings in the engineering, science and IT fields. In addition to the NASA Web Portal, the station will be available online in the future at the radio tab of Apple's iTunes and other sites.

"No one knows more about discovering new rock than NASA," said Cruze, RFC Media co-founder and president. "Exciting new music is being discovered online through specialty sites like Third Rock-America's Space Station, where listeners will hear about great new artists way before their friends hear of them."

To listen to Third Rock, visit:

<http://www.rfcmedia.com/thirdrockradio/>

For more information, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/thirdrock>

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Netflixed UFOs: The Secret History

From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Dec 2011 02:39:12 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Mon, 12 Dec 2011 11:16:00 -0500
Subject: Netflixed UFOs: The Secret History

I'm glad I got the chance to see the documentary UFOs: The Secret History on Netflix!

Lots of great ufological history covered and analysis given and the extra kick is that because so many people subscribe to Netflix nowadays, I can easily tell friends and family to tune in.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Archived: Tue, 13 Dec 2011 17:52:11 -0500
Subject: Does ET Life Exist In Beyond?

Source: MurfreesboroPost.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/7jlnsa4>

Sunday, December 11

Does Extraterrestrial Life Exist In Beyond?
By Jonathan Fagan

Convinced of life on Mars, existence of UFOs, and ongoing alien abductions, the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network met for its annual conference last Sunday at Murfreesboro's Baymont Inn.

In its third year, the conference brings together state and regional directors from across the nation for presentations from authors and activists concerning various aspects of outer space and the earthly presence of extra terrestrials.

According to Tennessee MUFON Director Eddie Middleton of Memphis, the number of UFO sightings in Tennessee has rapidly increased during the last year.

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12 December 2011

The Trouble With Time Travel

Physics indicates it may be possible to go back to the future, and in *How to Build a Time Machine*, Brian Clegg argues that it's never too early to prepare

AT 10 pm on Saturday 7 May 2005, some 400 people waited at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for some very special guests to arrive. Time travellers from any and every point in the future had been invited to join the party in Cambridge. "The idea was a simple one that might at first seem trivial but was, in fact rather clever," Brian Clegg explains in *How to Build a Time Machine*. "If time travel is possible, why not flag up a certain place and time in history and invite time travellers to attend?"

The organisers had tried to ensure that the relevant information seeped into the future, and hoped a combination of internet, print media and TV coverage would do the job. How could any curious, party-loving time traveller resist?

The no-show raises a simple question about the possibility of travelling back in time. We may not yet have the technology to move freely through the ages, but if time machines are going to be built at some point in the future, why hasn't anyone come back to visit us? According to the theory of special relativity, as one moves faster and faster and approaches the speed of light, time slows down. At the speed of light, time stands still. If one could go faster than light, then in principle it is possible to travel back in time. So, Clegg asks, "Where are the time travellers?"

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<http://tinyurl.com/7t2fwvs>

Mon Dec 12, 2011

Life Possible On 'Large Regions' Of Mars

With higher pressures and warmer temperatures beneath the Martian surface, Earth-like microorganisms could thrive.

Australian scientists who modeled conditions on Mars to examine how much of the Red Planet was habitable said that "large regions" could sustain life.

Charley Lineweaver's team, from the Australian National University, compared models of temperature and pressure conditions on Earth with those on Mars to estimate how much of the distant planet was livable for Earth-like organisms.

While just one percent of Earth's volume - from core to upper atmosphere - was occupied by life, Lineweaver said their world-first modeling showed three percent of Mars was habitable, though most of it was underground.

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Source: Kevin Randle's A Different Perspective Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/852gtaa>

Sunday, December 11, 2011

The FBI Memo And Roswell

Over the decades, a few documents relating to the Roswell UFO crash (or the Roswell events if you wish to remove UFO from the discussion) have been found. One of those developed after Army Brigadier General George F. Schulgen asked for FBI help "...in locating and questioning individuals who first sighted the so-called flying discs..."

On July 10, 1947, an FBI memo was created by D. M. Ladd for E. G. Fitch, outlining the Army request. That request was forward to Clyde Tolson, the number two man in the FBI at the time. Tolson endorsed the memo, writing on July 15, "I think we should do this."

Hoover then endorsed the endorsement (seen here). He wrote, "I would do this but before agreeing to it we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. For instance, in the La. case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination."

But Hoover's handwriting was sloppy and the crucial point, the location, as "in the La case" has been disputed for years. It seems that it can also be read as Sw or Sov or 2a. Of course, if it said, "Sw" then that could refer to the Roswell case.

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Experiencer - The Documentary

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Stephane Allix's abductee-related documentary Experiencer is at YouTube in its 52 minute entirety:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCF0BfSnYls>

and features John Mack and Budd Hopkins, among many others...

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Source: PRWeb.Com

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2011/12/prweb8976211.htm>

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Toronto, Ontario (PRWEB)

White House Ends Silence On UFOs And ETs With Rejection Of PRG Disclosure...

ZlandCommunications has learned that the White House has broken a 64 year old silence on the UFO/ET matter by publicly rejecting the Paradigm Research Group Disclosure Petition 1 - stating there is no credible evidence of an Extraterrestrial presence engaging the planet.

It is important to recognize that this is the first time the White House has made any formal statement on the UFO/ET issue. This precedent is what many UFO/ET enthusiasts have been awaiting for decades.

More importantly, by responding formally, many UFO analysts feel the White House has not simply recognized that over 17,000 individuals signed petitions demanding action to acknowledge the UFO/ET issue but the Obama administration has now opened the door to a wider public discourse on the reality of the UFO phenomenon and the mountain of evidence that seems to widely support this reality.

In a statement by Phil Larson of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) he said in part, "The U.S. government has no evidence that any life exists outside our planet, or that an extraterrestrial presence has contacted or engaged any member of the human race. In addition, there is no credible information to suggest that any evidence is being hidden from the public's eye."

In response PRG Executive Director Stephen G. Bassett filed Disclosure Petition 11 now demanding that the Obama administration investigate UFO Disclosure efforts during the Clinton administration between the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and billionaire and Clinton friend, Laurance S. Rockefeller.

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'Dudley Dorito' UFO Re-Appears In Sky

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Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 06:58:00 -0500
Archived: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 06:58:00 -0500
Subject: 'Dudley Dorito' UFO Re-Appears In Sky

Source: ExpressAndStar.com

<http://tinyurl.com/89p8gvf>

Tuesday 13th December 2011

'Dudley Dorito' UFO Re-Appears In Sky

A mysterious triangular UFO dubbed the 'Dudley Dorito' has re-appeared in the region's skies with the latest sighting reported near to a Midlands beauty spot.

Property worker Gary Nock and his family were on the car park of the Badgers Sett pub, Hagley, when they saw the distinctive object flying overhead.

The 52-year-old said the UFO, a black triangle with white lights at each end, was flying at low altitude from the direction of Birmingham.

He said the object had turned silently in the air and they had eventually lost sight of it as it passed over the Clent Hills.

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Couple Prays While Watching '50-Plus Spheres'

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Archived: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 07:01:39 -0500
Subject: Couple Prays While Watching '50-Plus Spheres'

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/7y8cpxr>

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Virginia Couple Prays While Watching '50-Plus Morphing, Glowing Spheres'

A Virginia couple began to pray while watching a "swarm or fleet of 50-plus morphing, glowing spheres on December 11, 2011, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The woman first spotted what they thought was a "huge flock of birds in the northwest sky that were traveling east."

"Something was odd about the 'flock' as what appeared as grey chevron shapes started glowing and morphed into spheres randomly. Then the 'flock' seemed to grow in numbers as they came closer."

The woman pointed it out to her husband. They then noticed a second, smaller swarm appear from the north and join the first group.

"They were glowing at different rates, appearing to spin, almost like reflections of the sun on the surface. We kept saying it can't be birds it doesn't make sense."

The couple then began to pray...

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Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 07:10:06 -0500
Archived: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 07:10:06 -0500
Subject: Its A Bird Its A Plane Its A... UFO?

Source: KSN-TV 3 - Wichita, Kansas

<http://tinyurl.com/7y8cpxr>

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[Video]

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Its A Bird Its A Plane Its A... UFO?

Cowley County, Kansas - Residents in Cowley County are still talking about a mystery craft, seen being towed down US 77 Monday.

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Brazilian Researcher Roberto Affonso Beck Dies

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 09:58:21 -0200
Archived: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 07:40:07 -0500
Subject: Brazilian Researcher Roberto Affonso Beck Dies

Dear Listers,

I am sorry to report that Roberto Affonso Beck died last night of surgical complications. He was over 80 years old.

Roberto Affonso Beck was one of the last living Brazilian UFO pioneers and left a book named Ufology Under The Light Of Facts.

He was a devoted field investigator who had experienced several close encounters, especially with devices, a phenomena so common in Brazil. He was one of the first inhabitants of Brasilia, the Federal Capital. During its construction, in the 50s and 60s Beck decided to explore the city's surroundings and found that the area had enormous UFO activity - even to this day. He was a partner of General Alfredo Moacyr Uchoa in many field investigations and successful contact attempts.

Roberto Affonso Beck was a distinguished contributor to the Brazilian UFO Magazine and member of the Brazilian Committee of UFO Researchers (CBU), the group that demanded the Government to open its military secret files on UFOs, successfully. He was one of the UFO researchers present at the historical meeting with the military at the Brazilian Airspace Defense Command, in May 2005.

A. J. Gevaerd

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Re: The Trouble With Time Travel

From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 12:34:13 -0000
Archived: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 07:43:36 -0500
Subject: Re: The Trouble With Time Travel

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto
>Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 10:59 PM
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Subject: UFO UpDate: The Trouble With Time Travel

>Source: NewScientist.Com

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The trouble with invitations is that people have other commitments and may need to fulfil these before accepting the invitation. It may well be that all 400 have now (if you'll pardon the expression) arrived at 10 pm on Saturday 7 May 2005 and are wondering what happened to their MIT hosts! The worrying thing for the hosts is that this no-show on their own part might make all future (if you'll pardon the expression) invitations redundant.

Persons on the List who find this post logically incoherent are referred (in a distinctly Valleeian mode) to the concept of 'instances' of a given piece of software.

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

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Roberto Affonso Beck Was A 'Father' To Me

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <ticchetti.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 04:50:36 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 08:19:18 -0500
Subject: Roberto Affonso Beck Was A 'Father' To Me

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Ufology has lost a great researcher, the human race loses a great man and loses a father.

R.I.P Roberto Affonso Beck!

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From: **Glennys Mackay** <gem60.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 23:59:35 +1000
Archived: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 09:13:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Roberto Affonso Beck Was A 'Father' To Me

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
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I am very sad to hear of your loss and know that he will be
always with you. Having met this lovely man while lecturing at
the World Congress in Brazil in 1997 I know he will be sadly
missed by the Ufologist in Brazil.

Rev. Glennys Mackay J.P.
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From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
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its back in the sun.

Why anyone would ask the U.S. Government anything regarding UFOs
is beyond me. It's so friggin' obvious that they will not answer
properly, will avoid at all costs and lie through their teeth
that they have no credibility whatsoever on the issue. They've
failed miserably regarding informing the public on the matter
and we've had a small army of Ufologists who've exposed their
lies so many times it's absurd to even petition them.

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butter on a hot biscuit.

They have never, ever denied there being UFOs of some sort, just
not gone into origins and if this latest petition asked about
extraterrestrials no wonder they White House rejected it. Some
people just can't comprehend that perhaps there is no
extraterrestrial explanation and they just won't freakin' get
it.

Now reword that petition and see what happens.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

From: Albert Baier <albertgbaier.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 11:39:32 -0600
Archived: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 12:42:23 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 11:20:35 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>Source: PRWeb.Com

><http://www.prweb.com/releases/2011/12/prweb8976211.htm>

>December 13, 2011

<snip>

Greg, List,

This is as fine an example of politi-speak as I've seen in a while.

Phil Larson:

"The U.S. government has no evidence that any life exists outside our planet, or that an extraterrestrial presence has contacted or engaged any member of the human race. In addition, there is no credible information to suggest that any evidence is being hidden from the public's eye."

What does the "U.S. government" include? The Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches for sure. The military and NASA? What about private contractors?

What about ET life ON our planet?

There's "no evidence", and we're not hiding it!

I see a lot of wiggle room here.

I'm sure there are lower lifeforms on Mars right now, and some at NASA know it, but may not have shared such information with "the U.S. government".

'Plausible Deniability' is our mantra. Don't ask if you don't want to know.

Albert

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From: **Andy Roberts** <meugher.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 18:36:12 +0000
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Re: Experiencers - The Documentary

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 00:04:21 -0000
Archived: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 06:12:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Experiencers - The Documentary

From: David Haith visionsl.nul
To: post.nul
Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011
Subject: Experiencers - The Documentary

>Stephane Allix's abductee-related documentary Experiencer is at
>YouTube in its 52 minute entirety:

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XCF0BfSnYls>

>and features John Mack and Budd Hopkins, among many others...

>ebk

Actually this excellent documentary - I think the title is in the plural - has been around on the web for some years.

It's a favourite of mine and shows that it's possible to make a film of this subject without silly graphics and X-files music.

The participants and experiencers are all credible people and especially convincing are the schoolchildren who had that Zimbabwe sighting - coaxed professionally, kindly and gently into telling their stories by the sadly missed and great John Mack.

Whatever's really going on with the experiencers you realise that this subject should be treated seriously and they deserve to be heard rather than mocked.

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Re: Roberto Affonso Beck Was A 'Father' To Me

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 08:05:01 -0200
Archived: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 06:16:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Roberto Affonso Beck Was A 'Father' To Me

>From: Glennys Mackay <gem60.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 23:59:35 +1000
>Subject: Re: Roberto Affonso Beck Was A 'Father' To Me

>>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <ticchetti.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 04:50:36 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Roberto Affonso Beck Was A 'Father' To Me

>>Roberto was my 'father' in ufology. Because of him I joined the
>>Brazilian Entity for Extraterrestrial Research (EBE-ET) in
>>1997. I was part of EBE-ET for almost 15 years. Beck made more
>>than 1.000 skywatches! What he saw was incredible. He was _the_
>>field researcher. I am very proud to have been considered by
>>him as a son.

>>Ufology has lost a great researcher, the human race loses a
>> great man and loses a father.

>>R.I.P Roberto Affonso Beck!

>I am very sad to hear of your loss and know that he will be
>always with you. Having met this lovely man while lecturing at
>the World Congress in Brazil in 1997 I know he will be sadly
>missed by the Ufologist in Brazil.

Thank you, Glennys.

I will forward your nice message to his Family.

I hope that you and George are fine down there in Brisbane.

Take care!

A. J.

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From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 08:49:05 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 09:03:28 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: Andy Roberts <meugher.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 18:36:12 +0000
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some of the nasty, spiteful, half-assed, and vindictive, bigoted
people whom I've encountered in UFOlogy. Those in ufology I
trust know whom I'm talking about and sorry you're not in the
loop.

The people I know don't need people like you or others
bombarding them with emails and phone calls and National
Enquirer half wit stories.

And another thing, don't ever accuse me of not backing up what I
say in such general terms again. Because I don't go out of my
way to appease you personally doesn't mean I don't know what I'm
talking about. Anything I put on Errol's list I will back up to
his specifications if he so asks. Matter of fact Errol's one of
the few ufologists I've got on my Facebook page and I've posted
and responded to conversations with the people I know.

When I say family and friends I mean family and friends and I
don't put them in this arena of ad hominem for good reason.

Best ,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Rense Once Again

From: Michael M. Hughes <michaelmhughes.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 15:37:04 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 06:39:46 -0500
Subject: Rense Once Again

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<snip>

Greg,

Funny that you mention "bigoted" people you've encountered in
Ufology, after refusing on multiple occasions to address why you
continue to appear with, and promote, your avowed "hero" Jeff
Rense, whose website you consider a "blessing":

<http://www.rense.com/general74/NYW.HTM>

This is a man who publishes, and links to, rehashings of Nazi
propaganda about Jews. As I've pointed out to you. Repeatedly.
As anyone can see, in plain English, by just clicking on a few
links on your hero's site. This is not anti-Zionist content, but
anti-JEW material, equating Jews with vermin and cancer, and
suggesting Jews are abortionists, smut peddlers, and enemies of
good Christians. Etc. Etc.

Your "hero". And you rail about "bigoted" Ufologists? Something
doesn't compute here.

If you'd like, I can once again point you to the most egregious
anti-Jew articles on his site (privately, if you prefer), just
in case you think I'm exaggerating.

Do us all a favor and explain why it's okay to have heroes who
publish such virulent hate speech. Or again, I'll have to accept
that your continued silence means that you approve of such
material, or that you think it's okay to have your articles
published alongside articles that Hitler himself would have been
proud of.

Thanks, and apologies to those who find this unrelated to
Ufology. I disagree - if our field is associated with anti-
Semites, what chance to do we have of elevating the public
discourse?

Michael M. Hughes
<http://michaelmhughes.com>

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From: **Andy Roberts** <meugher.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 14:37:05 +0000
Archived: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 06:41:10 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

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>talking about.

<snip>

So, in other words Greg, you haven't got a scrap of evidence to back up any of your assertions. Saying you have but not backing it up is rather pointless. And the continued posting of same only serves to make you look as though you haven't a clue what you are talking about.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 20:59:51 +0000
Archived: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 06:43:57 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

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Well, Greg, I'll see your "close family members and friends in
higher government" posts and raise with a fellow traveler of
mine involved in things to do with astronomy. Someone
representing a higher power than the U.S. government and various
private agencies/industries.

Fr. Joe Anderson of the Vatican Observatory here in the
southeast desert of Arizona. We talk about ETs all the time and
the possibility of life elsewhere in the Universe. Just the
other night, at the club Christmas party, I discovered we agreed
that the ET/life that will first discovered by humans would be
large, intelligent, worms. He didn't blink or hesitate to agree
that they probably had a form of music.

KK

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Falls And The Trickster

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 03:56:56 -0000
Archived: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 06:47:02 -0500
Subject: Falls And The Trickster

Hello List

This news item:

Keresley Villagers Mystified By Apple Shower

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-16203214

reminded that I'd collected stories of 'falls' some time ago,
prompted by reading Charles Fort on the subject:

Falls, Flows, And Oozes - Survey/Review

www.perceptions.couk.com/ghosty.html#falls

USA has slightly different

www.prairieghosts.com/falls_sky.html

Media collection

<http://paranormal.about.com/od/earthmysteries/a/aa070306.htm>

and different again, weird in Arizona

<http://tinyurl.com/ntgurm>

Am slightly worried by the (predictable) response, to the apple
fall, by 'experts' who fell back on the whirlwind explanation.

Reeading the collection you'll see that some quite massy objects
feature, including quarry stones etc. While gravel (hundreds of
reports) is almost feasibly lifted by 'whirlwinds', some other
of the objects are unfeasibly large and dense.

[Quite apart from the fact that 'falls' are always exclusively
of one type of object or life-form - no mixtures, no rubbish,
pond contents, branches or even dirt/soil - which one would
surely expect to find if 'whirlwinds' were doing the work]

The reason I'm slightly worried is the possibility, hinted at by
Fort, that a 'trickster' element is responsible.

For if a 'trickster' were to be dissatisfied by human responses
- seeing its work described as 'mere whirlwind effects' - maybe
we could anticipate an escalation to even more improbable feats:
falls of boulders, anvils, locomotives etc.?

Now that thought has me (slightly) uneasy.

Cheers

Ray D

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Shameless Plug

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 08:31:45 -0000
Archived: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 06:48:58 -0500
Subject: Shameless Plug

End of Time looming? Feeling glum at the prospect of imminent destruction? Then why not enjoy your final days with the latest book in the fortean Darklore series from The DailyGrail?

<http://dailygrail.com/Darklore/2011/12/Darklore-Volume-6>

The Mayan catastrophe of 2012 approaches, it is said, when Nibiru will be as a second sun in the sky and rain destruction on the Earth, so you haven't much time. But time enough, perhaps, to read my article on "Double Suns" in myth, history and science.

If there's still time to kill, you can read pieces by other contributors about The Slenderman, pyramid passages, sewer monsters, mystical America, the forgotten megalithic history of Liverpool and so much else.

If, when you have savoured the last footnote and reference, Earth yet survives, you can put the 272pp tome on your head to block the deadly rays, which will give you another few seconds to ponder the sheer oddity of existence before all is consumed by fire. Could there possibly be a more useful New Year present?

Sorry ; -)

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Re: Shameless Plug

From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 12:09:26 +0000
Archived: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 07:13:02 -0500
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I'd like to shamelessly plug my contribution to this volume,
which is about an alien contact case I investigated in the late
1970s.

Nigel

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Obama Health Plan Blocked By UFO Truth Embargo?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 09:08:57 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 09:08:57 -0500
Subject: Obama Health Plan Blocked By UFO Truth Embargo?

Source: Examiner.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/2v9522b>

June 25, 2009 [Note this date]

Key To Obama Health Plan Blocked By UFO Truth Embargo?
Larry Lowe

Tiny fragments of a device of apparent extraterrestrial origin may hold an invaluable secret to advancing health care in the US, but open discussion of that fact may be subjected to information policing by the Obama administration.

The sad irony of the situation is that a president who campaigned and won on a platform of truth and openness and who has just presented a comprehensive plan on ABC in prime time to reform the nation's medical care may unwittingly be preventing discussion that could lead to a breakthrough which would revolutionize health care.

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The New York Times, however, is reporting that while the Obama administration has asked the public for new ideas with the unveiling of an open-government website, the administration is considering steps to curtail free speech and discussion of the UFO issue on the prejudiced supposition that UFO subjects are somehow 'fringe'=97the modern term for heresy, which was considered a crime against the church when Galileo published his findings in opposition to the conventional wisdom of his time.

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ufomafia.com/blog

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Clifford Stone's Tales

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Archived: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 11:52:43 -0500
Subject: Clifford Stone's Tales

Clifford Stone's Tales

Stone and his 'stories' have re-surfaced again. This time in a new, self-published, book - see Amazon.Com:

<http://tinyurl.com/brmcp5a>

Book Description

Publication Date: November 17, 2011

"Sgt. Clifford Stone is one of the most important truth tellers of our time. This book is a collector's treasure of his unique personal experiences in the military with real extraterrestrial beings. I recognize his truth and honor him for having the courage to tell it. Clifford carries a time sensitive and world changing message vital to our very survival, that 'they are not hostile'. His story educates and opens doors to a new awareness about what's really going on behind veils of secrecy which influences all our lives. He leads us into a whole new way of thinking and behaving. Clifford Stone raises our consciousness, touches my heart, and brings me to tears with his fascinating true story." --Introduction by Paola Leopizzi Harris

With a foreword by Robert Salas. Its unfortunate that Robert didn't do a web-search on Stone. Had he done so Kevin Randle's blog-post on Stone would have popped:

Source: Kevin Randle's A Different Perspective Blog

<http://kevinrandle.blogspot.com/2005/11/exopolitics.html>

Friday, November 18, 2005

<snip>

Sergeant First Class (SFC) Clifford Stone

Take as a quick example, the tales told by Cliff Stone. He says he was not trained as a clerk-typist when he joined the service but his Army records show only training as a clerk. His record shows that his only assignments were as a clerk or an admin specialist or in other roles in that arena. His record shows that he served in Vietnam, though it is not clear how long he was actually in-country. His records indicate that he was a clerk as the Army mission in Vietnam wound down and that he had no combat experience. He was awarded no decorations for valor.

Stone has said that when he reported for duty in Vietnam, he requested a combat assignment because he had no training as a clerk. His request was denied by the company first sergeant. He said that, during his tour, he would periodically crawl out of the base camp, through the wire, to engage the enemy. There is nothing in his record to suggest this is true. When he completed his Vietnam assignment, he returned to the United States and to

the mundane world of clerk-typist.

Most Vietnam veterans would dispute Stone's claims of personal firefights with the Viet Cong and his one-man missions outside the wire because they simply know better. Individual soldiers did not crawl through the base camp wire to engage the enemy. Those who tell similar stories have universally been shown to be lying about those events.

Stone and the Kecksburg Crash

To provide an additional example of embellishment, Stone has claimed that he was involved in the Kecksburg UFO crash. His role seems to have changed over the years, as additional information has come to light. For example, Stone had said originally he called the Unsolved Mysteries hotline after they ran their Kecksburg UFO story. Stone said he had personally witnessed the armed military convoy, helmeted soldiers and a flatbed truck carrying the damaged UFO out of Kecksburg. On Sightings in 1992, Stone made a similar claim (which means the claim is documented on videotape). Stan Gordon, the main researcher into Kecksburg, said that Stone told him that he, Stone, was a civilian and that a friend at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, called to tell him that the UFO that was in the news had been brought to the base. The friend (conveniently unidentified), picked up Stone and drove him to the base where Stone hid in the car in the parking lot outside a back gate and saw the convoy carrying the UFO arrive, stay awhile and then leave for Wright-Patterson AFB, also in Ohio.

Stone has not renewed these claims since 1992 or 1993. Now, however, when challenged about his involvement in this case, Stone claims that he "remote viewed" the site. He hadn't physically been there but had "seen" it. This seems to be a new twist to explain how Stone, then a 16 year-old student living some 90 miles away from Lockbourne AFB and not all that close to Kecksburg, might have been in a position to see the convoy. So, in all, Stone has claimed to have been in Kecksburg, then, rather than being in Kecksburg to witness the convoy and all the ancillary events, he changed the story to having seen the convoy arrive at one Air Force base before it was transferred to another. And, finally he remote viewed it. So, which version is the truth?

Stone and Project Moon Dust

As added evidence, if such is necessary, Stone has suggested that it was his research and his inside knowledge of government UFO investigations that lead us to the secret UFO project known as Moon Dust. He claims to be the first to reveal anything about it but when challenged to provide specific information, he has failed to do so, giving the excuse that he is not free to discuss all aspects of his military service.

What this means is that we know the code name of Project Moon Dust was changed after it was compromised in the mid-1980s. Since Stone suggests that he was the source of the original information for Moon Dust he released classified information and since he was part of that project, at least according to him, he should know the new, and classified code name. But, when we asked for the new name, he said that he wasn't free to give out that information. Stone "cherry picks" the information he shares with us, but the real point is that nothing he provided was key to learning anything new. In other, more precise words, he told of nothing that wasn't already available in the UFO community through other sources. But more importantly, there is no way to verify his claims because he would refuse to answer the specific questions, claiming that he was not free to release the classified details. With no way to verify his claims there simply is no reason to accept his story as being true.

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From: **Andy Roberts** <meugher.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 14:30:55 +0000
Archived: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 11:55:21 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 07:53:58 -0500 (EST)
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Then I'm very happy for you. But telling us all here and then not backing it up is rather pointless then. On that basis any of us could say anything without having to offer proof, which would rather devalue the nature of this list which is broadly based on people being honest and providing evidence for their assertions.

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Errol's word is good enough for me too, Greg. Perhaps you'd provide adequate proof of your claims to Errol and he can then tell us that you are on the level. Or you can chose not to do this and let us draw our own conclusions.

If you are going to claim the- rather remarkable- things you do claim on this list greg then I think you have a duty to back them up. Otherwise, each time you make a claim without evidence, it further reduces your credibility.

So, facts before fiction in future eh?

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 12:02:41 -0400
Archived: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 11:56:54 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 20:59:51 +0000
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 11:20:35 -0500 (EST)
>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

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>>the last but you ask them about UFOs and they will melt like
>>butter on a hot biscuit.

>Well, Greg, I'll see your "close family members and friends in
>higher government" posts and raise with a fellow traveler of
>mine involved in things to do with astronomy. Someone
>representing a higher power than the U.S. government and various
>private agencies/industries.

You meant to write an "alleged" higher power right?

Don Ledger

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 12:45:11 -0400
Archived: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 13:16:45 -0500
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Ufologist Vince White Seriously Ill

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 17:10:08 -0000
Archived: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 05:48:01 -0500
Subject: Ufologist Vince White Seriously Ill

Not sure whether you're on Victor's vast List Errol

Dave Haith

From: Victor Martinez
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2011 4:38 PM
Subject: Ufologist Vince White Is Seriously Ill... Can You Help His Wifeout?!

Vince And Jane White
12833 Cambridge Rd
Leawood, KS 66209-1620
1-816 785-9566 - cellphone
1-913 327-5593 - landline
VinceOmni.nul

FYI; see below

From: Elaine Douglass <edouglass.nul>
To: Victor Martinez <VictorGM.nul>
Subject: Can You Forward This To Your List?
Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 00:08:26 -0700

Dear Victor

I am writing this to let everyone know that Vince White is in the hospital. Please give him a call on his cell phone at 816-785-9566. Vince's wife Jane told me about this. She said his condition with Parkinsons deteriorated and she could not physically care for him. So she put him in the hospital very much against his will. She is very upset and feeling guilty about that. I told her anyone would have done the same thing.

Vince is in some kind of a hospital slated to be transferred to a long term care facility in a few days. I talked to him tonight on the phone and I can tell he is desperate to get out of any hospital. I was planning to call him but he called me first to ask what news there was about new UFO developments since he doesn't have a computer.

Jane wants to get him a computer that is bolted down to a board so he will not inadvertently knock it off. This would be a new device; not the computer he's had at home. Can any of you send her some money to help? I sent \$100. She has been out of work for a whole year and for sure there is financial difficulty. The mailing address to send a check is: Jane White, 12833 Cambridge Rd. Leawood, Kansas 66209, and the home phone number is 913-327-5593.

Be very tactful in whatever you say about sending any money. Emphasize that Vince is a special person who has made such an outsized contribution to ufology, that you want to help get Vince a computer and you know it is an extra, unexpected expense. Also tell her that no one would blame her for putting

Vince in a hospital.

This is such a tragedy to see Vince go downhill in this manner. It is heartbreaking. I think it is very important to telephone him as well.

Elaine Douglass

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Re: Shameless Plug

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 17:57:44 +0000
Archived: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 05:49:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 08:31:45 -0000
>Subject: Shameless Plug

>End of Time looming? Feeling glum at the prospect of imminent
>destruction? Then why not enjoy your final days with the latest
>book in the fortean Darklore series from The DailyGrail?

><http://dailygrail.com/Darklore/2011/12/Darklore-Volume-6>

>The Mayan catastrophe of 2012 approaches, it is said, when
>Nibiru will be as a second sun in the sky and rain destruction
>on the Earth, so you haven't much time. But time enough,
>perhaps, to read my article on "Double Suns" in myth, history
>and science.

>If there's still time to kill, you can read pieces by other
>contributors about The Slenderman, pyramid passages, sewer
>monsters, mystical America, the forgotten megalithic history of
>Liverpool and so much else.

>If, when you have savoured the last footnote and reference,
>Earth yet survives, you can put the 272pp tome on your head to
>block the deadly rays, which will give you another few seconds
>to ponder the sheer oddity of existence before all is consumed
>by fire. Could there possibly be a more useful New Year present?

Martin:

Just reading your shameless plug makes me want to buy the book.
However, I read the sales blurb and discovered you are only one
of the contributors. Therefore, I hesitate because, other than
Picknett and Prince, I have never heard of the other authors.
Basically, I am chicken to venture into weirdness with - to me -
unknown authors.

KK

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Re: Falls And The Trickster

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 18:20:59 +0000
Archived: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 05:51:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Falls And The Trickster

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 03:56:56 -0000
>Subject: Falls And The Trickster

>Hello List

>This news item:

>Keresley Villagers Mystified By Apple Shower

>www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-16203214

>reminded that I'd collected stories of 'falls' some time ago,
>prompted by reading Charles Fort on the subject:

>Falls, Flows, And Oozes - Survey/Review

>www.perceptions.couk.com/ghosty.html#falls

>USA has slightly different

>www.prairieghosts.com/falls_sky.html

>Media collection

><http://paranormal.about.com/od/earthmysteries/a/aa070306.htm>

>and different again, weird in Arizona

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

<snip>

Ray:

The story about weird Arizona: Arrivaca is just down the road from me and I wondered if the area discussed is near the trail the illegals use to come north to Tucson. Has anyone chatted-up a group of illegals to find out if they ever encountered strange landscapes? Or, shared tales of the area? How about the Border Patrol officers? The helicopter pilots who fly over the area every night?

Was there a follow up on the stories in the Tucson Weekly?

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 12:26:08 -0600
Archived: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 05:52:52 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
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>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 20:59:51 +0000
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>>>From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 11:20:35 -0500 (EST)
>>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>I have always, always had close friends and family members in
>>>higher government close enough to smell the President's
>>>aftershave. Since the time I was a kid in the 1960s to now, UFOs
>>>are a subject that not one of them will touch with a ten foot
>>>pole. These same people have fought in such wars as WWI through
>>>today, done things of unimaginable bravery, are opinionated to
>>>the last but you ask them about UFOs and they will melt like
>>>butter on a hot biscuit.

>>Well, Greg, I'll see your "close family members and friends in
>>higher government" posts and raise with a fellow traveler of
>>mine involved in things to do with astronomy. Someone
>>representing a higher power than the U.S. government and various
>>private agencies/industries.

>You meant to write an "alleged" higher power right?

Don:
I think that Fr. Joe believes he represents _the_ higher power.
So, let's let him have his belief. Okay?

KK

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>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 03:56:56 -0000
>Subject: Falls And The Trickster

>Keresley Villagers Mystified By Apple Shower

>www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-16203214

>reminded that I'd collected stories of 'falls' some time ago,
>prompted by reading Charles Fort on the subject:

>Am slightly worried by the (predictable) response, to the apple
>fall, by 'experts' who fell back on the whirlwind explanation.

>Reeading the collection you'll see that some quite massy objects
>feature, including quarry stones etc. While gravel (hundreds of
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>of one type of object or life-form - no mixtures, no rubbish,
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>Fort, that a 'trickster' element is responsible.

>For if a 'trickster' were to be dissatisfied by human responses
>- seeing its work described as 'mere whirlwind effects' - maybe
>we could anticipate an escalation to even more improbable feats:
>falls of boulders, anvils, locomotives etc.?

>Now that thought has me (slightly) uneasy.

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When I'm around Albany, New York and have some time to spare, I occasionally stop at one of the cemeteries and visit Charles Fort's grave, leaving a flower on his headstone. I figure that kind of propitiatory gesture to the alpha Fortean might be better than just addressing a random Trickster in a "To Whom it mat Concern" fashion. No anvils or locomotives have fallen on any List members yet, so it may be working.

Carol Maltby

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>>From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
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>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 07:53:58 -0500 (EST)
>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

<snip>

Why do you need Errol to tell you? Just do it.

BTW - it's a frosty day in hell when Andy Roberts and I agree on anything. Temps are below zero there now.

Don Ledger

Ya well, I gave up a long time ago waiting to hear about his 'secret knowledge'.

Ron Jorgenson

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From: **Andy Roberts** <meugher.nul>
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>BTW - it's a frosty day in hell when Andy Roberts and I agree
>on anything. Temps are below zero there now.

That may be the case, Don, but I'm pleased that on this subject
we are in agreement.

I've studied Greg's posts over the years he's been on UpDates
and have been constantly fascinated by his claims. Over and over
again Greg claims knowledge of witnesses, of UFO events, of
people who are close to those in the government who 'know' and
how these people are too scared to say anything to anyone except
Greg.

I've watched, in the hope that Greg would substantiate just one
of his claims, but no, he remains resolute that he 'knows'
people who 'know' and he can tell us only this.

As I said in a previous post, there's an expectation on this
List if people make claims they back them up with something more
than the anecdotal. Their evidence might be right, wrong, flawed
or disagreed with but at least it's presented for the List to
discuss (usually endlessly!) and very enjoyable and instructive
it is too.

But not Greg. He's got away for years with making baseless
claims which, if true, are directly linked to humankind's most
significant discovery, something well beyond science and
religion, the fact that lifeforms from elsewhere are visiting
Earth. I'm a hard core sceptic but would love to see this being
proved true and I don't see why I have to put up with Greg's
waffle any longer. He should, in short, put up or shut up.

If Errol will indulge me, I'd like to offer the lyrics to David
Crosby's awesome song, Laughing which, I think sums up how easy
it is to get led down the hall of mirrors which is belief in
'visitors', cover ups, people who 'know' or any of the other
distortions of belief Greg has fallen for. This is not a 'dig'
at Greg, I hasten to add. If Greg can prove what he speaks of
then we'll all be amazed and thankful. Util then...

I thought I met a man who said he knew a man

Who knew what was going on

I was mistaken, only another stranger that I knew

And I thought that I'd found the light

To guide me through my nights and all its darkness

I was mistaken, it was only reflections of a shadow that I saw

And I thought I'd seen someone who seemed at last

To know the truth

I was mistaken, only a child laughing in the sun

Happy Trails

Andy

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Witness Says Prayer, Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond
Roger Marsh

A Louisiana witness reports that prayer and meditation bring out "brilliant white orbs of light" that appear to respond to communication, according to December 15, 2011, testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The witness explains.

"I was outside sitting in my lawn chair Monday night at 6:30 p.m. just enjoying the night air and trying to get some relief from the kids as I am a single Father," the witness stated. "I do this every night that conditions allow and at the same general time. I waited for nearly 15 minutes to see them again, but I was not really in the mood for the visit."

The witness uses prayer and a form of meditation.

"I have a feeling they can sense this, so I closed my eyes and took several deep breaths as to slow my heart rate. I was starting to focus better in my mind and heart. With my eyes still closed, I began to....Well... Pray. Yes I know this sounds a bit odd, but that's the truth of it and that's what I do when I'm alone and things are quiet."

The witness did not have to wait long as the first orb appeared just seconds later...

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New Jersey UFO Was Fast Moving 'Cloaked Triangle'

A New Jersey witness traveling along Route 322 in Atlantic County reports briefly watching a fast-moving object described as a "cloaked triangle," according to December 15, 2011, testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

"I saw some distance ahead of me a moving distortion in the (fairly solid and darkish) clouds that appeared as a very fast large 'cloaked' triangle shape moving at high speed," the witness stated. "It appeared several times larger than I would expect a passenger jet to appear at that distance. I was traveling east to west; the distortion moved from north to south."

The object was seen for about two seconds.

"It was like there was a 'cloaked', large triangular 'flying wing' turned on its side. Think of the distortion of the jungle in the movie "Predator" when the alien moved while cloaked. That is how a part of the clouds looked."

The witness is curious about what was seen...

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>>End of Time looming? Feeling glum at the prospect of imminent
>>destruction? Then why not enjoy your final days with the latest
>>book in the fortean Darklore series from The DailyGrail?

>><http://dailygrail.com/Darklore/2011/12/Darklore-Volume-6>

>>The Mayan catastrophe of 2012 approaches, it is said, when
>>Nibiru will be as a second sun in the sky and rain destruction
>>on the Earth, so you haven't much time. But time enough,
>>perhaps, to read my article on "Double Suns" in myth, history
>>and science.

>>If there's still time to kill, you can read pieces by other
>>contributors about The Slenderman, pyramid passages, sewer
>>monsters, mystical America, the forgotten megalithic history of
>>Liverpool and so much else.

>>If, when you have savoured the last footnote and reference,
>>Earth yet survives, you can put the 272pp tome on your head to
>>block the deadly rays, which will give you another few seconds
>>to ponder the sheer oddity of existence before all is consumed
>>by fire. Could there possibly be a more useful New Year present?

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>of the contributors. Therefore, I hesitate because, other than
>Picknett and Prince, I have never heard of the other authors.
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>me -
>unknown authors.

Hi Kathy

Actually you could have discovered that from my post, where I
did list "pieces by other contributors".

I sympathise with your caution in these things but make a couple
of points.

By no means is this a book (or a series) uncritically promoting
weirdness. Personally I wouldn't feel comfortable in that
company. The subject spectrum and tone are both broadly fortean,
with the absence of ideology that implies, and quite a few of
the articles are highly analytical. I'm sure you'd be interested
in at least some of them.

As for the names, well, you know me (whether that's a

recommendation or not I'm not sure!) and you surely know Nigel Watson who has been publishing in the field longer than I have. Greg Taylor (editor) has posted on this list many times (though not so recently). So with Picknet and Prince known to you that's fully 40% of the author list.

Regards

Martin

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Unknown authors! Gosh and burnt toast.

Surely you've heard of me (well, perhaps not I've only written about UFOs since the 1970s and I'm British). Anyway, you shouldn't be so narrow minded when 'new' authors could actually be more interesting and authoritative than you might expect.

Nigel

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Hello Carol,

Yup, although tongue-in-cheek was hoping (as always) to prompt
some actual 'scientific' analysis.

Like - what circular wind-speeds are necessary to pick up a
bunch of spherical, fairly dense things like apples? (Or quarry
stones?) Does that happen (apart from the rarely recorded
tornadoes) regularly around UK?

And does a local 'whirlwind' have the energy (and time) to do
mass/size 'sorting' of objects in the column?

That last is because 'falls' always seem to be of one type and
size of object/life-form.

Cheers

Ray D

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Hi Diana,

You've hit the nail on the head. Some time ago tried to bring
that particular aspect into consideration.

Here's the quotes:

"they are reported to have the weird ability to detect and react
to the intent, observation and signalling of individual humans,
although we know no way they could isolate one flashing light in
a cityscape (& could anyone imagine any method of sensing `human
intention' or `observation' alone?)."

and later in the doc.

"from lots of reports, slightly mentioned above, Aerial
Phenomena sometimes behave as if they're instantly aware of
things happening a long way away - and we'll include those
accounts of them being sensitive to `intention' and even more
sensitive to flashlights/radar txers being pointed at them.

...

Maybe a bit more scary: that might imply some ability - while
tuned-in at least - to `read minds', or at least intentions. If
so - it's obvious why the top-people would want to keep it
secret. Their speeches wouldn't seem half so imposing if we
could read their thoughts, maybe as subtitles!"

That's part of a larger screed at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 16:46:48 -0800
Archived: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 08:43:46 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 12:26:08 -0600
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 12:45:11 -0400
>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 07:53:58 -0500 (EST)
>>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>>From: Andy Roberts <meugher.nul>
>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 14:37:05 +0000
>>>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>>>From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>>Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 08:49:05 -0500 (EST)
>>>>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

<snip>

>>>>So, in other words Greg, you haven't got a scrap of evidence to
>>>>back up any of your assertions. Saying you have but not backing
>>>>it up is rather pointless. And the continued posting of same
>>>>only serves to make you look as though you haven't a clue what
>>>>you are talking about.

>>>Oh I've got proof. I'm just not stupid enough to post it publicly.

>>>This is Errol Bruce-Knapp's List last time I looked regarding
>>>ownership and who establishes what does and what doesn't go on
>>>here.

>>>If Errol asks me I can provide it in an instant but I nor he
>>>would be posting it on this List. His word is good enough for me
>>>and sorry if it wouldn't be good enough for you.

>>Why do you need Errol to tell you? Just do it.

>>BTW - it's a frosty day in hell when Andy Roberts and I agree on
>>anything. Temps are below zero there now.

>Here, too.

>Jerry Clark

Ditto. It really serves no useful purpose for some List members here, such as Greg, Kathy Kasten, and a few others, to dangle these kinds of hints, implications, or other unsubstantiated stories and information without backing them up with verifiable documentation, sources, or other means to further investigate and vet them.

I mean, what does that accomplish? Simply more dissension, dispute, and request for substantiation that those who choose not to provide it, for various previously stated but rather specious reasons, seem to want to suggest is not possible or safe for public distribution. If that's the case, then why make unsubstantiated or questionable claims, assertions, or nebulous contentions without supporting facts or data in the _first_ place?_

To do so seems kind of pointless and automatically gives rise to legitimate doubt of such claims, when those who promote them say they're too secret to discuss or to provide backing data about.

Otherwise, such statements on the part of a minority of List members here will continue to be subject to perpetual skepticism, argument, and looked upon as more likely false than true when no foundation of fact or sources is provided. Frankly, that is becoming both boring and silly, IMHO.

Extraordinary claims in fact do require extraordinary evidence, or proof of some kind, or why should anyone here believe what is claimed without adequate substantiation one might use to check such contentions? To do so is deceptive and disinformational in nature, at the very least. It could also be termed other things, but which for now I will defer mentioning or expressing further opinion or speculation about.

Sincerely,

Steve

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Re: Shameless Plug

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 00:54:22 -0000
Archived: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 08:46:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 11:42:52 +0000
>Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 17:57:44 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>>Just reading your shameless plug makes me want to buy the book.
>>However, I read the sales blurb and discovered you are only one
>>of the contributors. Therefore, I hesitate because, other than
>>Picknett and Prince, I have never heard of the other authors.
>>Basically, I am chicken to venture into weirdness with - to me -
>>unknown authors.

>Unknown authors! Gosh and burnt toast.

>Surely you've heard of me (well, perhaps not I've only written
>about UFOs since the 1970s and I'm British). Anyway, you
>shouldn't be so narrow minded when 'new' authors could actually
>be more interesting and authoritative than you might expect.

I've been researching this deeply, fearlessly and secretly since
I was 14, and persons so powerful, influential and important
that mere mention of their actual names online would result in
the whole list having to be eliminated by 'certain agencies' in
the middle of the night have told me on good authority that
there are a number of authors who were 'new' when they first
started publishing their work!

And before Andy Roberts starts moaning at me about facts, I
propose to come right out in the open and name names. So here's
three big ones to start with: Hemingway, Dickens and Tolstoy.
Yup folks, all three of 'em were 'new' when they started out!
Amazing, isn't it?

The research continues, but if I find out about any more I'm
going to keep it to myself. I don't want to risk everybody's
safety or plunge Kathy into more weirdness than she can handle.

Gerald O'Connell

'If we can't laugh, then we must cry...'

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Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 09:18:49 -0500
Archived: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 09:28:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

>From: Diana Cammack<cammack.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 14:19:32 +0200
>Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

>>Source: UfoExaminer.Com

>><http://tinyurl.com/c4muyt6>

>>December 15, 2011

>>Witness Says Prayer, Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond
>>Roger Marsh

>>A Louisiana witness reports that prayer and meditation bring out
>>"brilliant white orbs of light" that appear to respond to
>>communication, according to December 15, 2011, testimony from
>>the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

><snip>

>>The witness uses prayer and a form of meditation.

><snip>

>Praying, meditating, shining a light and concentrating, or what
>Tim Good does, 'projecting thoughts' - all much the same really.

Actually, no. Praying is a request to some other agency to
produce a desired effect. 'Projecting thoughts' implies creating
the effect oneself.

>But the question is, how (let alone why!) do these orbs and ETs
>pick up a single person's thinking out of the chaos of all our
>thoughts beaming out from earth to space? Also, what about the
>thoughts we don't want to share with anyone else - do those get
>sent out there too, to be heard by ETs and orbs? How
>disconcerting is that!?

These comments apply only to the praying model, and is a
problem. The 'projecting thoughts' model doesn't suffer from the
suggested signal/noise issue. There is experimental evidence
that one's intentions can produce physical effects remotely.
Maybe that is a better model to account for witness effects on
UFO behavior.

William

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 12:08:09 -0400
Archived: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 06:20:52 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 18:41:38 +0000
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 12:02:41 -0400
>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 20:59:51 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>>From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 11:20:35 -0500 (EST)
>>>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>>I have always, always had close friends and family members in
>>>>higher government close enough to smell the President's
>>>>aftershave. Since the time I was a kid in the 1960s to now, UFOs
>>>>are a subject that not one of them will touch with a ten foot
>>>>pole. These same people have fought in such wars as WWI through
>>>>today, done things of unimaginable bravery, are opinionated to
>>>>the last but you ask them about UFOs and they will melt like
>>>>butter on a hot biscuit.

>>>Well, Greg, I'll see your "close family members and friends in
>>>higher government" posts and raise with a fellow traveler of
>>>mine involved in things to do with astronomy. Someone
>>>representing a higher power than the U.S. government and various
>>>private agencies/industries.

>>You meant to write an "alleged" higher power right?

>Don:

>I think that Fr. Joe believes he represents _the_ higher power.
>So, let's let him have his belief. Okay?

But without questioning that belief as is done on this List,
huh? Personal belief is one thing but when you are in a position
of authority..? Different kettle of fish.

Don Ledger

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Re: Falls And The Trickster

From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 12:37:12 -0500
Archived: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 06:23:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Falls And The Trickster

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 23:01:48 -0000
>Subject: Re: Falls And The Trickster

>>From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 15:31:11 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Falls And The Trickster

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 03:56:56 -0000
>>>Subject: Falls And The Trickster

>>>Keresley Villagers Mystified By Apple Shower
>>>www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-16203214

>>There doesn't seem to be any interest by the British press in
>>doing "extraordinary investigation" of the phenomenon. It's been
>>weeks since the first frost in the Coventry area, yet one
>>motorist tells the Daily Mail that they were "small and green."
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>>of the apples were "large, like cooking apples (the Toronto Sun
>>decides to play it safe by calling them "yellowy-green"). No-one
>>appears to have wandered over to a greengrocer to find out what
>>kinds of apples they were.

>Yup, although tongue-in-cheek was hoping (as always) to prompt
>some actual 'scientific' analysis.

>Like - what circular wind-speeds are necessary to pick up a
>bunch of spherical, fairly dense things like apples? (Or quarry
>stones?) Does that happen (apart from the rarely recorded
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>And does a local 'whirlwind' have the energy (and time) to do
>mass/size 'sorting' of objects in the column?

>That last is because 'falls' always seem to be of one type and
>size of object/life-form.

A whirlwind is perhaps the perfect symbol of the hot air based
circular logic used in the non-Fortean press to 'explain' the
anomalous objects falling from the sky.

Whirlwinds pick things up and drop them down. In anomalous
falls, uniform groups of things are picked up and dropped down.
Therefore, whirlwinds picked things up and dropped them down. It
has happened before, this picking up of non-local anomalous
thingummies, and they said it must have been whirlwinds then. So
we have that as precedent for saying whirlwinds picked up these
objects and dropped them somewhere else.

As for the sorting problem, in the Harry Potter books, the
Sorting Hat sorts the incoming students into the 4 Houses, and
is shaped like a tornado (albeit an upside-down brown leather
one). Isn't that close enough to explain it? ;-D

Carol Maltby

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From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 18:03:18 -0000
Archived: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 06:25:14 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: Andy Roberts <meugher.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 10:32:53 +0000
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>>BTW - it's a frosty day in hell when Andy Roberts and I agree
>>on anything. Temps are below zero there now.

>That may be the case, Don, but I'm pleased that on this subject
>we are in agreement.

>I've studied Greg's posts over the years he's been on UpDates
>and have been constantly fascinated by his claims. Over and over
>again Greg claims knowledge of witnesses, of UFO events, of
>people who are close to those in the government who 'know' and
>how these people are too scared to say anything to anyone except
>Greg.

>I've watched, in the hope that Greg would substantiate just one
>of his claims, but no, he remains resolute that he 'knows'
>people who 'know' and he can tell us only this.

You're all taking this too seriously. Greg's postings are what
is known in comedy as a running gag. These are more usually to
be found in sitcoms, though. One of my favourite sitcom gags is
where the principal character is married, but of all the
characters his wife never appears on screen. The TV viewers
are thus delighted every time she almost appears, but
something happens to prevent this.

Similarly, we know that Greg's amazing UFO stories will never
be accompanied by anything in the way of independent testimony
or evidence. He just does it to wind us up and give (some of) us
a bit of a laugh.

Another of my favourite running gags on this List is the one
about the humanoid monotremes. We know we will never get any
evidence to support these assertions. I think we are overdue for
another delightful post on this topic.

John Harney

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From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 10:29:30 -0800
Archived: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 06:28:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Falls And The Trickster

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>>>Reading the collection you'll see that some quite massy objects
>>>feature, including quarry stones etc. While gravel (hundreds of
>>>reports) is almost feasibly lifted by 'whirlwinds', some other
>>>of the objects are unfeasibly large and dense.

>>>[Quite apart from the fact that 'falls' are always exclusively
>>>of one type of object or life-form - no mixtures, no rubbish,
>>>pond contents, branches or even dirt/soil - which one would
>>>surely expect to find if 'whirlwinds' were doing the work]

><snip>

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>size of object/life-form.

You are so right, Ray. There is no way that an unreported whirlwind or tornado could selectively pick up or sort out one type of object from scores of other possibilities, and after whirling them up around and around, dump them all in one small locality. No atmospheric scientist worth his salt could go along with any of that, unless the alternative was unthinkable to him, that certain aliens were merely flaunting their advanced capabilities, or perhaps demonstrating them for educational purposes. Then any alternative to this is better than the unthinkable.

It would be an easier alternative to believe that the apples had been dumped, in one huge dose, by a trickster from an airplane whose sight, sound and flight plan were unobserved or unknown. But this still would not explain previous unexplained falls of various creatures/species in past decades in England.

Jim Deardorff

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Archived: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 06:32:39 -0500
Subject: The Hessdalen Lights Phenomenon - Documentary

Source: YouTube.Com

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNObDdZPsY8>

Mar 14, 2011

The Portal - The Hessdalen [Norway] Lights Phenomenon

Documentary - 47:08

Unusual lights have been reported here since 1940s or earlier. Especially high activity of Hessdalen lights took place from December 1981 until the summer of 1984 when lights were observed 15 to 20 times per week. The frequency of the lights caused a gathering numerous tourists staying there overnight to see the phenomenon. Since then, the activity has decreased and now the lights are observed some 10 - 20 times per year.

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Archived: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 06:38:18 -0500
Subject: 1966 Carl Sagan TV Interview

Source: YouTube.Com

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=rbfOggOVKmI

Sep 26, 2010

Carl Sagan 1966 Interview

"To commemorate the 30 year anniversary of the release of Cosmos I've uploaded A 1966 interview with Walter Cronkite and Carl Sagan about the existence of UFOs and the possibility of contacting alien civilizations."

[Video at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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>The witness explains.

>"I was outside sitting in my lawn chair Monday night at 6:30
>p.m. just enjoying the night air and trying to get some relief
>from the kids as I am a single Father," the witness stated. "I
>do this every night that conditions allow and at the same
>general time. I waited for nearly 15 minutes to see them again,
>but I was not really in the mood for the visit."

>The witness uses prayer and a form of meditation.

>"I have a feeling they can sense this, so I closed my eyes and
>took several deep breaths as to slow my heart rate. I was
>starting to focus better in my mind and heart. With my eyes
>still closed, I began to....Well... Pray. Yes I know this sounds
>a bit odd, but that's the truth of it and that's what I do when
>I'm alone and things are quiet."

<snip>

This report reveals that seeing things is more an act of the human subconscious than any "outside" source. Especially, when the human mind is in a receptive state of meditation.

KK

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Re: Shameless Plug

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 21:06:40 +0000
Archived: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 18:01:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 00:54:22 -0000
>Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 11:42:52 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 17:57:44 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>>>Just reading your shameless plug makes me want to buy the book.
>>>However, I read the sales blurb and discovered you are only one
>>>of the contributors. Therefore, I hesitate because, other than
>>>Picknett and Prince, I have never heard of the other authors.
>>>Basically, I am chicken to venture into weirdness with - to me -
>>>unknown authors.

>>Unknown authors! Gosh and burnt toast.

>>Surely you've heard of me (well, perhaps not I've only written
>>about UFOs since the 1970s and I'm British). Anyway, you
>>shouldn't be so narrow minded when 'new' authors could actually
>>be more interesting and authoritative than you might expect.

>I've been researching this deeply, fearlessly and secretly since
>I was 14, and persons so powerful, influential and important
>that mere mention of their actual names online would result in
>the whole list having to be eliminated by 'certain agencies' in
>the middle of the night have told me on good authority that
>there are a number of authors who were 'new' when they first
>started publishing their work!

>And before Andy Roberts starts moaning at me about facts, I
>propose to come right out in the open and name names. So here's
>three big ones to start with: Hemingway, Dickens and Tolstoy.
>Yup folks, all three of 'em were 'new' when they started out!
>Amazing, isn't it?

>The research continues, but if I find out about any more I'm
>going to keep it to myself. I don't want to risk everybody's
>safety or plunge Kathy into more weirdness than she can handle.

>Gerald O'Connell

>'If we can't laugh, then we must cry...'

Oh no, I have offended contributors to the book by not knowing
their work. Oh no, oh me, oh my. What am I to do. I'm sure this
problem will be rectified by the authors themselves - who are in
this chat group - and they will come forward to chastise me for
not knowing who they are. To which I will reply: do you know my
work? Have you read anything I have written? I assume you are
shaking your heads "no." Well, then, we are equal in being
oblivious to each other. Not to worry. All will be revealed over

time.

KK

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Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 23:00:51 -0000
Archived: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 18:02:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 09:18:49 -0500
>Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

>>From: Diana Cammack<cammack.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 14:19:32 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

>>>Source: UfoExaminer.Com
>>><http://tinyurl.com/c4muyt6>

<snip>

>>Praying, meditating, shining a light and concentrating, or what
>>Tim Good does, 'projecting thoughts' - all much the same
>>really.

>Actually, no. Praying is a request to some other agency to
>produce a desired effect. 'Projecting thoughts' implies creating
>the effect oneself.
<snip>

You might be missing Diana's point William. Regardless of the
possible different definitions, the effective mechanism might be
the same in each case: a concentrated thought.

In which case we return to a basic question - can they read
minds? Or at least - intention?

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 21:10:48 +0000
Archived: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 18:05:51 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 16:46:48 -0800
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 12:26:08 -0600
>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 12:45:11 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

<snip>

>>>BTW - it's a frosty day in hell when Andy Roberts and I agree on
>>>anything. Temps are below zero there now.

>>Here, too.

>>Jerry Clark

>Ditto. It really serves no useful purpose for some List members
>here, such as Greg, Kathy Kasten, and a few others, to dangle
>these kinds of hints, implications, or other unsubstantiated
>stories and information without backing them up with verifiable
>documentation, sources, or other means to further investigate
>and vet them.

>I mean, what does that accomplish? Simply more dissension,
>dispute, and request for substantiation that those who choose
>not to provide it, for various previously stated but rather
>specious reasons, seem to want to suggest is not possible or
>safe for public distribution. If that's the case, then why make
>unsubstantiated or questionable claims, assertions, or nebulous
>contentions without supporting facts or data in the first
>place?_

>To do so seems kind of pointless and automatically gives rise to
>legitimate doubt of such claims, when those who promote them say
>they're too secret to discuss or to provide backing data about.

>Otherwise, such statements on the part of a minority of List
>members here will continue to be subject to perpetual
>skepticism, argument, and looked upon as more likely false than
>>true when no foundation of fact or sources is provided. Frankly,
>that is becoming both boring and silly, IMHO.

>Extraordinary claims in fact do require extraordinary evidence,
>or proof of some kind, or why should anyone here believe what is
>claimed without adequate substantiation one might use to check
>such contentions? To do so is deceptive and disinformational in
>nature, at the very least. It could also be termed other things,
>but which for now I will defer mentioning or expressing further
>opinion or speculation about.

Steve, Steve, Steve:

I named my source: Fr. Joe Anderson, member of the Vatican Observatory, Tucson, AZ. Providing a link for you to make sure Fr. Joe is on the staff? Sorry, that is easy enough for you to check out.

However, you are verifying something I have had suspicions about. There are a major of UFO researchers who are just plain lazy and get upset if the information isn't spoon fed to them.

KK

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Rendlesham Case Related To Later Crop Formations

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 22:37:18 -0500
Archived: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 18:08:06 -0500
Subject: Rendlesham Case Related To Later Crop Formations

I recently updated a report written last year about a logical relationship that exists among the 1980 Rendlesham Forest UFO event, the 2002 Crabwood crop formation, and the 2010 Wilton Windmill crop formation. Each event provided a set of binary data that was decoded by a single image decoding algorithm also found in the Wilton Windmill formation.

The meaningfulness of each resulting image is subjective, but most people should find the images easy to recognize. Because the resolution is so low, more than a passing glance may be required in some cases. I concede that acceptance of my conclusions depends on agreement that the images are recognizable. Then, I would argue that the probability of six recognizable images by chance is low, so they were, therefore, intentionally encoded.

The updated article includes an appendix showing examples of images decoded using different offsets from the beginnings of two of the data sets. The patterns in these images are meaningless compared to the patterns with zero offset. This would be expected if the patterns with zero offset were the intended images.

Since the decoding algorithm was specified only in the latest data set, the agency that made it must have created the two earlier data sets as well. This is important because it means that there was a larger agenda behind the individual events.

Whoever was behind the plan to communicate the images had access to very sophisticated resources. One event demonstrated anomalous flight technologies and/or methods to control perception of reality (Rendlesham Forest). Another event required sophisticated techniques for constructing a complex crop formation (Crabwood), and another required a method for encoding multiple images in the same set of data, even with severe constraints on bit assignments (Wilton Windmill).

The existence of the related images from the three events says that some agency meant to use them to accomplish a larger objective. The argument is made that the images are a request for a friendly personal encounter with us. This interpretation is based on both the specific content and the general nature of the images. The originators of this request are most likely non-human, probably non-terrestrial. Such a request from a human agency would be trivial and unlikely to have taken 30 years to communicate.

The article was submitted for publication to the Journal of Scientific Exploration, and was rejected. The reviewer concluded that "the links to other formations, the blurry 'decoded' images, and the information from Rendlesham (itself a very controversial case) don't offer sufficient linkage or proof of other anomalies, and certainly not a long-term plan. There is far too much speculation and stretching of the available evidence, which is not the right approach for a scientific paper. I'm sure this article would do well in a crop circle journal, but it doesn't have the substance for JSE".

I mention the reviewer's response so you will know at least one

academic's opinion if/when you read the article. My impression is that the reviewer seemed unwilling to accept that the images are meaningful (note the comment about blurry 'decoded' images). In retrospect, their meaningfulness might have been more convincing if a distribution of responses to the images from multiple observers had been included.

The review also shows that interesting results in this field are not easy to publish in peer-reviewed journals, even in the less restrictive JSE. Perhaps the analyses in the article are indeed not appropriate for a science journal. The process was more like solving a mystery than a simple hypothesize and test procedure. But if the images really do represent a request for a friendly meeting with us, that message might be time-sensitive. Therefore, the updated article was added to the viXra archive for immediate review by anyone. It is available at the following address.

<http://vixra.org/abs/1112.0050>

Best,

William

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>To: post.nul
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>be more interesting and authoritative than you might expect.

Nigel:

One of my best friend's and lover's last name was Watson. Dr.
J.R. Watson, Ph.D. in philosophy from UWM. He was interested in
weirdness, but never worried about being an authority.

Why don't you provide the name of a book I might enjoy.

Already I am having warm fuzzy feelings about you.

KK

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Declassified Documents Find A Home

From: John Greenewald, Jr. <john.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 20:42:23 -0600
Archived: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 18:13:00 -0500
Subject: Declassified Documents Find A Home

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NORTH HOLLYWOOD (BlackVault) December 18, 2011 As 2012 is right around the corner, the world is sure to face new challenges, obstacles, and battles to overcome. Some theorize the end of the world in 2012, while others beg for a more open world society to calm the masses.

World governments and politicians alike are scrambling to find a way to bring peace to global uprisings; whether they are peaceful or aggressive. And regardless of where in the world these protesters reside, they seemingly all want the same thing knowledge and information whether it be on their money; their future; their well-being; their families; their government or most of all their future.

Many of the protesters around the globe will probably contest that Sir Francis Bacon may have said their message best, scientia potentia est, or as we know it today, Knowledge is Power. And to gain that knowledge, some are taking it to the streets, while others, take it to the pen and paper. Well, in 2011, maybe it s more of a keyboard.

The Freedom of Information Act, or FOIA, has been responsible for the release of literally MILLIONS of pages of knowledge and information. Declassified from the bowels of the U.S. Government and Military archives, very rarely does the public know, or even understand, what is truly available to them. In 1996, John Greenewald, Jr. of The Black Vault internet archive (www.theblackvault.com), realized that problem and began archiving nearly three quarters of a million pages of this material, which grows nearly every day.

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Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

From: **Andy Roberts** <meugher.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 11:53:04 +0000
Archived: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 06:29:56 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 18:03:18 -0000
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

John wrote:

>You're all taking this too seriously. Greg's postings are what
>is known in comedy as a running gag.

<snip>

>Similarly, we know that Greg's amazing UFO stories will never
>be accompanied by anything in the way of independent testimony
>or evidence. He just does it to wind us up and give (some of) us
>a bit of a laugh.

I don't think you're being fair to Greg, John. I want to give
him the opportunity, once and for all, to tell us what he is
actually talking about and for him to substantiate his
mysterious messages with some hard fact.

This is crunch time for Greg. either he needs to tells us some
snippet that he's been told and which we can verify, he needs
to stop pretending and only post when he has an opinion or a
verifiable fact.

UpDates once had a reputation as the premier UFO discussion List
and because of posts such as we get from Greg has lost this
reputation. If even 1% of what Greg hints at can be verified by
him then we are ready to be amazed. If not then we should get on
with the business of fact not fiction and leave Greg to the
comics and cartoons he so loves.

Happy Trails

Andy

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Re: 1966 Carl Sagan TV Interview

From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 12:37:30 -0400
Archived: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 06:33:12 -0500
Subject: Re: 1966 Carl Sagan TV Interview

>Source: YouTube.Com

>http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=rbfOggOVKmI

>Sep 26, 2010

>Carl Sagan 1966 Interview

>"To commemorate the 30 year anniversary of the release of Cosmos
>I've uploaded A 1966 interview with Walter Cronkite and Carl
>Sagan about the existence of UFOs and the possibility of
>contacting alien civilizations."

>[Video at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

Two excellent examples of very smart people saying stupid things. Arrogance and ignorance replacing facts and data.

I suppose it never occurred to Carl that there might be a space carrier dropping by once a month with 75 small earth excursion modules zipping around doing their thing for a month.

Walter apparently thought the press knows about every big story. President Truman didn't know about the Atom bomb project until 13 days after he became President...

Stealth spent \$10 Billion over 10 years in secret... Notice no facts and no references, just proclamations.

Wonder how few cases Carl studied...

Stan Friedman

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>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 18:41:38 +0000
>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 12:02:41 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 15 Dec 2011 20:59:51 +0000
>>>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>>>From: Gregory Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>>Date: Wed, 14 Dec 2011 11:20:35 -0500 (EST)
>>>>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>>>I have always, always had close friends and family members in
>>>>>higher government close enough to smell the President's
>>>>>aftershave. Since the time I was a kid in the 1960s to now, UFOs
>>>>>are a subject that not one of them will touch with a ten foot
>>>>>pole. These same people have fought in such wars as WWI through
>>>>>today, done things of unimaginable bravery, are opinionated to
>>>>>the last but you ask them about UFOs and they will melt like
>>>>>butter on a hot biscuit.

>>>>>Well, Greg, I'll see your "close family members and friends in
>>>>>higher government" posts and raise with a fellow traveler of
>>>>>mine involved in things to do with astronomy. Someone
>>>>>representing a higher power than the U.S. government and various
>>>>>private agencies/industries.

>>>>>You meant to write an "alleged" higher power right?

>>Don:

>>I think that Fr. Joe believes he represents the higher power.
>>So, let's let him have his belief. Okay?

>But without questioning that belief as is done on this List,
>huh? Personal belief is one thing but when you are in a position
>of authority..? Different kettle of fish.

Here's the thing, Don, I am not going to speak for Fr. Joe. If
you want to challenge what he believes, you need to contact him.
He is on-line. Just go through the Vatican website - Tucson.

I think everyone with a religious belief is full of it and not
dealing with the reality of universe. But, then, that's just me.

KK

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Subject: Re: Falls And The Trickster

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
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>Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 10:29:30 -0800
>Subject: Re: Falls And The Trickster

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 23:01:48 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Falls And The Trickster

>>>From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 15:31:11 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Falls And The Trickster

>>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>>Date: Fri, 16 Dec 2011 03:56:56 -0000
>>>>Subject: Falls And The Trickster

>>>>Keresley Villagers Mystified By Apple Shower
>>>>www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-16203214

>><snip>

>>>>Reading the collection you'll see that some quite massy objects
>>>>feature, including quarry stones etc. While gravel (hundreds of
>>>>reports) is almost feasibly lifted by 'whirlwinds', some other
>>>>of the objects are unfeasibly large and dense.

>>>>[Quite apart from the fact that 'falls' are always exclusively
>>>>of one type of object or life-form - no mixtures, no rubbish,
>>>>pond contents, branches or even dirt/soil - which one would
>>>>surely expect to find if 'whirlwinds' were doing the work]

>><snip>

>>>>There doesn't seem to be any interest by the British press in
>>>>doing "extraordinary investigation" of the phenomenon. It's been
>>>>weeks since the first frost in the Coventry area, yet one
>>>>motorist tells the Daily Mail that they were "small and green."
>>>>This may contradict Mr Meakins in the BBC report, who said some
>>>>of the apples were "large, like cooking apples (the Toronto Sun
>>>>decides to play it safe by calling them "yellowy-green"). No-one
>>>>appears to have wandered over to a greengrocer to find out what
>>>>kinds of apples they were.

>><snip>

>>Hello Carol,

>>Yup, although tongue-in-cheek was hoping (as always) to prompt
>>some actual 'scientific' analysis.

>>Like - what circular wind-speeds are necessary to pick up a
>>bunch of spherical, fairly dense things like apples? (Or quarry
>>stones?) Does that happen (apart from the rarely recorded
>>tornadoes) regularly around UK?

>>And does a local 'whirlwind' have the energy (and time) to do
>>mass/size 'sorting' of objects in the column?

>>That last is because 'falls' always seem to be of one type and
>>size of object/life-form.

>You are so right, Ray. There is no way that an unreported
>whirlwind or tornado could selectively pick up or sort out one
>type of object from scores of other possibilities, and after
>whirling them up around and around, dump them all in one small
>locality. No atmospheric scientist worth his salt could go along
>with any of that, unless the alternative was unthinkable to him,
>that certain aliens were merely flaunting their advanced
>capabilities, or perhaps demonstrating them for educational
>purposes. Then any alternative to this is better than the
>unthinkable.

>It would be an easier alternative to believe that the apples had
>been dumped, in one huge dose, by a trickster from an airplane
>whose sight, sound and flight plan were unobserved or unknown.
>But this still would not explain previous unexplained falls of
>various creatures/species in past decades in England.

Hi Jim,

For the benefit of the layman, can you explain why it is not possible for there to be a process whereby tornados or tornado-like atmospheric effects:

1. Pick up objects from the ground, including those similar in size and density to those under discussion here;
2. Transport them a considerable distance such that their 're-appearance' at ground level is not associated with the effects that caused them to be lifted aloft;
3. Cause these objects to be dropped back to the surface selectively at different times and places according to their size and/or density via a process analogous to fractional distillation.

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

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<http://tinyurl.com/6qmg83n>

Sun Dec 18, 2011

Unexplained Mysteries of 2011 And Into 2012
by Benjamin Radford

As we head inexorably toward 2012, we decided to look back at some of the strangest mysteries of this past year, and some of the mysteries that remain with us as we enter the new year.

5 "Unexplained" Mysteries Solved in 2011

The Jerusalem UFO Video

Just a few weeks into 2011 a stunning UFO video circulated around the world. On Jan. 28, a mysterious glowing light hovered high above the Dome of the Rock, an ancient Islamic shrine in Jerusalem.

It was touted as possibly the best video ever taken of an extraterrestrial spacecraft -- made all the more apparently authentic because it was captured by at least two other people at the same time, from different angles. When the videos appeared on YouTube UFO interest was whipped into a frenzy; as Ian O'Neill noted, "The news headlines read: "Holy Smoke -- UFO in Jerusalem," "Dome of the Rock Jerusalem light all proof UFO fans need that aliens exist" and "Credible? Jerusalem UFO footage captured from multiple viewpoints."

Skeptical analyses soon suggested that the video had been faked, but true believers insisted that the videos were legitimate. Finally in March even MUFON, an organization dedicated to proving extraterrestrial visitation, joined the skeptics in branding the whole thing a hoax. Eventually even most diehard UFO believers grudgingly acknowledged that it had been faked.

The Mysterious Magnetic Boy

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Ed

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Telepathy & UFOs [was: Prayer Meditation Cause...]

From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 07:06:46 -0500
Subject: Telepathy & UFOs [was: Prayer Meditation Cause...]

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 14:19:32 +0200
>Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

>>Source: UfoExaminer.Com

>><http://tinyurl.com/c4muyt6>

>>December 15, 2011

>>Witness Says Prayer, Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond
>>Roger Marsh

>>A Louisiana witness reports that prayer and meditation bring out
>>"brilliant white orbs of light" that appear to respond to
>>communication, according to December 15, 2011, testimony from
>>the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

><snip>

>>The witness uses prayer and a form of meditation.

><snip>

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>thoughts we don't want to share with anyone else - do those get
>sent out there too, to be heard by ETs and orbs? How
>disconcerting is that!?

Hi Diana, All,

Two quick anecdotes that relate to the topic...

In 1997 I had a daylight sighting of multiple orbs hovering in the sky over my house in Queens, N.Y. I was thinking/wishing that they would come closer so I could get a better look at them. Instantly, as if in response to my request, one of the orbs broke formation and rapidly descended toward me.

It executed a long, low sweeping arc overhead. At its closest point of approach the object couldn't have been more than 3/400 ft. over my head. It displayed a disc-shape, dull silver surface, completely silent. I am convinced that the object/occupant(s) had responded to my mental request.

The other one I wanted to share was a response to a question I had asked Budd Hopkins. I was visiting with Budd at his studio in NY back in 93'/94' and the conversation centered on hybrids. As he spoke, he betrayed a bit of fear, apprehension in regard to these alleged hybrids. I asked what it was he feared about them and he responded: "They can read your mind, get inside your head. I don't like that."

I have never had anything to hide. I have (from necessity) thought about telepathy and all its implications. Never feared it though.

Budd's response made me wonder, more than the obvious invasion of privacy, that many people have 'little secrets, little traumas, little hurts,' that they don't want anybody to see. Perhaps things they feel deep shame over; weaknesses, shortcomings, major hidden flaws. His response really drove home to me how very primal the fear is of someone/something else being able to peruse the content of our minds. To share that very personal space.

Telepathy plays a huge role in anything related to abduction of human beings by whoever, whatever is responsible. I pay very close attention to any reports/accounts of UFO contact involving telepathy/mind to mind contact. It is one component of the phenomenon that receives very little time or attention. Yet, it is one of the single most revealing aspects.

Happy, healthy, safe holiday season to my all my friends...

Peace,

John

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December 16, 2011

Dreams Of Contact With ETs In 2011 UFO*BC Sightings Reports
Jon Kelly - Vancouver UFO Examiner

Reports of missing time, hovering orbs and dreams of contact with extraterrestrials are just some of 2011's most interesting witness submissions to UFOBC, a local not-for-profit society dedicated to gathering and investigating UFO sightings reports from British Columbia and the Yukon Territories. As the year draws to a close, it is time to take a look back at the most recent available published information from this venerable organization.

British Columbia is a vast and sparsely-populated territory, home to numerous mysteries of nature and contact with other-dimensional realities. This review of 2011's most interesting witness submissions to UFOBC provides a brief glimpse into a world of possibilities available to those who dare venture beyond the cultural, political and psychological boundaries of official denial.

Through dozens of written statements, this year's witnesses cited aviation industry experience and familiarity with conventional satellites, meteors, helicopters, jet and propeller aircraft that helped them to differentiate these known objects from other, more mysterious phenomena. While it is possible that the reports include cases of mistaken identification, a closer look at some of the details suggests deep processes influencing the minds of the witnesses that parallel those found in incidents of sightings supported by substantial instrumental evidence.

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Light From The Past?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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Subject: Light From The Past?

Hello List

A flagged news-item immediately reminded of some very early sci-fi - "photos of the past" etc.:

www.neuroquantology.com/index.php/journal/article/view/467

"Abstract - Photomultiplier tube measurements during simultaneous productions of nonlocal+ local photon emissions showed conspicuous doubling of the durations of the photon spikes from hydrogen peroxide-hypochlorite reactions if both loci were exposed to the same configurations of changing angular velocities of circular magnetic fields. Different experimentally manipulated temporal patterns of the photon emissions were evident as "spontaneous" spikes within 3 to 5 days after the actual injections when the same magnetic field configuration was present but no injections occurred. These results suggest that temporal patterns of entangled photon emissions were "stored" within space-time and could be retrieved long after the events had been generated"

Thanks to the Daily Grail www.dailygrail.com/

A check of the pdf - at:

www.neuroquantology.com/index.php/journal/article/view/467/443

says it's from Michael A. Persinger and Blake T. Dotta, which may or may not reassure.

Yet entanglement is 'real' although deeply anti-untuitive, so why not an extension of the principle?

Then, with a bit of a shiver, remembered a few years ago summarizing *some* of Leibniz' principles and conclusions; here's a quote:

"That, although a cosmic 'time' might be operating, we can have no knowledge of how events in our universe are positioned within it; - moreover, Leibniz seemed to be of the opinion that each body or being contains information not only about its past but also about its future: i.e. 'entanglement in [cosmic] time'."

www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/leibniz.html

Weird.

Cheers

Ray D

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>have a look? I'd be delighted to show you around.

It should be observed - I've made the point here before, but it
bears repeating - that if Ed's belief is true, then there can be
no doubt: he is a world-historical figure, right up there with
Copernicus, Darwin, and Einstein. Through his own brilliance and
insight, he has made what ranks among the top five all-time
discoveries in the history of civilization. Ed has outsmarted
generations of historians, scientists, archaeologists,
paleontologists, ecologists, and other scholars in a range of
disciplines.

Either that, or he's deluding himself.

I leave it to you to decide which is more likely.

Jerry Clark

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>>>really.

>>Actually, no. Praying is a request to some other agency to
>>produce a desired effect. 'Projecting thoughts' implies creating
>>the effect oneself.
><snip>

>You might be missing Diana's point William. Regardless of the
>possible different definitions, the effective mechanism might be
>the same in each case: a concentrated thought.

>In which case we return to a basic question - can they read
>minds? Or at least - intention?

Hi Ray,

The issue I was responding to was the signal/noise ratio problem that someone "up there" would have in separating out one person's thoughts on the ground from all the others. This assumes that there is a receiver there to receive the message from the ground as in the case of prayer.

It's not an issue if there is no receiver. There are stories that certain people, like Tibetan monks, can create thought forms out of thin air. I proposed that the person on the ground may be creating a thought form in the sky that would then appear to respond to the creator's wishes. But the thought form would not be separating those wishes from the background noise of other people's thoughts. It's being created by a thought from a person on the ground.

As in the prayer scenario, a flashlight shining on a wall can be detected at the wall more easily at night than in bright daylight. But as in the thought form scenario, the light level on the wall is still incremented the same amount no matter what the ambient light level.

Whether or not people on the ground could see the thought form would, of course, depend on its brightness and the background light level.

William

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List,

This highlights what I find to be the most fascinating aspect of
the phenomenon.

I wrote about my apparently telepathic contact experience
(published under a pen name) many years ago. It still remains
the most puzzling, mind-bending thing I've ever experienced.

Attempted Manipulation of UFO Manifestations

<http://www.charm.net/~profpan/2005/10/attempted-manipulation-of-ufo.html>

I included some thoughts about this experience in my recent talk
at the Mysteries of Space and Sky conference in Maryland this
past October, "UFOs and the Paranormal: WAY Beyond the ETH." I'm
still waiting for the video to become available, but the slides
can be downloaded here:

<http://michaelmhughes.com/wordpress/?p=1683>

You'll recognize a quote or two from one of our esteemed members
:-)

I'm not anti-ETH, by any means. The ETH is still a very
plausible explanation. But the data, and anecdotes like mine in
which my sighting was apparently prefaced by dreams and
interesting synchronicities, forces me to consider that the
standard ETH needs to be enlarged to account for events that
defy conventional physics and strictly materialist scientific
perspectives.

Holiday wishes to all,

Michael M. Hughes

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>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>Nigel:

<snip>

>Why don't you provide the name of a book I might enjoy.

>Already I am having warm fuzzy feelings about you.

My book The Alien Deception, takes a psychosociological look at the alien abduction phenomenon. It mainly focuses on the Betty and Barney Hill case and US reports, in relation to this approach. It's available as a Kindle book, on Amazon, at:

<http://tinyurl.com/7boq5o7>

Much of my writings on the subject can be found on the Magonia website, at:

<http://magonia.haaan.com/>

Not sure any of them will give readers a fuzzy feeling, but you never know!

Nigel

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Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 17:06:44 -0000
Archived: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 04:42:08 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
To: <post.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 12:24:25 -0800
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 18:03:18 -0000
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>Another of my favourite running gags on this List is the one
>about the humanoid monotremes. We know we will never get any
>evidence to support these assertions. I think we are overdue for
>another delightful post on this topic.

Hi John,

The humanoid monothreme hypothesis isn't a gag and there's plenty of "evidence to support these assertions". The idea of an ancient civilization of monotremes seems so preposterous that most folks won't take the time and/or effort needed to examine the evidence that I and others have collected. Would you like to have a look? I'd be delighted to show you around.

Couldn't you put the evidence online so that we can all take a look?

It may be a case of 'publish or be damned...'

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

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>>>Source: UfoExaminer.Com

>>><http://tinyurl.com/c4muyt6>

>>>December 15, 2011

>>>Witness Says Prayer, Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond
>>>Roger Marsh

>><snip>

>>Praying, meditating, shining a light and concentrating, or what
>>Tim Good does, 'projecting thoughts' - all much the same really.

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>>pick up a single person's thinking out of the chaos of all our
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Hello John,

I can understand the attraction of the source/receiver model of communication to account for what we call telepathy. But it is generally accepted that the physical signal strength of a thought is inadequate for any potential physical communication channel. So it has to be something else, and parapsychologists tend to gravitate to models that assume certain properties of consciousness. Donovan reviews some of those properties.

<http://tinyurl.com/6nvqyg2>

One correlate of telepathic communication is empathy between sender and receiver. He notes that "the descriptive language characterizing both charisma and empathy overlap with that used to recount details of alleged telepathic phenomena".

Similar language is used to describe psychic performance. He offers the following quote. "Psychics often commented that 'reading' a client was simple, a matter of 'becoming one with' that client and then 'reading themselves.' What psychics do, then, is predicated on the ability to literally or metaphorically 'let go' of their ego boundaries".

The idea that the normal ego is a barrier to interpersonal telepathic communication suggests that Hopkins' fear may have been unfounded. It seems that telepathy requires the ability for two people to become one in some sense, and that implies consent on the part of both parties.

With respect to your UFO encounter where one broke formation and came toward you, this model would say that you must have had some kind of empathic relationship with the UFO or its occupants. How likely is that? I think it is more likely that the UFO existed somehow inside your own personal psychic boundary unbeknownst to your conscious mind. I would suggest that the UFO was nonetheless physical and visible to anyone with you. This model says that you were a participant in creating the sighting at some unconscious level, so you may naturally have had some conscious control over the UFO's behavior.

If one can unconsciously create a UFO sighting, then why not an alien abduction scenario? Since many abduction reports are similar, the scenario would have to be based on a trans-personal archetype available to us all.

This model assumes that our consciousness is involved in the creation of reality in general, and so it accommodates all the "experience anomalies" that Jerome Clark talks about. Our consciousness has much more depth than we know, and it's creativity is obviously limited by stringent rules. But occasionally we may introduce a glitch and unknowingly create something that appears to violate causality.

William

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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 06:07:45 -0600
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>It should be observed - I've made the point here before, but it
>bears repeating - that if Ed's belief is true, then there can be
>no doubt: he is a world-historical figure, right up there with
>Copernicus, Darwin, and Einstein. Through his own brilliance and
>insight, he has made what ranks among the top five all-time
>discoveries in the history of civilization. Ed has outsmarted
>generations of historians, scientists, archaeologists,
>paleontologists, ecologists, and other scholars in a range of
>disciplines.

>Either that, or he's deluding himself.

Hi Jerry, List, EBK,

Yes, I was certainly surprised when I arrived at this possible solution. It isn't a delusion, just an extrapolation. And even though "generations of historians, scientists, archaeologists, paleontologists, ecologists, and other scholars in a range of disciplines" have studied the phenomenon, they didn't have footage of the theoretical creatures or the debris from their crashed craft to study. Convergent evolution wasn't considered so the mechanism for change wasn't well understood. I'm not all that brilliant but I have followed the available evidence to its logical conclusion: most likely, the creature in the Alien Autopsy is a monotreme.

Betty Hill told both Philip Mantle and me, on different occasions, that the creatures who abducted her looked the same as the creature in the AA. Perhaps it's time to reexamine our assumptions.

I realize that neither I nor others will ever prove, 100%, that the AA is legitimate, but even after fifteen years of scrutiny, there still isn't a single scrap of evidence that the AA is faked or hoaxed, while there is plenty of evidence that it isn't.

Ed

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Re: Falls And The Trickster

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 09:56:20 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 04:48:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Falls And The Trickster

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 18:45:07 -0000
>Subject: Re: Falls And The Trickster

>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 10:29:30 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Falls And The Trickster

<snip>

>Hi Jim,

>For the benefit of the layman, can you explain why it is not
>possible for there to be a process whereby tornados or tornado-
>like atmospheric effects:

>1. Pick up objects from the ground, including those similar in
>size and density to those under discussion here;

Gerald,

No such natural (non-intelligent) atmospheric process is known with the ability to selectively discern between apples, rocks, dirt clods, leaves, twigs, branches, apple boxes, pears, sunglasses, hats, garbage, garbage-can lids, etc. Have you such a process in mind?

>2. Transport them a considerable distance such that their 're-
>appearance' at ground level is not associated with the effects
>that caused them to be lifted aloft;

When a whirlwind or tornado transports objects it picks up, which sooner or later fall out of the vortex, the details of their reappearance at the ground of course do depend upon, and are associated with, the precise life history of that vortex and the air it's embedded within.

>3. Cause these objects to be dropped back to the surface
>selectively at different times and places according to their
>size and/or density via a process analogous to fractional
>distillation.

Again, it would require intelligence and capabilities of discernment, and more, for the imagined vortex to deposit all the picked up apples in one small area, all the rocks in another, all the dirt clods in another area, all the leaves in yet another place, etc. Nothing like this was observed.

However, there is one example you might point to. The Bible (2 Kings 2:1,11) mentions that a whirlwind picked up Elijah and carried him off. It selectively took him up, apparently without him being obscured within a cloud of dust or debris. But in that case there was a "chariot of fire" standing by in the vicinity.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Shameless Plug

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 18:56:42 +0000
Archived: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 04:51:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 15:22:59 +0000
>Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 21:14:46 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

><snip>

>>Why don't you provide the name of a book I might enjoy.

>>Already I am having warm fuzzy feelings about you.

>My book The Alien Deception, takes a psychosociological look at
>the alien abduction phenomenon. It mainly focuses on the Betty
>and Barney Hill case and US reports, in relation to this
>approach. It's available as a Kindle book, on Amazon, at:

><http://tinyurl.com/7boq5o7>

>Much of my writings on the subject can be found on the Magonia
>website, at:

><http://magonia.haaan.com/>

>Not sure any of them will give readers a fuzzy feeling, but you
>never know!

Nigel:

I just went to Amazon.com and discovered they are out of stock.
It looks like an interesting approach to abduction and one that
I might partially agree with. Too bad, do you have another
recommendation?

KK

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Serious UFO Mention In Scientific American

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Subject: Serious UFO Mention In Scientific American

Scientific American, host to the snarky skeptical column of Michael Shermer who sometimes ridicules UFOs in it, instead had a serious (but very brief) mention of UFOs in their current December 2011 issue. The mention is in the article titled "The Machine That Would Predict the Future" by David Weinberger of Harvard University.

The Magic-8 Ball machine would be a supercomputer or network with the world's data fed into it that would supposedly deduce sociological, political and economic trends for policy planners. It is currently being funded to the tune of 1 billion Euros.

Weinberger brings up all the inherent problems in such a complex modeling system, including the always present unexpected: The system "aims to model systems in which people are acting for the widest variety of reasons (from selfish to altruistic); where their incentives may vary widely... where contingencies may erupt (the death of a world leader, the arrival of UFOs); where there are complex feedback loops..." etc.

I just thought Weinberger using arrival of UFOs as one of two examples of unexpected contingencies to be rather interesting out of a myriad of possible examples he could have used instead. It doesn't sound tongue-in-cheek to me, but Weinberger citing a serious possibility in his mind of throwing a monkey wrench into the predictive gears of the machine.

How would the world react to the disclosure that UFOs are real and not made by human beings? What computer model could possibly predict the outcome of that with any accuracy? We might as well use a real Magic-8 Ball. How about, "Reply hazy, try again", or "Better not tell you now"? You don't need to spend a billion Euros to get back answers like that.

David Rudiak

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Re: Dreams of Contact In 2011 UFO*BC Reports

From: **Gord Heath** <gordheath.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 11:22:46 -0800
Archived: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 04:58:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Dreams of Contact In 2011 UFO*BC Reports

To clarify, I should emphasize that Jon has no relationship to UFO*BC and has quoted this material without notice to us. We do not endorse or recommend his 'non-invasive voice based disclosure technology' to anybody.

Our understanding is his 'technology' is playing voice recordings backwards and looking for tracts of 'secret alien messages'. It is well known phenomenon that some parts of voice recordings played backwards can sound like regular human speech, but this is a combination of random speech patterns and our brains processing creating sense out of nonsense.

To suggest that 'aliens' are involved in this process makes little sense, and I can hardly imagine how UFO witnesses will benefit from being told that aliens are embedding secret messages into their voice recordings.

UFO*BC also does not endorse those who offer commercial opportunities to "witness UFOs" like the ECETI Ranch.

Happy holidays and best wishes in the New Year to readers and subscribers to UFO UpDates.

Cheers,

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UFO*BC

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Archived: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 05:00:26 -0500
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>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
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>Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 09:27:10 -0500
>Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Dec 2011 23:00:51 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

<snip>

>>In which case we return to a basic question - can they read
>>minds? Or at least - intention?

>The issue I was responding to was the signal/noise ratio problem
>that someone "up there" would have in separating out one
>person's thoughts on the ground from all the others. This
>assumes that there is a receiver there to receive the message
>from the ground as in the case of prayer.

>It's not an issue if there is no receiver. There are stories
>that certain people, like Tibetan monks, can create thought
>forms out of thin air. I proposed that the person on the ground
>may be creating a thought form in the sky that would then appear
>to respond to the creator's wishes. But the thought form would
>not be separating those wishes from the background noise of
>other people's thoughts. It's being created by a thought from a
>person on the ground.

>As in the prayer scenario, a flashlight shining on a wall can be
>detected at the wall more easily at night than in bright
>daylight. But as in the thought form scenario, the light level
>on the wall is still incremented the same amount no matter what
>the ambient light level.

>Whether or not people on the ground could see the thought form
>would, of course, depend on its brightness and the background
>light level.

Hello William,

Nicely put, and part of that - the signal/noise problem - has
worried me also.

Admittedly your concept of the Tibetan tulpa:

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

could answer that, maybe in a solipsist sort of way (from what
I've read not all tulpas are visible to third-parties).

However, your analogy of the 'light on the wall' just provoked
another answer to that massive signal/noise problem (especially
troublesome in complex surroundings like cityscapes or jungles
etc).

I.e. - that their apparently amazing ability is down to the
human observer effectively "addressing" the message or thought

(unconsciously of course).

Which still leaves us with an apparent mind-reading problem, but not such a preposterous one.

[BTW - maybe a little caution is advisable here; one reads many accounts of people 'opening up their mind' to whatever is out there - the reported results are a bit dodgy, sometimes even tragic.]

Cheers

Ray D

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Hello John, Ray and list,

Yeah, it is disturbing to realize your thoughts may be read by
these beings. Please read about my experience in California with
the moon at;

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/experiences.html>

Your thoughts/comments are welcome.

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>Yes,I was certainly surprised when I arrived at this possible
>solution. It isn't a delusion, just an extrapolation. And even
>though "generations of historians, scientists, archaeologists,
>paleontologists, ecologists, and other scholars in a range of
>disciplines" have studied the phenomenon, they didn't have
>footage of the theoretical creatures or the debris from their
>crashed craft to study. Convergent evolution wasn't considered
>so the mechanism for change wasn't well understood. I'm not all
>that brilliant but I have followed the available evidence to its
>logical conclusion: most likely,the creature in the Alien
>Autopsy is a monotreme.

>Betty Hill told both Philip Mantle and me, on different
>occasions, that the creatures who abducted her looked the same
>as the creature in the AA. Perhaps it's time to reexamine our
>assumptions.

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>isn't.

Hi Ed,

You know that I would support Jerry's position on this, so that
doesn't need to be said. But, let's not perpetuate a myth here.
There hasn't been a "scrap of evidence" that you are prepared to
accept as proof that the AA 'film' [note the quotes] was hoaxed.

As you are aware, Spyros Melaris has come forward to seek credit
for the hoax, which he created under contract with Ray Santilli.
He has provided enough information to convince most of those in
contact with him last year that he was indeed seriously involved
in creation of the hoax, and you were among a couple of holdouts
that wanted to see the 'landing on the white house lawn' type of
evidence to prove his case. But I don't want to go over a year's
worth of back and forth here, so let's just admit that we
disagree.

I've CC'd Spyros with this, and if Errol doesn't mind, I'll post
any response he might have to this mention. He may not want to
respond, and for him this was a business deal, and not an effort
to prove anything by a hoax.

Spyros understood at the time of the London showing that the
hoax would be admitted to fairly quickly, and Spyros would get
credit for his work. That didn't happen, with Ray wanting to
ride this 'entertainment franchise' as long as he can.

For most of us, this is a rather old story that should be put to rest, but for you this appears to be a calling.

In the end, you are correct that we'll never prove anything about the 'Alien Autopsy film' to the 100% acceptance level, but let's not count that as proof positive.

Steve

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Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 09:36:15 -0200
Archived: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 07:15:53 -0500
Subject: Doctor Roger Leir Very Ill

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Best,

A. J. Gevaerd
Brazil

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Life On New Earth-Size Kepler Planets?

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Archived: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 07:20:43 -0500
Subject: Life On New Earth-Size Kepler Planets?

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<http://tinyurl.com/d78ov2j>

Date: Dec 21, 2011 5:24 AM

Could There Be Life On The New Earth-Size Kepler Planets?
By Natalie Wolchover

For life as we know it to arise on another planet, scientists think the alien world must have three key ingredients: organic molecules that can form complex structures, energy to jiggle those molecules, and liquid water for them to jiggle in. It's a short recipe, but nonetheless, only planets that are extremely similar to Earth can possibly have all three items in stock.

If a planet is much closer to its star than we are to ours (and assuming that star is similar in size to our sun), all the water on its surface will evaporate in the heat. If it's much farther away, all its water will freeze. Similarly, planets much larger than Earth are gaseous, with no solid surface for an ocean to slosh around on, while those much smaller wouldn't have had enough gravity to form in the first place. Thus, in the search for "candidate planets" which could host alien life, "alien Earths" are the Holy Grail.

In a paper published today (Dec. 20) in the journal Nature, a team of scientists who study data collected by NASA's Kepler telescope report the discovery of a pair of exoplanets, or planets outside our solar system, that are almost exactly the same size as Earth. The distant worlds, labeled Kepler-20e and 20f, orbit a star called Kepler-20 located 950 light-years away, and have diameters 0.87 times and 1.03 times that of Earth, respectively.

At those sizes, the planets' gravity would be strong enough to make them rocky like Earth, rather than gaseous like Jupiter. "Theoretical models suggest that the material inside the planet could be iron in the core surrounded by a mantle of silicates," said Guillermo Torres, a member of the Kepler team based at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. If that's the case, they would have, respectively, masses 1.7 times and three times Earth's mass, he said. [Infographic: Earth-Size Alien Worlds]

The planets are roughly Earth-size, but do they have what it takes to sustain life? Unfortunately, not quite. "These are just way too hot to be habitable," Torres told Life's Little Mysteries.

Both Kepler-20e and Kepler-20f orbit extremely close to their star, with years just 6 days and 20 days long, respectively. Though their star is slightly dimmer than our own, it still blasts them with too much heat. "For the inner one, the temperature is about 1,000 degrees Celsius [1,800 degrees Fahrenheit], and for the outer one it's about 700 degrees C [1,300 degrees F]," Torres said.

Unfortunately, that's far too hot for liquid water to survive. And because there are no swirling oceans on the new planets =E2=80=94 no primordial soups for organic molecules to slosh around in =E2=80=94 there has been no genesis of life there, the scientists say.

But is there any chance that life that doesn't require water could exist on Kepler-20e and 20f? Torres said he gets this question a lot: "Why do we think that life has to be like we have it here on Earth? Well, the thing is we don't have any other examples of life, so we have to start with what we know. We cannot rule out that there might be other types of life that don't require water=E2=80=A6 if that's possible=E2=80=A6 but that seems a little far-fetched."

Two weeks ago, the Kepler team announced its discovery of another planet that was close to being habitable, but which missed the mark for a different reason. "We announced Kepler-22b, which has the right temperature for life, but it's too big. Now, we're announcing a planet that's the same size as Earth but it's too hot," said Dave Charbonneau, another member of the Kepler team based at Harvard's CfA.

"What we're doing next is trying to look for a planet that's the best of both worlds: Earth-size and the right temperature. That's the big one," he said.

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Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 06:59:33 -0600
Archived: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 10:26:01 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 09:27:40 -0800
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 06:07:45 -0600
>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>It should be observed - I've made the point here before, but it
>>bears repeating - that if Ed's belief is true, then there can be
>>no doubt: he is a world-historical figure, right up there with
>>Copernicus, Darwin, and Einstein. Through his own brilliance and
>>insight, he has made what ranks among the top five all-time
>>discoveries in the history of civilization. Ed has outsmarted
>>generations of historians, scientists, archaeologists,
>>paleontologists, ecologists, and other scholars in a range of
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>>Either that, or he's deluding himself.

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From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 15:48:13 +0100
Archived: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 10:28:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Doctor Roger Leir Very Ill

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
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From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 13:43:06 -0200
Archived: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 11:29:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Doctor Roger Leir Very Ill

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>To: <post.nul>
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Hi Gildas.

I spent a few days with Roger in November and we went to many
places on California (we visited Robert Salas in Ojai and the
abductee Larry in Lake Isabelle), and during that time he
described to me what the update will contain. It will be a very
interesting piece. I offered to produce the cover of the book
here in Brazil.

He was walking with tremendous difficulty due to his ankle
injury, and had several other complications. I was very saddened
to hear that now he has another health problem, this time in his
abdomen, to build up with the rest of his medical problems.

It is too sad, Gildas. Roger didn't deserve this suffering.

A. J.

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From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 10:52:58 -0500
Archived: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 11:31:08 -0500
Subject: Re: Telepathy & UFOs

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 12:08:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: Telepathy & UFOs

>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 16:23:48 -0500
>>Subject: Telepath & UFOs [was: Prayer Meditation Cause...]

>>>From: Diana Cammack<cammack.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<post.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 14:19:32 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

>>>>Source: UfoExaminer.Com

>>>><http://tinyurl.com/c4muyt6>

>>>>December 15, 2011

>>>>Witness Says Prayer, Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond
>>>>Roger Marsh

>>><snip>

>>>Praying, meditating, shining a light and concentrating, or what
>>>Tim Good does, 'projecting thoughts' - all much the same really.

>>>But the question is, how (let alone why!) do these orbs and ETs
>>>pick up a single person's thinking out of the chaos of all our
>>>thoughts beaming out from earth to space? Also, what about the
>>>thoughts we don't want to share with anyone else - do those get
>>>sent out there too, to be heard by ETs and orbs? How
>>>disconcerting is that!?

>>In 1997 I had a daylight sighting of multiple orbs hovering in
>>the sky over my house in Queens, N.Y. I was thinking/wishing
>>that they would come closer so I could get a better look at
>>them. Instantly, as if in response to my request, one of the
>>orbs broke formation and rapidly descended toward me.

>>It executed a long, low sweeping arc overhead. At its closest
>>point of approach the object couldn't have been more than 3/400
>>ft. over my head. It displayed a disc-shape, dull silver
>>surface, completely silent. I am convinced that the
>>object/occupant(s) had responded to my mental request.

>>The other one I wanted to share was a response to a question I
>>had asked Budd Hopkins. I was visiting with Budd at his studio
>>in NY back in 93'/94' and the conversation centered on hybrids.
>>As he spoke, he betrayed a bit of fear, apprehension in regard
>>to these alleged hybrids. I asked what it was he feared about
>>them and he responded: "They can read your mind, get inside your
>>head. I don't like that."

>>I have never had anything to hide. I have (from necessity)
>>thought about telepathy and all its implications. Never feared
>>it though.

>>Budd's response made me wonder, more than the obvious invasion
>>of privacy, that many people have 'little secrets, little
>>traumas, little hurts,' that they don't want anybody to see.
>>Perhaps things they feel deep shame over; weaknesses,
>>shortcomings, major hidden flaws. His response really drove home
>>to me how very primal the fear is of someone/something else
>>being able to peruse the content of our minds. To share that
>>very personal space.

>>Telepathy plays a huge role in anything related to abduction of
>>human beings by whoever, whatever is responsible. I pay very
>>close attention to any reports/accounts of UFO contact involving
>>telepathy/mind to mind contact. It is one component of the
>>phenomenon that receives very little time or attention. Yet, it
>>is one of the single most revealing aspects.

>Hello John,

>I can understand the attraction of the source/receiver model of
>communication to account for what we call telepathy.

<snip>

>I think it is more likely that
>the UFO existed somehow inside your own personal psychic
>boundary unbeknownst to your conscious mind. I would suggest
>that the UFO was nonetheless physical and visible to anyone with
>you. This model says that you were a participant in creating the
>sighting at some unconscious level, so you may naturally have
>had some conscious control over the UFO's behavior.

You're not serious are you? So you apparently favor a
'Merlinian' explanation for my report. Something involving
conjuring physical objects out of the subconscious.

William, there were -two- other witnesses (my wife and a friend
of my son who was visiting at the time,) and it seems a bit more
plausible to me that three individuals observing the same
phenomena saw what they say they saw, as opposed to one person
'conjuring' up a vision from their subconscious that was then
witnessed by others. I'd believe 'spacemen' before I'd believe
it was a physical manifestation of my subconscious mind - that
others could also see. Talk about stretching credulity. I
thought I was bad!

I'm sure you'd like to think that it must be some unconscious
manifestation because it makes it so much easier to dismiss the
alternative explanation. ie; We saw what we saw - objects of
unknown origin or manufacture. I can tell you with sober
certainty that what we witnessed was 'there' and I think it's
much more of a stretch to think it was a 'mental construct'
which assumed physical form and was then independently observed
by three individuals.

Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar... <grin>

John

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>>To: <post.nul>
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Jerry,

While there are many opinions and much speculation, there isn't any evidence that the AA is hoaxed. By evidence I mean hard evidence, like the coiled phone cord that could have been the smoking gun if it didn't exist in 1947 but appeared in 1947 footage. Further research proved that the cord did exist in 1947 and was in common use at Army facilities. There are no scalpels out of place and the bone saw is the correct model for the period. Contrary to popular belief, the surgeons were professional and did everything by SOP.

Ray's recreation story, with or without Spyros as mastermind, is full of holes and is total BS. One example: Both Ray and Spyros insist that John Humphrey played the part of the surgeon in the AA footage that they directed. The surgeon is right handed. John is left handed.

I've asked you this before. What evidence convinced you that the AA was a hoax? Have you even studied the AA footage all the way through, including the debris section. Have you read Dennis Murphy's report on the debris?

<http://alienautopsy-yes.com/Scientific.html>

I suggest you take a closer look than you have in the past before you start insinuating this or that.

Ed

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From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 17:57:49 +0000
Archived: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 11:41:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 18:56:42 +0000
>Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>Nigel:

>I just went to Amazon.com and discovered they are out of stock.
>It looks like an interesting approach to abduction and one that
>I might partially agree with. Too bad, do you have another
>recommendation?

Hi,

You can only buy it as a Kindle e-book, though odd second hand paperback copies are available on Amazon. The Kindle version does not have the full list of references used in the print version but does have a useful bibliography.

Hope that helps.

Nigel

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Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

From: Edward Gehrman <egerman.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 11:57:04 -0800
Archived: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 11:42:52 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 06:29:40 -0500
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>I've CC'd Spyros with this, and if Errol doesn't mind, I'll post
>any response he might have to this mention. He may not want to
>respond, and for him this was a business deal, and not an effort
>to prove anything by a hoax.

>Spyros understood at the time of the London showing that the
>hoax would be admitted to fairly quickly, and Spyros would get
>credit for his work. That didn't happen, with Ray wanting to
>ride this 'entertainment franchise' as long as he can.

>For most of us, this is a rather old story that should be put to
>rest, but for you this appears to be a calling.

>In the end, you are correct that we'll never prove anything
>about the 'Alien Autopsy film' to the 100% acceptance level, but
>let's not count that as proof positive.

List,

Spyros is a liar, con-man, bankrupt, and all around BS artist. He was black-balled from his professional organization, The Magic Circle, for disgraceful behavior and for spreading malicious gossip. He says he is the mastermind behind the AA, yet his ignorance about many aspects of the footage indicates that he hasn't even carefully viewed or studied the AA himself. He certainly doesn't understand the brain removal, or other basic elements of the footage.

Yes, he worked for Ray Santilli, but that was after the AA had already been purchased and described by Ray. Spyros has not produced any solid evidence that he was involved. He is not a player, and should be made to produce some evidence that he is.

Steve has not viewed the AA either and really is not the best person to be acting as a doorkeeper on this subject. The entire List should open their minds and review the AA and the so-called evidence against it, if you're after the truth and want to understand why I think this is so important.

Ed

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Re: Doctor Roger Leir Very Ill

From: Philip Mantle <philip.mantle.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 07:11:01 +0000
Archived: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 11:44:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Doctor Roger Leir Very Ill

Dear List,

I understand my old friend Roger Leir is not very well at the moment. I can only hope that he makes a full recovery from his current illness.

Many of you may not agree with Roger's take on the UFO subject, especially his research into abductions and alien implants. All I can say is that irrespective of this I've always found Roger to be a warm and friendly man. In 1999 when I was recovering from my heart attack Roger was one of the guest speakers at the late Graham Birdsall's UFO Conference in Leeds. I lived about 7 miles from Leeds and both Roger Leir and Michael Hesemann took time out of their busy schedule to come over and see me. It was something I will always remember.

So AJ, if you speak to Roger again please do pass on my warmest regards to him and I would hope that all those on the list will join me in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

All the very best,

Philip Mantle

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Review Of Kelly-Hopkinsville August 1955 Encounter

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 15:56:23 +0700 (GMT+07:00)
Archived: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 11:47:36 -0500
Subject: Review Of Kelly-Hopkinsville August 1955 Encounter

Review the events here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kelly%E2%80%93Hopkinsville_encounter

Terry

[fortean1] P. S. Hopkinsville
Date: Dec 22, 2011 8:08 AM

P. S. Hopkinsville

In which I further ponder some more Fortean name game coincidences (e.g. Bud Hopkins, Hopkinsville, Bud Ledwith) that may have little or no meaning of any importance to anyone.

<http://copycateffect.blogspot.com/2011/12/ps-hopkinsville.html>

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 12:22:55 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 08:47:41 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 08:47:25 -0800
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

<snip>

>While there are many opinions and much speculation, there isn't
>any evidence that the AA is hoaxed. By evidence I mean hard
>evidence, like the coiled phone cord that could have been the
>smoking gun if it didn't exist in 1947 but appeared in 1947
>footage. Further research proved that the cord did exist in 1947
>and was in common use at Army facilities. There are no scalpels
>out of place and the bone saw is the correct model for the
>period. Contrary to popular belief, the surgeons were
>professional and did everything by SOP.

>Ray's recreation story, with or without Spyros as mastermind, is
>full of holes and is total BS. One example: Both Ray and Spyros
>insist that John Humphrey played the part of the surgeon in the
>AA footage that they directed. The surgeon is right handed. John
>is left handed.

>I've asked you this before. What evidence convinced you that the
>AA was a hoax? Have you even studied the AA footage all the way
>through, including the debris section. Have you read Dennis
>Murphy's report on the debris?

><http://alienautopsy-yes.com/Scientific.html>

>I suggest you take a closer look than you have in the past
>before you start insinuating this or that.

Ed,

I've written a note to Dennis Murphy to see if he still has the
same opinions that he had 15 years ago when he wrote the web
page you referenced.

I would also be a little careful in making sweeping statements
regarding what we know and don't know about the so-called AA
'film'. The flock of believers in the AA 'film' is a very
select few these days.

I have to add that I've typed much more and then deleted it to
avoid getting into this (yet again). But I'll forward any
response from Dennis, if he has no objection.

Steve

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'AA Film' Embargo Again

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 10:02:16 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 10:02:16 -0500
Subject: 'AA Film' Embargo Again

Despite the embargo on re-hashing the 'AA Film' Ed Gehrman has seen fit to re-introduce the topic by hi-jacking a thread.

Again, unless there is any new information on the 'AA Film', once I've posted the responses in the Inbox here that topic is now closed...

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator UFO UpDates

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Re: Shameless Plug

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 13:23:30 -0400
Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 10:03:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 17:57:49 +0000
>Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 18:56:42 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Shameless Plug

>>Nigel:

>>I just went to Amazon.com and discovered they are out of stock.
>>It looks like an interesting approach to abduction and one that
>>I might partially agree with. Too bad, do you have another
>>recommendation?

>You can only buy it as a Kindle e-book, though odd second hand
>paperback copies are available on Amazon. The Kindle version
>does not have the full list of references used in the print
>version but does have a useful bibliography.

Out of curiosity, Nigel, do you know why they clipped the reference
section out of the Kindle e-book version?

Don Ledger

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Re: Review Of Kelly-Hopkinsville August 1955

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 12:50:07 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 10:05:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Review Of Kelly-Hopkinsville August 1955

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 15:56:23 +0700 (GMT+07:00)
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>Terry

Hi Terry,

Try:

<http://www.nicap.org/kelly-hendry.htm> for a little more detail.

Or, for a full investigative write-up, find a copy of the Center for UFO Studies 1978 Publication, "Close Encounters at Kelly and Others of 1955" by Isabel Davis and Ted Bloecher. This had been available in PDF format on a CD that CUFOS was selling a few years ago and I don't know where else you might find it.

This is an interesting case and the scenario has been replicated in at least two productions, including one about a decade ago that was promoted as a real event (until you read the credits at the end that were at the very bottom of the screen).

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Re: Telepathy & UFOs

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 18:25:22 +0000
Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 10:08:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Telepathy & UFOs

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 10:52:58 -0500
>Subject: Re: Telepathy & UFOs

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2011 12:08:25 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Telepathy & UFOs

>>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 19 Dec 2011 16:23:48 -0500
>>>Subject: Telepath & UFOs [was: Prayer Meditation Cause...]

>>>>From: Diana Cammack<cammack.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<post.nul>
>>>>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 14:19:32 +0200
>>>>Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

>>>>>Source: UfoExaminer.Com

>>>>><http://tinyurl.com/c4muyt6>

>>>>>December 15, 2011

>>>>>Witness Says Prayer, Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond
>>>>>Roger Marsh

<snip>

>>Hello John,

>>I can understand the attraction of the source/receiver model of
>>communication to account for what we call telepathy.

><snip>

>>I think it is more likely that
>>the UFO existed somehow inside your own personal psychic
>>boundary unbeknownst to your conscious mind. I would suggest
>>that the UFO was nonetheless physical and visible to anyone with
>>you. This model says that you were a participant in creating the
>>sighting at some unconscious level, so you may naturally have
>>had some conscious control over the UFO's behavior.

>You're not serious are you? So you apparently favor a
>'Merlinian' explanation for my report. Something involving
>conjuring physical objects out of the subconscious.

>William, there were -two- other witnesses (my wife and a friend
>of my son who was visiting at the time,) and it seems a bit more
>plausible to me that three individuals observing the same
>phenomena saw what they say they saw, as opposed to one person
>'conjuring' up a vision from their subconscious that was then
>witnessed by others. I'd believe 'spacemen' before I'd believe
>it was a physical manifestation of my subconscious mind - that
>others could also see. Talk about stretching credulity. I
>thought I was bad!

>I'm sure you'd like to think that it must be some unconscious
>manifestation because it makes it so much easier to dismiss the
>alternative explanation. ie; We saw what we saw - objects of
>unknown origin or manufacture. I can tell you with sober
>certainty that what we witnessed was 'there' and I think it's
>much more of a stretch to think it was a 'mental construct'
>which assumed physical form and was then independently observed
>by three individuals.

>Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar... <grin>

John:

First, I am a cigar smoker and need to tell you that there are
full-bodied and light weights to be smoked. So, there are
varying quality and densities of tobacco to be smoked.

Enough of that.

I hope you get that point. Freud - who originated the saying -
never tried to qualify his statement. I am.

As for William's analysis of the event you described, I have to
agree with William. Yes, it is possible to construct something
imaginary, so dense a couple of other people see it. We have
accounts of Indian, Tibetan and South American shaman creating
just such images - out of their subconscious for the people
around them.

You can believe anything you want and become confrontational
with anyone you think is challenging your perception of what
constitutes a 'real image'. However, the studies of how the
brain functions argues for William's analyses.

KK

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List,

I am one of the early investigators into the AA 'film' and grew tired of the charade that Ray was maintaining, as did the other original investigators. I posted the first images to get onto the Internet (on an old ListServ site) from the 'film', after they had been sent to me by Eduardo Russo in Italy when he couldn't find an FTP to upload them to. These came out before the London showing, during a promotion period in France and Italy where they were trying to sell the rights to the 'film' and were essentially photos from a television screen. Those images remain on one archive site:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/rflmimg2.html>

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/rflmimg3.html>

I also travelled to Socorro to see if I could locate the 'Crash Site', while out West to attend a wedding, in 1996. One picture that I took ended up in Beyond Roswell, but all this identifies me as someone with an interest, and I have never claimed to be a researcher (per se).

Ray had one very poor 'film' created, which was later identified

as the "Tent Sequence". This got out, but Ray never really wanted such a bad attempt to be seen by the masses, and when he showed it to a friend - Spyros - they entered into an agreement for Spyros to essentially do it right.

No one has gone into the research that was done on both sides of the Atlantic to prepare the story, or the supporting documentary (i.e. marketing) materials that were really never widely used to support the infamous 'Cameraman's Story'. I have copies of most of that, and I have to assume that Ed does as well.

There's also follow up material from Robert Kiviat, who wasn't able to sell his final productions to the US Market due to lack of interest. And, there are the stills that Spyros provided that show images from the 'film' that aren't aged-digitally.

None of this proves anything beyond all argument, and I would agree that everyone should look at this 'film' with an open mind. I am not a 'Gatekeeper' by any stretch of the imagination, but I prefer not to lose brain cells by keeping my mind so open that it leaks out onto the floor.

Steve

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 13:13:37 -0600
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>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <[post.nul](#)>
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 06:59:33 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

>>>I realize that neither I nor others will ever prove, 100%, that
>>>the AA is legitimate, but even after fifteen years of scrutiny,
>>>there still isn't a single scrap of evidence that the AA is
>>>faked or hoaxed, while there is plenty of evidence that it
>>>isn't.

>>I rest my case.

>I've asked you this before. What evidence convinced you that the
>AA was a hoax? Have you even studied the AA footage all the way
>through, including the debris section. Have you read Dennis
>Murphy's report on the debris?

>I suggest you take a closer look than you have in the past
>before you start insinuating this or that.

Whenever I deal with you, I can't help being reminded of the
disputes I used to have with believers in George Adamski's
stories of contacts with Space Brothers. Invariably, they would
demand that I furnish the disproof because there wasn't a "shred
of evidence" that GA was a hoaxer. Any seemingly knowledgeable
informant asserting otherwise was always a pathological liar, a
con-man, or maybe a disinformation agent from the Silence Group.

In the real world, since you are the one making a claim that is
extraordinary at its most conservative moments, it is up to you
to prove to the satisfaction of reasonable persons that

(1) not only is the film exactly what it is supposed to be but
also that (

2) we can rewrite the entire history of the world based on the
evidence it provides.

In other words, it isn't up to the rest of us to disprove your
fantastic beliefs. The burden of proof is on you.

To most people, unfortunately, your grandiose allegations look
exactly like those that traditionally define a crank.

But let's be fair and not leave it there. Since you are in
effect elevating yourself to the company of Copernicus, Newton,
Darwin, and Einstein as a world-historical figure who radically
alters our understanding and ushers in a revolution across
multiple, well-established disciplines, why in the world would
you waste time sharing your wisdom with the marginal likes of
Updates listfolk? (Some people no doubt will wonder, if you
can't persuade us, whom can you persuade anywhere? But no

matter.) Why aren't you taking your evidence to biologists, paleontologists, archaeologists, historians, engineers, and other authorities who would benefit from your astounding insights? If you're right, you're denying yourself a Nobel Prize.

I suggest a place to start on your way to Nobelhood. The Society for Scientific Exploration, an organization of (mostly) scientists with advanced degrees, publishes the Journal of Scientific Exploration, which is open to intelligent, open-minded consideration of anomalous materials and theories. Its membership is educated in the relevant disciplines and isn't hampered by party-line thinking, so you could count on a fair hearing if you were to submit a formal paper outlining your ideas and evidence.

If the JSE is willing to publish a peer-reviewed paper in which you argue your theories about the AA and its implications, then come back. We'll know then that we have to take you seriously.

No excuses now, Ed.

Jerry Clark

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>>>Subject: Telepath& UFOs [was: Prayer Meditation Cause...]

>>>><snip>

>>>>Telepathy plays a huge role in anything related to abduction of
>>>>human beings by whoever, whatever is responsible. I pay very
>>>>close attention to any reports/accounts of UFO contact involving
>>>>telepathy/mind to mind contact. It is one component of the
>>>>phenomenon that receives very little time or attention. Yet, it
>>>>is one of the single most revealing aspects.

>>Hello John,

>>I can understand the attraction of the source/receiver model of
>>communication to account for what we call telepathy.

><snip>

>>I think it is more likely that
>>the UFO existed somehow inside your own personal psychic
>>boundary unbeknownst to your conscious mind. I would suggest
>>that the UFO was nonetheless physical and visible to anyone with
>>you. This model says that you were a participant in creating the
>>sighting at some unconscious level, so you may naturally have
>>had some conscious control over the UFO's behavior.

>You're not serious are you? So you apparently favor a
>'Merlinian' explanation for my report. Something involving
>conjuring physical objects out of the subconscious.

>William, there were -two- other witnesses (my wife and a friend
>of my son who was visiting at the time,) and it seems a bit more
>plausible to me that three individuals observing the same
>phenomena saw what they say they saw, as opposed to one person
>'conjuring' up a vision from their subconscious that was then
>witnessed by others. I'd believe 'spacemen' before I'd believe
>it was a physical manifestation of my subconscious mind - that
>others could also see. Talk about stretching credulity. I
>thought I was bad!

>I'm sure you'd like to think that it must be some unconscious
>manifestation because it makes it so much easier to dismiss the
>alternative explanation. ie; We saw what we saw - objects of
>unknown origin or manufacture. I can tell you with sober
>certainty that what we witnessed was 'there' and I think it's
>much more of a stretch to think it was a 'mental construct'

>which assumed physical form and was then independently observed
>by three individuals.

>Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar...<grin>

I suggested a model where our everyday reality undergoes continuous creation, and we participate in that creation. So you not only conjured up that UFO manifestation but also everything else you experienced around you before, during, and after. In that sense, the UFO was nothing special.

Of course, the result was obviously a consensus reality, so the three of you saw the same thing. There is a parallel with the poltergeist phenomenon, where one person seems to be at the root of it, but other people see the result. Someone in the group overcomes the normal constraints on creation, and odd things happen.

You might find this idea hard to swallow because it's so automatic we just aren't aware that we are involved in it - like the heart beating. And like the heart skipping a beat, a discontinuity may occur in the creation process, and we see things like a UFO that violates known physical laws. For example, it might appear to follow your mental request because it is already under your control just by being there.

I described a world view that has some chance of accommodating the issue of telepathy that you raised, John. The world view you prefer doesn't do that. At some point, we need to question our assumptions. Maybe that cigar only looks like a cigar.

William

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Rare Lenticular Clouds Over West Yorkshire

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 23:06:25 -0000
Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 10:53:44 -0500
Subject: Rare Lenticular Clouds Over West Yorkshire

Source: BBC News

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-16302606>

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Gerald O'Connell
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Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 18:29:12 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 10:55:14 -0500
Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs & ETs With...

Just to close the loop, I have gotten a Mail Delivery Subsystem error in trying to reach out to Dennis Murphy regarding his 1996 AA "film" debris analysis:

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*****
**          THIS IS A WARNING MESSAGE ONLY          **
** YOU DO NOT NEED TO RESEND YOUR MESSAGE **
*****
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The original message was received at Thu, 22 Dec 2011 12:08:47 -0500 from [143.231.190.100]

----- Transcript of session follows ----- <dwmurphy.nul>...
Deferred: Name server: electriciti.com.: host name lookup failure
Warning: message still undelivered after 4 hours Will keep trying until message is 12 hours old

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Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 09:51:21 -0000
Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 10:59:16 -0500
Subject: Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

Dear List

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Re: Doctor Roger Leir Very Ill

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 11:16:44 +0100
Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 11:03:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Doctor Roger Leir Very Ill

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 13:43:06 -0200
>Subject: Re: Doctor Roger Leir Very Ill

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 15:48:13 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Doctor Roger Leir Very Ill

<snip>

>Hi Gildas.

>I spent a few days with Roger in November and we went to many
>places on California (we visited Robert Salas in Ojay and the
>abductee Larry in Lake Isabelle), and during that time he
>described to me what the update will contain. It will be a very
>interesting piece. I offered to produce the cover of the book
>here in Brazil.

>He was walking with tremendous difficulty due to his ankle
>injury, and had several other complications. I was very saddened
>to hear that now he has another health problem, this time in his
>abdomen, to build up with the rest of his medical problems.

>It is too sad, Gildas. Roger didn't deserve this suffering.

Hi AJ,

Yes, this is very sad. I met Roger for the first time at the
conference in Leeds in 1999. He was the first person that I saw
in the lobby, and we became friends when I showed him his book,
that I was reading then.

More recently, I accompanied him during a week in Paris in
September 2003, and at that time he walked with great difficulty
already. He was better when I saw him again in 2006 in Italy,
and in 2007 in Roswell.

I have great respect for Roger Leir, not only because he is a
good man, but because he has kept doing important and courageous
research, despite many unfriendly critiques.

Gildas Bourdais

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Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 11:35:07 -0500
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>To: <post.nul>
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>Subject: Rare Lenticular Clouds Over West Yorkshire

>Source: BBC News

><http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-16302606>

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Thanks, Gerald, nice examples - #6 especially is a spectacular demonstration of the "stack of plates" effect caused by interleaving of moist and dry stable layers.

Of course there is the inevitable journalistic howler: Lenticulars are "said to be the single biggest explanation for UFO sightings across the world"

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Another Space Ball Falls To Earth In Africa

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 12:19:50 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 12:19:50 -0500
Subject: Another Space Ball Falls To Earth In Africa

Source: PopSci.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/6pjuw7h>

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[Photo]

Mysterious Metallic Space Ball Falls To Earth In Africa,
Baffling Authorities

If you're missing a space ball, please contact Namibia
By Clay Dillow

A large metallic ball has fallen from the heavens and landed in a remote region of Namibia, spurring a lot of speculation about its origins and spurring local authorities to get NASA and the European Space Agency on the horn. No one is sure where the hollow metallic object came from, but it definitely came down hard--it was found 60 feet away from its landing site, a hole more than a foot deep and 12 feet across.

Made of a "metal alloy known to man," the 13-pound ball is about 43 inches in circumference and landed roughly 480 miles from the Namibian capital of Windhoek. And it turns out it's not alone. Apparently several similar objects have fallen across the southern hemisphere (in Australia and Latin America as well as elsewhere in Africa) over the past couple of decades.

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 10:18:46 -0700
Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 12:20:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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Hi Martin,

I can't think of any that are periodic in this fashion, but I recall that the plane groundings (and resulting lack of contrails) after 9-11 had a noticeable effect on U.S. weather, primarily an increase the diurnal temperature variation.

If a weekly periodicity were to be found in UFO sightings, I would say that's a pretty strong argument that the phenomenon is anthropogenic (or at least that subset that is driving the periodic signal), since weeks are a human convention, unlike, say, the lunar month.

Mike

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 13:09:12 -0400
Archived: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 12:45:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

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>Martin Shough

Probably more to do with the progress of weather across the continent of North America. It nearly always rains on the weekends in Nova Scotia in the summer. "What follows two days of rain in Nova Scotia? Monday." Pain in the ass for weekend pilots. I solved that by retiring. Simple solution; get together and change the days of the week. Switch Wednesday to Saturday.

Clear skies on Wednesday-see more meteors, fireballs, unidentifieds.

More like luck of the draw than any real solution, particularly the psycho-social BS that often raises its unsupportable head.

Geography and meteorological influences more likely for the tornados. UFOs a different matter.

Don Ledger

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 10:01:41 -0500
Subject: Journal Of Scientific Exploration [was: White

>From: Jerome Clark<jkclark.nul>
>To:<post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 13:13:37 -0600
>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs& ETs With...

>>From: Edward Gehrman<egehrman.nul>
>>To:<post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 08:47:25 -0800
>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs& ETs With...

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>I suggest a place to start on your way to Nobelhood. The Society
>for Scientific Exploration, an organization of (mostly)
>scientists with advanced degrees, publishes the Journal of
>Scientific Exploration, which is open to intelligent, open-
>minded consideration of anomalous materials and theories. Its
>membership is educated in the relevant disciplines and isn't
>hampered by party-line thinking, so you could count on a fair
>hearing if you were to submit a formal paper outlining your
>ideas and evidence.

>If the JSE is willing to publish a peer-reviewed paper in which
>you argue your theories <snip>, then come back. We'll know then
>that we have to take you seriously.

Without taking a position on the current discussion, I would not
put up the JSE as the final arbiter of what theories to take
seriously. In the last year, I submitted three papers there for
publication, and all three were rejected. You might suggest that
the quality of the work was such that they deserved to be, but I
did not get that impression from the reviews. The issues raised
seemed to be more about the assumptions underlying the work.

Two papers tested predictions made by a model (not mine) of the
Mayan calendar. One reviewer appeared aghast that such a
fanciful model should even be contemplated. The reviewer of the
second paper was less obvious, but ultimately resorted to the
argument that a reported significant correlation had to be a
statistical anomaly, without acknowledging that it was an a
priori prediction.

The third paper presented the discovery of related binary
encoded images in two crop formations and in Jim Penniston's
binary code from Rendlesham Forest. The reviewer's main argument
in this case was that the paper did nothing to unravel the
mystery of crop formations. I think finding such an obvious link
between two formations eight years apart does go a little bit in
that direction. Then connecting these images to Rendlesham
Forest takes insight into these crop formations to another
level. I admit my conclusions were based on reasonable
inferences and may have been somewhat speculative, but they did
not invalidate the data.

I should also point out that each paper was reviewed by only one
person. This seems a mistake even for a journal that supposedly
is a little less bound by conventional prejudices. In such a
supposedly enlightened group, there is still ample room for

personal bias to shut down a reviewer's mind. In my experience, more conventional journals often have two or even three reviewers respond to a submission.

Be assured that these comments about the JSE are not made out of a feeling of personal rejection. I don't feel the need to build up a resume anymore. It's too late in the game for that. I try to publish because I have information that might be of interest to other people. Having a journal put its stamp of approval on a paper helps to give it legitimacy. But having the paper rejected does not mean it has nothing interesting to say. Readers are their own ultimate arbiter of a piece of work. That's why I'm pleased to see the emergence of the viXra archive that accepts papers from anyone who follows reasonable rules of decorum.

William

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From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 15:27:25 -0400
Archived: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 10:04:19 -0500
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I did some checking on Keel years ago. Wednesday newspapers at that time were much larger than those on other days because of increased advertising for weekend shopping. Any article was much more likely to be published that day.

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>>Perhaps other types of atmospheric phenomena could have a
>>similar anthropogenic signature?

>Hi Martin,

>I can't think of any that are periodic in this fashion, but I
>recall that the plane groundings (and resulting lack of
>contrails) after 9-11 had a noticeable effect on U.S. weather,
>primarily an increase the diurnal temperature variation.

>If a weekly periodicity were to be found in UFO sightings, I
>would say that's a pretty strong argument that the phenomenon
>is anthropogenic (or at least that subset that is driving the
>periodic signal), since weeks are a human convention, unlike,
>say, the lunar month.

Hi Mike

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An earlier related paper by a Queensland University of
Technology physicist Stephen Hughes came up on another list
yesterday. I remember discussing it on this list at the time it
came out. It's called Green Fireballs and Ball Lightning.at

http://eprints.qut.edu.au/38939/25/38939_2.pdf

and discusses a very similar idea. The single sighting he uses may seem a slender prop for a sensational theory. Most ufologists would smile at his naive assurances that the gentleman didn't seem the type to make it up and was probably a good observer because he'd been an artillery observer in the Army - and the smile would be a strained grimace, because of course such considerations are routinely ruled out of court when people report "UFOs". Nevertheless, it's an interesting idea. IIRC correctly the UK MoD's Condon author speculated about something qualitatively similar to this.

If it were true I could imagine that fluctuations in the dielectric property of the troposphere caused by varying aerosol concentrations might affect the frequency of meteor-caused UAPs, in much the same unlikely-sounding way as they apparently affect the spawning of tornados.

Martin

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Re: Another Space Ball Falls To Earth In Africa

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 20:21:57 -0000
Archived: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 10:21:23 -0500
Subject: Re: Another Space Ball Falls To Earth In Africa

>Source: PopSci.Com

><http://tinyurl.com/6pjuw7h>

>12.22.2011

>[Photo]

>Mysterious Metallic Space Ball Falls To Earth In Africa,
>.Baffling Authorities

>If you're missing a space ball, please contact Namibia
>By Clay Dillow

>A large metallic ball has fallen from the heavens and landed in
>a remote region of Namibia, spurring a lot of speculation about
>its origins and spurring local authorities to get NASA and the
>European Space Agency on the horn. No one is sure where the
>hollow metallic object came from, but it definitely came down
>hard--it was found 60 feet away from its landing site, a hole
>more than a foot deep and 12 feet across.

<snip>

This looks like the answer to this mystery:

<http://fernlea.tripod.com/tank.html>

Dave

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Re: Telepathy & UFOs

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 18:32:12 -0500
Archived: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 10:22:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Telepathy & UFOs

>From: John Velez<jvelez49.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 10:52:58 -0500
>Subject: Re: Telepathy & UFOs

<snip>

>You're not serious are you? So you apparently favor a
>'Merlinian' explanation for my report. Something involving
>conjuring physical objects out of the subconscious.

Does anyone know why the CUFOS study using environmental
instrumentation in the homes of abductees was stopped?

That work would seem to bear directly on the question being
discussed in this thread.

Did all of the recording channels continue working through any
abduction experiences? Did any of the recording channels stop
at the critical time?

(Note: In the electronic harassment arena, I had camcorders and
audio recorders switched off remotely so moments of assault were
not recorded. Alternatively, a noisy EM signal would jam the
audio recorders, causing heavy 'static' making recording
impossible. I'm wondering if anything like that happen to the
CUFOS setups)

Are there enough current day abductees experiencing repeated
abductions to carry on? Wouldn't even one do?

Just because (we are told) there were no significant readings
(not sure what the originators consider significant) in the
original data, and apparently no conclusions could be drawn, (am
I right?) does that mean that recording various environmental
parameters in abductees' homes is a bad idea?

That Skinwalker Ranch test where two camcorders "watched" each
other, and one was suddenly discovered physically destroyed with
(apparently) the remaining camcorder not showing the event, tells
me that further work in the arena of instrumenting (currently
active) abductees' homes is probably very worthwhile.

Eleanor White

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Re: Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 06:59:51 -0000
Archived: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 10:24:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 13:09:12 -0400
>To: post.nul
>Subject: Re: Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

<snip>

>Clear skies on Wednesday-see more meteors, fireballs,
>unidentifieds.

>More like luck of the draw than any real solution, particularly
>the psycho-social BS that often raises its unsupportable head.

>Geography and meteorological influences more likely for the
>tornados. UFOs a different matter.

Hi Don,

have a memory of an HG Wells short story which explained that in Victorian northern England the factories / workshops pushed out enough heat to keep (local) skies clear during the working week but at week-ends (1 1/2 to 2 days?) clouds would rush in. He might've given more detail but haven't seen the story for many years. If true that would've been an 'anthropogenic' weather effect, if only local.

As for 'sightings' following human time patterns, think I agree with others that it's mostly a matter of more people being out and about at certain times (and of the public being more inclined/available to look at the sky on other occasions).

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 09:37:23 -0600
Archived: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 17:29:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 13:35:07 -0500
>Subject: Journal Of Scientific Exploration [was: White House Ends...]

>>From: Jerome Clark<jkclark.nul>
>>To:<[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 13:13:37 -0600
>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs& ETs With...

>>>From: Edward Gehrman<egehrman.nul>
>>>To:<[post.nul](#)>
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Dec 2011 08:47:25 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: White House Ends Silence On UFOs& ETs With...

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>did not get that impression from the reviews. The issues raised
>seemed to be more about the assumptions underlying the work.

Without passing judgment on your work - all I know about it is
what you write here - I would remark that if you aren't able to
get published in JSE, you are not going to get published in any
professional journal. Thus, your work will have to take its
chances in the realm of popular culture, not in the more
rarefied precincts of scientific consideration.

I have been published on several occasions in the JSE, including
an essay its editor solicited from me on my career in ufology.
(It's on line at the JSE site; the title is "Among the
Anomalies," should anyone be interested.) My own most recent
experience with the journal, however, was not the happiest.

It had asked me to review a book by a major figure whose name
everyone here would recognize. My review of the book, while
certainly not wholly unfriendly, was tough and critical in
parts. This latter fact generated sufficient unhappiness in some
JSE quarters that it was rejected. Though mildly put out at
first, I soon took the matter in philosophical stride, figuring
that any publication has the right to publish what it wants and
not to publish what it doesn't.

The review subsequently appeared elsewhere, and I continue to
hold the JSE in high regard.

Best holiday wishes to all,

Jerry Clark

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 12:33:40 -0500
Archived: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 17:30:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

>From: Martin Shough<parcellular.nul>
>To:<post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 20:07:55 -0000
>Subject: Re: Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

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Hi Martin,

You may not have seen the recent post to UFO Digest pointing to strong circumstantial evidence that several countries have covertly developed the ability to place single plasma balls as well as formations of them high overhead.

<http://tinyurl.com/8342tdl>

William

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Re: Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 16:06:48 -0700
Archived: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 19:55:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 20:07:55 -0000
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>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 10:18:46 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Tornado And Hail Frequency Vs. Day Of The Week

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 23 Dec 2011 09:51:21 -0000
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Mike

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'Tis The Season

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 20:04:23 -0500
Archived: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 20:04:23 -0500
Subject: 'Tis The Season

Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanuka, Kwanza and Festivus.

No matter what you call this time, I trust you're spending it with family and friends around you sharing warmth, joy, good food, drink and perhaps technology upgrades.

Peace On Earth

Errol

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Re: 'Tis The Season

From: **Dennis Balthaser** <truthseeker.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Dec 2011 18:41:27 -0700
Archived: Sun, 25 Dec 2011 07:25:44 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Tis The Season

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>Errol

Back at you Errol, with wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year, from Roswell New Mexico where we just received 10 1/2
inches of snow over the past 36 hours.

Dennis Balthaser
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World In Miniature Complete With Flying Saucer

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Dec 2011 18:52:18 +0700 (GMT+07:00)
Archived: Sun, 25 Dec 2011 10:04:35 -0500
Subject: World In Miniature Complete With Flying Saucer

<http://www.miniatur-wunderland.com/exhibit/video/4-minutes-wunderland/>

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Dec 2011 15:42:10 -0000
Archived: Sun, 25 Dec 2011 11:04:20 -0500
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Merry Christmas

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Dec 2011 20:59:17 -0500
Archived: Mon, 26 Dec 2011 08:56:24 -0500
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That assessment is likely correct. There is probably not another
scientific journal that would publish the work I described. But
the existing system of review, where one or two people decide
whether or not something is publishable, may not be the only way
to evaluate an article. Maybe there is a more democratic way to
do this by taking into account the views of many readers.

I was hopeful that there was a move in this direction when
Stephen Bass began publishing the on-line Journal of Frontier
Science (JSF). This journal appears to have a peer review system
as well. However, I'm not sure if the decision to publish is
based on such reviews. In a few cases, a review is published
under the article reviewed. This implies that articles meeting
certain minimal criteria are published, and if a review is
written, it is published as well. Publishing the article no
matter what the reviewer thinks is a step in the right
direction.

I wonder if a system such as the JSF could be enhanced by
allowing a registered membership (as large a group as possible)
to rate any article on several relevant dimensions. Requests for
some binary classifications could also be included in order to
categorize the article. Every registered member reading the
article would be invited to rate it along the provided
dimensions, and select the classifications that apply. Perhaps
default settings for some classifications could be provided by
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theoretical 0 experimental 0

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nature_\(journal\)#Controversies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nature_(journal)#Controversies)

and Gott, Gunn, Schramm, and Beatrice Tinsley also had their
paper on the Universal Omega thrown out:

www.perceptions.couk.com/greatest.html#journal

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PRG Update - December 26, 2011

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Dec 2011 10:53:22 -0500
Archived: Tue, 27 Dec 2011 11:36:39 -0500
Subject: PRG Update - December 26, 2011

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

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Archived at: <http://tinyurl.com/3oktofa>

Disclosure Petition II - the Rockefeller Initiative
www.disclosurepetition.info
www.whitehouse.gov/petitions

Notice: Throughout December the White House "We the People" website experienced significant technical difficulties. Many thousands of people had problems creating an account and/or logging in and/or signing a petition. PRG received scores of emails from angry and frustrated potential petition signers. Furthermore, the "We the People" section was frequently down for maintenance. Consequently, all petitions submitted in December had little chance of reaching the 25,000 signature threshold for a formal response - Disclosure Petition II included. PRG has confirmed these problems with a White House staffer and has been told they are being fixed.

Therefore, "Disclosure Petition II - the Rockefeller Initiative" will be resubmitted to "We the People" sometime in early January accompanied by a considerable amount of media and web promotion. [Note: the resubmitted petition will have a new direct link.] This petition is specifically formulated to challenge the White House formal statement of November 4, 2011 that,

"The U.S. government has no evidence that any life exists outside our planet, or that an extraterrestrial presence has contacted or engaged any member of the human race. In addition, there is no credible information to suggest that any evidence is being hidden from the public's eye."

Disclosure Petition I and the White House response generated more media coverage worldwide than all other posted petitions combined. The political media have taken notice. Should Disclosure Petition II quickly acquire the needed 25,000 signatures, the impact on the Disclosure process could be dramatic. But this depends upon you.

If you already have an account open at "We the People," get ready to sign Disclosure Petition II in early January. If you do not yet have an account, go to www.whitehouse.gov/petitions and create one now. Anyone from any nation can open an account and sign petitions.

The current submission of Disclosure Petition II will remain active through December 31. Feel free to sign it for practice.

World Disclosure Day - July 8
www.disclosureday.org

WDD is a little more than six months away and all are invited to consider how to use that day to draw attention to the Disclosure advocacy process - YouTube videos, small conferences,

documentary premieres, private showings of past documentaries, email campaigns, article submissions to op-ed pages, iReports, Twitter blitzes, concerts, Occupy NASA (just kidding), whatever. July is the one, two, three month. UFO Day - July 2; Roswell Festival - July 1-3; World Disclosure Day - July 8. 2012 seems to be about the end of one paradigm and the beginning of another. Celebrate the new paradigm in July. Say goodbye to the old paradigm in December.

Dr. Roger Leir

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000857616369&sk=wall

Vince White

Vinceomni.nul

Two very good men who have pursued the truth regarding the ET reality are struggling right now. Roger Leir has been in and out of the hospital dealing with several conditions. Vince White has been challenged by severe Parkinsons for many years and, of course, it is a progressive illness. Roger's friends and supporters may post messages of encouragement on his Facebook page linked above where you will also find his email address. Vince's friends and supporters are asked to email good wishes to the address above.

PRG is always mindful of the tireless devotion so many have given to the truth process with little or no compensation save for the appreciation of their friends and colleagues.

SETI Saved by Space Command

<http://tinyurl.com/6m2xz5j>

<http://tinyurl.com/72axsfa>

If anyone has any doubts as to how important the SETI program is to the government's need for a pressure release valve to keep people from thinking they don't care about extraterrestrials, they can now set them aside.

Apparently Jodi Foster's quote is not as high as it used to be and she didn't have enough money to keep the radio telescopes running after Paul Allen lost faith. So who turned up to save the day but the U. S. Air Force Space Command. That would be the military organization charged with ensuring space is utilized to defend the country against all foes foreign or domestic. It would seem they want SETI's Allen Array to focus on those recently found planets just to be sure there isn't any life on them that could turn up at our doorstep and start taking away jobs from American citizens, or worse, might show up in battle cruisers carrying weapons of mass destruction. You can never be too careful.

Good Science Always Has Political Ramifications

<http://tinyurl.com/d54ykkh>

Scientific American recently published a salient piece on the nexus of politics and science - a connection often misunderstood and misrepresented.. Now if only this pointy headed publication was aware the greatest politics/science drama in history is playing now on a stage in its parking lot. Of course, it was the SA Editor who wrote Robert Goddard in 1940 that Goddard's idea of a rocket-accelerated airplane bomb was, "too far-fetched to be considered." Three years later German V2 missiles rained down on London.

Upcoming Conferences

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/conferences.html

Los Angeles, CA - February 10-12 (Bassett speaking)
Fountain Hills, AZ - February 22-26
College Park, MD - February 29 - March 2
Eureka Springs, AR - April 13-15
Glen Rose, TX - May 19-20
Louisville, KY - October 10-14 (Bassett speaking)

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The purpose of setting up peer review systems is to place a value on data, and by definition some information is simply rejected. In many cases they don't have to provide much of a reason, and if you disagree with the decision, then it should be appealed to the next level (which is usually a useless exercise but you might feel better). If nothing else, you might force a second set of eyes to look at it. But "peer review" is not a search for "truth", it's a bureaucratic process that has evolved over Centuries. I think you'll find different standards from one Journal to another, and it's all really an "in crowd" of accepted scientists. JSE is a good publication that can provide an outlet for Articles that wouldn't see the light of day elsewhere, but they also have to maintain a certain standard (in their own eyes) to keep it up to accepted levels and maintain their distribution.

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This may unfortunately be true, but the system could accommodate
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no argument here

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Unless there are technical obstacles such as obscure mathematics, I think the majority of educated people would attempt to understand new ways of looking at the world. The present system can block novel ideas so they do not see the light of day.

I do agree that there are various reasons why people in the same field would reject a new idea. For example, I believe it's true that psychologists are the most negative toward paranormal explanations of psychic phenomena.

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This strikes close to home for me. I recently presented arguments to my city council representative why the city should stop adding fluoride to the water supply. There was no answer, so I sent it again. She simply refused to acknowledge receipt of the email. Ha, another rejection to add to the list.

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True, but that may be because the people in power with the bad ideas also control the presentation and evaluation of new ideas.

At the very least, we should promote the "just publish yourself and let the audience evaluate it" approach that you seemed to agree with earlier. This possibility already exists in places already mentioned, and maybe it is the best we can do.

The viXra archive is still quite small for now, so it's possible to browse through the whole thing and scan the abstracts to find something of interest. But when the archive gets much bigger, that approach will become too time-consuming. Each contributor chooses a classification for the article, so one can look in a subset at a time. Contributors can also request a new classification for their articles.

UFO Digest is similar in that it also lets the contributor choose from a list of general classifications, and more than one classification is not possible. I don't think new classifications can be requested.

Perhaps one solution is to allow both contributors and readers to choose classifications and/or multiple descriptive keywords from a defined list. Then if a contributor wished to describe an article using a keyword not yet in the existing list, it is added to the list. Readers would always enter into a search engine multiple keywords chosen from the current list.

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From: Reader of William's original stuff on his website.

Comment: I welcome new ideas, new approaches to long standing problems. I do not think you are crazy.

Reader's initials: KK

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ASU Cosmologist 'Study Moon For Alien Artifacts'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 07:18:02 -0500
Archived: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 07:18:02 -0500
Subject: ASU Cosmologist 'Study Moon For Alien Artifacts'

Source: PhysOrg.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/c2wrpas>

December 26, 2011

ASU Cosmologist Suggests Studying Moon For Alien Artifacts
by Bob Yirka

(PhysOrg.com) -- If you were part of a team sent to explore an unknown planet; and that planet had a natural orbiting moon, wouldn't it make sense to use that moon as a base camp or remote observation post? Especially if you didn't want those being observed to know you were there? Professor Paul Davis and research technician Robert Wagner think so, and that's why they've published a paper in Acta Astronautica that suggests we humans begin taking a little closer look at our own moon to see if any alien life forms might have left behind some evidence of their visit.

Though some might see it as farfetched, or heaven forbid, lunacy, Davis and Wagner are convinced that it's worth the small amount of investment such a search would entail. What if, they suggest, close-up photographs of the moon that are already being made available to the masses (from NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter) via the Internet, were to be presented with a request that anyone that would like to participate, study whichever photos they find interesting, looking for anything that appears of unnatural origin, then report back. Interesting "finds" could then be studied by many others, and those that seem promising could be studied further by professionals. It all seems so easy, after all, other group projects are underway, and by most accounts, appear to meet with relative success.

Another possibility, the team suggests, is using image or shape recognizing software to scan photos of the moon to help narrow down search areas and to alert humans when it finds something interesting.

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Dec 2011 19:49:52 +0000
Archived: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 07:20:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Dec 2011 14:10:57 -0000
>Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Mon, 26 Dec 2011 12:41:21 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

<snip>

>BTW1 - a small experiment to affirm that `human condition':
>Think of a simple and economical improvement to municipal or
>national practise and suggest it, in writing, to the
>authorities. If you get any reply it will almost certainly be a
>list of reasons why "it can't / shouldn't be done".

>BTW2 - a quibble - "bad ideas" don't always or even often die a
>timely death. Just look at history and politics (and fashion).

Ray:

I object to your comment regarding fashion. All changes in
fashion are good. Fashion is meant to call attention to and
express one's self. Maybe, the same could be said about history
and politics.

KK

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David Rudiak Joins The Dream Team

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 07:30:58 -0500
Archived: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 07:30:58 -0500
Subject: David Rudiak Joins The Dream Team

Source: Kevin Randle's A Different Perspective Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/d2hxg5j>

Thursday, December 22, 2011

David Rudiak Joins The Dream Team

We have expanded the team yet again. Dr. David Rudiak, who has done a great deal of work on the "Ramey memo" has accepted our invitation to join us as a consulting researcher along with Tony Bragalia and Chris Rutkowski. I'll add here that we had planned on this long ago, but Tom thought I had sent the invitation to David and I thought he had. When we learned that neither had, I then sent one.

Rudiak (seen here at the International UFO Museum in Roswell, photo courtesy of Tom Carey) is one of the experts (and maybe only expert) about what happened in Ramey's office on July 8, 1947. He wrote to me that, "I've reconstructed the debris in a computer ray-tracer and proven there is only one radar target there and probably one balloon (or what would fit in shoe box), in other words NOT what you would expect from a multi-balloon, multi-target Mogul but perfectly consistent with Ramey and Newton's description of a singular balloon/target and Dubose/Marcel's substituted weather balloon."

He also said, "Another of my Roswell specialties are my various histories of the period. I have expertise in how the story was reported in numerous news outlets, not just a few. I think I have compiled the most extensive collection of U.S. and international Roswell stories anywhere. These stories present many angles and contradictions that just a few articles do not provide and tell us a lot about how the cover-up was handled. E.g., I have found only two or three newspapers out of hundreds carrying a rare AP sub-version quoting Sheriff Wilcox declining to answer further questions about the "disc" saying he was 'working with those fellows at the base.' That I consider to be very telling and corroboration for what his family was telling us decades later. Why are Marcel, Brazel, Wilcox, Ramey, and the press release telling sometimes very different stories, often contradicting the balloon story? Why do the AP, UP, and RDR versions of the press release differ in many details?"

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 Dec 2011 19:52:14 +0000
Archived: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 07:33:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Dec 2011 12:21:17 -0500
>Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Dec 2011 14:10:57 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

><snip>

>>The ones most likely to read (and disapprove of) the idea are the vast
>>majority who can't understand it, or those few whose (professional)
>>prestige will be dented by someone else changing the status quo.

>Not to be too harsh, but maybe if they don't understand it, it
>isn't really worth knowing in the first place. I think that
>attempting to generate a paradigm shift in knowledge, it would
>likely take more than a good argument, and few scientists are
>likely to be the first to jump on the wagon.

>The purpose of setting up peer review systems is to place a
>value on data, and by definition some information is simply
>rejected. In many cases they don't have to provide much of a
>reason, and if you disagree with the decision, then it should be
>appealed to the next level (which is usually a useless exercise
>but you might feel better). If nothing else, you might force a
>second set of eyes to look at it. But "peer review" is not a
>search for "truth", it's a bureaucratic process that has evolved
>over Centuries. I think you'll find different standards from one
>Journal to another, and it's all really an "in crowd" of
>accepted scientists. JSE is a good publication that can provide
>an outlet for Articles that wouldn't see the light of day
>elsewhere, but they also have to maintain a certain standard (in
>their own eyes) to keep it up to accepted levels and maintain

<snip>

Oh gosh, Steve, did you really think the individuals on this
List needed to be schooled on peer review?

KK

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Kevin Randle Talks UFO Frauds

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 07:46:18 -0500
Archived: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 07:46:18 -0500
Subject: Kevin Randle Talks UFO Frauds

Source: Google Video

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=4396717473506401960>

2001

Kevin Randle Talks About UFO Frauds

From the 2001 interview I conducted with him for the documentary Stanton T. Friedman is Real, author/researcher Kevin Randle talks about the problem of frauds in ufology. (c) 2001 Redstar Films Limited -- Paul Kimball

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Re: Big Question For 2012: Will We Find Earth 2.0?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 07:49:36 -0500
Archived: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 07:49:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Big Question For 2012: Will We Find Earth 2.0?

Source: Discovery.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/br5m4zh>

Wed Dec 21, 2011

Big Question For 2012: Will We Find Earth 2.0?
Analysis by Ian O'Neill

On Tuesday, astronomers using NASA's Kepler space telescope announced the discovery of two Earth-size worlds orbiting a star 1,000 light-years away.

Kepler has detected many more candidate worlds of this size, but this was the first time confirmation of small rocky worlds with terrestrial dimensions had been announced.

Does this mean Kepler's mission has been accomplished? Is this proof that Earth 2.0 exists? It is after all Kepler's prime objective to seek out Earth-like worlds -- or "Earth analogs." Isn't this exoplanetary duo "Earth-like"?

[More at site... thanks to Diana Cammack for the lead]

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Survey Reveals Many Believe White House Lied

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 07:56:50 -0500
Archived: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 07:56:50 -0500
Subject: Survey Reveals Many Believe White House Lied

Source: Marketwatch.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/ccja3d3>

Dec. 21, 2011

Press Release

UFO Survey Reveals Many Americans Believe the Obama White House Is Lying When It Says The Government Has "No Evidence" That Extraterrestrial Beings Do Exist

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, 2011 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ --
A majority of people surveyed believe the Obama White House is lying when it says the government has no evidence that extraterrestrial beings exist.

According to those surveyed, 99% believe that UFO's of extraterrestrial origin have visited earth now or sometime in the past!

And about 98% believe that the US government "knows more than it is saying" about UFO's and extraterrestrials, thus disputing the White House recent announcement last month on its website stating that that government/scientists/CIA/ military do not have information that supports that extraterrestrials do exist.

"When asked, most people feel that the government has more knowledge and information than they are letting on... that supports that extraterrestrials do exist," said Dr. Simeon Hein, the director of The Mount Baldy Institute for Resonant Viewing in Boulder, Colorado which conducted the online survey at UFOsurvey.com that polled nearly 300 people.

www.mountbaldy.com

[More at site... thanks to Diana Cammack for the lead]

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Warped Geometry Weak Brane

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 11:13:51 -0500
Archived: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 11:13:51 -0500
Subject: Warped Geometry Weak Brane

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/6om4asa>

Thursday, December 22, 2011

Warped Geometry, Weak Brane
by Billy Cox

The Project Blue Book files are chock full o' reports involving UFO interaction with water, and naturally most are pretty bizarre. But none have more thoroughly riveted Bob Schroeder than the so-called Wanaque Incident in 1966.

This one was reported by a New Jersey cop, back in the day when an ongoing government study gave Americans cover to talk about this stuff without being made to feel like wackos. Responding to a dispatch call about a sighting in the Wanaque Reservoir area one autumn evening, Sgt. Ben Thompson watched in awe as a massive object lit the night sky over the lake. There were other witnesses as well, but what Thompson saw was a real show-stopper. His words:

"As it went over the trees =97 which would be on the mountain to the west =97 it would sort of pull the tops of the trees together. In other words, it had sort of a suction effect. . . . And it also pulled the water upward. It was sucked upward. And when this thing flew away from the area, the water would just settle right down again."

That got Schroeder to thinking. If UFOs involve anti-gravity, as one popular theory holds, shouldn't the cop have seen reverse effects on the environment, such as downward pressures on trees, grass, water, whatever? "What we're seeing instead," he says from his home in Sudbury, Mass., "are attractive fields, not repulsive fields."

Schroeder found other examples of UFOs exerting forces of attraction on nearby object...

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'Fashion' - [was: Journal Of Scientific

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 13:38:23 -0000
Archived: Thu, 29 Dec 2011 04:51:53 -0500
Subject: 'Fashion' - [was: Journal Of Scientific

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Dec 2011 19:49:52 +0000
>Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Dec 2011 14:10:57 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>>BTW2 - a quibble - "bad ideas" don't always or even often die a
>>timely death. Just look at history and politics (and fashion).

>I object to your comment regarding fashion. All changes in
>fashion are good. Fashion is meant to call attention to and
>express one's self. Maybe, the same could be said about history
>and politics.

Ha! Maybe should have put a question mark to 'fashion'. I was
probably thinking of the recurring disease of flared trousers
(bell-bottom jeans etc) and maybe 'big hair' for women?

In fact I've part-supported your view in a page on the
evolutionary benefits of 'fashion':

www.perceptions.couk.com/fashion.html

nb. a sharp reader might find some of my weaknesses in it: i.e.
a Danish colleague in love with Italian girls (as a genus),
passed on a liking for Gigliola, who was in her late folk-
singing stage while I was there - see 'Innocenza'.

Think that was also an evolutionary urge, for me.

Cheers

Ray D

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Staged "Alien Contact"

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 14:18:21 -0000
Archived: Thu, 29 Dec 2011 04:53:54 -0500
Subject: Staged "Alien Contact"

Nb. not too worried about NWO (empires collapse - and it's happening faster) but you might note Omen#12

George Ure at

<http://urbansurvival.com/week.htm>

today features a warning from Adrian Salbuchi

<http://rt.com/news/world-government-conspiracy-therory-657/>

Twelve Triggers for World Government

- 1) Financial Meltdown.
- 2) Economic Crises.
- 3) Social Upheavals.
- 4) Pandemics.
- 5) Global Warming.
- 6) Terrorist "False Flag" Mega-Attacks.
- 7) Generalized War in the Middle East.
- 8) Ecological/Environmental "Accidents".
- 9) Assassination of a major political or religious figure to be blamed on an Elite enemy.
- 10) Attacks on "Rogue States"
- 11) Staged "Religious" Event.
- 12) Staged "Alien Contact."

(details at page)

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 09:43:55 -0500
Archived: Thu, 29 Dec 2011 04:56:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Dec 2011 19:52:14 +0000
>Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

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>Oh gosh, Steve, did you really think the individuals on this
>List needed to be schooled on peer review?

We haven't defined the subject of study, or rules or evidence;
so, perhaps peer review is getting ahead of the game. But it's
never too early to begin exposing some to the concept, I guess.

However, in the end, I think the issue is made moot by the
Internet and the plethora of self-appointed experts, which will
likely have the effect of further isolating scientists who see a
vast sea of un-vetted information for a subject that has no
boundaries.

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Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

From: **Kevin Randle** <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 14:10:52 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Thu, 29 Dec 2011 04:58:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

List, Errol and All -

As some of you will remember, about a decade ago I suggested we do our peer review using this List as the best source of peer review. Everyone would be eligible to comment.

I started it with a look at the Mantell case which Errol kindly put up on the site so that everyone could read it and comment. As far as I know, no one else ever attempted to do this.

Well, now we are starting it all over again and I applaud the effort. Let's figure out how to do it right.

Kevin
KevinRandle.blogspot.com

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Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <j.maynard.gelinas.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 15:08:29 -0500
Archived: Thu, 29 Dec 2011 05:32:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 23:19:30 -0000
>Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

>>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Dec 2011 14:19:32 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Prayer Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond

>>Source: UfoExaminer.Com

>><http://tinyurl.com/c4muyt6>
>>Witness Says Prayer, Meditation Cause 'White Orbs' To Respond
>>Roger Marsh

><snip>

>>Praying, meditating, shining a light and concentrating, or what
>>Tim Good does, 'projecting thoughts' - all much the same really.

>>But the question is, how (let alone why!) do these orbs and ETs
>>pick up a single person's thinking out of the chaos of all our
>>thoughts beaming out from earth to space? Also, what about the
>>thoughts we don't want to share with anyone else - do those get
>>sent out there too, to be heard by ETs and orbs? >How
>>disconcerting is that!?

>Hi Diana,

>You've hit the nail on the head. Some time ago tried to bring
>that particular aspect into consideration.

>Here's the quotes:

>"they are reported to have the weird ability to detect and react
>to the intent, observation and signalling of individual humans,
>although we know no way they could isolate one flashing light in
>a cityscape (& could anyone imagine any method of sensing 'human
>intention' or 'observation' alone?)."

>and later in the doc.

>"from lots of reports, slightly mentioned above, Aerial
>Phenomena sometimes behave as if they're instantly aware of
>things happening a long way away - and we'll include those
>accounts of them being sensitive to 'intention' and even more
>sensitive to flashlights/radar txers being pointed at them.

>...

>Maybe a bit more scary: that might imply some ability - while
>tuned-in at least - to 'read minds', or at least intentions. If
>so - it's obvious why the top-people would want to keep it
>secret. Their speeches wouldn't seem half so imposing if we
>could read their thoughts, maybe as subtitles!"

List, I have some thoughts to offer:

I'm not sure the terms 'telepathy' or 'prayer' are particularly meaningful to the issue at hand. The problem is that these terms represent 'effects' but have no inner ausitive explanation embedded within.

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Of course, this technique requires that the subjects remain in a controlled environment with wires dangling off their heads fed into a computer. These electrodes are scattered across a skull in order to detect and record neuron firings which are then processed by computer. However, one could envision a more elegant solution using something akin to holography to generate the same result. Holography is not limited to the recording or transmission of light interference patterns on a photographic plate. Any physical system that can record information in the interference patterns of a set of waves can be said to be holographic. If there existed a system that could record and/or transmit interference patterns in such a way that it could excite neuronal firing within a brain might be used to communicate in a method similar to what most people call 'telepathy'.

Human science is now untangling how patterns of neuronal firing can be processed by computer into anything from emotional response to even representations of visual processing. The big question is no longer: Is it possible to read minds? For, now it is. The big question now is, could such a system be devised that could work without the tangle of wires and/or brain implants that are now used by researchers today? If so, I'd argue that some mechanism of holography would be the most likely approach.

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Re: Warped Geometry Weak Brane

From: Carl Feindt <waterufo.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 13:19:41 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Thu, 29 Dec 2011 05:46:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Warped Geometry Weak Brane

>Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

><http://tinyurl.com/6om4asa>

>Thursday, December 22, 2011

>Warped Geometry, Weak Brane
>by Billy Cox

>The Project Blue Book files are chock full o' reports involving
>UFO interaction with water, and naturally most are pretty
>bizarre. But none have more thoroughly riveted Bob Schroeder
>than the so-called Wanaque Incident in 1966.

>This one was reported by a New Jersey cop, back in the day when
>an ongoing government study gave Americans cover to talk about
>this stuff without being made to feel like wackos. Responding to
>a dispatch call about a sighting in the Wanaque Reservoir area
>one autumn evening, Sgt. Ben Thompson watched in awe as a
>massive object lit the night sky over the lake. There were other
>witnesses as well, but what Thompson saw was a real show-
>stopper. His words:

>"As it went over the trees 'which would be on the mountain to
>the west' it would sort of pull the tops of the trees together.
>In other words, it had sort of a suction effect... And it
>also pulled the water upward. It was sucked upward. And when
>this thing flew away from the area, the water would just settle
>right down again."

>That got Schroeder to thinking. If UFOs involve anti-gravity, as
>one popular theory holds, shouldn't the cop have seen reverse
>effects on the environment, such as downward pressures on trees,
>grass, water, whatever? "What we're seeing instead," he says
>from his home in Sudbury, Mass., "are attractive fields, not
>repulsive fields."

>Schroeder found other examples of UFOs exerting forces of
>attraction on nearby object...

>[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

You have to read my book UFOs And Water - Carl Feindt.

Depending on the direction of the field rotation, the UFO can be
a vacuum cleaner. Given a rotation of one part of the UFO, a
vortex can be created that not only twists trees but creates
crop 'Circles'.

As the Johnny Standley used to say, "Little Bo Peep has lost her
sheep, and doesn't know where to find them" - "It's in the book"
If little Bo Peep had lost her sheep... its only natural that
she wouldn't know where to find them?

[watch: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdaeOLCTa6g> --ebk]

Best,

Carl
The water-logged

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 16:59:02 -0500
Archived: Thu, 29 Dec 2011 08:59:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 Dec 2011 13:09:04 -0500
>Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

<snip>

>I guess I wanted a way to increase the size of the
>group of "selected persons" so it would be much bigger
>than the one or two reviewers we have in the present
>system. But also, this group would not act as a
>gateway. The article would be published no matter what
>the consensus opinion of the raters.

I believe that the peer review system, though it would be
uncomfortable, would be improved by making the identities of the
reviewers known.

Eleanor White

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Dec 2011 11:40:31 -0500
Archived: Fri, 30 Dec 2011 07:11:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 14:10:52 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>List, Errol and All -

>As some of you will remember, about a decade ago I suggested we
>do our peer review using this List as the best source of peer
>review. Everyone would be eligible to comment.

>I started it with a look at the Mantell case which Errol kindly
>put up on the site so that everyone could read it and comment.
>As far as I know, no one else ever attempted to do this.
>Well, now we are starting it all over again and I applaud the
>effort. Let's >figure out how to do it right.

Hi Kevin,

I believe I recall that exercise and it was fairly
comprehensive, but I'm not sure that it reached far beyond the
reach of this List. Was the data ever compiled, organized and
published anywhere?

Steve

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>equivalent to 'magic'.

Exactly. We're on the same page here.

Again, speaking as a lay person, I'd like to get back to the
holographic approach (because I get a kick out of extrapolating
potential new technologies by merging the known with what could
be possible a few technological leaps ahead). Let's look at a
few known and verifiable facts:

1) Commercial manufacture of holographic television looks to be
a near reality:

<http://tinyurl.com/clsxw38>

This approach uses mems (micro mechanical systems) technology to
manipulate light in the visible spectrum, generating
controllable voxels (volumetric pixels) within a confined

volume. This group is reporting a 60 degree viewing angle for their system.

2) It is known that in the microwave (200 Mhz to 3 Ghz band), a directed (presumably non-coherent) beam is possible to induce audio 'chirps' "...within the heads" of others. This is known as the Frey effect:

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

I don't know, but I presume, that this approach works by inducing action potential firings within the neurons of a brain. However, one presumes that a directed beam of this sort would induce all sorts of undesirable effects simply due to the fact that a beam directed at someone's head would pass through and excite many differing brain regions beyond simply the auditory system.

So... to move to a holographic approach for induction would require:

A) A coherent beam source in the correct frequency band.

B) Reflective surfaces (mirrors) designed to work in this frequency band (newer metamaterials designed to work in this frequency band might fulfill this objective).

C) Some kind of light manipulation device similar to the MEMS approach depicted in 1) to generate the diffraction patterns necessary for volumetric output.

The goal here is not to generate a visible image, but instead to induce action potentials of a brain within the volume of a skull. Presumably, with a high enough voxel resolution, and the right computational model based on known neuroanatomy, one could generate experiences within the subject of such fidelity that they might be indistinguishable from reality. Something like what was depicted in that film, The Matrix.

3) Then there's the question of reading action potentials in a subject. Some speculations:

A) fMRI is currently being used to discern some level of brain activity, though I believe it keys in not on actual neuron firings, but blood flow to brain regions.

B) Perhaps in the terrahertz band one could use the same holographic approach to read actual neural firings. For example, terrahertz emissions are currently being used in some of airport body scanners. This would require a coherent terrahertz beam source, a beam splitter designed to work in that frequency range to generate the reference and illumination beams, and mirrors capable of working in that frequency band as well. Metamaterials strike me as - once again - potential approaches to solving that problem. And then some kind of imaging device would be necessary to record the interference patterns generated - something akin to a very high resolution CCD.

C) SQUIDS (Superconducting Quantum Interference Devices) strike me as another potential approach:

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

I know that for a while folks have been talking about using SQUID devices to detect action potentials from neuron firings due to their extreme electromagnetic sensitivity.

4) A detailed map of the neuroanatomy of a human brain combined with a computational model to manipulate neuron firings across a brain's volume according to the desired output. Basically, a bunch more knowledge of the brain combined with a powerful computer and the right software.

Combine this all together and you have that "magic" Arthur C. Clarke referred to.

Hmmm. Well, that was fun. Even if I'm completely wrong, it might still make for a pretty good plot point in an SF story. <LOL>

-M

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This strikes me as rather exaggerated to call this "telepathy"
or "mind-reading". There is no direct brain to brain interface
and the "receiver" is totally unaware of what the "transmitter"
is thinking (in this case trying to mentally move the right vs.
left arm). The transmission is very indirect (through a rapidly
flashing light presented to the "receiver's" eyeballs, not brain
to brain), and if any "mindreading" is going on, it is by the
computers interpreting very simplified brain wave signals at
both ends, basically two distinct but unrelated brain activity
states at the sender/receiver ends, one motor cortex (sender)
and the other visual cortex (receiver), as a way of representing
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Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 10:17

Behind You, Man! Look Behind You!
by Billy Cox

This one's just too sweet not to share.

On Dec. 19, legal scholar and George Washington University law professor Jonathan Turley appeared on C-Span's "Washington Journal." You remember Turley. He sued the Defense Department during the 1990s on behalf of Area 51 workers, or their survivors, who were gravely ill from what they claimed was exposure to hazardous waste at the air base that doesn't exist. Turley's efforts to discover which classified chemicals they had ingested, in order to facilitate proper health care, proved futile.

Anyhow, Turley was invited to the show to discuss an op-ed column he'd written in The Washington Post titled, "Are You Being Watched? It's Your Fault." He reminded host Libby Casey how she and everyone else in America are being monitored whenever they're out in public. He described domestic policies that are creating a culture of "cellophane citizens" who blithely accept systematic and growing surveillance as a way of life. It was a stimulating discussion, but that's not what sharp-eyed Joe Shea of The American Reporter took away from it:

"You'll see a UFO right above the head of Turley in the background picture, just to the left of the tree," he advised in an email.

Here's the opening clip. Judge for yourself.

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Hi David,

your example shows a) temporary human technological limitations;
b) how things change even in human technology.

The radio telegraphy code (murray code) took 7.5 bits per
character (about 50 - 60 per word) and ASCII is even worse, but
some bright spark thought of using separate audio 'tones' for
each character instead of 7.5 ON/OFF bits and it was a great
success, nearly 8 times faster and reclaimable under higher
noise conditions (I tested it successfully to 6dbs below the
noise cut-off for normal radio telegraphy).

Why not a stage further? A separate stimulus (audio/mental/
psychophysio) for each word or maybe phrase or concept?
Sophisticated civilizations tend to pack more and more 'content'
into fewer and fewer words or symbols. Think how much meaning
can be implicit in the word "Really?" - maybe with a raised
eyebrow; in the 17th Cent Pepys needed maybe half a page of
verbosity to get the same effect.

In addition, as I was about to discuss with Maynard, we suspect
gov/sec have perfected radio 'beaming' of a signal into human
skulls where it's 'heard' as an internal audio artifact - a
'voice' or whatever. The signs are that they were testing it (on
the hapless public?) several years ago (in UK) - and it works.

So we can reasonably expect all those limitations to disappear
over time - even if the outcomes are kept secret for some years.

Cheers

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>>technological explanations for UFOs' sensitivity to human
>>thoughts or intentions, and further, for CE witnesses' accounts
>>of 'telepathy' and even of apparent 'control' of their bodies.

>This strikes me as rather exaggerated to call this "telepathy"
>or "mind-reading". There is no direct brain to brain interface
>and the "receiver" is totally unaware of what the "transmitter"
>is thinking (in this case trying to mentally move the right vs.
>left arm). The transmission is very indirect (through a rapidly
>flashing light presented to the "receiver's" eyeballs, not brain
>to brain), and if any "mindreading" is going on, it is by the
>computers interpreting very simplified brain wave signals at
>both ends, basically two distinct but unrelated brain activity
>states at the sender/receiver ends, one motor cortex (sender)
>and the other visual cortex (receiver), as a way of representing
>a binary 0 or 1.

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Hi David,

I think you're making a classification error here. That is, the

classification between the theoretical potential of a particular technical approach versus the limits of a current implementation. It is without a doubt that the critique you offer about the system depicted in this press article is valid. For example: It is not fully integrated into the brains of subjects; communications bandwidth is slow; it is not wireless; etc. I offered a bit of speculation about how those issues _might_ be resolved. But, that doesn't mean the approach I suggest depicts what might be used in the field, or even something viable as a potential technology. It's just a speculation. But it's speculation grounded in evolutionary reality, rather than a revolutionary theoretical advancement that simply can't be predicted today.

One thing we do know about technology is that over time, in incremental iterations, it evolves to support a larger feature set, faster response time, and better reliability. Thus, it may well be that this approach could - over time - provide a feature set that entirely meets the feature set described by witness accounts to these events. Or, perhaps, it might only offer a subset of features. We won't know until such time as this technology develops and becomes more widespread. But we should not ignore the relationship between those seemingly close set of features both seen here in primitive form and those as are claimed observationally by witnesses. It's an interesting parallel.

Often any one technological approach to solving a particular problem is but one among many. That is, there may be other brain->brain interface solutions not currently being researched that are completely unknown. Perhaps they would have an entirely different set of inherent limitations. But, from an epistemological standpoint, that is speaking about the unknown, whereas here Ray and I are extrapolating about the known. Which has the advantage of confining the discussion within the realm of known reality, compared to debating aspects of the utterly unknown - which often tends to break down into irrelevant semantic arguments that offer no illumination; akin to debating how many angels might fit on the head of a pin, so to speak.

Instead of arguing about the limitations of this implementation, I'd suggest you consider what might happen several technological advancements out. Perhaps where this technology might be ten to fifteen years hence. Even if this discussion turns out to be wrong in the specifics, I argue that it's still _interesting_ and _relevant._

Best,

Maynard

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Date: Fri, 30 Dec 2011 12:12:10 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Sat, 31 Dec 2011 08:53:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <post.nul>,
>Date: Thu, 29 Dec 2011 11:40:31 -0500
>Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 Dec 2011 14:10:52 -0500 (EST)
>>Subject: Re: Journal Of Scientific Exploration

>>List, Errol and All -

>>As some of you will remember, about a decade ago I suggested we
>>do our peer review using this List as the best source of peer
>>review. Everyone would be eligible to comment.

>>I started it with a look at the Mantell case which Errol kindly
>>put up on the site so that everyone could read it and comment.
>>As far as I know, no one else ever attempted to do this.
>>Well, now we are starting it all over again and I applaud the
>>effort. Let's >figure out how to do it right.

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<http://tinyurl.com/7gk7pZR>

Thursday 29 December 2011

Blisworth UFO Expert To Take Over County's =A373k Euro Job

An expert in UFOs and paranormal activity based in Blisworth will be representing Northants in the European Parliament from the beginning 2012.

Rupert Matthews, aged 50, is preparing to replace outspoken climate change sceptic Roger Helmer as the Conservative MEP for the East Midlands.

Mr Matthews, a married father of two, has written more than 180 books on history, military and paranormal subjects and has published books by several writers, including Mr Helmer.

His books include UFOs: A History of Alien Activity from Sightings to Abductions to Global Threat, Unexplained Ghosts and Spirits and The Sasquatch. Mr Matthews also runs an online course about the paranormal on behalf of the International Metaphysical University.

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I recall some good commentary at the time and the problem is that this isn't helping to bring the subject to the attention of those not connected to the field. JSE is one publication that can be used as a vehicle to get this type of information to an outside audience. While becoming larger and more diverse with the advent of the Internet, ufology is becoming more isolated from "mainstream science" in many ways.

But we won't solve the problems of this genre tonight, and I hope that everyone has (or has had) a wonderful and safe New Year's Holiday.

Steve

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