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Re: UFO Abduction Investigations

From: Jack Brewer <brewer.jack.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Apr 2012 11:57:00 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 02 Apr 2012 15:31:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Abduction Investigations

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2012 18:32:33 +0000
>Archived: Wed, 28 Mar 2012 06:03:56 -0400
>Subject: UFO Abduction Investigations

>One of the most well known of these cases took place in Brazil
>in 1988, in which a man had various body parts and organs
>removed in a surgical fashion, leaving very little blood.

><snip>

>I don't necessarily agree with his summations, but thought some
>of you might be interested in his take on the phenomenon.

Hello KK,

Your caution is in all likelihood most well advised. You and some readers might find it of interest that the 1988 Brazil case can be considered in some quite competently presented perspectives that contradict alleged alien involvement.

Kentaro Mori was among those who explained specifically why much more evidence must be presented in order to reasonably suppose extraordinary explanations apply. Mori's work presents an alternative perspective to those such as promoted by Mr. Witkowski and may be viewed at:

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

Regards,

Jack Brewer
www.ufotrail.blogspot.com

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At:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/program/>

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Seeking A Volunteer In New York

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Apr 2012 17:30:59 +0100 (BST)
Archived: Mon, 02 Apr 2012 15:34:33 -0400
Subject: Seeking A Volunteer In New York

Hi, List:

I have located the name and address of a person who in the mid-sixties held a large collection of UFO photographs, characterized as "the largest private saucer photographs collection" (sic). He was living in Brooklyn.

I am seeking someone in the state of New York who is able to visit the address of that person to find out if collection of UFO photographs still exists or not, in order to preserve it from loss if this possible.

Others not from NY could also assist via telephone or other forms of contact are also welcome.

I will appreciate a response off-llist, in order to facilitate the name and address of the person to be found.

Many thanks and best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
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Printy 'Science' & Kecksberg

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Apr 2012 14:36:21 -0700
Archived: Tue, 03 Apr 2012 07:11:17 -0400
Subject: Printy 'Science' & Kecksberg

[was: Debunkers Irrational Uninformed And Ignorant]

>Source: Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles

><http://tinyurl.com/7sest3t>

>Thursday, March 29, 2012

>UFO Debunkers: Irrational, Uninformed And Ignorant
>Stanton T Friedman

>In early February, 2012, Andre Skondras, who distributes many
>interesting UFO articles on the internet, carried a 15 page 2008
>article by Tim Printy entitled The UFO Disclosure Myth; I am a
>primary target of the last portion of the article. I also found
>his paper My Skeptical Opinion about UFOs. Clearly he is a
>debunker not a skeptic. He seems to know very little though he
>has strong opinions.

Ah yes, Tim Printy, the Sarah Palin of Ufology, indeed irrational, uniformed, and ignorant. He thinks he knows much more than he really does, claims to be the defender of "science" But like a lot of debunkers, he is more of a science wannabe who thinks he knows what "science" is about, but hasn't a clue about true scientific argumentation. Printy never really had any formal scientific education. Unlike Stan or me, or many others in this crazy field, Printy has zero college science degrees. Just remember that whenever you read Printy ranting about how sacrosanct "science" is and how supposedly pseudoscientific Ufologists like Stan or me are.

According to a bio he once did on himself, he has only a high school diploma before putting in for (as I remember) a 20 year stint in the Navy as a tech on a nuclear submarine. Nothing wrong with that, of course, but it doesn't somehow make one a "scientist" any more than being an auto mechanic makes you a scientist. Nonetheless, that and being a long-time amateur astronomer, apparently makes Printy think he is a scientific genius, even though he bungles just about every argument he makes because he usually 1) doesn't get his basic facts right or just makes them up or omits/dismisses inconvenient ones, or 2) doesn't even comprehend what the argument is about. Printy is bombastic in his writing style and knows just barely enough to make him sound superficially authoritative, but when you analyze his arguments, they almost invariably turn out to be total rubbish.

Much like Printy's recent attacks on Stan Friedman which Stan felt he had to respond to, I recently put up a second web page on the 1965 Kecksburg incident to counter a lot of Tim Printy foolishness attacking me personally and another Kecksburg page I put up. I was originally criticizing a 1967 astronomy paper in the Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (JRASC), that Printy and other debunkers rely heavily on, that claimed to prove that a widely seen fireball associated with Kecksburg was really on a trajectory at right-angles to one that would have taken it in the direction of Kecksburg. Thus, this supposedly

proved the fireball couldn't possibly have anything to do with Kecksburg. (Printy's basic argument is absolutely nothing of significance happened there.)

But the JRASC paper had lots of problems with it. I pointed out that the two astronomer authors had no error analysis in their triangulated trajectory and even very tiny errors in their measurements (examples of which I pointed out) could have easily created a trajectory towards Kecksburg. Further, the photos they used in their trajectory triangulation showed a thinning trail strongly suggestive of the fireball moving off in the distance towards western Pennsylvania, rather than sideways to the cameras as they claimed (where one would have expected a trail of about the same average thickness).

Original web page:

http://www.roswellproof.com/kecksburg_triangulation_error.html

My later counter to Printy:

http://www.roswellproof.com/Kecksburg_Printy_rebuttal.html

In attacking me and my Kecksburg website, Printy claimed some of the following pseudoscientific nonsense:

1. It was in an astronomy journal (oooooh, scary!), therefore the article was above criticism. Did you know that any scientist or paper they write never makes any mistakes, at least in fawning Printy DebunkerWorld? Instead, Printy claimed it was up to me to prove measurement error, when any idiot with even minimal science training knows that there are ALWAYS errors in measurements. All properly refereed science journals demand an error analysis--from the authors, not the readers--to demonstrate results are not artifacts of inherent errors. This is absolutely fundamental to the scientific method, but Printy obviously doesn't know this. (To show how sloppy the paper actually was, the authors reversed their trajectory data points, meaning they originally had the fireball flying upwards into space instead of crashing into the ground, and in point 4 below is a good example of how they played games with the actual eyewitness data to support the meteor hypothesis.)

2. Printy claimed another much-better studied and photographically documented fireball showed a thinning trail as it approached the camera, i.e., Printy claimed to have provided a counter-example proving my thinning argument wrong. Unfortunately for the totally clueless Printy, he obviously didn't spend even two seconds to analyze the data and photo he referenced, because if he had he might have realized he had the direction of travel BACKWARDS. (All he had to do was look at a map to get it right.) In other words, the fireball trail was indeed getting larger as it approached the camera, or thinned out as it moved away, as photographed from other sites, just as one would expect from simple geometrical laws of perspective.

3. Three times claimed that single-point data "confirmed" the trajectory of the authors, when any minimally educated person knows it takes at least two points to determine a line or trajectory. E.g., he cites a seismographic single-point data record used by the authors as somehow proving their trajectory, when it proves nothing of the sort, since one seismographic record can't possibly tell you what direction a sound came from or the direction of travel of the object that made it. In reality, the authors used the seismographic record of a sonic boom or explosion near Detroit to try to pin down the time of passage. They obviously knew a lot better than to make Printy's absolutely inane argument that the single seismic record showed direction of travel.

4. Claimed I deliberately left out the collected eyewitness reports, supposedly supporting the absoluteness of their trajectory. In reality, there was nothing for me to report, since the analysis of the 66 detailed eyewitness reports they said were gathered and analyzed was supposed to be "Part II" of the JRASC paper, but was NEVER published, for reasons that have never been explained. (Their article was "Part I", they referenced "Part II", and "Part II" should have been the very next article, but it never appeared.) Instead, the only two specific witnesses mentioned, the two photographers whom the authors claimed were best-positioned to accurately report the

fireball, disagreed with the paper on two key points. One, e.g., made several statements (one in a letter to Project Blue Book immediately afterward) that the fireball appeared to be fading out in the distance and moving away from him (born out by the photographs of the thinning trail), i.e., headed eastward towards western Pennsylvania, not diving northward into Lake Erie. Both disagreed with the authors' estimate of duration (used to calculate speed), one saying 1 second, the other 4 seconds. What did the author's use?: the "average" of 2 seconds, even while noting that the vast majority of the other eyewitnesses placed the duration at 3 to 4 seconds. Why didn't they use the much more statistically sound average of everybody? Well, it seems the longer average duration would have cut the speed to well below expected meteor speeds to more like what one would expect from a re-entering space object. So it was obvious the authors were massaging the eyewitness duration reports to support their meteor hypothesis, a good example of confirmation bias in action.

5. Claimed there were no eyewitness accounts from the period supporting a Kecksburg area crash. But if there were, they were all due to faulty reporting, e.g., a Columbus, Ohio weather observer reporting a bright object due east of him, i.e. right in the direction of Kecksburg (but if the event ended near Detroit, he should have reported it due north, so, of course, the reporter quoting him must have gotten it wrong, at least according to Printy). Actually there were many other reports back then supporting something flying well beyond Detroit and into western Pennsylvania airspace, such as widely reported grass fires in Elyria, Ohio (also recovered metallic fragments). But Elyria was on a trajectory taking the fireball towards western Pennsylvania. None of what was reported in Elyria could have happened if the JRASC trajectory, 50 miles away and at right angles, was correct.

There were also widely reported sonic booms in western Pennsylvania discussed by an astronomer (and even a Project Blue Book log of reports associated with the fireball noted an unspecified "sound" from Greensburg, PA, near Kecksburg 10 minutes after the fireball event supposedly ended). The Pittsburgh airport control tower said there was something in their airspace several minutes later, i.e., again after the fireball had supposedly ended near Detroit. Project Blue Book files also had a dramatic eyewitness written report of a passenger on a Canadian airliner, a former RCAF pilot, south of Pittsburg near Kecksburg, seeing a bright UFO out his window in a direction opposite Detroit (to his east, not backward and to his northwest) going from horizontal flight into a rapid steep dive at an unbelievable rate. There was another newspaper report from Uniontown, PA, even further south, of a bright object north of the area appearing to head toward eastern suburbs of Uniontown (whereas sighting of a meteor diving steeply near Detroit should have been reported strictly to the northwest and headed straight into the ground, not seeming to fly to the east of Uniontown). There was a widely reported Army and military scientists/engineers search of the Kecksburg area prompted by 7 local eyewitnesses seeing something dive into the woods there. Printy again claims the reporters were confused by a small Air Force unit called out there (never noting, e.g., that one of the reporters, Bob Gatty from Greensburg, was raised in an Army family and was well aware of what Army uniforms looked like). And why would either the Army or Air Force be involved in the search for a suspected "meteorite"? Obviously they would be concerned about something else possibly crashing there.

6. Printy made many other foolish, false, and spurious claims. E.g., he claimed I deliberately didn't quote a passage from the JRASC authors (when I always had, questioning in detail it's accuracy--kind of hard to miss if he had actually bothered to read what I wrote). He falsely claimed I had never looked into the seismographic angle (I had years before Printy, contacting a NOAA expert, who informed me that data like sonic booms or explosions were typically thrown out of permanent records because they are considered artifactual seismic data--the Detroit area data point used in the JRASC article no longer exists either.)

In short, I feel Stan Friedman's frustration and pain dealing with a perpetually clueless and dishonest debunker like Printy. But fellow debunkers love to cite his stuff, being equally clueless as to just how vacuous it really is. Really, thinking

there are never any measurement errors by scientists or getting the direction of meteor exactly backwards does not speak highly of his "scientific" acumen, now does it?

David Rudiak

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Scientific Context Of The UFO/Abduction Phenomenon

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The Scientific Context Of The UFO/Abduction Phenomenon
By Don C. Donderi

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The purpose of this essay is to explain how to clarify the evidence for or against the reality of UFO abductions. Many workers in this field have modified the conventional meaning of both the word "reality" and the word "abduction." I do not accept these modifications. A UFO abduction, if it occurs, is a physical event. A person is taken aboard an extraterrestrial spacecraft and interacts with its crew. If this event is imagined, then it is not a physical event, it is an imaginary one. If the event happened before and it is being relived in the present, then it is a reexperiencing, not an abduction. There is nothing wrong with either imagining or memory as a description of human experience. A reexperiencing is clearly evidence for an earlier abduction, if it can be separated from an imagining, which is based on the incorporation of other people's experience (through conversation, books, or films) into one's own experience. But in no case is an imagining evidence of an abduction. By misusing the descriptive categories of language, and calling imaginings and reexperiencing "abduction reports," confusion is produced which can only bring the substantial evidence for the physical reality of UFO abductions into doubt.

The Abduction Report

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Tell NY To End Illegal Imprisonment

From: **John Ford Initiative** <johnfordinitiative.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 03 Apr 2012 08:15:55 -0400
Subject: Tell NY To End Illegal Imprisonment

Help Free John Ford Now - Tell New York To End The Illegal
Imprisonment Of U.S. Citizens in Psychiatric Centers

Date: April 1, 2012 - Sunday

The John Ford Initiative: Free John Ford Now
Office: (516) 690-4059
Email: johnfordinitiative.nul
Web: <http://ufoteacher.com/johnford>
Petition: <http://signon.org/sign/the-john-ford-initiative>

Attn: Letter to the Editor
RE: John Ford; Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you about the illegal, illegitimate and highly unethical imprisonment of John Ford, as we urgently need your help in exposing the matter to public awareness.

John Ford, chairman of Long Island UFO Network, was railroaded by the Suffolk County Government of New York for coming too close to revealing what has been widely known among residents as the illegal toxic waste dumping taking place in many parts of Suffolk County.

Perceived as a political threat to Suffolk County's bought-and-paid-for governing officials, John Ford had his civil liberties violated and stripped away in the blink of an eye while being falsely accused of the most unbelievable and far-fetched charges every invented by a District Attorney's office: the attempted poisoning and murder of Suffolk County politicians via the placement of small amounts of radium in their toothpaste.

Yes, you read it correctly. I suggest you read it again. Then start asking some questions of your own. Even if you could consider the D.A.'s charges with a straight face, it would take twenty to forty years for any such exposure to radium to have any effect whatsoever.

Targeted by a level of corruption that would put anyone in a state of utter shock and disgust, John Ford was accused of an utterly impossible crime he never committed, labeled mentally unfit to stand trial by a Suffolk County judge, and has been a political prisoner at the Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Center in New Hampton, New York, for the past sixteen years.

Imagine the last sixteen years of your life suddenly disappearing. All those wonderful experiences you enjoyed taken away from you in the blink of an eye. Illegally. Illegitimately. Never to return. How would it feel? What would you do to correct this extreme act of cruelty and injustice? What would you do to get your life back again?

Let's pause for a moment to let that sink in. You'd have to say it's cruel and unusual punishment by any stretch of the imagination, right? After all, we do have a constitution that prohibits that in this country, right? Sadly, when it comes to

the life of one John Ford, the answer is a resounding "NO"!

Ask any experienced psychologist or psychiatrist and they will tell you in no uncertain terms just how abnormal, highly absurd and unethical it truly is to be holding anyone for sixteen years in a psychiatric ward of any kind under these fabricated circumstances.

A coalition movement has already been formed called THE JOHN FORD INITIATIVE: Free John Ford Now. As mentioned earlier, we urgently need your help in exposing John Ford's plight to the American people. A petition has been created in conjunction with the coalition and we need signatures now! Here is the direct link for the petition:

<http://signon.org/sign/the-john-ford-initiative>

A fellow human being's life hangs in the balance as this directly affects everyone's civil liberties. Help free John Ford now. Please tell New York State to end the illegal, illegitimate and highly unethical imprisonment of John Ford today.

For more information about John Ford's story, please visit our central headquarters at:

<http://ufoteacher.com/johnford>

You'll find information, updates, interviews, links, documents and articles relating to The John Ford Initiative. Download them. Print them. Spread it around.

Make a donation to The John Ford Initiative. All proceeds from these donations are managed by Richardsmith.Co LLC and given directly to Andrea Risoli, attorney of record for John Ford to maintain funding for his legal fees and representation.

Remember. Sign the petition. Make a donation. Spread the word. We need to get this done. We need to Free John Ford Now!

Thank you for your time, interest and consideration on this highly critical and urgent matter. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Richard Smith, George Dickson and Peter Moon

CC: George Dickson, Peter Moon

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Re: Tell NY To End Illegal Imprisonment

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Apr 2012 17:56:06 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 04 Apr 2012 07:23:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Tell NY To End Illegal Imprisonment

Signed, sealed, and delivered.

Wouldn't a writ of Habeus Corpus free John Ford? He is being held without bail in a detention center. Their authority to hold someone may be legally constituted, but they have no valid REASON to hold him, thus making his detention illegal.

Can't his case first be appealed to a higher court? Has it been appealed?

Isn't this a case of "false imprisonment"?

Have other news media outlets been contacted? CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, Fox, MSNBC, CNBC? It would need to be approached from a non-UFO perspective.

Has anyone sued the authorities in Long Island?

What about approaching Bill Gates and saying something like, "Bill, Forget about Africa for a minute. What about helping your own countrymen? Charity begins at home. If it doesn't, we won't HAVE a home."

Has anyone written letters and contacted the media on Long Island to get the public stirred up and throw the rascals out?

Is impeachment of the public officials a possibility? How do you remove those officials from office? Can't they also be charged with a crime? Are they elected? When is the next election?

I'm not a lawyer or a rocket scientist, but this seems like a simple and obvious case. Why is John Ford still being held? Is a lack of money the main problem? Aren't there any lawyers willing to work on this in "Pro bono" mode (free)? A retired lawyer, perhaps? Is F Lee Bailey available?

Is something else going on here that we don't know about? Are they hiding something even worse than what Ford exposed? It sounds like John Ford struck a very sensitive nerve, or was about to do so.

Some of these questions might have been answered elsewhere. But this thing got me so incensed, I felt compelled to say something quickly. Hope it's not redundant or off the mark. Regardless, this is clearly a case of corruption and judicial malfeasance so enormous that it boggles the mind. "WHAT Statue of Liberty??"

John Ford MUST be freed - and paid handsomely for his unlawful incarceration.

Dave Morton

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Re: UFO Abduction Investigations

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 04 Apr 2012 07:36:01 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Abduction Investigations

>From: Jack Brewer <brewer.jack.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 Apr 2012 11:57:00 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: UFO Abduction Investigations

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2012 18:32:33 +0000
>>Archived: Wed, 28 Mar 2012 06:03:56 -0400
>>Subject: UFO Abduction Investigations

>>One of the most well known of these cases took place in Brazil
>>in 1988, in which a man had various body parts and organs
>>removed in a surgical fashion, leaving very little blood.

>><snip>

>>I don't necessarily agree with his summations, but thought some
>>of you might be interested in his take on the phenomenon.

>Your caution is in all likelihood most well advised. You and
>some readers might find it of interest that the 1988 Brazil case
>can be considered in some quite competently presented
>perspectives that contradict alleged alien involvement.

>Kentaro Mori was among those who explained specifically why much
>more evidence must be presented in order to reasonably suppose
>extraordinary explanations apply. Mori's work presents an
>alternative perspective to those such as promoted by Mr.
>Witkowski and may be viewed at:

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

My, my, Jack, it looks like the "original investigator" made up
a story without interviewing participants in the recovery of the
body.

Really, it doesn't bolster credibility of UFO
research/investigators deciding to make up stories.

The reality of being eaten alive by birds of prey and rats is
grizzly enough without fabricating ET/aliens.

KK

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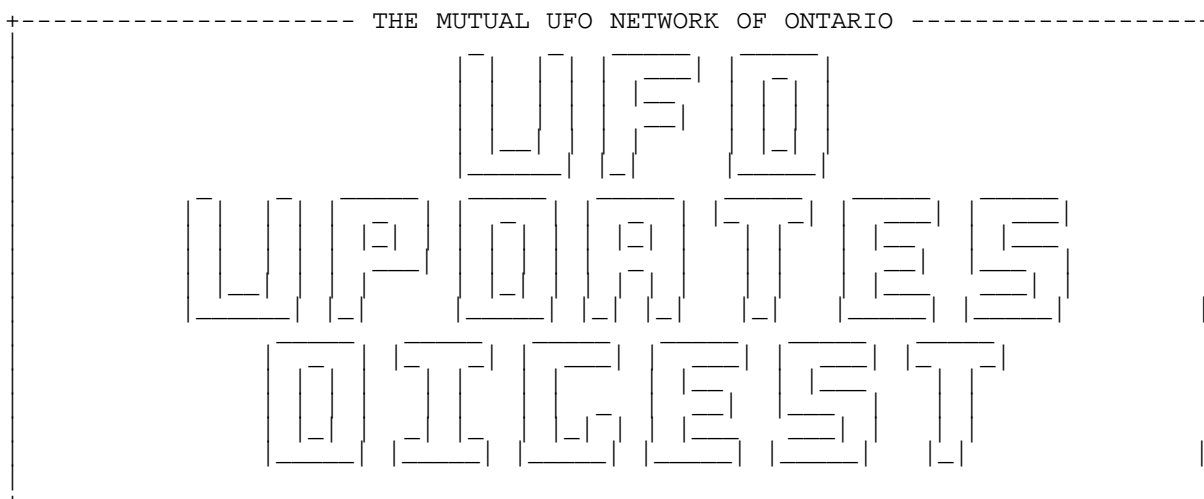
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Subject: Human Mutilations 1/2

Whilst some subscribers will previously have seen an article headed,

The Human Mutilation Factor, by Don Ecker, many subscribers will not and for that reason I have reproduced it here.

I would be interested to know if anyone can date this article.

[START]

The Human Mutilation Factor
by Don Ecker

In the last forty years of UFO research, one of the most baffling questions that have plagued researchers has been "Is the UFO Phenomenon dangerous to humanity?" Over the years, there have been numerous cases where the phenomenon has figured into human deaths, but as a rule, most cases have been officially ruled accidental. When speaking of cases where death has resulted, usually most assume cases where military pilots have died as a result of "chasing" the phenomenon. One of the most famous of these military chases that is discussed when ever the subject of death and UFOs is raised, is the famous "Mantell Case". This case is so well known that I will not discuss it here, but there are many others. In one of the less well known cases, during the mid 1950's, a military jet interceptor was observed on radar being "absorbed" into a UFO over the Great Lakes. No trace of pilot or aircraft was ever found. In another case reported in the excellent work "Clear Intent" was the case of the "Cuban MIG Incident". In this case a Cuban MIG was locking on his weapons radar when the aircraft exploded in mid*air. The wing man was certain that the UFO had fired some type of weapon, but other than the jet exploding, no other smoke, flame or other obvious weapon firing was observed.

The matter of either overt or covert hostility on the part of UFOs has always been treated warily by serious researchers. On the one hand, if the enigma is hostile, then several questions must be faced. What if anything should the powers in authority tell the public? Is the government capable of handling a threat of this type? Is the public ready to face an issue as potentially terrifying as a "possible threat from somewhere else?" Other than incidents involving military involvement, have there been cases where civilians have been injured or killed during some type of UFO encounter? Is it possible that the reported cases of UFOs and their occupants abducting unwilling humans for some type of medical or genetic experimentation could be true? Now, if any of this is factual, then what ramifications do the Human Race face in light of the above?

According to Mr. Phil Imbrogno, during the research that led to the writing of "NIGHT SIEGE The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings" by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Philip Imbrogno, and Bob Pratt, Imbrogno has stated that on several occasions, Hynek specified that he wanted no mention of the dozens of human abductions that they had already uncovered at that time, to be mentioned in the book. Hynek was afraid of the adverse publicity if word of this aspect leaked out to the public. After Hyneks death, Imbrogno stated publicly on Compuserve and other public forums, facts of abductions, animal mutilations, and EVEN several cases of mysterious deaths of humans, that he indicated COULD possibly be linked to the UFO Phenomenon.

While researching several stories for UFO Magazine, I interviewed a number of prominent UFOlogists, over the last several months, and in each case, the question of human deaths, in connection with animal mutilations, invariably was raised. Most readers of this text will be familiar with Mr. John Keel, who many regard as the last of the Great UFOlogists. From the earliest days of modern UFOlogy, Keel has been a force to reckon with. The author of numerous books that address various aspects of UFOlogy, and magazine articles too numerous to mention, Keel has a unique slant on the subject that most will never experience. According to Keel, the phenomenon has always had an unexplained hostility towards humans, that have led to untold numbers of deaths. While Keel will be the first to explain that he rejects the ET hypothesis, he does not doubt the phenomenon a bit. In what many UFOlogists consider as one of Keels best works "The Mothman Prophecies", E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc. 1975, Keel related report after report of animal mutilations involving cattle, dogs, horses and sheep, and also related what were called "vampire killings" of four humans in Yugoslavia, were the victims were "mutilated and drained of blood".

After having spoken to John Ford, the Chairman of the Long Island UFO Network, for a news story for UFO Magazine, I became even more convinced that the aspect of potential UFO hostility should be investigated. Ford relayed a numbing number of animal mutilations, human disappearances, human abductions, covert Federal involvement in areas that suffered high numbers of animal mutilations, and even armed

military helicopters that chased UFOs over civilian communities. Ford, who is a officer of the Federal Court system, did investigations into the disappearances of mostly young adults over a year period, in areas of high UFO overflights, and after having several personal friends who were police officers of the local municipalities look into the situation, came to the conclusion that the facts were being suppressed. The reason given was that there was "no need to panic the public." Although no iron clad proof can be made for direct UFO intervention, the circumstances are extremely suspect.

After growing up in an age where the entire human race can be decimated by nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, the human race somehow manages to keep slogging on. I have seen more people "panicked" over a shortage of gasoline than imminent nuclear holocaust, yet somehow when the subject of UFOs crop up, the government doesn't want to panic anyone. It really makes me wonder what they know, that I should. I really don't think that they are going to talk to anyone soon, as you shall soon see.

In January, 1989, it came to the attention of the MUFON State Director of Idaho, Mr. Don Mason, that cattle mutilations had occurred once again in the southeastern section of Idaho. After an investigation by a MUFON investigator, the facts were as follows. The animals (two cattle, same night, but each owned by different ranchers) were "somehow" killed, sexual organs removed, body fluids drained, patches of hide "surgically" removed. All the appearances of what is today considered to be a classic case of animal mutilation. As of this date (February 15, 1989) the final lab reports are not back yet, but already the Sheriffs Department has labeled it a "cult killing." No tracks, tire or human, around the animals even though it had just rained, no unusual activity reported by the ranchers that evening, and one animal was found next to an occupied house. One of the ranchers admitted that this was the second time he had been "hit" by the mysterious mutilators. The last incident had only been a bit over a year previously, and they were worried enough that all had their "deer rifle" within easy reach.

After having been personally involved in an investigation of cattle mutilations as a police officer back in 1982, I was very familiar with the "cult" theory of perpetrators. The Idaho Department of Law Enforcement drags it out every time there is a new rash of mutilations. The problem is, and every one is aware of it, that no one has yet been brought to trial, or arrested yet for these crimes. Out here in the west, people know that you are flirting with a ranchers bullet if you are caught fooling around with the ranchers cattle. They are his livelihood, and he will defend it. Yet, the mutilations keep occurring, and no one is any the wiser, or are they?

With the subject of animal mutilations fresh in everyones mind, I was once again speaking to Don Mason, when he informed me that the investigator that had been assigned to the above mentioned case had come across a very mysterious death of a man back in 1979. According to the report, two hunters in the Bliss and Jerome area of Idaho had literally stumbled across the nude body of a man that had been hideously mutilated. The body was in the literal middle of nowhere, nude except for a pair of underpants, his sexual organs had been removed, his lips sliced off, and several other classic mutilation cuts. Although he was in very rugged country, his bare feet were not marked as if he had walked in that terrain, but yet no other tracks, animal or human were evident anywhere. After the police were notified, an intensive search was mounted, and miles away, the mans possessions were recovered, yet no one yet knows how the body ended up where it was found, or even more importantly, what happened to him. It should be noted that this area also had over the years, many unexplained UFO reports and cattle mutilations.

Now I must explain that I had very mixed feelings about whether I wished to attempt to explore this subject any further, or allow sleeping dogs to lie. On the one hand, I wanted more than anything to discover just what was occurring, and on the other, I realized that this had the potential to backfire on someone that disturbed the status quo. I was familiar with reports of human abductions and mutilations that had surfaced in the last several years in reports such as the Lear documents, Grudge 13 reports and others, but yet I was not sure what I believed, or even if there was anything to believe. I ran across a friend that was still employed with a police department in this area who was a detective. I had mentioned to him the recent cattle mutilations, and what I suspected in the above mentioned case of a human that had been mutilated. Scot had also been involved in the last several years with several cases of mutilations that he had been called upon to investigate, always with negative results. He was as curious

about this phenomenon as I was, and since he was still an active duty police officer, he had access to the department computer, to access the NCIC system that is maintained in Washington D. C. by the FBI. After giving Scot the criteria for a search of unexplained human deaths, that involved factors of mutilation, I asked that the search go back to at least 1973, involving this area of the Northwest. Scot (not his real name) ran the request through the department computer. As he mentioned at the time, he had expected to get realms of reports back that we would have to wade through, to get to the reports that would be are further study. Scot ended up requesting that the inquiry be run back to 1970, and involve not only Idaho, but also Utah, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington states. Because of the magnitude of this search, Scot stated that it would take about one week to get the results back into his department. As a side note, for anyone that is not familiar with the NCIC system, it is a national data bank for Law enforcement agencies all across the United States. It is maintained and controlled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at FBI headquarters, in Washington D. C. On the 14th of February, Scot contacted me in person, and appeared very troubled. His exact words were that "something is really screwy, Don." "I got the request back from NCIC on Monday, and there has gotta be something wrong. They told me that they had NO unsolved murders at all, zero, that met that criteria. THAT ANY FURTHER REQUESTS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY VOICE, TELEPHONE CALL, WITH PROPER AUTHORIZATION. Somebody is sitting on something, big as Hell." I also knew that something was as screwy as hell. After all, anybody that has had any dealing with law enforcement knows about the "Green River Killer" in Washington state. This serial killer is credited with at least 30 to 40 murders of young women, and to this date, the case is as big a mystery as ever. Many of the killings showed some types of mutilation, and if nothing else, at least some of these homicides should have shown up.

Once more, as a side note, I had been warned by a prominent UFOlogist, that there was a lid "screwed down tighter than you would believe in regards to human mutes." I also was warned that in order to break through the secrecy, was going to be a long and sometimes weary job, but that if enough persistence was applied, then it was possible to get to the bottom of this facet of the UFO enigma. Do I think that this can be solved, along with the rest of the puzzle? Yes, I do, because I think that the secrecy can only be maintained for so long, and then no longer. I also believe very strongly that only if the entire UFO community works in concert will this be accomplished, and the infighting and arguments MUST CEASE for the good of us all.

On the ParaNet system and on Compuserve, I wrote and uploaded a file entitled LIGHT.TXT, and in UFO Magazine Vol. 3, No. 5 I called for a UFO summit to be held in order to get the UFO community organized and to present a unified front. Only by a unified front, and calling for Congressional hearings, will this lid ever get torn off, and the truth that is suppressed be brought to the light of day. Any help from the members will be greatly appreciated, and I can be reached at ParaNet RHO at the following number: 1)208)338)9187. Also I can be reached on Compuserve by EMail, and my user number is: 74270,3360. Anyone with ANY INFORMATION is requested to contact me at the above addresses as soon as possible. The secrecy game has gone on long enough. It is past time to get to the bottom of this. Forty years IS LONG ENOUGH.

Don Ecker
[END]

The mention of Don's article was prompted by some private e-mail I recently received:

"Just saw your note on early Cattle Mutilations.

An interesting note here in the US. The FBI crime data net now classifies all cases of Human Mutilations that have been found. Last couple years a number of bodies have been found that fit into the methodology of the cattle deaths. If you ask for data as a police agency, you are immediately investigated and warned not to touch this subject or again request data.

Makes you wonder?"

Can anyone possibly confirm these claims or add anything at all to this.

Cheers,

James

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Re: Printy 'Science' & Kecksberg

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Apr 2012 04:57:18 -0400
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Subject: Re: Printy 'Science' & Kecksberg

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 02 Apr 2012 14:36:21 -0700
>Subject: Printy 'Science' & Kecksberg

>[was: Debunkers Irrational Uninformed And Ignorant]

>>Source: Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles

>><http://tinyurl.com/7sest3t>

>snip>

>>UFO Debunkers: Irrational, Uninformed And Ignorant
>>Stanton T Friedman

>>In early February, 2012, Andre Skondras, who distributes many
>>interesting UFO articles on the internet, carried a 15 page 2008
>>article by Tim Printy entitled The UFO Disclosure Myth; I am a
>>primary target of the last portion of the article. I also found
>>his paper My Skeptical Opinion about UFOs. Clearly he is a
>>debunker not a skeptic. He seems to know very little though he
>>has strong opinions.

>Ah yes, Tim Printy, the Sarah Palin of Ufology, indeed
>irrational, uniformed, and ignorant. He thinks he knows much
>more than he really does, claims to be the defender of "science"
>But like a lot of debunkers, he is more of a science wannabe who
>thinks he knows what "science" is about, but hasn't a clue about
>>true scientific argumentation. Printy never really had any
>formal scientific education. Unlike Stan or me, or many others
>in this crazy field, Printy has zero college science degrees.
>Just remember that whenever you read Printy ranting about how
>sancrosanct "science" is and how supposedly pseudoscientific
>Ufologists like Stan or me are.

>According to a bio he once did on himself, he has only a high
>school diploma before putting in for (as I remember) a 20 year
>stint in the Navy as a tech on a nuclear submarine. Nothing
>wrong with that, of course, but it doesn't somehow make one a
>"scientist" any more than being an auto mechanic makes you a
>scientist. Nonetheless, that and being a long-time amateur
>astronomer, apparently makes Printy think he is a scientific
>genius, even though he bungles just about every argument he
>makes because he usually 1) doesn't get his basic facts right or
>just makes them up or omits/dismisses inconvenient ones, or 2)
>doesn't even comprehend what the argument is about. Printy is
>bombastic in his writing style and knows just barely enough to
>make him sound superficially authoritative, but when you analyze
>his arguments, they almost invariably turn out to be total
>rubbish.

<snip>

Hello David, Stan and List.

With all due respect, you seem to confuse academic credits and
scientific credibility.

Science is an attitude, a way of thinking, As it has been long demonstrated, science is not necessarily what scientists do.

What scientists do, most of the time, is uncritically parroting their establishment in order to gain position and research grants.

Period.

Btw, the obviously un-scientific lack of interest in the UFO subject by the "scientific" community lies simply in the lack of money invested by the powers that be.

To paraphrase the film Field Of Dreams: "put money into it and they will come."

We could get in a very long argument about the merits of good science and the contemporary pitfalls and failures of official "science".

What distinguishes guys like yourself, or Friedman or that piano player - ah yes, Maccabee - from the rest of the pack is that you want to know.

The others? They want the cash and they couldn't care less about their own mediocrity.

One can argue that all scientists are not like that.

I'll grant you that much.

But, most of the time, at the end of the day, it is first about party line, then big money.

The party line comes first.

Vincent Boudreau

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Re: Exeter Case 'Solved'

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>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 Mar 2012 14:58:54 -0700
>Subject: Re: Exeter Case 'Solved'

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2012 11:37:30 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Exeter Case 'Solved'

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2012 13:43:13 -0300
>>>Subject: Exeter Case 'Solved'

>>>Apparently those super-sleuths James McGaha and Joe Knickell
>>>from the Skeptical Enquirer have solved the Exeter case.

>>>Apparently the 60 to 100 foot wide, blood-red object that
>>>eighteen-year-old Norman Muscarello and Police Officer Eugene
>>>Bertrand saw arising from the trees a few hundred feet away
>>>can
>>>be easily explained by the director lights on a refuelling
>>>tanker at twenty thousand feet.

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>>>Source: CSICOP.Org

>>><http://tinyurl.com/6npl5qx>

>>>November/December 2011

>>>Special Report
>>>James McGaha and Joe Nickell
>>>Volume 35.6, November/December 2011

>Martin, et al,

>I vaguely remember hearing about the McGaha/Nickell article,
>when it was first published, but today was the first time I took
>the time to read it. I'm sorry I wasted the time necessary to do
>so!

>The contents of the article make it, in my opinion, little more
>than a classic disinformation piece, hardly worth the time to
>read it, and certainly not worth the time to write a long,
>detailed analysis of the many flaws, oversights, and omissions
>the article exhibits.

I answered Peter's post and Don's response on another List
without realising they had also been posted to this list (I've
been travelling and not receiving mails properly) so I ought to
quote here what I said there:

I sympathise with Peter's feeling that my critique of N & McG is
"not worth the time" but I disagree insofar as others have
considered N & McG's effort of sufficient interest to cite it. I

also disagree with the implication that Peter's own list of refutations is a waste of his and our time. I think it's always important to challenge influential tosh. And I think it's always valuable to test theories by examining limit cases in a quantitative way if possible because this puts a back-stop behind possible interpretations of "soft" testimony that people like N & McG may want to try to exploit. Buty I'm travelling at the moment and don't have the time to justify this rationale in any detail. Suffice to say that Tim Printy found my critique of sufficient interest that he proposes to link to it in a forthcoming SunLite as counterbalance to his mention the N & McG "solution".

>The notion that the lights seen by the
>three witnesses were some type of "marker lights" on a piston-
>driven military transport aircraft is the pinnacle of
>absurdity!! It seems clear from the article that neither of the
>two writers ever interviewed any of the witnesses to the event,
>or those who were involved in its investigation. McGaha may have
>been too young, at the time; Nickell may already have left for
>Canada, during his draft-dodging stint up north, at the time the
>incident occurred.

Interviewing witnesses is a valuable part of case investigation but does not absolve the rest of us (or the interviewer) from the responsibility for analysing and evaluating objectively the information collected, and this is the ongoing part of the investigation where theories are tested. There is nothing whatever wrong with N & McG testing a theory in 2011 against original information collected by someone else in 1965. This is a very respectable and valuable part of the process and ought not to be sneered at, as those who were "there" often tend to do. What N & McG did wrong was fail to get a grasp of the information collected in 1965 and then fail to apply sufficient care to their theory testing. That's why they made a pig's ear of it, not because they didn't interview anyone (and note that re interviewing decades after the event, even had that been possible or practical, would have been guaranteed merely to dump a ton of mud into waters already less than perfectly limpid.)

<snip>

>There are many flaws and oversights in the McGaha/Nickell
>article, but let me address a few, which I hope will lay the
>issue to rest, once and for all:

>"When Muscarello burst into the office of the Exeter Police
>Department, Desk Officer Reginald Toland was concerned for
>Muscarello's welfare, given Muscarello's disheveled appearance.
>Muscarello had mud-stained clothing, and I believe that he
>appeared to have mild laceration wounds to his arms, which may
>have been bleeding. It was, in part, predicated on Muscarello's
>appearance that caused Officer Toland to radio to the
>department's two patrol cars, at the time being driven by
>Officers Hunt and Bertrand, that there was an individual in the
>Exeter Police Station, who was claiming to have been followed,
>and approached, by a flying saucer."

>The mud and lacerations were the result of Muscarello's having
>dived under a bush alongside the road he was walking on, in
>attempt to get away from, and conceal himself from, the object.
>Muscarello reported to me that when he hid under the bush, the
>object slowly moved above him, it seemed to tip forward, and it
>suddenly illuminated him brightly with what he said was the
>brightest light he had ever seen. He stated that it "seemed to
>hit its high beams." Hardly the result of "marker lights" on a
>transport aircraft at altitude!

Unfortunately, Muscarello's evident fear and alarm are only suggestive. Strictly speaking they prove nothing about what he saw, even if they do tell us something about what he thought he saw. It is relevant secondary evidence, but not strong primary evidence that would over-rule facts suggestive of a KC-97 for example (if there were such facts).

The uncomfortable truth is that witnesses to mundane phenomena have often had strong, even extreme psychological reactions. For an example anyone can check from a respected CUFOS source, look at the phrases used by witnesses in Hendry's UFO Handbook, The IFO Message, p.99-100, where people are scared, crying, screaming. shaking. shouting, praying and running their cars off

the road etc because of sighting advertising planes, stars, Venus etc.

>"Officers Bertrand and Hunt accompanied Muscarello into a >triangular-shaped field, over which Muscarello had last seen the >mysterious, disc-shaped object. As they were walking back to the >two police cruisers, the three of them suddenly were illuminated >from behind. They quickly whirled around to face the source of >the light, and witnessed a craft that apparently had risen from >behind a knoll, or from behind a row of trees, in the distant >corner of the field. Officer Bertrand reported to me that during >the first few moments that they were being illuminated from >behind, he noticed that the shadows that were being cast ahead >of the three witnesses were visibly getting shorter, so he knew >that the object behind them was either rising, and/or getting >closer to them. It was at that moment of panic that he whirled >around to face the source of the light, during which time he >moved to un-holster his sidearm. Seeing Bertrand act to draw his >sidearm, Officer Hunt cautioned Bertrand not to brandish his >weapon at the object, a recommendation that Bertrand consented >to, and he returned the sidearm to its holster."

This detail of the shortening shadows on the red-lit ground is a good example of a very impressive circumstantial detail which, if completely reliable, would be of itself sufficient to exclude the high-altitude B-47s/KC-97 type of explanation as a class. But it would not seriously dent a case based on other facts suggestive of a B-47/KC-97 lighting (if there were such facts) because again it can be argued that experience proves witness accounts of an exciting event are often more colourful than the truth (were it known) would sanction, therefore it is not a proof.

The best qualitative defence against this type of counter-argument is always to go to the earliest available record in the witness's own written or spoken words, or the earliest signed statement. In this case the NICAP forms in the file which were completed and signed by Bertrand and Hunt on Sept 11 1965 (the day after Peter's interview) do not refer to any illumination of the surroundings at all. Neither do the short narrative witness statements in the file by Bertrand, Hunt and Muscarello. But these are not dated. Other early sources such as newspaper articles, sometimes claiming to be (like Peter's) based on interviews and/or direct quotation, do refer to the brightness of the lights lighting up the field and buildings, but I have not yet found any other very early primary source that records the shortening shadows in Bertrand's or Muscarello's or Hunt's own words.

Now I personally find it impressive that Bertrand gave this detail to Peter within about a week of the event, and had I been in Peter's situation hearing it from the officer's own lips no doubt I would have been even more impressed. Still, for purposes of combating a strongly sceptical argument it would be reassuring to have this striking observational detail consistently recorded in Bertrand's own original written words, and we don't have it. This leaves the detail vulnerable to the criticism that Bertrand, like any of us in similar circumstances, might have felt the temptation to elaborate his memory a little in the ensuing days. Of course there is no proof that this is so, but it something that we know people do, and a determined cynic could take refuge in this fact in order to claim that the detail weighs little in the balance against other facts suggestive of B-47/KC-97 lighting (if there were such facts).

This is why it is valuable to test the N & McG theory in its quantitative limits. If the facts and arguments supposedly suggestive of B-47/KC-97 lighting can be shown to fail on grounds of gross internal logical and physical inconsistency, then the theory no longer has weight in the balance, and the qualitative details such as those highlighted by Peter then become more interesting. IMO this type of approach pours the proper foundations to take the weight of a case for an 'unknown' whereas merely re-echoing witness claims will never do this.

>NOTE: One contributor to the list has suggested that Bertrand >had served in the U. S. Air Force, but my recollection of >Bertrand's military service record is different. During my >interview of Bertrand, he informed me that he had served with >the U. S. Marines, and that he had served in Korea during the

>Korean conflict. Had he said that he had served in the U. S. Air
>Force, I believe I would have made a clear mental note of that
>fact, given that at ages 14 and 15 years (1962-63), I had lived
>with a U. S. Air Force family in Ethiopia.

I raised this issue in my original post as follows:

'It is not irrelevant, either, that Officer Bertrand had 4 years in the Air Force working on "refuelling operations with aircraft of all types" (letter) although it is not exactly clear what this means. Bertrand's experience with KC-97's is mentioned specifically by Fuller, who described Bertrand as "an Air Force veteran during the Korean war, with air-to-air refuelling experience on KC-97 tankers" (p.10). But Bertrand talks about working "right on the ramp with the planes" (p.58) suggesting perhaps that his experience was not of refuelling by KC-97s in the air but refuelling (and perhaps other maintenance) of KC-97s and "aircraft of all types" on the ground. Howsoever, such experience does count for something in this particular case.'

It doesn't seem to me that Peter's recollection clarifies this satisfactorily.

>The three of the witnesses then proceeded to the two cruisers,
>where they stood for an estimated 8-10 minutes, while watching
>the object dart around the adjacent field, and over nearby
>houses.

>"During my interview of Bertrand, he commented that the object
>occasionally moved so rapidly and abruptly that the human eye
>could not track it. It would drift slowly and silently for a
>short period of time, and then suddenly "jump" across the field
>and appear almost spontaneously in another location. Obviously,
>a KC-97 is not capable of such movement.

This is an inadequate objection as it stands, since the human eye/brain combination is capable of suggesting the impression of erratic jumping motion even when the true motion is a steady angular translation, and experience shows that this is especially likely to occur with flashing light sources in a dark sky. Any investigator or any skywatcher who has ever tracked an aircraft strobe with the naked eye at night will know this illusion. It is not possible to sink this counter-objection merely with qualitative witness statements, because we know that witnesses can and do describe such illusory motions in a similar way when the object is a misidentified aircraft.

Again, check Hendry, UFO Handbook, p.95, 'The IFO Message', case numbers 628, 788, 1109, 1144 involving identified advertising planes (Ad Airlines and others) and Air National Guard planes. These planes "stopped", made "angles that an aircraft can't make", threatened to crash into trees, jumped "straight up" and in one case identified as a formation of three Cessnas at 2,500 ft the object seemed to "suddenly whip across the road over the woods".

This does not mean that Muscarello, Bertrand and Hunt saw a plane or planes, but it does mean that you cannot robustly argue that their reported impressions of erratic motion rule out the possibility. To start to do that you need to go beyond words and impressions and extract some implied numbers to set physical limits.

>The object hovered over a one of the houses nearby, exhibiting
>a peculiar pattern to its flashing lights. Officer Bertrand
>described to me in detail how four of the five lights on the
>near edge of the craft would be illuminated, while only one of
>the lights would be extinguished, and that the extinguished
>light would cycle back and forth along the near edge of the
>craft."

It is interesting that Bertrand described this to you in such detail, Peter, because it is frustratingly inconsistent with what the same officer wrote in his statement in the Air Force file. There he said the exact opposite. Instead of one light being off at a time he said that they "flashed on one at a time", matching Muscarello's claim on his own statement in the same BB file to the effect that "only one light would be on at a time. They were pulsating 12345 54321".

>"Hunt, Bertrand, and Muscarello were aware of nearby horses

>making a ruckus, and those horses, I was informed by Peter
>Geremia, ultimately broke through the corral fence. I did not
>know that the horses had escaped their corral, at the time I
>interviewed the witnesses, and I did not interview the owners of
>the animals, as I recall. I seem to recall that they were not at
>home when I knocked on their door. I was never able to reach
>them for an interview, is my recollection."

Again this is interesting but inconclusive because we all know that animal reactions have been reported in IFO cases. To cite CUFOS's Hendry again, he illustrates this (p.163) with ten IFO cases identified mainly as ad planes and other aircraft plus a scintillating star or two, where witnesses reported the object caused noise and distress from animals including dogs, cows, chickens, cats and a parakeet.

>I could cite a number of other significant 'diversions' from
>known fact about this case, which appear in the article by
>McGaha and Nickell, but I believe the points I have made above
>should be sufficient to illustrate just how misdirected their
>article is. It is clear that they did not conduct any primary
>investigation of the incident, and that their representations in
>the article are little more than conjecture. Their approach to
>the case is to create a seemingly plausible scenario, which
>ignores the bulk of the facts that are known about the incident.
>God only knows what their motivation may be, but it is difficult
>for me to imagine that two people would write such a foolish
>piece, if there were not some concealed agenda to their actions.

The Nickell and McGaha case is weak because it relies only on qualitative witness statements that can be made to sound similar to some aspects of their suggested KC-97 tanker lights. This is a very loose and lazy procedure that impresses the type of person who is impressed by loose similarities and qualitative arguments and who sniffs at detailed quantitative and physically-based analysis. We ought to try to do better, not flounder around mud-wrestling in the same pit of qualitative ambiguity where both combatants are covered in the same crap and no person of sense will ever be able to see who is winning.

IMO a rudimentary check on the implied numbers and fine detail of the N & MCG scenario is a more effective proof that it is insupportable.

Martin

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The New Religion Of Space Exploration

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The Holy Cosmos: The New Religion Of Space Exploration
Ross Andersen

Carl Sagan and Neil deGrasse Tyson are high priests, astronauts are like saints that ascend into heaven, and extraterrestrials are as gods - benevolent, wise, and capable of manipulating space and time.

Think about how you feel when you see the Earth from space or the Apollo astronauts walking on the moon. These images are achievements of science, sure, but they also have a religious feel to them; they tug at something deeper than engineering, something sublime. When viewed as a whole, space exploration has a lot in common with religion. It offers us a salvation narrative, for instance, whereby we put our faith in technology in order to be delivered to new worlds. Its priests, figures like Neil deGrasse Tyson, extoll its virtues in what sound like sermons. In its iconography, astronauts are like saints that ascend into heaven and extraterrestrials are like gods - benevolent, kind, wise, capable of manipulating space and time.

This idea of seeing space exploration as a religion has a long history, dating back to the Russians of the early twentieth century, many of whom self-identified as "Cosmists". From there it migrated to German rocket scientists like Werner von Braun, who took his ideas about space travel to America after the Second World War. Americans were slow to warm to space exploration. They saw it as a fantasy, but that changed as Americans began to regard technology with a new reverence in the postwar period. Today Americans are the most fervent Cosmists on the planet, even if manned space exploration seems to have stalled for the time being.

Albert Harrison, a professor of psychology at U.C. Davis, has been working on the psychology of space exploration since the 1970's, when he did research for NASA about the psychological effects of long-term space travel. Harrison was kind enough to send me a chapter of his forthcoming book about Cosmism, and the complex psychological motivations that underlie space exploration. What follows is our conversation about the past, present and future of space exploration as a religious quest.

In What Ways Does Cosmism Resemble A Religion?

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

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PRG Update - April 3, 2012

From: **Paradigm Research Group** <PRG.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Apr 2012 13:54:17 -0700
Archived: Wed, 04 Apr 2012 08:22:07 -0400
Subject: PRG Update - April 3, 2012

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - April 3, 2012

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www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Press_Releases/Updates.html

Facebook Pages

PRG
www.facebook.com/pages/Paradigm-Research-Group-PRG/171965026174033

Exopolitics World Network

www.facebook.com/groups/EWNEUSN/

World Disclosure Day

www.facebook.com/WorldDisclosureDay

PRG Northern California/Oregon Speaking Schedule

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/speaking&eventschedule.html

PRG ex. director Stephen Bassett will be presenting at these venues in April.

April 11 - (14th)15 - Sonoma, CA
Sonoma International Film Festival - Speaker/Panelist

www.sonomafilmfest.org

April 17 - Craneway Center, Richmond, CA
United Earth Networks Offices - Lecture
Living Directory Network Event

www.favors.org/display/events.php?login_group=FF

April 20 - Meese Auditorium, Ashland, OR
Southern Oregon University - Lecture

<http://tinyurl.com/6p6lj6n>

April 22 - Novato, CA
RAHM Event - Lecture

April 27 (28) (29) - San Francisco, CA
New Living Expo - Speaker/Panelist

<http://tinyurl.com/78ph99v>

Disclosure Petition III - Nuclear Weapons Tampering

<http://wh.gov/ngu>

www.disclosurepetition.info

The third Disclosure petition will remain up on the White House website until April 24 drawing attention to significant evidence the White House has stated doesn't exist.

International Exopolitics Conferences Upcoming 2012

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/conferences.html

Erica, Chile - April 28

Prague, Czech Republic - May 11-13

Cubatao, Brazil (Sao Paulo) - June 15-17 (PRG presenting)

Adelaide, Australia - June 18-19

Note: another conference is in development for Quito, Ecuador

Disclosure Petition at Change.org

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

A basic version of Disclosure Petition I now resides at change.org where it can collect signatures for one year.

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Sighting In Sweden 2012 + Analysis

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Date: Wed, 04 Apr 2012 08:37:30 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Apr 2012 08:37:30 -0400
Subject: Sighting In Sweden 2012 + Analysis

Source: YouTube.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/cy78uyv>

Feb 19, 2012

UFO Sighting In Sweden 2012

In february, my cousin was out driving ATV with his sister when suddenly he saw something strange in the sky. I have no idea what it could be but i want to share it with all of you.

Video analysis at YouTube:

Expert Analysis UFO Sighting In Sweden 2012

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tuUsN9igi3M>

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The Demise Of International UFO Reporter

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Apr 2012 08:54:15 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Apr 2012 08:54:15 -0400
Subject: The Demise Of International UFO Reporter

Source: Kevin Randle's A Different Perspective Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/6vwq8vk>

Monday, April 02, 2012

The Demise Of International UFO Reporter

Today brings sad news. The International UFO Reporter, the publication of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies has ceased publishing an ink and paper edition of the magazine. Volume 34, Number 2, the March 2012 issue is the last.

Mark Rodeghier, the scientific director of the Center, wrote that they had noted in recent years that many long time and respected UFO groups have closed. He mentioned SOBEPS in Belgium as one that had "produced a quality publication and did good work," but that didn't keep them safe from a decline in public interest.

Rodeghier wrote,

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Apr 2012 08:57:44 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Apr 2012 08:57:44 -0400
Subject: Mack Brazel/Walt Whitmore Roswell Interview

Source: Kevin Randle's A Different Perspective Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/7jlb5m5>

Tuesday, April 03, 2012

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Re: Mack Brazel/Walt Whitmore Roswell Interview

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Apr 2012 08:35:59 -0500
Archived: Wed, 04 Apr 2012 10:06:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Mack Brazel/Walt Whitmore Roswell Interview

On Apr 4, 2012, at 7:57 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>Source: Kevin Randle's A Different Perspective Blog

><http://tinyurl.com/7jlb5m5>

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I believe this is the same individual who, under a different
name, has made dubious - well, to be blunt about it, false -
claims in the past about his personal involvement in a
crash/retrieval case. I would say he's not worth anybody's time.

Jerry Clark

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Official Uruguayan & Chilean Co-Operation Agreement

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Apr 2012 09:47:02 -0300
Archived: Wed, 04 Apr 2012 10:19:10 -0400
Subject: Official Uruguayan & Chilean Co-Operation Agreement

Dear Readers:

I was expecting to see something about it circulate here, but it didn't so far.

Sometimes I find it very odd that very important matters regarding South American Ufology (or Ufology from anywhere else other than US and Canada, specially) do not circulate here, or aren't discussed when they do.

Well, the big thing happening in South American Ufology this time is something really remarkable and can't go un-reported here.

As of last Sunday, the two major and oldest official UFO research organizations in South American, one from Uruguay (founded in 1979) and other from Chile (founded on 1997), have decided to establish a cooperation agreement to work together to both investigate new cases, to evaluate new and old cases and to promote Ufology in general among the scientific community of all South America, but, of course, concentrated in both countries.

The organizations involved are Uruguayan Air Force (FAU)'s Comision Receptadora y Investigadora de Denuncias de Objetos Voladores No Identificados (Cridovni) and Chilean Civilian Aviation Department's Centro de Estudios de Fenomenos Aereos Anomalos (CEFAA). Both were represented in this agreement by several of their members and the document was signed by Uruguayan Coronel Ariel Sanchez and Chilean General Ricardo Bermudez.

It has to be noted that Cridovni has been working uninterruptedly as the official Uruguayan committee of UFO research since 1979, just a few years after France have declared the creation of an organization with the same purpose, as you all know. Uruguay, however, is a much smaller country and has only a fraction of French's economy, and yet their military do a really great job.

I have interviewed Uruguayan Coronel Sanchez in November 2010 and published the result in almost 30 pages of the Brazilian UFO Magazine, editions # 185 and # 186, just recently, and you can find the complete interview at this address - as a .pdf - to evaluate how dedicated the Uruguayan military are in dealing with the UFO subject, with no skepticism:

<http://tinyurl.com/8axggcs>

Later in April I will also interview Chilean General Bermudez, the head of CEFAA, in Santiago. I will post the result here as well. The magazine editions that carry the Coronel Sanchez interview can be found (in Portuguese) here:

<http://www.ufo.com.br/edicoes/ufo/ver/185>

<http://www.ufo.com.br/edicoes/ufo/ver/186>

When in the Ufology history have we seen such happening as the described? Two official UFO research organizations, from

different countries and that take the alien presence on Earth very seriously, joining forces in an international cooperation effort. The Worldwide Ufology should be made aware of that.

By the way, our next interviewee is doctor David Jacobs, also in two editions, # 187 and # 188 (yet to be released). Check out UFO # 187 here:

<http://www.ufo.com.br/edicoes/ufo/ver/187>

Cheers.

A. J. Gevaerd
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Re: Printy 'Science' & Kecksberg

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Apr 2012 12:14:26 -0300
Archived: Thu, 05 Apr 2012 08:19:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Printy 'Science' & Kecksberg

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Mon, 02 Apr 2012 14:36:21 -0700
>Subject: Printy 'Science' & Kecksberg

>[was: Debunkers Irrational Uninformed And Ignorant]

>>Source: Frank Warren's UFO Chronicles

>><http://tinyurl.com/7sest3t>

>snip>

>>UFO Debunkers: Irrational, Uninformed And Ignorant
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>But like a lot of debunkers, he is more of a science wannabe who
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>in this crazy field, Printy has zero college science degrees.
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>sancrosanct "science" is and how supposedly pseudoscientific
>Ufologists like Stan or me are.

>According to a bio he once did on himself, he has only a high
>school diploma before putting in for (as I remember) a 20 year
>stint in the Navy as a tech on a nuclear submarine. Nothing
>wrong with that, of course, but it doesn't somehow make one a
>"scientist" any more than being an auto mechanic makes you a
>scientist. Nonetheless, that and being a long-time amateur
>astronomer, apparently makes Printy think he is a scientific
>genius, even though he bungles just about every argument he
>makes because he usually 1) doesn't get his basic facts right or
>just makes them up or omits/dismisses inconvenient ones, or 2)
>doesn't even comprehend what the argument is about. Printy is
>bombastic in his writing style and knows just barely enough to
>make him sound superficially authoritative, but when you analyze
>his arguments, they almost invariably turn out to be total
>rubbish.

<snip>

I hardly think that anyone would call Printy a scientist, and he certainly lacks any investigative skills. Printy is nothing more than a shill for the debunkers out there that aren't interested in facts but would rather make proclamations and follow the

mantra and drop holus bolus large portions of reports to meet their own criteria.

I don't see how anyone could be fooled by Printy's observations after they've read a full case report. Another example of this type of thinking was the Knickell/McGaha report re the Exeter Incident.

Don Ledger

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>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: post.nul
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>Subject: Re: Printy 'Science' & Kecksberg

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>With all due respect, you seem to confuse academic credits and
>scientific credibility.

>Science is an attitude, a way of thinking, As it has been long
>demonstrated, science is not necessarily what scientists do.

>What scientists do, most of the time, is uncritically parroting
>their establishment in order to gain position and research
>grants.

<snip>

>One can argue that all scientists are not like that.
>I'll grant you that much.

>But, most of the time, at the end of the day, it is first about
>party line, then big money. The party line comes first.

Printy got all huffy and attacked me for daring to criticize a
"science" paper he and other pseudo-skeptics use to debunk the
Kecksburg incident, a 1967 article in the J. of the Royal
Astronomical Society of Canada. (JRASC)

But I've read hundreds and hundreds of science papers and this was not a very good one, with a lot of flawed methodology and hidden assumptions. One thing you learn reading science papers is to examine the "methods" section very carefully, because if the methods are flawed or based on weak assumptions, the results are often questionable. Another thing you learn reading science papers is that mistakes or bad assumptions are quite common. Scientists are not the perfect gods Printy treats them as. No paper is above criticism, in fact in real science circles, fellow scientists often severely criticize the flaws in the work of others.

In this case the authors were claiming a highly precise quantitative result (a singular fireball trajectory), with absolutely no error analysis. They shouldn't have gotten away with that if the referees were doing their jobs properly. But Canada is a small country, I doubt there were more than a few dozen professional astronomers total in the whole country, and they probably all knew one another quite well. Thus their research grants and tenure depend on the good-will of the other astronomers. This can create a "good old boy" system of patronage where the referees might have been unwilling to criticize or send the paper back for needed revision. So maybe the party line at work, as you say.

But I think even non-scientists realize there is no such thing as perfect measurement. Yet Printy was practically hysterical that I criticized the lack of error analysis or demonstrated that extremely tiny errors in their measurements could have created a drastically different trajectory, including many consistent with the fireball heading in the direction of Kecksburg.

There were two other very odd things with the JRASC paper. It was "Part I" of a two-part article, they referenced "Part II" that was to follow which dealt with the 66 eyewitness reports that had been collected, yet "Part II" was never published. So to get into a conspiratorial mindset, the question is why not? Did the eyewitness reports conflict with the "perfect", non-Kecksburg trajectory of "Part I" and was therefore suppressed? Or was something much more boring at work, like the authors of "Part II" never finishing their paper as planned?

Finally, they do mention the duration estimates of all the eyewitnesses as being mostly 3 to 4 seconds, but then used a bizarre duration "average" of only two witnesses (did you know the "average" of 1 sec plus 4 sec equals "2" seconds?) to get a typical meteor speed, instead of using the real, much longer duration of all the eyewitnesses, which would have resulted in a much lower speed like than expected of a re-entering space object.

So again, was there some sort of cover-up at work here? They couldn't have thought that using wildly different duration estimates of only two witnesses would be better than averaging all 66 data points. But that wouldn't have given a meteor speed, but something much slower. And maybe they couldn't accept that, or they realized the implications (reentering space object) and decided or were directed to suppress that information.

I will of course be accused of conspiracy theory, but 'non-conspiratorial' mindsets then have the burden to explain such a botched analysis and elimination of critical data.

So Vince, maybe you are right. In the end it wasn't about following the real facts to their logical conclusion, which is what science is supposed to be about, but toeing the party line.

David Rudiak

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From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Wed, 4 Apr 2012 12:47:33 -0700
Archived: Thu, 05 Apr 2012 08:31:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Exeter Case 'Solved'

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 4 Apr 2012 12:41:30 +0100
>Subject: Re: Exeter Case 'Solved'

>>From: Peter Davenport <director.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 30 Mar 2012 14:58:54 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Exeter Case 'Solved'

<snip>

>>Martin, et al,

>>I vaguely remember hearing about the McGaha/Nickell article,
>>when it was first published, but today was the first time I took
>>the time to read it. I'm sorry I wasted the time necessary to do
>>so!

>>The contents of the article make it, in my opinion, little more
>>than a classic disinformation piece, hardly worth the time to
>>read it, and certainly not worth the time to write a long,
>>detailed analysis of the many flaws, oversights, and omissions
>>the article exhibits.

>I answered Peter's post and Don's response on another List
>without realising they had also been posted to this list (I've
>been travelling and not receiving mails properly) so I ought to
>quote here what I said there:

>I sympathise with Peter's feeling that my critique of N & McG is
>"not worth the time" but I disagree insofar as others have
>considered N & McG's effort of sufficient interest to cite it. I
>also disagree with the implication that Peter's own list of
>refutations is a waste of his and our time. I think it's always
>important to challenge influential tosh. And I think it's always
>valuable to test theories by examining limit cases in a
>quantitative way if possible because this puts a back-stop
>behind possible interpretations of "soft" testimony that people
>like N & McG may want to try to exploit.

<snip>

Martin,

I was not criticizing your post, in which you address the
article by McGaha and Nickell. I was criticizing the article
itself! I have no issue with the fact that you had raised and
addressed the issue of their article about Exeter.

I recall that you and I have 'crossed sabers' on at least one
occasion in the past, but this is, by no means, a repeat of that
exchange!

Peter

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Subject: Yes We Can Save The Puppies - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

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

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Yes We Can Save The Puppies
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The sad fact is that even if you reach the signature threshold, the Official reaction wouldn't be helpful. The call to stop the war on drugs has evoked more submissions to White House web sites than any other issue, but they have decided that it's just an aberration of the Internet and that a few are just gaming the system. That's what they want to believe, and so that's the fact as far as they're concerned. So, is there any hope that inquiries regarding UFOs or the "Government Cover-up" are going to go any further?

I have concerns about those who are promoting themselves as leaders in the UFO genre, assuming leadership roles in a Field that has no real overall organization. There is a vacuum at the top, of course, and the vastness of the Internet makes it difficult to herd the cats (as it were), but we've seen a handful of organizers come forward and try to provide leadership, and most tend to resemble politicians more than research scientists.

Steve

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><snip>

>>>Martin, et al,

>>>I vaguely remember hearing about the McGaha/Nickell article,
>>>when it was first published, but today was the first time I took
>>>the time to read it. I'm sorry I wasted the time necessary to
>>>do so!

>>>The contents of the article make it, in my opinion, little more
>>>than a classic disinformation piece, hardly worth the time to
>>>read it, and certainly not worth the time to write a long,
>>>detailed analysis of the many flaws, oversights, and omissions
>>>the article exhibits.

>>I answered Peter's post and Don's response on another List
>>without realising they had also been posted to this list (I've
>>been travelling and not receiving mails properly) so I ought to
>>quote here what I said there:

>>I sympathise with Peter's feeling that my critique of N & McG
>>is "not worth the time" but I disagree insofar as others have
>>considered N & McG's effort of sufficient interest to cite it.
>>I also disagree with the implication that Peter's own list of
>>refutations is a waste of his and our time. I think it's always
>>important to challenge influential tosh. And I think it's
>>always valuable to test theories by examining limit cases in a
>>quantitative way if possible because this puts a back-stop
>>behind possible interpretations of "soft" testimony that people
>>like N & McG may want to try to exploit.

><snip>

>Martin,

>I was not criticizing your post, in which you address the
>article by McGaha and Nickell. I was criticizing the article
>itself! I have no issue with the fact that you had raised and
>addressed the issue of their article about Exeter.

OK, Peter, thanks for that clarification. No problem.

>I recall that you and I have 'crossed sabers' on at least one

>occasion in the past, but this is, by no means, a repeat of
>that exchange!

Ha, I expect an occasional abrasive clash is a necessary part of
virile debate. But in this case we have complementary rather
than conflicting points of view.

Kind regards

Martin

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Anthropology Of Searching For Aliens

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Interesting article/interview regarding ET/SETI, etc.

<http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2012/04/space-anthropology/>

April 4, 2012

Q&A: The Anthropology Of Searching For Aliens
By Adam Mann

Before we can understand an alien civilization, it might be useful to understand our own.

To help in this task, anthropologist Kathryn Denning of York University in Toronto, Canada studies the very human way that scientists, engineers and members of the public think about space exploration and the search for alien life.

=46rom Star Trek to SETI, our modern world is constantly imagining possible futures where we dart around the galaxy engaging with bizarre alien races. Denning points out that when people talk about these futures, they often invoke the past. But they frequently seem to have a poor understanding of history.

For instance, in September at the 100 Year Starship Conference - a symposium created by DARPA for thinking about long-term spaceflight goals - Denning noted that the conference was framed as an extension of old traditions of exploration, for example mentioning Ferdinand Magellan as an exemplary hero who circumnavigated the globe. Not only did Magellan not circumnavigate the globe (he was dismembered in the Philippines before finishing the task), his mission was not entirely laudable. Anthropologist Kathryn Denning studies the very human way that scientists, engineers, and members of the public think about space exploration and the search for alien life.

"It's easy to forget that it's also a story of slavery, war, betrayal, hardship, violence, and death - not just to those who signed up for the journey, but a lot of innocent bystanders", Denning said during a talk March 30 at the Contact Conference, an annual meeting dedicated to speculation about SETI and space exploration. The misuse of the past matters when thinking about the future, she added, because it deludes people, giving them a poor understanding of how history actually moves.

Wired spoke to Denning about contact with extraterrestrials, the rhetoric of the Space Age, and what it means to be human in the universe.

Wired: What does the field of anthropology bring to thinking about space exploration and SETI?

Kathryn Denning: Anthropologists are good at looking at discourses, and the stories that people tell to structure their lives and their behavior. So there are anthropologists working on the discourse surrounding interstellar flight. And anthropologists have always worked on the phenomenon of UFO

abductions and aliens on Earth and that sort of stuff.

With respect to SETI, one of the main contributions is just grounding all of that speculation about other civilizations in actual physical data. In terms of civilization or civilizations, we only have one example - Earth.

And there's a lot of data here, which has been very poorly mined so far. If people are drawing generalizations about civilizations elsewhere in the universe that don't even hold here on Earth, then maybe we should throw them out.

Wired: What are some instances of wrong ideas about civilization that get invoked in talking about extraterrestrials?

Denning: I think one good example is the variable of L, the lifetime of civilizations, which dominates the Drake equation. [An estimate of the number of intelligent extraterrestrials that could exist in our galaxy.]

The speculation on this has been frankly goofy sometimes. I mean you can make up basically any value of L that you like and justify it in some way. So people say we should try to use Earth's data to look at it. We should ask what really does cause civilizations to collapse or revert to a lower order of complexity or technological regime.

And, well, we're still working that one out actually. We have so much work to do and I think that's important for people to understand that our models of civilization here on Earth are not as solid as popular culture frequently assumes them to be.

Similarly, many people hold outdated ideas regarding scenarios of contact. We have our iconic case studies, such as Columbus landing in the Americas or Cortez and the Aztecs. But most of those have been revamped with additional historical work in even just the last 30 or 40 years.

So when I hear that standard model of Columbus or Cortez, frankly I want to roll my eyes. For example [Steven] Hawking says - interminably and repeatedly - that when Columbus showed up in the Americas, well, that didn't turn out very well for the Native Americans. And therefore we should similarly be worried about trying to attract the attention of an alien civilization.

The problem is that it tends to misrepresent Earth's history. These stories get invoked in models of contact with an alien society, but it's a biased retelling of Earth's history and it's usually not a very good one.

The underlying narrative there is that it went poorly for the Native Americans because they were the inferior civilization. And, by extension, it would go poorly for us because the other party would be the superior civilization. But that simply wasn't the case for the Native Americans.

One of the reasons I do the work I do is to try and have people get the history a little bit straighter.

Wired: There is an oft-heard narrative for alien contact: after we find a signal, it would revolutionize everything, and humanity would put aside their differences and come together as one. How do you take that narrative as an anthropologist?

Denning: One way to read that, in the most general sense, is that it's a narrative that makes us feel better.

One of the things that astronomy and space exploration in the 20th century has done is force us to confront the universe in a way that we never did before. We had to start understanding that, yeah, asteroids impact the earth and can wipe out a vast proportion of life, and our planet is a fragile spaceship Earth.

I think this has given us this sort of kind of cosmic anxiety. And it would make us feel a whole lot better if we had neighbors and they were friendly and they could enlighten us.

One of the things that runs through the whole SETI discussion is our problems with technology. There is an inherent assumption that the equipment needed for communication across interstellar space would necessarily evolve in tandem with weapons of mass

destruction. Therefore any society that survived long enough to make contact with us would have solved their technological problems.

I think that's a very hopeful take on it. These stories of contact and what it would do for us, they've emerged in concert with these anxieties about the universe and questions about our technology. I think in some way it's almost like a coping mechanism.

Wired: In terms of space exploration, you've said that it's like we're entering a new Space Age. Why do you say that and what does it mean?

Denning: I think the biggest difference from the past is the role of corporations. Obviously nation-states have always used contractors, but they're now achieving a degree of independence that is unprecedented.

When you have private companies that are planning on flying not just to the moon but also to Mars, that's new and that's different. We don't have the government systems in place to deal with that sort of stuff because the outer space treaty and all our international agreements are geared toward nation states.

There are new legal discourses emerging but nothing moves as fast as private enterprise. It's been specifically set up to move quickly, so nothing moves as fast as, say, the X prize.

Wired: The 1950s/60s Space Age often invoked the rhetoric of colonization or frontierism in thinking about their goals. How do these ideas play out in modern space exploration?

Denning: The ideological stages of colonization are still well underway. As soon as you have technology on another world, that constitutes a de facto claim of some kind. So, in a way, everyone watching Spirit and Opportunity are watching Mars through these robot's eyes.

That's not just an interesting kind of little jaunt; it's a way of making Mars not only human but also American. When you're naming features on other worlds after people here, these things constitute claims.

For example, NASA renamed the Mars Pathfinder lander the "Carl Sagan Memorial Station." Any archeologist or anthropologist will tell you that one of the most effective ways of colonizing territory, at least ideologically, is through your dead.

Wired: Is there something you'd like to see as the narrative of the new Space Age?

Denning: I'm going to borrow a term here from a scholar named Bill Kramer. He spoke at the 100-Year Starship Conference and he suggested that instead of boldly going, we humbly go.

To me that really encapsulates it. Instead of getting out there as quickly as possible and using the systems that we used here on Earth, like extracting resources as quickly as possible in order to fuel whatever it is that we're trying to do. What if we went instead with a collaborative, conservationist stewardship in mind?

What if instead of making messes that we don't know how to clean up, what if we slowed down a little bit? Because the urgency is manufactured. I mean, I want to see space continue to be explored. It's cool, and there's stuff out there that we would like to know.

It doesn't have to be the answer to all of our needs. Sure, we can harvest sunlight from solar arrays in orbit around the Earth but that's going to have its own technological problems and geopolitical implications.

But the main problem with energy and resources here on Earth isn't always that we don't have enough: it's that the distribution is unequal, and simply harvesting more is not going to resolve that. Chances are it's just going to continue to increase inequity, and that doesn't work well for anyone.

I think what everybody should be learning is that these immense

disparities cause profound instabilities, which you have to continue to have to deal with. So I just don't see it as the answer.

Space colonization is held up as being the natural next stage in our social evolution. Not only that, it's an absolute necessity for the survival of the species. But if we are our own existential threat, then how does that follow? Wherever we go, there we are.

So the suggestion that ever increasing technology is the solution to problems that have been created by our technology is barking mad.

Wired: In some sense, we have a deterministic view of history when it comes to space exploration: We will go from airplanes to spaceships to conquering the galaxy. Where does that narrative come from and what do you see as some of the downsides of it?

Denning: I think it comes from two places. One is a specific version of history that's quite progressivist and techno-philic. It's a version of history that says we just increase in our energy consumption, we increase in our complexity and we increase our goodness. It all ratchets up together, and it's a kind of Singularity argument.

But it's combined with this fundamentally apocalyptic view that the current order of things will one day be superseded by another. That's kind of a Judeo-Christian thing. And it's sort of a funny coincidence that the future is up there [points skyward]. In many popular space narratives, the heavens and Heaven really swap out. It sounds pretty glib but it's so frequently suggested that it's hard to dismiss.

The idea is that longevity =96 immortality, in fact - the future and our destiny are all up there. And there's simply no logical reason that should be the case. We have no evidence suggesting we can live anywhere for long periods of time other than on this planet. In fact, the evidence is steadily accumulating that's it's going to be really hard to do anything else.

We have problems with bone loss and blindness. Plus we have no evidence that we can reproduce safely in space. These are fairly big stumbling blocks and so this vision of a happy shiny future in space, it's just so mythic.

Wired: Do you see that as changing, do you think people are coming to understand the problems with the previous narratives?

Denning: I think some are and this is one of the glories of humanity. But we'll always have a tremendous diversity of opinion.

You're always going to have these people who think Heaven and the heavens are interchangeable. And they're going to be looking toward the stars for all kinds of religious or quasi-religious purposes.

Then you're going to have the extension of the planetary protection mode of thinking. The people who are fundamentally thinking about environmentalism and stewardship and inequity. And then you're going to have the people interested in militarization, and so on.

You're always going to have this diversity of viewpoints, of motivations, and behaviors, and I mean: Welcome to Earth.

Wired: You write in a paper (.pdf) that someone in "the physical sciences might say =91aha, here you have X which, by analogy, means that you must have Y, which means you have Z.'" On the other hand, "a scholar in the human sciences will often not venture past X."

Denning: Right, we rarely get as far as Z. Most of the time, anthropology is not working as explicitly with a predictive model, it's a much more descriptive model.

Wired: How do you see that difference between the physical and social sciences play out in the SETI discourse?

Denning: I think there's been a lot of interesting discussion

around the question of whether or not decipherment of an extraterrestrial signal would be possible.

Anthropologists tend to assume the answer is, basically, no. Unless you're in direct contact, it would be very difficult to establish enough common language. Whereas the physicists and mathematicians tend to say, 'Well all you need is math.'

And then the anthropologists laugh and it goes on. Maybe that tells you more about the various disciplines than about whether or not contact is possible, but that's an entertaining and interesting problem.

Wired: What do anthropologists say when they look at the enterprise of SETI? That is, what does it say about us as humans that we are searching for others like ourselves in the universe?

Denning: It's an interesting question and you can look at it in different ways. In one sense, it's just the extension of a long tradition on thinking about what might be out there, which has just gone through a new technological manifestation.

Some people ask me: When did we first start thinking that there might be extraterrestrial life? And my reply is: When did we start thinking that there might not be? The sky has always been very busy, and the default position has always been that it's populated. That doesn't mean anything but that ideological substrate has always been there.

Only 200 years ago, we thought there could be people on the moon. Then, we got a good look at the moon and saw, well there's no Lunarians there. And then there were the Martians - Lowell and all that - and it wasn't very long ago, less than 100 years ago. As our range of vision keeps on moving outwards, the aliens keep on moving outwards too. And that's one way you can look at SETI; it's the logical trajectory of an idea that's always been around.

And, of course, you can look at it within a religious framework. Our 20th century western culture includes Christianity and beings populating the Heavens. But anthropologically speaking, SETI also could be seen as being a reaction to the collapse of traditional religion.

In a universe where you're no longer expecting God to provide the order, we are forced to ask: where is the order? Where's the sense to it all and what are we then a part of?

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I have no direct knowledge of this individual, but the level of
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scientist, but I didn't get into details.

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I am travelling in New Mexico. Many years ago I checked with the
USAF Academy. Stan Deyo did not graduate from the Academy

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>I have no direct knowledge of this individual, but the level of
>research that was exhibited in what I saw on the Internet was
>not very high. I also saw no indication that he was a trained
>scientist, but I didn't get into details.

Thanks, Steven. I've heard him broadcast for years, and the only
degree he's ever spoken about would be his B.Sc. degree from the
Air Force Academy. He has never claimed to be "a scientist,"
though some of the hosts use that term.

He claims that during his tenure at the Dr. Teller lab in
Australia, he wanted their discoveries made public, and that
brought death threats. He says he had to escape to the other
side of Australia (Western Australia, Perth,) and stay there in
hiding for a couple of decades.

"Scientist" or not, up until about 5 years ago, when the U.S.
Navy removed most of the detail in their NCODA ocean surface
temperature maps (which are publicly available), Stan was able
to forecast earthquakes fairly well, if the quake sites were in
the ocean or in the shoreline region.

He did this by noting detailed surface temperature plots where
one saw a low temperature area on one side of a fault line, and
a high temperature area on the opposite side of the fault line.
That detail was suddenly removed several years ago.

I have never heard him make any outlandish claims, nor has he
claimed actual antigravity success, only that his section of the
lab worked on that. He has claimed to know who the Majestic 12
members were.

He might have made an interesting guest on Errol's Strange Days...
Indeed show.

Eleanor White

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Re: Stan Deyo?

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Apr 2012 16:32:52 +0000
Archived: Fri, 06 Apr 2012 13:18:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Stan Deyo?

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Thu, 5 Apr 2012 12:28:59 -0400
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>He has a web site (which has handy Earth changes and
>preparedness information) at:

><http://www.standeyo.com>

>I'd like to ask the researchers on this List if any of you are
>aware of Stan Deyo, and does he pass muster as a legitimate

>He did write a book entitled "The Cosmic Conspiracy" and
>produced a Video discussing UFO's (he had Stanton Friedman and
>William Moore in it discussing Roswell

Eleanor:

I have heard Stan Deyo interviewed several times on Coast to
Coast AM. He uses various sources to form his opinions. For
example, USGS reports and announcements. Plus, he claims
acquaintance with people he refers to as "insiders". He usually
opines about the state of earth and political changes.

KK

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After 65 Years Roswell Still Evokes ETs

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Archived: Sat, 07 Apr 2012 06:50:57 -0400
Subject: After 65 Years Roswell Still Evokes ETs

Source: borderzine.com

<http://tinyurl.com/75ez17z>

April 5, 2012

After 65 Years, Events At Roswell, NM, Still Evoke Thoughts Of
Extraterrestrials
By Ken Hudnall

EL PASO - Rapidly moving and unusually powerful storms do hit
the southwest of United States from time to time and one of them
struck near Roswell, NM, in the late hours of July 4, 1947.

An aerial craft of unknown design was attempting to cross a
rather desolate area some 75 miles northwest of Roswell when it
was hit by a powerful bolt of lightning, according to witnesses,
and crashed. So began a series of events that have had
repercussions to this day.

[.mp3 Interview with Julie Schuster, Director of the Roswell UFO
Museum]

It should be noted that neither the craft nor the crash went
unnoticed. Rancher Mac Brazel heard a loud noise different from
the normal sounds of thunder. Two nuns at St. Mary's Hospital in
Roswell saw what they believed was an airplane crash in the
distance. The tower at Roswell Army Airfield tracked the flight
of the object and reported a descending flash. However, at the
time no one knew just what had taken place.

The morning of July 5, 1947 Brazel went for the morning
inspection of his range. Riding with him was his neighbor's
seven-year-old son, Dee Proctor. To his shock, they came upon a
debris field 300 hundred yards wide and a mile long. Brazel
and his young helper dismounted and began to collect some of the
smaller pieces of wreckage and soon filled a sack with what were
described as strange pieces of metal.

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

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Subject: Alien Messages In Plain Sight

Source: HuffPo

<http://tinyurl.com/cexohad>

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Alien Messages In Plain Sight
Seth Shostak
Senior Astronomer, SETI Institute

Could there be a faster way to discover interesting galactic neighbors? Is there some scheme for detecting aliens that might work quicker than tuning in their radio transmissions or hunting down their laser pulses?

There might be, and for a simple reason. The cosmos is three times as old as Earth. During most of creation's 14 billion year history, our solar system wasn't around. Nonetheless, the early universe still had the right stuff for life, and contained worlds that were just as suitable for spawning biology and intelligence as our own.

Humans have existed only for the last 0.001 percent of cosmic time. All of which says that - unless the Homo sapiens brain is the one-and-only instance of cogitating machinery - nearly all the intelligence that's out there is beyond our level.

And that intelligence is more than just a little bit beyond. Clearly, unless thinking beings inevitably wipe themselves out soon after developing technology, extraterrestrial intelligence could often be millions or billions of years in advance of us. We're the galaxy's noodling newbie's.

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

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How Would Humans Respond To First Contact

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Subject: How Would Humans Respond To First Contact

Source: UniverseToday.com

<http://tinyurl.com/d58sh9a>

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How Would Humans Respond To First Contact From An Alien World?
by Nancy Atkinson

According to Star Trek lore, it is only 51 years until humans encounter their first contact with an alien species. In the movie "Star Trek: First Contact," on April 5, 2063, Vulcans pay a visit to an Earth recovering from a war-torn period (see the movie clip below.) But will such a planet-wide, history-changing event ever really take place? If you are logical, like Spock and his Vulcan species, science points towards the inevitability of first contact. This is according to journalist Marc Kaufman, who is a science writer for the Washington Post and author of the book "First Contact: Scientific Breakthroughs in the Hunt for life Beyond Earth." He writes that from humanity's point of view, first contact would be a "harbinger of a new frontier in a dramatically changed cosmos."

What are some of the arguments for and against the likelihood of first contact ever taking place and what would the implications be?

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

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06-04-2012

Time For Easter
by Trystan Swale

Here is a post that has been coming for quite a while. Last time I did anything similar I allowed myself to be talked out of the consequence, but I no longer see the point in playing along.

When I started Righteous Indignation podcast I believed - as I still do - that skepticismBy my understanding, skepticism is a method of making a decision informed by the evaluation of evidence and the application of doubt. is a means of reaching a decision based upon the evaluation, scrutiny and questioning of evidence.

Naive, maybe.

Today I sincerely think that many people have lost sight of skeptical methodology. Instead, it seems to be more about using 'skepticismBy my understanding, skepticism is a method of making a decision informed by the evaluation of evidence and the application of doubt', in different ways.

As a means for making a name for yourself, gathering headlines, surrounding yourself with sycophants and finding justification for your choices based on their approval. Is this about skepticism.

By my understanding, skepticism is a method of making a decision informed by the evaluation of evidence and the application of doubt. or is this about your own fame seeking?

[More at site... thanks to Sue Demeter-St Clair for the lead]

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Elevated Exposure For MUFON? - Cox

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Archived: Sat, 07 Apr 2012 07:49:03 -0400
Subject: Elevated Exposure For MUFON? - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

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

Friday, April 6, 2012

Elevated Exposure For MUFON?
by Billy Cox

As the new point man for the Mutual UFO Network, David MacDonald likes to tout the numbers: 3,000 members in 39 countries, 947 of whom are field investigators. With those sorts of resources, one would expect the 43-year-old outfit to have an inside track on collecting UFO data in the USA.

But according to the Federal Aviation Administration=92s Air Traffic Control manual, updated on Feb. 9,

"Persons wanting to report UFO/unexplained phenomena activity should contact a UFO/unexplained reporting data collection center, such as Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies (BAASS) (voice: 1-877- 979-7444 or e-mail: Reporting.nul), the National UFO Reporting Center, etc."

MUFON =3D "etc."

MacDonald, who succeeded Clifford Clift (of Colbert Report fame) as MUFON=92s International Director in February, hopes to turn the visibility thing around in a big way. He recently hauled MUFON=92s entire inventory =97 from 17 filing cabinets of reports, photos and tapes to an old Vanguard rocket engine =97 from its previous headquarters in Colorado to Ohio=92s Lunken Airport, the municipal reliever for Cincinnati International. It took four men five hours to unload the stuff, some of which MacDonald hopes to showcase in the near future.

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Re: Stan Deyo?

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Date: Sat, 07 Apr 2012 08:45:14 +0200
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Subject: Re: Stan Deyo?

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
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No, he doesn't.

Cordialement,

Franck B.

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The Great Debate - What is Life?

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Archived: Sat, 07 Apr 2012 08:00:10 -0400
Subject: The Great Debate - What is Life?

Source: 3QuarksDaily.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/cwv8dfb>

April 05, 2012

The Great Debate - What is Life?

=46rom a year ago, over at The Science Network (other videos of individual talks at the site):

Richard Dawkins, J. Craig Venter, Nobel laureates Sidney Altman and Leland Hartwell, Chris McKay, Paul Davies, Lawrence Krauss, and The Science Network=92s Roger Bingham discuss the origins of life, the possibility of finding life elsewhere, and the latest development in synthetic biology. More than 2500 people filled ASU Gammage Auditorium on Saturday, February 12 to listen to this remarkable collection of scientists whose particular perspectives range from the cosmic to the microscopic. The Great Debate: What Is Life? was sponsored by the ASU Origins Project in partnership with the Science Network, J. Epstein Foundation and the NASA Astrobiology Institute. The evening followed on the heels of its successful inaugural debate in November 2010, The Great Debate =96 Can Science Tell Us Right =46rom Wrong?.

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

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Why Space Exploration Is A Job For Humans

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Archived: Sat, 07 Apr 2012 08:05:11 -0400
Subject: Why Space Exploration Is A Job For Humans

Source: The Atlantic Home

<http://tinyurl.com/89hl3wx>

Apr 4 2012

Why Space Exploration Is A Job For Humans
By Jared Keller

The conventional wisdom of space exploration suggests that robotic probes are both more scientifically efficient and cost effective. Not so, argues a professor of planetary science.

Astronaut Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., lunar module pilot, poses beside the deployed flag of the United States during the Apollo XI moon landing July 20, 1969. [Reuters]

When the Space Shuttle Atlantis rolled to a stop in July 2011, NASA bid farewell to the nation's symbol of manned spaceflight. The Obama administration has scrapped NASA's plan to return humans to the Moon by 2020, which was behind schedule because of technical and budgetary problems. As financial constraints threaten the possibility of future ventures into outer space, many in the astronomical community are advocating for the increased use of unmanned robotic space, arguing that they will serve as more efficient explorers of planetary surfaces than astronauts. The next giant leap, then, will be taken with robotic feet.

Dr. Ian A. Crawford thinks it should be otherwise. A professor of planetary sciences at Birkbeck College, London, Crawford makes the case for human space exploration in a new paper entitled *Dispelling the myth of robotic efficiency: why human space exploration will tell us more about the Solar System than will robotic exploration alone*, published recently in the journal *Astronomy and Geophysics*. If the goal of space travel is to expand our knowledge of the universe, argues Dr. Crawford, exploration will be most effective when carried out by astronauts rather than robots on the surface of a planet.

At the core of Crawford's argument...

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

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Source: Gather.Com

<http://news.gather.com/viewArticle.action?articleId=281474981244529>

April 05, 2012

Is There A '2001' Alien Monolith On Mars?
by Tom Rose

A video on YouTube uses NASA images of Mars to pose the question of UFO origin. Is there a 2001: A Space Odyssey type monolith jutting up from the surface? If not, then what is it?

The monolithic object shown below recalls the central theme of the famous book and movie: a monolithic structure planted on the surface of the Moon by an alien civilization millions of years in the past.

Its purpose was clearly to act as a beacon to an alien race monitoring humans for signs of their eventual evolution into space travelers.

The video also points to a similar obelisk on the asteroid Phobos, but it's not nearly as dramatic and scientists have never speculated that, unlike Mars, there was ever a life form on the barren piece of space rock orbiting the Sun.

[More & video at site...]

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Archived: Sat, 07 Apr 2012 08:14:19 -0400
Subject: Light Out Of Place Near Amenia New York

Source: National UFO Examiner

<http://tinyurl.com/7hts98o>

April 6, 2012

Light Looks Out Of Place Near Amenia, New York
Roger Marsh

An Amenia, NY, couple report watching an "extremely bright, stationary" light that was noticed in the sky at 11:20 p.m. on April 5, 2012, above a ridge between their town and Millerton that remained for 15 minutes before it "suddenly disappeared," according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The object appeared to be hovering near two communication towers in the area.

"We got out binoculars and a camera and attempted to take photos," the reporting witness stated. "We are at 1,200 feet above sea level and have a panoramic 180-degree sky view facing northwest. We watched this object with pulsing colors of white, blue, yellow and red for 15 minutes. Judging by the stars that were out, it was huge."

The witnesses are not sure exactly how far away the object was.

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Amen, brother, amen. And, also, hallelujah!

KK

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>Date: Fri, 6 Apr 2012 06:28:23 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Stan Deyo?

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>I am travelling in New Mexico. Many years ago I checked
>with the USAF Academy. Stan Deyo did not graduate
>the Academy.

Stunned silence.

Of course there's that old Bob Lazar speculation - if people
with genuine access to advanced stuff start going public, is it
possible their credentials are removed to discredit them?

Eleanor White

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Roger Marsh

A Pennsylvania witness at Allentown reports watching a "dark brown or black rectangle with a white border around it" that appeared to be floating above a residential development before quickly disappearing from view, according to April 7, 2012, testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The witness was visiting parents in the same neighborhood and was heading home when the object was first seen.

"I was going down a street and the street looks up a hill and the open sky pops through the trees and houses," the witness stated. "In front of my car in the sky just above the trees was a dark brown/black rectangle with a white border around it. It looked like a floating box. I couldn't imagine how a box would be floating in the air. I looked for lights and there were none that I saw."

The witness described the object.

"There was no noise at all. It moved horizontally straight,

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UFOs And Aliens In Art History

UFOs and extraterrestrial aliens have been documented in Earth history for tens of thousands of years, much longer than what the bible has the origins of the Earth. Fundamentalist Christians will argue that God created these drawings to test us. Like Bill Hicks said, I think they're (the Christians) are testing me and my patience with them!

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The Air Force worked hard, I thought, to discredit Rhodes and their investigation into his background was some what snarky on the surface. They maligned his occupation, suggesting he was little more than a third-rate musician who lived off his wife's salary as a teacher. They didn't think much of his Panoramic Research Laboratory which seemed to be a well-equipped home lab, and overlooked that he held a number of patents. They mentioned that he claimed to be a doctor, but could find no reference in the telephone director showing that he was a physician or a vet, apparently never considering that he might hold a Ph.D or looking for other documentation besides that in the telephone book.

As I have noted before, this question of a post-graduate degree is a somewhat murky area and as James McDonald suggested, clouds his otherwise interesting tale of taking two photographs of a flying saucer. For some, this issue is enough to suggest the Rhodes photographs are a hoax. For others it is an aberration that suggests something about Rhodes' personality but does not mean the pictures were faked.

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Does anyone know of any actual documented instance of this?

I don't mean from ufology, but from the undisputed history of official secrecy as practiced by U.S. government agencies. I'm reasonably read in these and related matters, and I've heard of none.

In any case, for all sorts of obvious reasons, it would be awfully hard to make somebody's past disappear. Too many people are out there to attest to it if it's true, for one thing. For another, any official attempt to erase somebody's educational and professional record could hardly pass unnoticed. We'd be reading about in the New York Times and in books by intelligence journalists and historians. Those of us who have followed the fate of whistleblowers - Joe Wilson, for example, who exposed the phoniness of the Bush Administration's justification for the Iraq War - are aware that there are well established procedures for discrediting them. Suffice it to say they don't involve turning them into non-persons.

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Nearly impossible because, had he gone to the Air Force Academy, there would be other records... yearbooks, class assignments and eventually a commission in the Air Force (or other branch of the military if the cadet had wanted it) and that leads to all sorts of other records that are not under government control. Then there would be records in St. Louis if the man was no longer a member of the military.

While Stan's point is interesting, it is possible that the information he received was inaccurate. That simply means that there are other avenues to explore, but this first revelation is interesting. I've seen it time and again... someone who claims military service but who are unable to supply the proper documents and nothing that can be verified through other, multiple sources.

With Willingham, for example, his records from St. Louis did not confirm long military service or service in the Air Force or a commission. I then explored other avenues, including checking with the various airfields in San Antonio where an Air Force officer would have gone for flight training (which Willingham claimed), the big Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver which would have had some records if Willingham had served, and several other sources to ensure that I had not been mistaken about Willingham.

So, for those interested, there are some other steps to take before completely writing off this guy, but Stan's (Friedman to keep the Stans straight) first step is a large one and suggests that the Devo was not military. It is certainly not the first time that someone had made a claim like this that couldn't be verified... but not because the government had stolen the records.

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Of course, I have no evidence either way about manipulating
educational qualifications in such cases, but 'dirty tricks' for
various ends are common. See this list for instance:

<http://tinyurl.com/ytekh>

The point is, ruining someone's career by, say, disclosing his
psychiatric files or his sexual peccadilloes works in situations
where being mentally sound or principled counts - e.g., running
for public office. If I were a dirty trickster who wanted to ruin
the reputation of a scientist or academic, spreading info about
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Diana

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The Air Force may have tried to publicly "dis" the Rhodes photos
but privately Air Force Intel essentially endorsed them when it
included both photos, with blowups, in the formerly Top Secret
Air Intelligence Report 100-203-79 published in December, 1948.

This document was released to public view at the National
Archives in the spring of 1985 and soon after I visited the
Archives and held in my hands what appeared to be the legendary
Estimate of the Situation, a TS document in a stiff black paper
folder. However, upon reading it became clear that this was not
the EOS. Instead it was a "ghost" or more accurately a distant
cousin.

At any rate, I bring this up because of the Rhodes connection.

Rhodes had said the AF had taken his negatives and not returned
them. The doubters assumed that Rhodes was lying because he
didn't want the original negatives to be available for skeptical
analysis. However, in the black cover version of the document,
apparently the master copy (from which other copies had been
made... and later destroyed), there were four prints of the
Rhodes photos, two full frame and two blowups.

These were photographic prints pasted into the pages of the
report. They looked to me to be so clear that IMHO they were
made from the original negatives, so Rhodes wasn't lying. In the
document they are presented as part of a long list of sightings
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(who, BTW, was one of the owners of Tacoma Boat Building Company
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and bought it back when the war ended.

Does he mention that Crisman claimed to have been awarded the
Distinguished Service Cross but that his name does not appear in

any of the databases which list the names of all those who have been awarded it?

Does he mention that Dahl's son, who was supposedly injured when the UFO began spewing slag denies the event happened and that no one, except Ray Palmer, ever claimed to have seen the hospital records?

I bring all this up simply because it points to the truth of the Maury Island hoax... and yes, I now expect to have scorn heaped upon me for having the audacity of suggesting that this admitted hoax was, in fact, a hoax.

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Just wondering, have any researchers put together a compendium of remote viewer insights or predictions regarding UFOs or UFO abductions? If yes, where are such insights published?

A couple of tangential questions: Has anyone heard whether remote viewers have ever attempted to gain insights about the structure of matter itself? For example, what do atoms 'look like' at magnifications greater than an electron microscope can produce?

What about subatomic particles? Does current-day physics have those essentially right, or is there something dramatically different yet to be discovered?

Do RV-ers see gravitons as more than theoretical?

What do RV-ers come up with regarding the possibility there are parallel dimensions - a question likely to relate to UFOs which suddenly appear or disappear?

Of course, any RV insights would require extensive scientific investigation before such insights could be considered true or likely, but I'd be very interested in reading what RV-ers have come up with on such questions.

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See www.perceptions.couk.com/metamail94.html#aliens

"BTW - you could probably be just as accurate saying each
'ascendancy' 'lost' an initial 100 years in fighting/conquest,
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and www.perceptions.couk.com/ed4.html

for a more comprehensive list of historical (collapsed)
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Kathy,

First of all, it's Denning, not Demming. As in Kathryn Denning,
who is an anthropologist. Did you read the entire article,
Kathy? Because if you did, I fear there's a problem with your
reading comprehension.

Are you suggesting Ms. Denning is a racist? Or has some agenda
"to sell"? "Overly simplified"? Perhaps she is not the one not
only over simplifying, but misinterpreting her points, as you
have here.

Did you actually not understand that Denning was saying the
standard, hypothesized scenario of ET contact with humanity is
often based on the anthropocentric misinterpretation of the
actual history of first contact native Americans had with white
explorers?

And that the tired old example Hawking threw out about the
dangers of ET contact, based on that simplistic and erroneous
view of the history of the initial contacts white explorers had
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one to use (as a form of projection), in understanding the
various potential issues of contact with ET, but that the
historical basis for that solipsistic interpretation of our own,
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the part you quote, and which, interestingly enough, you snipped
out of your message here:

Quoting Denning:

"We have so much work to do and I think that's important for
people to understand that our models of civilization here on
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Similarly, many people hold outdated ideas regarding scenarios
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Re: Anthropology Of Searching For Aliens

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Apr 2012 21:56:04 +0100
Archived: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 08:11:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Anthropology Of Searching For Aliens

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 10 Apr 2012 04:08:20 -0700
>Subject: Re: Anthropology Of Searching For Aliens

<snip>

>I hesitate to inform you of this fact, since it seems so
>obvious, but you have Ms. Denning's point of view and statements
>exactly and precisely backwards.

Bullseye Steve, bullseye.

And thanks for your original post - one of the most sensible and
insightful contributions to the list for some time.

<snip>

Do you get it now, Kathy?

I suspect not...

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

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<http://www.treurniet.ca/cloudpics/skyscape.htm>

I previously discussed on the list the evidence for covert military technology that can draw objects in the sky. However, the scene that is the subject of this post has a decidedly different flavor, and I would guess it has a different origin.

There is a line of reasoning that suggests the scene in the clouds was created like ectoplasm is created in physical mediumship seances. A medium who can make ectoplasm informed me recently that he is instructed by his spirit control to drink about three liters of water before the sitting, suggesting that water is an important component of ectoplasm. Of course, water is also the main component of clouds. Perhaps the same physical manipulation can produce a humanoid figure made of ectoplasm from both the water in the medium's body and the water in the clouds.

Wilbert Smith was told by ETs before he died in 1962 that matter is formed by the proper configuration of three basic fields - electric, magnetic, and tempic. In a recent seance, he informed us that ectoplasm is from a higher realm and has the ability to form the world. It "gives the codes to all things that develop to more complexity". This does suggest that there could be a technology of some sort underlying creation, and this technology may have been co-opted by someone to create the piece of art in the clouds captured in my photograph.

William

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The Mystery Of England's Crop Circles

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 09:50:09 -0400
Subject: The Mystery Of England's Crop Circles

Source: MontrealGazette.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/bqoh7ar>

April 7, 2012

The Mystery Of England's Crop Circles

Wiltshire, the home of mystical Stonehenge, is also awash in complex field formations that some say contain strange powers

By Bill Strubbe

The lingering midsummer twilight filtered through the window into the upstairs chamber of the farmhouse B&B as my sister and I settled into our twin beds. Before turning off the light she asked me, "What do you want for your birthday?" reminding me that tomorrow I would officially transition into the middle age of 40.

Pondering a moment, I jokingly replied, "How about a crop circle? That would be just fine," and after a long day we quickly drifted off to sleep.

At the crack of dawn I was shaken awake by my sister exclaiming, "Get up! Look out the window."

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

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Re: Kenneth Arnold William Rhodes & Maury Island

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 09:17:55 -0500
Archived: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 11:59:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold William Rhodes & Maury Island

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 10 Apr 2012 17:06:51 +0000
>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold William Rhodes & Maury Island

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Tue, 10 Apr 2012 05:25:12 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Kenneth Arnold William Rhodes & Maury Island

<snip>

>>Arnold's naivete is painfully obvious even in his own account,
>>as I remark when I wrote about Maury Island in the encyclopedia.
>>It seems sadly obvious that Arnold himself was so personally
>>honest that he simply lacked the necessary cynicism that would
>>have protected him from the sociopathic likes of Fred Crisman.
>>By the time Sanders spoke with him, Arnold was not thinking
>>reasonably because he was caught up in the lies Crisman told.
>>Ruppelt says something of the same in his treatment of the
>>episode.

>>>And, yeah, I was surprised to find out Arnold was investigating
>>>Maury Island because he was being paid by Ray Palmer. Wow, who
>>>knew.

>>Who knew? Well, just about everybody. Arnold wrote about his
>>experience as an investigator of Maury Island in the very first
>>issue of Fate, published in the spring of 1948. He repeated the
>>story in the 1952 book he co-wrote with Ray Palmer. He spoke
>>about it at the 1976 Chicago UFO Congress which Fate sponsored.
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>history.

To put it mildly, I fail to see how Crisman's yarns affected
American history, a subject I know something about from a
lifetime's worth of fascination and reading. I know that Crisman
is a popular character in some conspiracy literature, but that's
not, you know, actual history.

As for UFO history: a man in black appears for the first time in
the modern era in the Maury Island narrative. (MIB do show up in
some proto-UFO stories going back decades earlier.) I suspect
that Al Bender drew on that source for his own dubious MIB
story, perhaps less a hoax than a psychological episode.

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 11:43:22 -0300
Archived: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 12:02:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Debate Over Kean's Book In Skeptical Newsletter

>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
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Hi, Don,

I doubt that Robert Sheaffer seeks to fill Phil Klass's shoes. Around since the 1970s, Sheaffer has always been a distinctly secondary figure whom - if I may judge from what I witnessed when I was in both their company one day some years ago - Klass himself kept at some distance.

Sheaffer was, and clearly remains, notable for his full-throated nastiness and consistent attitude of scathing contempt for anybody who presumes to hold views different from his. His rhetoric is littered with heavy doses of derision and sarcasm, as anybody who's tried to read his books and essay-length rants will be aware. He's a taste strictly for the True Disbeliever.

Though I corresponded with Klass for two decades and was able to get along with him on some level, Sheaffer and I were not destined to share the same rough harmony. I ended correspondence with him in the early 1980s because his letters were so rude, condescending, and insulting that I understood early on - and told him as much at the time - that even moderately fruitful (much less merely polite) communication between us seemed a deeply unlikely prospect.

My impression is that where his UFO-bashing is concerned, Sheaffer has basically just been going through the motions for some time now.

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"There seems to be a pattern here" says Shaeffer. "It's easy to tout UFO cases as having no conventional explanations as long as you completely ignore everything that's been written to the contrary." True enough. But remove the word "no" from this sentence and it remains true.

This flaccid Battle of the Rebuttals gets us nowhere. Michael's readiness to be impressed by superficially amazing narratives might strike a seasoned ufologist as a little innocent. Shaeffer's willingness to regard almost any "skeptical" opinion at all as a lethal blow to any case's credibility would strike the same ufologist as cavalier. And it is all infinitely wearisome.

I limit myself to two comments touching my own knowledge of cases cited by Kean and Shaeffer.

Shaeffer repeatedly complains that Kean's failure to acknowledge where her literature sources have been overtaken by later

sceptical critiques is "not scholarly". He properly criticises Kean's reliance on COMETA as authority for the 1956 Lakenheath-Bentwaters affair, but then blithely invokes the pallid ghost of Phil Klass from 1974 to dismiss the sightings as "demolished", even though very little of Klass's sometimes-plausible but often ill-informed speculation from 1974 survives as relevant after huge developments in investigation and analysis of this complex case during the ensuing decades - the results of which are documented in many books and articles (and exhaustively on my own website). Kean's own reliance on COMETA is scarcely more out-of-date and scarcely more uncritical.

Shaeffer does not specifically mention the April 2007 Channel Islands sighting in these essays, but he did ask me privately for my opinion of the status of the case when preparing his critique. I referred him to our investigation report produced with the full exclusive cooperation of Capt Bowyer and all other named witnesses and the Jersey Zone ATC authority. But evidently my conscientious reply - that after months of work our group felt there was still some reason to suspect an atmospheric-optical phenomenon, but that we could not find one to explain it - was insufficiently clear-cut for his purpose.

On the other hand, Kean did not contact us at all, and I am not aware that her book contains any reference to our findings or any appreciation of the difficulty of trying to work out what was seen by Bowyer and the others that day. Instead the exciting headline story suffices.

I'm tempted to add some comments on Shaeffer's treatment of the Keesler AFB radar issue (consistently mis-spelt "Kessler" on his blog) in the RB-47 case, for which he cites Tim Printy's mostly very respectable and interesting analysis. But I'd better not open that can of worms at the moment!

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From: **Michael M. Hughes** <michaelmhughes.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 12:46:21 -0400
Archived: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 16:12:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art In Clouds?

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
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And pareidolia is the obvious=97and only=97explanation here.

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Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 18:51:34 +0100
Archived: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 16:16:23 -0400
Subject: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

Hello List

In the interests of 'completeness' have reviewed some messages on this subject.

First, I made my own opinion clear in a reply to Eleanor last year:

www.ufoupdateslist.com/2011/mar/m02-006.shtml

Subject: Re: 'Abductees Need To See A Psychiatrist'

Then we got an enlightening report from Cathy Reason, in January:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2012/jan/m17-006.shtml>

Subject: Re: Participation In Psychology Dissertation Study

which has made me look for and find the report of a larger experiment:

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

here's my note on it:

"N.b. the results of that small 'experiment' were further confirmed by a larger check (by Rosenhan and colleagues) which showed that false diagnoses of 'mental disorder' were made (for healthy volunteers) at all the psychiatric institutions they tested: 12 different psychiatric hospitals in five different states in various locations in the United States"

and a conclusion:

"that "psychiatry/psychology" is not a science and consists mostly of opinions of operators motivated by self-interest (sometimes abusive and even criminal self-interest, as shown by the extremely high statistics of abuse of patients by 'psychiatrists')".

To cap it all, here's a presentation found today:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHu7Ik36128>

CCHR On Psychiatry: No Science, No Cures

It seems that, unlike medical doctors who can bury their mistakes, psychiatrists can lock-up their mistakes and use mind-altering drugs on them to "confirm" false diagnoses.

I hope, in future, that anyone thinking of accepting any dictum from the psychiatry/psychology camp would think again. Their words are about as reliable as politicians' promises - and IMHO for the same reason: they are self-interested professional liars (or fools, of course).

Cheers

Ray D

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This Week at Inexplicata - April 11 2012

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Subject: This Week at Inexplicata - April 11 2012

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

Source: El Tribuno Digital

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

Date: 10 April 2012

Argentina: VISION OVNI Looks Into Strange Pujato Ground Traces

A cornfield that appeared to display strange marks caused astonishment to many citizens of the town of Pujato (Santa Fe Province). The event prompted a visit from member of Vision Ovni, the Victoria-based group devoted to the study of unidentified flying objects.

On 5 April, cornstalks standing 2 meters tall were found flattened in the same direction in the middle of a lot. The field is some 2 kilometers distant from Route 33 and the marks were found by Ruben Marelli, the owner, who presented a complaint on the following day.

Vision Ovni's science team, consisting of El Das Kolev and Andrea Perez Simondini, among others, studied the phenomenon. During a field survey, they found a trail measuring 2.10 meters wide and nearly 600 meters long, which presents side trails that open and mark a sort of figure eight, doubling back on themselves.

The ground print begins the moment that the rural gate is traversed, and ends 10 meters from the rural gate on the opposite side of the field.

"We were able to find strange prints within the field, presenting a sort of "drag-mark" measuring 10 centimeters by 40 long, ending abruptly in a sort of nest made of sticks, with some very interesting perforations on the ground," noted the research team.

Researchers are gathering evidence and eyewitness accounts. "We have a lot of material. We hope to gather more information about the event in upcoming hours," noted Andrea Simondini.

[NOTE: El Tribuno gives the landowner's name as "Ruben Marelli", while other media outlets dub him "Raul Marelli"]

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Source:NotiExpress
Date: 10 April 2012

Argentina: Pujato Field Owner Dismisses UFO Involvement

Raul Marelli, owner of a 32-hectare field in the Pujato area,

found a 600 x 2 meter fringe of flattened vegetation. Local residents stated that an unidentified flying object (UFO) landed on Saturday morning on a cornfield, making its mark.

Marelli, a 62-year-old farmer and cattleman, reported to the constabulary of the locality in Santa Fe to make his report, mainly for the damages suffered. What remains unclear is who or what caused the damage. No crops were stolen and no tracks of vehicles were found in the area. Only the flattened corn stalks.

"The property was planted three months ago. There are a few months more before harvest and everything looks flattened. It's a not very straight, rather fertile piece of land, with the plants flattened in the same direction," the property owner told Radio 2 this morning.

While he acknowledges not having found the tracks of machinery or a vehicle, the man dismissed the possibility that a flying saucer was involved.

"I've been living here for many years and there's never been anything that's led me to think that. But if you want to investigate and change my mind, I've got no problem with it," he said.

The man recognizes that even if it was a directed attack, the losses are not considerable. "I don't know what they did it. If it was to cause damage, it was minimum. The finest lot contains 300,000 kilograms of corn. The affected lot has only a thousand, in other words, there are 299,000 left. I don't understand what their intentions were."

Police personnel are investigating the event and some researchers are already discussing the possibility that a "crop circle" is involved =96 what is known as a landing strip for flying saucers. "I don't share any of those beliefs. I don't believe," said the farmer.

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Source: NOUFA (Noticiero Ufologico Autonomo)
Date: 9 April 2012

Chile: Regarding 'Military Secrecy'
NOUFA Newsroom

The accident involving a C-212 Aviocar belonging to the Chilean Air Force (FACH), also known as the Juan Fern=Elndez tragedy, was an aviation disaster that took place at 17:48 hours local time (20:48 UTC) on 2 September 2011 when a C-212-300 Aviocar carrying passengers and a military crew crashed into the sea as it approached Robinson Crusoe Island, Chile.

Domestic repercussions were tremendous, as the flight included personalities of the country's television and social elite, plus military figures. The total number of victims came to 21.

Interpretations as to the causes of the accident have been changing since the very first moment. Furthermore, new background information has been added as to the reasons for the aircraft's failure: lack of maintenance, insufficient fuel for the journey, excess weight, birds, an undeclared change in pilots, unexpected air turbulence, etc., etc.

Now, "military secrecy" is being invoked to the astonishment of the victims and the entire country to conceal errors (not only in this accident, but many others as well...)

Moving along to the subject of UFOs, which is what concerns us here, we believe that if the Chilean Air Force (FACH) invokes 'military secrecy' in an air accident involving civilian and military figures alike, we can easily imagine that should something important become known about the UFO phenomenon, the civilian population would be even less able to receive transparent and timely information on the subject from this branch of the military. It is logical to think that this clause can be invoked whether national sovereignty is affected, and

while both subjects are not comparable, the subject of UFOs has indeed been treated as a military secret.

The foregoing is to reflect yet again that the UFO phenomenon is a hard one to discuss, and we will never know, openly and first-hand, what it really is. Much less if it is the hands of military and official agencies that consider themselves the guardians of our collective security. Declassification by military authorities throughout the world has not revealed anything extraordinary...and we believe that the Truth, and transparency of information, are the greatest protection one can afford the population.

A subject that invites earnest reflection.

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Source: www.notiexpress.com.ar/news.cgi/accion=3Dvernew&id=3D132847

Date: 04.08.2012

Argentina: Alleged UFO Sighting and Landing in Pujato (Santa Fe Province)

A striking incident shattered the customary peace of Pujato, a community of some 4000 residents located 42 kilometers west of Rosario on Route 33. Several persons claim that a UFO landed in a local field, leaving clear traces in the corn.

The owner of a 32 hectare field, and local residents, claim that an unidentified flying object (UFO) landed in the early hours of Saturday on a corn field, crushing a radius of 600 meters long by 2 meters wide on the property.

Raul, a 62-year-old farmer and cattleman, reported to the constabulary of this community in the province of Santa Fe to present a complaint, mainly for the damages suffered. What is remarkable is that who or what caused the damage remains unclear. There was neither a crop theft nor traces of vehicle tracks on the soil: nothing but crushed vegetable matter.

Those living near the cornfield further reported witnessing a craft with strange lights and colors flying over the area, according to Hector Lopez, a reporter from Radio 2. These people happened to be in the vicinity of the local cemetery (as if the report needed further colorful details) at the entrance to the community on Route 33.

The incident took place around 3 o'clock in the morning. The mark left by the putative UFO measures 600 meters long by one meter sixty wide.

Walter Freniche, the local sheriff, confirmed the report and told Radio 2 that the area of crushed vegetation was checked out. He notes that there was no theft, and no tire tracks were in evidence. "Although it's quite possible the event took place some four or five days ago and they can no longer be seen."

Freiniche added that "residents claimed seeing lights" although none of them approached the constabulary. "The comment exists, but they never came to make a statement," he said, adding: "It's a tough case."

Personnel from Pujato's Section 14 are investigating the case, with technical assistance from an agronomer who was surveying the field in question.

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Re: Debate Over Kean's Book In Skeptical Newsletter

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 15:25:34 -0500
Archived: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 08:53:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Debate Over Kean's Book In Skeptical Newsletter

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 17:43:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: Debate Over Kean's Book In Skeptical Newsletter

>>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 11:04:33 +0200
>>Subject: Debate Over Kean's Book In Skeptical Newsletter

>>Dear colleagues.

>>In case you missed these rebuttals between skeptics George
>>Michael and Robert Sheaffer over Leslie Kean's book UFOs:
>>Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials Go on the Record,
>>here is the complete chronology:

>>On the March 28, 2012, in the newsletter eSkeptic, George
>>Michael reviewed Leslie Kean's book. His review is titled Best
>>Evidence For UFOs:

>><http://www.skeptic.com/eskeptic/12-03-28/#feature>

<snip>

>I'm tempted to add some comments on Shaeffer's treatment of the
>Keesler AFB radar issue (consistently mis-spelt "Kessler" on his
>blog) in the RB-47 case, for which he cites Tim Printy's mostly
>very respectable and interesting analysis. But I'd better not
>open that can of worms at the moment!

Hi, Martin,

As always I appreciate your thoughtful and informed
observations, but when you note (as in the paragraph above) the
misspelling of Keesler Air Force Base, you might keep in mind
that Robert Sheaffer's last name is not spelled as you have it
rendered all through your posting.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art In Clouds?

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 17:49:15 -0400
Archived: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 08:56:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art In Clouds?

>From: Michael M. Hughes<michaelmhughes.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates<post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 12:46:21 -0400
>Subject: Re: Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art In Clouds?

>>From: William Treurniet<wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates<post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 10 Apr 2012 18:02:54 -0400
>>Subject: Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art In The Clouds?

>>Pareidolia is often the explanation for unusual shapes seen in
>>clouds. Nevertheless, I offer for your consideration a photo I
>>took last August that presents a complex piece of art in the sky
>>that may even tell a story. In my opinion, the odds that this
>>particular scene was placed there somehow by some intelligence is
>>higher than the odds that it was merely a chance arrangement of
>>cloud material.

>><http://www.treurniet.ca/cloudpics/skyscape.htm>

>And pareidolia is the obvious=97and only=97explanation here.

And that's your choice, Michael. You would probably say the same to the people who see faces on Mt Rushmore. Oh wait, maybe you wouldn't. The faces (plural) look too realistic and out of place to be accounted for by erosion.

A lack of knowledge about context does promote the diagnosis of pareidolia. Clearly, my proposed context in this case didn't carry any weight with you.

William

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Re: Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art In Clouds?

From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 20:06:19 -0400
Archived: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 08:57:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art In Clouds?

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 10 Apr 2012 18:02:54 -0400
>Subject: Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art In The Clouds?

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>particular scene was placed there somehow by some intelligence is
>higher than the odds that it was merely a chance arrangement of
>cloud material.

><http://www.treurniet.ca/cloudpics/skyscape.htm>

You didn't mention the monkey skull that's about to bite a Grey
just behind its right eye, which is located just above and to
the right of Halo 2 and Object 1. But that's pareidolia too.

Carol Maltby

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NASA's Alien Contact Scenario

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Archived: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 09:04:36 -0400
Subject: NASA's Alien Contact Scenario

Source: DailyGalaxy.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/76y3mg3>

April 10, 2012

From the 'X-Files' Dept: NASA's Alien Contact Scenario
The Daily Galaxy

Extraterrestrial beings monitoring Earth might view changes in our atmosphere as symptomatic of a self-destructing civilization and take drastic action to keep us from becoming a more serious threat, according to a highly speculative scenario developed last year by scientists at NASA and Penn State University.

Shawn Domagal-Goldman of NASA's Planetary Science Division and his colleagues developed scenarios that could unfold in the aftermath of a close encounter, to help humanity "prepare for actual contact".

Their report, Would Contact with Extraterrestrials Benefit or Harm Humanity? A Scenario Analysis, divides alien contacts into three broad categories: beneficial, neutral or harmful.

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Giant Rectangle Reported Hovering Low Over

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Source: UFO Examiner.Com

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

April 10, 2012

Giant Rectangle UFO Reported Hovering Low In Anderson County,
Tennessee
Roger Marsh National ufo Examiner

Tennessee witnesses in Anderson County report watching a silent, "black rectangular" object hovering near the tree line "with one large light at what appeared to be the front of the craft and 6-8 smaller lights toward the back," according to April 11, 2012, testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The witnesses were outside looking at Jupiter when the object came into view.

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Red Light UFOs Over Texas City

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Subject: Red Light UFOs Over Texas City

Source: GalvestonDailyNews.Com

<http://galvestondailynews.com/story/305934>

April 12, 2012

[Photo]

Red Light UFOs In Texas City Still A Mystery
By T.J. Aulds
The Daily News

TEXAS CITY - While pretty certain they were part of a prank or hoax, officials still haven't determined what created a series of red flickering globes in the sky over the city during the weekend. They might be getting some help.

A field investigator with a national UFO network said he's opened up an investigation to try and determine what was hovering over the city's Moses Lake on Saturday and Sunday.

The red hovering lights have been the talk of the town for days and prompted interest from UFO investigator Chuck Stansburge who handles field investigations in this area for the Mutual UFO Network or MUFON.

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Kicking The Hornets' Nest

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Archived: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 06:54:02 -0400
Subject: Kicking The Hornets' Nest

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/6segj6y>

Thursday, April 12, 2012

Kicking The Hornets' Nest
by Billy Cox

Dr. George Michael clearly had no idea what he was stepping into last month when he submitted a favorable review of Leslie Kean's UFOs: Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials Go On the Record to eSkeptic, the online newsletter of the Skeptics Society. Boy, was he in for an education.

"I would've hoped they would've been more open-minded instead of going ad hominem and calling me clueless and stupid," said Michael from Montgomery, Ala. That's where he teaches nuclear counterproliferation and deterrence theory, at the Air War College, as an associate professor. "I know they categorically reject UFOs, I just didn't know how deep it went."

Michael, a relative newcomer to the UFO controversy, apparently passed a Skeptical smell test last year without incident. Intrigued by Stephen Hawking's warnings in 2010 that radio signals might alert galactic conquistadors to the presence of life on Earth, Michael revisited three classes of hypothetical extraterrestrial civilizations proposed by Russian astrophysicist Nikolai Kardashev in the 1960s. His article didn't mention UFOs. Skeptic Magazine published it in 2011.

But last week, the spit hit the fan.

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Could 'Advanced' Dinosaurs Rule Other Planets?

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Archived: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 07:22:03 -0400
Subject: Could 'Advanced' Dinosaurs Rule Other Planets?

Source: ScienceDaily.Com

www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/04/120411120506.htm

Apr. 11, 2012

Could 'Advanced' Dinosaurs Rule Other Planets?

New scientific research raises the possibility that advanced versions of T. rex and other dinosaurs - monstrous creatures with the intelligence and cunning of humans - may be the life forms that evolved on other planets in the universe. "We would be better off not meeting them", concludes the study, which appears in the Journal of the American Chemical Society.

In the report, noted scientist Ronald Breslow, Ph.D., discusses the century-old mystery of why the building blocks of terrestrial amino acids (which make up proteins), sugars, and the genetic materials DNA and RNA exist mainly in one orientation or shape.

There are two possible orientations, left and right, which mirror each other in the same way as hands. This is known as "chirality." In order for life to arise, proteins, for instance, must contain only one chiral form of amino acids, left or right.

With the exception of a few bacteria, amino acids in all life on Earth have the left-handed orientation. Most sugars have a right-handed orientation. How did that so-called homochirality, the predominance of one chiral form, happen?

Breslow describes evidence supporting the idea that the unusual amino acids carried to a lifeless Earth by meteorites about 4 billion years ago set the pattern for normal amino acids with the L-geometry, the kind in terrestrial proteins, and how those could lead to D-sugars of the kind in DNA.

"Of course," Breslow says, "showing that it could have happened this way is not the same as showing that it did." He adds: "An implication from this work is that elsewhere in the universe there could be life forms based on D-amino acids and L-sugars. Such life forms could well be advanced versions of dinosaurs, if mammals did not have the good fortune to have the dinosaurs wiped out by an asteroidal collision, as on Earth. We would be better off not meeting them."

Journal Reference:

Ronald Breslow. Evidence for the Likely Origin of Homochirality in Amino Acids, Sugars, and Nucleosides on Prebiotic Earth. Journal of the American Chemical Society, 2012; 120325104045005 DOI: 10.1021/ja3012897

American Chemical Society (2012, April 11). Could 'advanced' dinosaurs rule other planets?

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'Monolith' Object On Mars? You Could Call It That

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Subject: 'Monolith' Object On Mars? You Could Call It That

Source: Space.Com

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

Date: 12 April 2012

'Monolith' Object On Mars? You Could Call It That
Natalie Wolchover

Amateur stargazers have discovered an intriguing object jutting out from the surface of Mars. The seemingly perfectly rectangular, upright structure, found in NASA images of the Red Planet, bears a striking resemblance to the monoliths planted on Earth and the moon by aliens in the classic sci-fi film "2001: A Space Odyssey."

The object in question was first spotted several years ago after being photographed by the HiRISE camera onboard the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, a NASA space probe; every so often, it garners renewed interest on the Internet. But is it unnatural =97 a beacon erected by aliens for mysterious reasons, and even more mysteriously paralleled in the imaginations of Stanley Kubrick and Arthur C. Clarke, creators of "2001"? Or is this rock the work of nature?

According to Jonathon Hill, a research technician and mission planner at the Mars Space Flight Facility at Arizona State University, who processes many of the images taken during NASA's Mars missions, the object in question is no more than a roughly rectangular boulder.

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Re: Ufology and Psychiatry - Summary

From: **Eugene Frison** <cthulhu_calls.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 12:01:05 -0500
Archived: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 07:27:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufology and Psychiatry - Summary

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 18:51:34 +0100
>Subject: Ufology And Psychiatry Summary

>I hope, in future, that anyone thinking of accepting _any_
>dictum from the psychiatry/psychology camp would think again.
>Their words are about as reliable as politicians' promises - and
>IMHO for the same reason: they are self-interested professional
>liars (or fools, of course).

Ray,

This statement displays the same miserably shallow understanding of Psychiatry and Psychology as your posts did regarding your understanding of the physiology and functioning of the eye and brain in the human perception process (so much more accurately described by David Rudiak) earlier on.

I suggest you get to know your subjects to a much greater depth before you put yourself in a position to make such sweeping generalizations dismissing them, or trying to speak on them as if you know something about them.

I know several psychiatrists and psychologists who genuinely care about the people they are involved with in a professional manner, who aren't anywhere near criminal in either thought or dealings, who are responsible and ethical, and who have - many times over - sincerely helped the people they are working with.

Both these fields have had more successes than can be counted. Are they perfect? No! Is everyone practicing these disciplines as competent as they should be? Absolutely not! Dumb remarks such as yours (above) display an utter lack of knowing (even slightly) what the heck you are talking about.

Eugene Frison

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Re: Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art In Clouds?

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 13:51:22 -0400
Archived: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 07:29:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art In Clouds?

>From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
>To: [post.nul](#)
>Date: Wed, 11 Apr 2012 20:06:19 -0400
>Subject: Re: Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art In Clouds?

>>From: William Treurniet<wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates<[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Tue, 10 Apr 2012 18:02:54 -0400
>>Subject: Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art In The Clouds?

>>Pareidolia is often the explanation for unusual shapes seen in
>>clouds. Nevertheless, I offer for your consideration a photo I
>>took last August that presents a complex piece of art in the sky
>>that may even tell a story. In my opinion, the odds that this
>>particular scene was placed there somehow by some intelligence is
>>higher than the odds that it was merely a chance arrangement of
>>cloud material.

>><http://www.treurniet.ca/cloudpics/skyscape.htm>

>You didn't mention the monkey skull that's about to bite a Grey
>just behind its right eye, which is located just above and to
>the right of Halo 2 and Object 1. But that's pareidolia too.

It seems you are trying to muddy the water, Carol. You call a new thing I hadn't mentioned pareidolia, and then you imply that everything else is as well. I think that's called a "straw man" argument. I don't recognize the 'monkey skull' you are seeing, even when you tell me where it is in the image. This conforms with the definition of "a vague and random stimulus...being perceived as significant". That would be pareidolia on your part (if you actually do see it).

On the other hand, I expect the humanoid figures in the image are easily seen by most people. If you saw the scene mounted in an art gallery somewhere, you would easily recognize the figures, and would be quite willing to say there was an artist. But when the scene is in a location where the art medium and artist can't be imagined, some people prefer to dismiss it as a random configuration of cloud when it is clearly meaningful. That is putting one's head in the sand, and is not likely to produce any new understanding.

It occurs to me that the mindless UFO skeptics (or debunkers) out there use the same kind of argument to put down interesting UFO sightings using mundane explanations. A sighting of a clear but unfamiliar object in the sky becomes, without much further examination, a bird, a star, marsh gas, a meteor, a conventional airplane, anything but an unknown. This is equivalent to a charge of pareidolia. It's an easy one to make since apparently no justification is required. So it is not easy to disprove, and it seems plenty of people are satisfied with it.

When the context of a sighting is unusual and violates our expectations, it is justifiable to explain it as pareidolia when the stimulus is "vague and random". But when an image in the sky is clearly identifiable, contains two interacting objects of the same class, and hangs together as a scene, then it's time to consider other explanations.

William

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Re: NASA's Alien Contact Scenario

From: **Stanton T. Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 19:03:28 -0300
Archived: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 07:32:35 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA's Alien Contact Scenario

>Source: DailyGalaxy.Com

><http://tinyurl.com/76y3mg3>

>April 10, 2012

>>From the 'X-Files' Dept: NASA's Alien Contact Scenario
>The Daily Galaxy

>Extraterrestrial beings monitoring Earth might view changes in
>our atmosphere as symptomatic of a a self-destructing
>civilization and take drastic action to keep us from becoming a
>more serious threat, according to a highly speculative scenario
>developed last year by scientists at NASA and Penn State
>University.

>Shawn Domagal-Goldman of NASA's Planetary Science Division and
>his colleagues developed scenarios that could unfold in the
>aftermath of a close encounter, to help humanity "prepare for
>actual contact".

>Their report, Would Contact with Extraterrestrials Benefit or
>Harm Humanity? A Scenario Analysis, divides alien contacts into
>three broad categories: beneficial, neutral or harmful.

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

How utterly absurd.

The article and comments completely ignore the overwhelming
evidence that Earth has been visited by ETs for at least 70 years
(more likely 7000); it ignores that we have exploded 2000
nuclear weapons, that nuclear energy is already being used for
propulsion (Think aircraft carriers operating for 18 years
without refueling).

That the stars are in reach if we wish to spend the money. That
there are over 1000 stars within 55 light years. That in WW II we
killed over 60 million earthlings and destroyed 1700 cities.

CO-2 levels rising means more plant growth.

The data indicate we are a menace and within reach.

Stan Friedman

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The Disclosure Dialogues

From: Christopher O'Brien <cob.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 12:38:29 -0700
Archived: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 07:36:46 -0400
Subject: The Disclosure Dialogues

Hello Friends!

Recently, I co-produced and was featured in a new Five DVD Set titled The Disclosure Dialogues.

It is an amazing collection of work featuring some of the top experts in the field such as Richard Dolan, George Noory, George Knapp, Nick Pope, Edgar Mitchell, Stephen Bassett and many more.

The main film in the series is a documentary, It Could Happen Tomorrow, a well produced film that looks at the implications of UFO disclosure in a way never before seen.

The film won Best Feature Film and People's Choice EBE Awards at this year's International UFO Congress's Film festival.

I highly recommend that you get a copy. It is being called an historical achievement. Five DVD set only \$29.95!

Feel free to learn more, get a special price, and a free gift at:

<http://www.paranormalmediagroup.com/disclosurecob.html>

Thank you!

Christopher O'Brien

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Mirage Men The Documentary

From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 21:30:00 +0700 (GMT+07:00)
Archived: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 07:42:08 -0400
Subject: Mirage Men The Documentary

Source: BoingBoing.Com

<http://boingboing.net/2012/04/10/mirage-men-documentary-about.html>

Apr 12, 2012 8:47 PM

Mirage Men: Documentary On UFOs As Manufactured Myth
By David Pescovitz

Mirage Men is my pal Mark Pilkington's terrific book published last year about the story behind the UFO story - a history of disinformation, paranoia, hoaxers, espionage, and weird psy-ops.

While researching the book, Mark and his colleague John Lundberg traveled around conducting video interviews with dozens of characters, from kooky ET enthusiasts to former air force officers whose truths, if you believe them, are far stranger than the fictions you'll get from most UFO books.

I'm thrilled that Mark and John along with Roland Denning, and Kypros Kyprianou have transformed all that "evidence" into a feature length documentary.

The soundtrack is by distinguished drone/experimental musicians Earth and Cyclobe. Mirage Men, the film, is sure to be a fun mindf..k.

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Mirage Men The Trailer

From: **John Lundberg** <john.nul>
Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 15:44:39 +0100
Archived: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 08:06:19 -0400
Subject: Mirage Men The Trailer

Hi Errol,

I thought you and the folks on the UFO Updates list might be interested to know that we have just released the first teaser trailer for our forthcoming feature documentary 'Mirage Men':

You can view it here on vimeo:

<http://vimeo.com/39095965>

And here on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4H7gO4Tp50>

All the best,

John

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Director - Mirage Men
<http://miragemen.com>

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Talk Of UFO Falling Into Bantam Lake

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 08:12:40 -0400
Archived: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 08:12:40 -0400
Subject: Talk Of UFO Falling Into Bantam Lake

Source: The New Haven Register

<http://tinyurl.com/6mkx5od>

Thursday, April 12, 2012

Litchfield Buzzing With Talk Of UFO Falling Into Bantam Lake
By Daniela Forte

LITCHFIELD =97 It was quiet on Bantam Lake Thursday, afternoon with a few scattered showers =97 but no UFOs.

That's what reporters from Eyewitness News, the Connecticut CBS affiliate, and NBC Connecticut news crews were looking for at a parking area on North Shore Road in Bantam=97or at least a good follow-up to a story first reported by the Republican American of Waterbury.

The story in Thursday morning's paper recounted reports of a glowing "unidentified falling object" disappearing into Bantam Lake after midnight Monday.

"I think it's pretty exciting the possibility of a UFO, but highly unlikely", said Litchfield resident Marie Doyon, who was out Thursday afternoon at Bantam Lake, which spans the towns of Litchfield and Morris and is Connecticut's largest natural lake.

According to a report posted by The Associated Press, authorities said they didn't find anything after a state trooper and another person reported the large object falling out of the sky.

[More at site...]

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Re: Mirage Men The Documentary

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 07:24:57 -0500
Archived: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 10:42:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Mirage Men The Documentary

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>characters, from kooky ET enthusiasts to former air force
>officers whose truths, if you believe them, are far stranger
>than the fictions you'll get from most UFO books.

"Kooky ET enthusiasts"? "Fictions from UFO books"?

How, uh, fascinating.

Haven't we heard this one before? Like, about a gazillion times?
I gather this one was done on autopilot.

Wake me when it's over.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Could 'Advanced' Dinosaurs Rule Other Planets?

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 08:52:22 -0400
Archived: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 10:43:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Could 'Advanced' Dinosaurs Rule Other Planets?

>From: Ray Dickenson<r.dickenson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 17:28:04 +0100
>Subject: Could 'Advanced' Dinosaurs Rule Other Planets?

>Source: ScienceDaily.Com

>www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/04/120411120506.htm

>Apr. 11, 2012

>Could 'Advanced' Dinosaurs Rule Other Planets?

><snip>

>Breslow describes evidence supporting the idea that the unusual
>amino acids carried to a lifeless Earth by meteorites about 4
>billion years ago set the pattern for normal amino acids with
>the L-geometry, the kind in terrestrial proteins, and how those
>could lead to D-sugars of the kind in DNA.

>"Of course," Breslow says, "showing that it could have happened
>this way is not the same as showing that it did." He adds: "An
>implication from this work is that elsewhere in the universe
>there could be life forms based on D-amino acids and L-sugars.
>Such life forms could well be advanced versions of dinosaurs, if
>mammals did not have the good fortune to have the dinosaurs
>wiped out by an asteroidal collision, as on Earth. We would be
>better off not meeting them."

And why is that? If we and the ET dinosaurs are of opposite
chirality, we would not be digestible food for them. This seems
to be what was implied.

William

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 16:39:06 +0100
Archived: Sat, 14 Apr 2012 07:38:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Could 'Advanced' Dinosaurs Rule Other Planets?

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>chirality, we would not be digestible food for them. This seems
>to be what was implied.

Right William, obvious enough but seemingly ignored in the haste
to put together a 'sexy/scary' scenario.

BTW - I just got another valid response to that "We would be
better off not meeting them" - which was "Why not?".

As he went on to say, mammals and reptiles have a common
ancestor and any meeting of minds could be very interesting -
and besides many/most dinos and all contemporary mammals were
omnivores or herbivores.

Even so, in an earlier discussion I did allow that
misunderstandings_might_arise if we ever met a purely
carnivorous intelligent species. But now, having reconsidered
the evidence as seen on Earth, am inclined to think that pure
carnivores probably won't ever achieve self-conscious
intelligence.

Cheers

Ray D

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Alien Invasion Plans Revealed

From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 11:14:07 -0600
Archived: Sat, 14 Apr 2012 07:40:50 -0400
Subject: Alien Invasion Plans Revealed

I found this on a conspiracy news site, traced it back to the source through YouTube, and good grief, it's real. This link is to a video from the Aussie version of the Today show. The date given for the original broadcast is 4/8/12, so a week after April Fool's Day, if that matters.

What she says is this Prof. Paul Springer is a US Air and Space Command and Staff College spokesman "with special government clearance to talk." The man then makes some good-sounding tactical points -- the main thing is to conserve forces; the aliens might go against our nukes just to protect the resources they want; and the planet just might unite to fight them.

Sounds like a plan to me! Question is, are they setting us up for the real thing, or...

In any case, this simple admission that the Powers That Be are even remotely considering the possibility of alien invasion is about as close to Disclosure as anything I've ever seen. And the Nat'l Geo. overlay of invasion movies is predictable, I suppose, but it's sure not pulling any punches. I notice that the woman's questions are thoughtful, to the point, and there's no giggle factor at all. Remarkable.

If this isn't a test to see public reaction, what is?

<http://video.au.msn.com/watch/video/alien-invasion/xxf5gut>

Duck and cover!

Jay Nelson

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Re: 'Monolith' Object On Mars? You Could Call It

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 18:22:47 +0000
Archived: Sat, 14 Apr 2012 07:43:48 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Monolith' Object On Mars? You Could Call It

>Source: Space.Com

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

>Date: 12 April 2012

>'Monolith' Object On Mars? You Could Call It That
>Natalie Wolchover

>Amateur stargazers have discovered an intriguing object jutting
>out from the surface of Mars. The seemingly perfectly
>rectangular, upright structure, found in NASA images of the Red
>Planet, bears a striking resemblance to the monoliths planted on
>Earth and the moon by aliens in the classic sci-fi film '2001: A
>Space Odyssey.'

>The object in question was first spotted several years ago after
>being photographed by the HiRISE camera onboard the Mars
>Reconnaissance Orbiter, a NASA space probe; every so often, it
>garners renewed interest on the Internet. But is it unnatural =97
>a beacon erected by aliens for mysterious reasons, and even more
>mysteriously paralleled in the imaginations of Stanley Kubrick
>and Arthur C. Clarke, creators of '2001'? Or is this rock the
>work of nature?

>According to Jonathon Hill, a research technician and mission
>planner at the Mars Space Flight Facility at Arizona State
>University, who processes many of the images taken during NASA's
>Mars missions, the object in question is no more than a roughly
>rectangular boulder.

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

If there are people who think that the rectangular boulder on
Mars is a monolith planted by 'aliens' then I've got a rock in
my front yard - totally square - I thought was natural.
(The rock is real, I can see it as a type this message.)
Is it time to think that 'aliens' planted it there to signal me
'they're here'? Hah!

KK

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Socorro Crash Site

From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
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List,

Some list-folk might find this interesting. Anyway, it's not BS.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3K0ZWGL1OU&feature=youtu.be>

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Thu Apr 12, 2012

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Mathematical analysis adds to growing body of work questioning the negative results of a life-detection experiment 36 years ago.

By Irene Klotz

New analysis of 36-year-old data, resuscitated from printouts, shows NASA found life on Mars, an international team of mathematicians and scientists conclude in a paper published this week.

Further, NASA doesn't need a human expedition to Mars to nail down the claim, neuropharmacologist and biologist Joseph Miller, with the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine, told Discovery News.

"The ultimate proof is to take a video of a Martian bacteria. They should send a microscope - watch the bacteria move," Miller said.

"On the basis of what we've done so far, I'd say I'm 99 percent sure there's life there," he added.

Miller's confidence stems in part from a new study that re-analyzed results from a life-detection experiment conducted by NASA's Viking Mars robots in 1976.

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

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04/13/2012

UFO Encounters With Airplanes: Pilots, Officials Discuss
Potential Safety Hazards
By Lee Spiegel

There's been a buzz in the air this week - literally - about a video allegedly showing a UFO flying near a passenger plane over Seoul, South Korea.

The video, which has been viewed several million times, has brought out a myriad of theories to explain the strange-looking oval white object viewed on Saturday. When a passenger on the airline tried to zoom in on the object with a video camera as it moved upward from the ground, pacing near the plane, it suddenly flew away.

Was this an alien visitation, a computer-generated image, a water droplet on the plane window or a white plastic bag moving in the wind?

As skeptics and true UFO believers battle it out over the origin of this latest unexplained object, they are engaging in an unresolved decades-old debate: Can unexplained UFOs become a safety issue for the commercial airline industry?

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Update On Chilean UFO Videos: Getting The Bugs Out
By Leslie Kean

On March 13, Ralph Blumenthal and I published a story about a case from Chile which has since sparked considerable controversy. The official UAP research organization in Santiago, known as the CEFAA (Committee for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena), had provided information about an anomaly caught on multiple video tapes during an air show at the nearby El Bosque Air Base on Nov. 5, 2010.

Gen. Ricardo Berm=FAdez, Director of the CEFAA, first showed one of the videos - the same one we released - during his lecture at the International UFO Congress in Phoenix last February. "Seven spectators located in different places, each with his own camera, filmed the flybys. In the seven videos, the same thing appeared," he told the audience. His lecture is now posted at the CEFAA website.

I interviewed the general just before his Phoenix presentation, having been tipped off about the case after contacting the CEFAA a few days earlier. "Something anomalous was there, and our astronomers, who are non-believers, said it's an object," he told me. "When it approaches, there is an intelligent maneuver demonstrated. What it is remains unknown, but we are not finished with the analysis."

Experts in Chile examined the footage, which comes from digital cameras and cell phones, and ruled out conventional explanations. "We have studied this case in different ways," said Berm=FAdez in his lecture. "First we gave all the films it to our astronomers. They proceeded with their own software and system. Second, we gave the film to the air force specialists, the Air Photogrammetric Service. They used their own procedures. Third, we at the CEFAA made an internal analysis with our own specialists."

And he added: "We will continue making an analysis and hope we can arrive at a scientific conclusion as soon as possible."

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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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>From: John Lundberg <john.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 15:44:39 +0100
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>--
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Hi,

Having just sat and watched your trailer I would like to congratulate you on a very clean and highly polished cutting edge documentary and I look forward to the entire production.

I do need to ask the following questions:

You put forward the theory that the US Government has placed in the public domain a bunch of misinformation about UFOs being Alien craft as a cover story but are nothing more than secret black budget Projects, for me the SR71 springs to mind & the Stealth Bomber.

What did your team think of the Disclosures project media release of UFO information by retired Army, Navy, Air force veteran's? Do you regard this as a part of the US government misinformation on UFOs to the public?

Would you say that the Rendlesham UFO Incident has a part to play in the notion your placing in the public Domain?

Bearing in mind that World UFO sightings predate 1940 does this mean you are not interested in the rest of the historical preceding UFO sighting data?

Is this issue of predating UFO sightings addressed in your full film? How do you view the predating (UFO sightings go back centuries) 1940s UFO sightings?

Examples Quoted from NICAP

<http://www.nicap.org/waves/1900-1938.htm>

May. 18, 1909; Caerphilly, Wales
11:00 p.m. Mr. Lethbridge was walking along a road near the mountains when he saw on the grass a large tube-like machine. Aboard were two men wearing furs and talking excitedly in a language the witness could not understand. The grass was found depressed at the site after the object had flown off. (Magonia #36, 198; Anatomy 21)

March 17, 1903; Helmer, Indiana
During the early evening a family watched a brilliantly glowing cigar-shaped object hovering at treetop level. It had two rows of evenly spaced windows. When a witness approached to investigate, the object took off, accelerating rapidly and departing in zigzag flight. (Hall, 2000, p. 5)

Could not the template you put forward on such powerful misinformation given out by humans to other humans also be placed upon religion in the world to think there are gods that they must obey so a maintained structure of order could be underwritten ? Or could this only be with UFOs?

Regards,

Roy

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Gildas,

In short, rather than "kooky ET enthusiasts" - and what a nasty
thing to say, by the way, about SETI theorists - we're dealing
with kooky conspiracy theorists.

Jerry Clark

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I'm afraid all we have is another version of what I call the skeptics' "Drooling Idiot" (DI) theory of history. The military, the airlines, the FAA, various intelligence services, etc., etc., are populated with numerous DI's, incapable of the most basic of judgments. Thus pilots and radar operators, civilian and military, are incapable of distinguishing something anomalous from the ordinary. At Roswell, senior officers couldn't distinguish fragile, common balloon debris from highly anomalous debris and thought it was from a flying saucer. And on and on and on.

Of course, only the skeptics, with their superior intellects and infallible superpowers of "scientific" analysis, are capable of correctly perceiving the "real" story. In this case, it's all a big counterintelligence scam that's been going on for over 60 years to conceal our most secret military projects.

Under this theory, the DI theory needs to be extended to our enemies as well, otherwise, what's the purpose of all this deception--just to fool the American public? What purpose does that serve? Isn't it the Russians or Chinese or the enemy flavor the of the week you are trying to deceive? E.g., our spy planes are really enemy flying saucers, so don't try to shoot them down.

Yes, the Russians, the Chinese, etc., with their own sophisticated military machines, radar networks, interceptor aircraft, intelligence services, etc., have been as easily fooled as the stereotypical drunken hillbilly reporting a flying saucer.

Not only that, but a common extension of this theory, as advocated by such debunkers as James Oberg, is that the Russians et. al. are playing the same game on us to conceal their own secret projects.

This has got to be one of the longest cons in history, where everybody is being fooled and nobody can figure out that they are being had (except for the debunkers, of course). The only

way the theory could conceivably make sense is if the major powers already know that true UFOs are quite real and not made by any nation on planet earth. Then, and only then could one conceivably disguise one's own craft as a UFO.

Even that is a bit dubious. Does any conventional craft make right angle turns, have 100 g accelerations, fly at hypersonic speed without sonic boom, or go shooting straight up to disappear? Those are among the highly anomalous flight characteristics of true UFOs that distinguish them from conventional aircraft, and any semi-trained pilot, radar operator, etc. knows as much--unless they are all drooling idiots, of course.

I have pointed out the absurdity of the usual DI theory many times in the past whenever some debunker puts it forward, and I have yet to here a single plausible refutation of my points. Usually the debunkers don't respond at all, but just slink away, maybe too embarrassed to even try any sort of counter. They too must know the theory is utter foolishness.

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>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 12:01:05 -0500
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>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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I suspect Ray belongs to the European postmodernist movement,
which drove my youngest son berserk when he was at Oxford
(apparently the universities there are overrun with
postmodernists). Basically it is a form of nihilism, arguing
that there is no absolute knowledge, all knowledge is
interpretation filtered through our minds, therefore (in the
most extreme versions), absolutely nothing can be trusted and
there are no truths.

While there is some "truth" in all this (it is rather hard to
argue that what we consider knowledge stands apart from our own
brains), it is often used to create sweeping indictments of all
knowledge and all experts. Thus we get posts from Ray that all
scientific theories are suspect or wrong, all our perceptions
are wrong or not to be trusted, or in this case, all
psychologists/psychiatrists are liars or fools or both. (Part of
this may derive from an overreaction to the arrogance and
rigidity of thinking that many experts in their field may
display.)

The irony in all this is that the validity of postmodernist
philosophy itself can be questioned on the same grounds, i.e.,
hung from its own petards. I'd like to think in the last few
thousand years that even with our own obvious mental limitations
and human deficiencies of character we have actually learned a
few truths, such as the Earth isn't flat and resting on the back
of a giant turtle. Isn't our present views of cosmology and
physics a bit more valid than that? The very fact that humans
have not gone extinct instead of becoming food for saber-tooth
tigers is some sort of testament to the accuracy of our
perceptual apparatus.

Ray doesn't strike me as a bad guy and often posts interesting
ideas, but he really needs to come off it a bit and not take his
own philosophical underpinnings too seriously. Good scientists
have a certain degree of humility, realizing the limitations of
their own knowledge and theories and realize there may always be

a need for modification should the evidence justify it. No need to accuse them of all being fools and all theories totally invalid.

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New at The Alien Jigsaw - April 2012

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vs indirect realism. The direct variety argued, if I recall
correctly, that what we perceive is 'out there'. The object does
not require interpretation, it just is and the representation of
it in our brains is a direct reflection of the object. Indirect
realism, on the other hand, argues that our brain is like an
anthropologist, building up a representation of the object from
a lot of little clues. This is not nihilism because the object
is still said to have a real existence. It's just that the
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>rigidity of thinking that many experts in their field may

>display.)

Ray did go a bit overboard with his indictment of psychiatry. Or, in the context of indirect realism, maybe he didn't go far enough. Without being so harsh, one can make an argument that all sciences can suffer occasionally from the problem of selective perception or "inattentional blindness", where one sees only what one expects to see (e.g., when watching a movie of people playing basketball, few people remember seeing the woman with the umbrella walking across the playing field). For example, modern cosmology suffers from that by ignoring data not consistent with the Big Bang theory, adding stuff like dark matter and energy so that existing theories continue to work, etc.

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>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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>>From: John Lundberg <john.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 15:44:39 +0100
>>Subject: Mirage Men The Trailer

>>I thought you and the folks on the UFO Updates list might be
>>interested to know that we have just released the first teaser
>>trailer for our forthcoming feature documentary 'Mirage Men':

>>You can view it here on vimeo:

>><http://vimeo.com/39095965>

>>And here on YouTube:

>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4H7gO4Tp50>

>>Director - Mirage Men
>><http://miragemen.com>

>I'm afraid all we have is another version of what I call the
>skeptics' "Drooling Idiot" (DI) theory of history. The military,
>the airlines, the FAA, various intelligence services, etc.,
>etc., are populated with numerous DI's, incapable of the most
>basic of judgments. Thus pilots and radar operators, civilian
>and military, are incapable of distinguishing something
>anomalous from the ordinary. At Roswell, senior officers
>couldn't distinguish fragile, common balloon debris from highly
>anomalous debris and thought it was from a flying saucer. And on
>and on and on.

>Of course, only the skeptics, with their superior intellects and
>infallible superpowers of "scientific" analysis, are capable of
>correctly perceiving the "real" story. In this case, it's all a
>big counterintelligence scam that's been going on for over 60
>years to conceal our most secret military projects.

An excellent point, David, in a post full of them.

I have long thought that skeptical ideologues ought to establish
a phone or e-mail hotline. Deluded souls who think they've had a
UFO encounter can quickly contact the experts, who will inform
them on the spot what they really saw, which was not, of course,
what they thought they saw, they being dimwits with defective
perceptual apparatuses of the sort that make it difficult for
them to cross the street safely. We really need to show more
respect for the wisdom of our skeptical lords and masters who
alone know the true nature of our experiences.

>Under this theory, the DI theory needs to be extended to our
>enemies as well, otherwise, what's the purpose of all this
>deception-just to fool the American public? What purpose does
>that serve? Isn't it the Russians or Chinese or the enemy flavor
>the of the week you are trying to deceive? E.g., our spy planes

>are really enemy flying saucers, so don't try to shoot them
>down.

>Yes, the Russians, the Chinese, etc., with their own
>sophisticated military machines, radar networks, interceptor
>aircraft, intelligence services, etc., have been as easily
>fooled as the stereotypical drunken hillbilly reporting a flying
>saucer.

>Not only that, but a common extension of this theory, as
>advocated by such debunkers as James Oberg, is that the Russians
>et. al. are playing the same game on us to conceal their own
>secret projects.

>This has got to be one of the longest cons in history, where
>everybody is being fooled and nobody can figure out that they
>are being had (except for the debunkers , of course). The only
>way the theory could conceivably make sense is if the major
>powers already know that true UFOs are quite real and not made
>by any nation on planet earth. Then, and only then could one
>conceivably disguise one's own craft as a UFO.

It is entirely predictable, of course, that debunkers would
eventually become conspiracy theorists. Conspiracy theory is
where you go when all else has failed.

<snip>

>I have pointed out the absurdity of the usual DI theory many
>times in the past whenever some debunker puts it forward, and I
>have yet to here a single plausible refutation of my points.
>Usually the debunkers don't respond at all, but just slink away,
>maybe too embarrassed to even try any sort of counter. They too
>must know the theory is utter foolishness.

In the last print issue of the anti-anomaly British journal
Magonia, I contributed a short essay on the view from June 25,
1947, laying out a series of logical developments that would
have followed if the then-novel flying saucers turned out to be
solely the product of error and deceit.

Along with other issues, I outline what investigators would find
out about the character of witnesses. It would be found, for
example, that those who reported close-range, high-strangeness
encounters - in other words, experiences difficult to explain
via honest misperception - would overwhelmingly be fringe
individuals, that is, liars, hysterics, or mentally ill persons.
The "best" sightings with the most credible observers would be
undramatic and easily or fairly easily traced to prosaic causes.
Carl Sagan's notorious dictum would actually be true: the most
interesting sightings would be the least credible, and the least
interesting would be the most credible.

The contention that anything anomalous was going on would be
conclusively falsified within weeks or months (I suspect by the
end of 1947), and the fad, like all baseless fads (e.g., ancient
astronauts, the Bermuda Triangle), would end for all practical
purposes, to survive only among hard-core cranks of the sort who
think that the earth is flat or hollow and that Richard Shaver
was right. No serious investigation, by scientists or
conscientious lay researchers, would ever conclude with cases,
especially those representative of an apparent unknown
technology, puzzling, unsolved, and suggestive. Scientists of
any reputation would rarely if ever report unexplained UFO
sightings. Airline pilots so deluded as to do so would be
terminated as menaces to the safety of aviation passengers.

Nobody attempted a refutation of my argument. Instead, skeptical
ideologues just talk louder and amp up the ridicule, clearly in
the hope, mostly forlorn by now but also successful in some
ways, that they can intimidate all contrary voices into silence.
The talking points get endlessly recycled, and the intolerance
for dissent (as we saw in the recent exchange among debunkers
about Leslie Kean's book) goes ever farther off the charts,
preceded long before by any link, however tenuous, to logical
thought, intellectual proportion, and rhetorical moderation.

The Drooling Idiots, I'm afraid, are not the UFO witnesses.

Jerry Clark

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>>Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 12:01:05 -0500
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>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
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>display.)

Exactly! That arrogance and rigidity of thinking is present in
all fields, not just in psychology and psychiatry. Without
doubt, it is, as you say, partly a reaction to this arrogance
and rigidity that makes some people dismiss psychology and
psychiatry as worthless. I think, however, that a bigger part of
it for those active or interested in the UFO field is due to
either having a "miserably shallow" understanding of these
fields or to seeing psychology and psychiatry as being a threat
to a nuts and bolts ETH explanation of the UFO enigma,
especially when these fields expand into parapsychology and
parasociology.

And, to be sure, they can indeed be a serious threat to such an explanation in that they can produce incontrovertible data that significantly shrinks the truly anomalous (core) UFO cases, or provides a better explanation that explains even these.

That's not to say that the ETH (even a rigid nuts and bolts version of it) is not a viable and solid solution to a portion of UFO events, only that good data coming out of these fields may provide a better explanation.

Having said this, it is not my intent to try to paint any of these fields as being perfect. There is a lot wrong with them. Psychology, to take an example, may see big changes if the work of individuals such as Stan Groff has merit. A truly excellent book for anyone who wants to get a start on discovering what is wrong with psychology is 'The Dilemma of Psychology: A Psychologist Looks at his Troubled Profession' by Lawrence LeShan (1990 E. P. Dutton).

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I concur with most of this! I think science has discovered some truth about the actuality that we exist in. However, I wouldn't say our perceptual apparatus is accurate because it most certainly isn't and the reality it presents to us doesn't even come close to the actuality that is 'out there.'

To quote from the back cover of a book by M. D. Vernon named 'The Psychology of Perception':

" ... behind the retina of the eye, many more fallible mental processes cause errors and inconsistencies to creep into our perceptions ... perceptions of shape, colour, movement and space develop gradually from infancy upward ... over thirty years of research at Cambridge and elsewhere (my copy of this book was printed in 1975), shows how the perceptions of different people are not always alike: they vary with attention, interest and individual personality factors ..."

What needs to be grasped is that this doesn't even begin to describe the amount of distortion that occurs during our perception process. This distortion occurs at several levels or points during the process. The picture of reality that we get doesn't even begin to approximate the actuality that is out there.

First, the senses don't detect most of what exists. When was the last time any of us directly viewed infrared or ultra-violet light or heard sub or supersonic sound, or sat out at night watching the cosmic rays striking. Our senses detect only a very narrow range of frequencies and are absolutely clueless to most of what is out there. We miss most of the picture so how is that accurate?

Second, what we do pick up by the senses is severely filtered. We would be overwhelmed if all the data that is presented to us on a steady basis was made conscious to us. Accuracy of the picture of what is truly out there has just been again significantly diminished.

Third, what does get detected and does get through is impossible for our brains to present to us accurately as a three dimensional image, simply because that actuality is not three dimensional. Modern physics tells us that all matter is composed of molecules, that molecules consist of atoms, that atoms are built out of subatomic particles, and that subatomic particles are simply energy. Energy that is formless, odorless, colorless, not solid, possesses no temperature! Current research indicates that each of these so-called particles may be holographic, existing as a field ubiquitously everywhere. So much for an accurate image of that saber-tooth tiger.

It seems a much better description of what is actually out there is information code.

Fourth, the information that reaches our brains from our senses is - all of it - interpreted by our brains and our brains do this based on what it has experienced in the past.

The picture it creates for us of what is out there cannot possibly be, and never is, accurate. This is an incontrovertible fact that is derived from discovered truth based on solid research in several scientific fields (including physics, biology, and psychology).

Our senses and brain and our perception process evolved to allow us to survive in the material world. These provide a picture of reality that is functional, not accurate. The picture created by our brains is a functional one - allows us to function within the world of matter - but it is not an accurate one. Functional is not the same as accurate! The brain can create a picture of what is out there that only needs to be functional for us to survive in the world of matter; it is not necessary that it create an accurate one to achieve this result. This is exactly what it does! It is a fallacy to think that our perception process has to produce accurate representations of the existing actuality for us to survive in the material range of frequencies.

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Ray certainly does post interesting ideas at times. In fact, the whole point that he was trying to make in his posts that eventually got lost in a discussion of the physiology of the eye was a valid one and I completely agree with him. He was stating that the human perception process is mostly psychological (a truth) and that our senses and brain produce inaccurate representations of what is out there (another truth). He was also stating that there may be a type or form of intelligence out there that our perception process may not be suited to communication with. This may be the most significant truth of all!

Eugene Frison

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Hello William,

My interests are facts, and theories which might explain those
facts, bearing in mind that no theory can be 'proven': a viable
theory merely fits all the presently known facts - without
omission.

Representative facts about psychiatry and the behaviour of
psychiatrists are at:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2012/jan/ml7-006.shtml>

Subject: Re: Participation In Psychology Dissertation Study

and at:

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

So, after presenting the known facts and personal theoretical
conclusions (if any), any arguments with those whose over-riding
beliefs compel them to ignore or misrepresent known facts would
be non-productive - as expressed here:

www.perceptions.couk.com/warn.html#research3

Cheers

Ray D

BTW - will admit to the occasional provocative presentation, to
flush out 'skeptical-bunkers' and 'true believers' alike.

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April 14, 2012

UFO Claims Surround Military Jet Mystery On The Costa Del Sol
By James Bryce and Jon Clarke

A number of expats have come forward to claim that a series of low-flying military jets that awoke the Costa del Sol [Spain] may have been chasing a UFO.

The residents of Benahavis and Estepona =96 where a trio of fighter jets undertook their mysterious 5am sortie on Easter Sunday =96 believe that the planes may have been tailing an "alien craft".

While the authorities refused to comment on the incident, the Olive Press has been inundated with calls and emails from concerned residents.

One British reader, who asked to remain anonymous, told the paper this weekend: "It was terrifying. They were clearly tailing this strange-looking craft.

"I cannot describe what it was, but it was long and thin and had flashing lights. It was definitely not a plane or helicopter.

"It made a very strange sound and moved slowly before suddenly shooting off at top speed."

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Note from a sideline Drooling Idiot:

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original post seem to be having a problem with their ability to
step back and realize most of their responses come off as
emotional - from the gut as it were. I am not saying that is
wrong, it is just a fact of the matter.

Me? I love reading Ray's comments. They are never boring or
reflecting the usual approach to ufo investigation. But, then,
my guess is that you all would toss me into the same bin as Ray.
But, before you do that think the move through. Sometimes, most
of you come off with a knee jerk reaction. It is as if you are
defending an indefensible position. Sometimes, it comes close to
simply name calling. Believe me, I know I am not above the fray.
I know that I sometimes enjoy sticking it to whoever is trying
to stick it to me. Onward, charge, blithely into the fray.

KK

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Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

From: **Eugene Frison** <cthulhu_calls.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Apr 2012 16:57:27 -0500
Archived: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 06:02:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 15 Apr 2012 18:43:16 +0100
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 15 Apr 2012 10:52:26 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>The inability of scientists to recognize the limitations of
>>their own knowledge, etc. is what I remember from many of Ray's
>>contributions. I think you may be misrepresenting him a bit. Is
>>this a manifestation of inattentive blindness? Indirect
>>realism?

>Hello William,

>My interests are facts, and theories which might explain those
>facts, bearing in mind that no theory can be 'proven': a viable
>theory merely fits all the presently known facts - without
>omission.

>Representative facts about psychiatry and the behaviour of
>psychiatrists are at:

><http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2012/jan/m17-006.shtml>

>Subject: Re: Participation In Psychology Dissertation Study

>and at:

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

>So, after presenting the known facts and personal theoretical
>conclusions (if any), any arguments with those whose over-riding
>beliefs compel them to ignore or misrepresent known facts would
>be non-productive - as expressed here:

>www.perceptions.couk.com/warn.html#research3

>Cheers

>Ray D

>BTW - will admit to the occasional provocative presentation, to
>flush out 'skepti-bunkers' and 'true believers' alike.

Ray,

You really need to get this in proper perspective!

The problem is with psychiatrists and psychologists, not with
the basic tenets of psychiatry and psychology. We are talking
apples and oranges here.

Let's take an example. Schizophrenia is real. It exists! It
doesn't usually get better on its own. If you doubt this, then I

sure wish you could talk to my friend Lilly who, at a very early age, was heinously murdered by another woman (who was later diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic) while making a call from a telephone booth on a street in Dominion, Nova Scotia. She was literally hacked to death - there were close to a hundred stab wounds - by the woman she didn't even know and who believed that Lilly was beaming electromagnetic signals at her in her apartment from the telephone booth. The firemen had to hose the area down to get rid of the blood. A motorist who stopped in an attempt to help Lilly could do nothing against the savage frenzy of her attacker.

This same sick woman a long time later was found to have in her possession while in the Nova Scotia Hospital (a mental hospital in Dartmouth, NS) a long list of people who she was going to kill when she returned to Cape Breton - this despite intensive treatment for her condition.

Schizophrenia is believed to have an actual physical cause, that is, it is the result of a chemical imbalance in the brain. This is a tenet of psychiatry and probably quite accurate.

If someone feigns psychotic symptoms and gets diagnosed as psychotic then can the psychiatrist who diagnosed same be blamed. Since these conditions usually don't get better on their own, can the psychiatrist be blamed for believing weeks later that the person is still ill despite a lack of symptoms.

As to other patients being able to pick out fake patients better than the doctors or staff, that is to be expected. The doctors and even the staff in these institutions don't spend anywhere near the amount of time interacting with each patient as the other patients do, nor is the interaction usually as close.

These experiments point out serious problems in these fields; they don't invalidate the basic tenets that they hold. Most of these problems stem from the people who are making the decisions (because these people are not perfect and are prone to subjective interpretation of what they have before them) not because of flawed tenets espoused by these fields. These experiments cannot be used to support a sweeping dismissal of psychiatry and psychology. They also cannot be used as a basis to call all psychologists and psychiatrists criminals, liars or fools.

Psychiatrists and psychologists are people - people who aren't perfect, who have flawed reasoning at times, and who have a flawed perception process. They make mistakes! Lots of them! Just because people make misinterpretations of the data before them doesn't invalidate the basic tenets of psychology and psychiatry. Can you begin to make this distinction and understand this?

A basic tenet of psychology is that the human perception process is mostly psychological and produces flawed results - that it is subjective and cannot be trusted to give an accurate representation of reality. I would suggest that the several experiments you are so fond of using to discredit psychology actually prove this basic tenet. These experiments prove that the perceptions of the psychologists and psychiatrists are subjective, prone to error, and cannot be trusted - and this proves psychology is correct when it comes to what it holds to be true regarding the human perception process.

On a very superficial level these experiments indicate there are problems in the fields of psychiatry and psychology. On a much deeper level they prove that these fields have some accurate insights into the human being and are thus very worthwhile.

Whether intentional or not, it is you who are guilty of misrepresenting known facts and of ignoring - or of being completely ignorant - of a great many relevant other ones.

Eugene Frison

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Re: 'Monolith' Object On Mars? You Could Call It

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 04:24:34 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 06:06:05 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Monolith' Object On Mars? You Could Call It

I'm not into "dumb" or asinine posts - especially with the outstanding posts here, of late!

Some are good enough to frame!

So I hope this doesn't qualify as one of the former.

But I ran across a photograph titled "Mars Monolith Mystery Solved". I'll spill the beans and make it easy for everyone: It's a picture of a Coke machine. Click and laugh.

<http://tinyurl.com/crqlonl>

"What did you expect? A monolith from 2001?".

There's so much on Mars to see, indicating the past presence of a civilization, that a monolith on the surface is like putting a shoe next to an aircraft carrier on Earth and asking, "Do you think the Earthlings put that shoe there to symbolize civilization, and possibly send us some kind of message?"
Answer: "Absolutely not".

What does the monolith mean? I don't know. I think we should take a closer picture of it if we get a chance, but it certainly doesn't mean "Kilroy was here". The Tubes of Mars (as well as the Face) say plenty. If anything, the Face is the stronger equivalent of a monolith, it's about a mile long, and it's not buried underground. I've also done a lot of graphics work with the tubes to bring out the details, primarily with M04-00291, and believe me, they aren't sand dunes.

Am I curious about the monolith? Sure. I'd like to see a clearer, closer picture of it, but I doubt that it has anything like the same meaning that it did in the movie. If HAL doesn't sabotage the mission, maybe we can get NASA to take some more closeups. Note: HAL works for NASA and will try to sabotage the mission in some way. Guaranteed. Perhaps by smudging the photos in critical places, or waiting for a dust storm to arise. But hope springs eternal. Science is stranger than fiction, these days.

Dave Morton

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A New View Of Stephenville

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 06:09:40 -0400
Archived: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 06:09:40 -0400
Subject: A New View Of Stephenville

Source: Billy Cox's Blog Devoid

<http://tinyurl.com/c8frbc5>

Friday, April 13, 2012

A New View Of Stephenville
by Billy Cox

Mutual UFO Network's radar analysis of the watershed Stephenville incident has been languishing in obscurity for nearly four years. But recently, a British computer programmer's animated reconstruction of that data has brought the mystery into sharper visual focus.

Where were the military pickets when an unidentified intruder without a transponder beacon set a course for President Bush's western White House in 2008?/CREDIT: abacuspub.com

Applying a program that duplicates conversions used by air accident investigators, Rob Jeffs has bundled the 2.8 million radar returns MUFON acquired from five FAA and National Weather Service sites, and recreated moving images of the air traffic over central Texas from 4-8 p.m. on Jan. 8, 2008.

Jeffs compressed the four-hour window into just under three minutes. The first version shows transient individual blips as they appeared on radar in real time, which makes the UFO's path more difficult to follow. The second version is more dramatic because it imprints each radar track and plots the UFO's course as it beelines from Stephenville southeast towards President Bush's ranch in Crawford. The most compelling activity doesn't kick in until around 6:55 p.m., or 18:55 according to the time counter at the top of the frame.

The second version is presented below...

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

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Travis Walton And Witnesses Speak

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 06:14:04 -0400
Archived: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 06:14:04 -0400
Subject: Travis Walton And Witnesses Speak

Source: OpenMinds.Tv

<http://tinyurl.com/6mcvt5h>

Apr 13, 2012

Travis Walton And Witnesses To His Alien Abduction Speak About
The Event
Michael Cline

For more than 36 years, the Travis Walton abduction story has been told countless times through film, print and presentations. His story has captivated an entire community of researchers and UFO enthusiasts. Now two eyewitnesses who were present the night of the abduction, are stepping forward to tell their side of the story.

For the first time since the incident, more than 36 years ago, Travis Walton, John Goulette, and Steve Pierce were reunited at the 2012 International UFO Congress. Producer Lori Wagner of Digital Films in San Diego and Regression Therapist Yvonne Smith sat down and interviewed all three.

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

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Wanaque 1972 Credible Witness Writes

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 06:19:11 -0400
Archived: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 06:19:11 -0400
Subject: Wanaque 1972 Credible Witness Writes

Source: NorthJersey.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/6lvnco5>

Monday, April 16, 2012

Back In The Day - April 9, 1972: Credible Witness Writes Of
Wanaque UFOs
By Bryan LaPlaca

The UFO sightings over the Wanaque Reservoir in the 1960s are remembered again from time to time by locals, and 40 years ago, longtime Suburban Trends editor Howard Ball wrote a lengthy firsthand account of the sightings and their aftermath.

Forty years ago, Ball told his tale amidst contemporary reports of yet another UFO seen over the reservoir a few minutes after a UFO was reported in Paterson by two policemen.

UFOs conjured up images of little green men, flying saucers and deadly light beams, but most sightings were simply unexplainable, Ball said.

"Reporting one also causes your friends to look at you funny and your bartender to cut you off well before you fall off the stool," he said. "You start getting letters from strange people all over the country, and your mother calls up and asks if you're working too hard, and are you still taking your Ovaltine before bed?"

Ball said he himself had seen something weird in the sky early one evening in January 1966 while driving to work as the suburban editor of Paterson News.

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Re: Military Jet Mystery On The Costa Del Sol

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 13:29:20 +0100 (BST)
Archived: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 08:54:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Military Jet Mystery On The Costa Del Sol

>Source: TheOlivePress.Com

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

>April 14, 2012

>UFO Claims Surround Military Jet Mystery On The Costa Del Sol
>By James Bryce and Jon Clarke

>A number of expats have come forward to claim that a series of
>low-flying military jets that awoke the Costa del Sol [Spain]
>may have been chasing a UFO.

>The residents of Benahavis and Estepona =E2=80=93 where a trio of
>fighter jets undertook their mysterious 5am sortie on Easter
>Sunday =E2=80=93 believe that the planes may have been tailing an "alien
>craft".

>While the authorities refused to comment on the incident, the
>Olive Press has been inundated with calls and emails from
>concerned residents.

>One British reader, who asked to remain anonymous, told the
>paper this weekend: "It was terrifying. They were clearly
>tailing this strange-looking craft.

>"I cannot describe what it was, but it was long and thin and had
>flashing lights. It was definitely not a plane or helicopter.

>"It made a very strange sound and moved slowly before suddenly
>shooting off at top speed."

>[More at site...]

The following link complements and explains what concerned the
English residents of this Spanish region:

<http://tinyurl.com/6tlg3xf>

Basically, the actual story - as reported by the Spanish Air
Force - is as follows:

The defense system found that a plane was flying without a
flight plan and needed to be intercepted, "as always occurs in
this type of situation". Since the Moran de la Frontera AFB
(Seville), was the nearest, a Eurofighter took off from there in
order to intercept the unidentified aircraft, one which the
radar determined to be flying very low, with no lights and
without flight plan (probably a drug-carrying plane from Africa,
I add.)

Precisely because of the low flying height of the unidentified
aircraft, the Spanish military aircraft had to fly very low and
it produced the alarm. Finally, not able to locate the small
plane (probably it had already landed in the region, I add), the
jet returned to its base.

Regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
UFO FOTOCAT Blog <http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 13:53:00 +0100
Archived: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 09:18:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>From: Eugene Frison <cthulhu_calls.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 15 Apr 2012 16:57:27 -0500
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

<snip>

>Let's take an example. Schizophrenia is real. It exists! It
>doesn't usually get better on its own.

<snip>

Sorry friend, the facts seem to be different:

Schizophrenia May Not Exist

www.psych-sci.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/news/schizophrenia

and the later update:

Call To Wipe Out Schizophrenia As Catch-All Tag

www.guardian.co.uk/news/2006/oct/10/medicineandhealth

Cheers

Ray D

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>Sorry friend, the facts seem to be different:

Only in your mind, Ray!

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>www.guardian.co.uk/news/2006/oct/10/medicineandhealth

There is very little - or nothing at all - new here!

These articles you are referring to are essentially rehashing the very old debate as to whether schizophrenia is caused by the environment or is biological/genetic and calling to make distinctions between each case recognizing that each patient's illness may be different and caused by different factors.

They are not claiming that the conditions usually referred to as schizophrenia do not exist.

A call to end the use of the word schizophrenia as a catch-all label. Nothing more.

The mental illness that affected the woman who murdered my friend Lilly was real. All these articles are saying is that her condition may not be identical to many other conditions that are similar with identical symptoms, and that each of these seemingly identical conditions may have any of a large number of causes. The call is to stop using one word - schizophrenia - to describe them all.

Let's be absolutely clear on this:

The referred to articles do not mean that there is no such thing as a mental illness that causes people to be out of touch with reality, hallucinate, have inappropriate affect, harbor feelings of persecution or delusion, be paranoid, or have any of the well-known symptoms. They do not in any way mean that these conditions that cause many people who have to live with them unspeakable suffering (as they do to their families and friends)

don't exist.

Friend, they do exist whether you use an umbrella term like schizophrenia to denote them or use a different name for each and every case, or don't use any name at all.

Whether the condition and symptoms are caused in one person by a genetic predisposition, caused in her neighbor by a biological factor such as a viral infection, and caused in someone else she doesn't even know living two hundred miles away from her by severe stress in the family or work environment, a mental illness develops. Call it schizophrenia in all three cases or give each case a different label, it doesn't matter when it comes to whether the patient is ill or not ill. The illness or illnesses is/are real!

What you call it may affect whether or not you discover its roots and how you treat it in each individual case but it certainly doesn't affect whether the person's illness is real or not.

Currently, psychiatry and psychology use the one term schizophrenia to describe these symptoms. So I will also use the word when talking or writing about it. If the day comes when they start using different labels for this illness (or for these _illnesses_ if that should be what they decide is more accurate) then I will use the newer terms.

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Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 01:01:17 +0100
Archived: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 10:16:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

Contributors to and readers of this thread might like to consider the following points:

- Mental illness is as common and ubiquitous as physical illness.
- Like physical illness, mental illness exists on a spectrum from the extremely mild (often unnoticed) to the extremely severe.
- Everybody suffers from from mental illness: mild aversions and phobias are forms of mental illness.
- It is an unfortunate social convention that mental illnesses are generally only recognised as such when the resultant dysfunction reaches a certain level of nuisance to other persons.
- Societal sanctions against the extreme nuisance caused by some forms of severe mental illness are so draconian that there is a general background fear of being classified as mentally ill. This fear results in the stigma commonly attached to mental illness.
- The stigma attached to mental illness acts as a strong social barrier to the recognition, discussion and understanding of mental illness.
- The terms used for types and classes of mental illness often conceal the 'spectrum nature' of the phenomenon and disguise its complexity.

I would draw particular attention to the concept of 'nuisance' in all of this. When issues of mental illness are raised in connection with highly unusual experiences, it is always worth standing back from the bare facts of the experience and pausing to consider this factor and the ways it which can affect what is reported, how (or whether) it is reported, and resultant responses.

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

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Re: Alien Invasion Plans Revealed

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Apr 2012 20:31:05 -0700
Archived: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 10:19:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Invasion Plans Revealed

>From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 Apr 2012 11:14:07 -0600
>Subject: Alien Invasion Plans Revealed

>I found this on a conspiracy news site, traced it back to the
>source through YouTube, and good grief, it's real. This link is
>to a video from the Aussie version of the Today show...
>What she says is this Prof. Paul Springer is a US Air and Space
>Command and Staff College spokesman "with special government
>clearance to talk." The man then makes some good-sounding
>tactical points - the main thing is to conserve forces; the
>aliens might go against our nukes just to protect the resources
>they want; and the planet just might unite to fight them.
>Sounds like a plan to me! Question is, are they setting us up
>for the real thing, or...

>In any case, this simple admission that the Powers That Be are
>even remotely considering the possibility of alien invasion is
>about as close to Disclosure as anything I've ever seen. And the
>Nat'l Geo. overlay of invasion movies is predictable, I suppose,
>but it's sure not pulling any punches. I notice that the woman's
>questions are thoughtful, to the point, and there's no giggle
>factor at all. Remarkable.

>If this isn't a test to see public reaction, what is?

><http://video.au.msn.com/watch/video/alien-invasion/xxf5gut>

Nice catch. It certainly does raise a lot of questions,
including whether it is a test of public reaction.

First of all the statement that they needed to obtain clearance
from the U.S. government for Prof. Springer to even talk.

Second, why would there be classified contingency plans for an
alien invasion? Yes, no doubt the Pentagon has contingency plans
for all sorts of things that will likely never take place, but
they at least have to have some slight possibility. E.g., I
seriously doubt there is a department planning for an invasion
from Switzerland, but here we have one planning for an alien
invasion.

Apparently the Pentagon attaches a higher probability to an
alien invasion over a Swiss one, and the matter is classified. I
guess the UFO debunkers need to go after them for wasting
resources, since the debunkers already know so absolutely that
even alien visitation, much less invasion, is highly improbable
if not impossible, and cite vast interstellar distances and
Occam's razor to supposedly "prove" it.

Prof. Springer also talks about the nation's of the world
uniting to defeat the alien menace, which sounds suspiciously
like Gen. MacArthur publicly speaking of the same thing in the
1950's and early 1960's on three separate occasions. Apparently
MacArthur didn't get the CSICOP memo either that such notions
are ridiculous because they know better.

On the other hand, I hope they're right.

David Rudiak

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From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 02:11:12 -0400
Archived: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 10:21:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Mirage Men The Trailer

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sat, 14 Apr 2012 10:45:11 -0700
>Subject: Re: Mirage Men The Trailer

>>From: John Lundberg <john.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 12 Apr 2012 15:44:39 +0100
>>Subject: Mirage Men The Trailer

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>Of course, only the skeptics, with their superior intellects and
>infallible superpowers of "scientific" analysis, are capable of
>correctly perceiving the "real" story. In this case, it's all a
>big counterintelligence scam that's been going on for over 60
>years to conceal our most secret military projects.

<snip>

>Yes, the Russians, the Chinese, etc., with their own
>sophisticated military machines, radar networks, interceptor
>aircraft, intelligence services, etc., have been as easily
>fooled as the stereotypical drunken hillbilly reporting a flying
>saucer.

>Not only that, but a common extension of this theory, as
>advocated by such debunkers as James Oberg, is that the Russians
>et. al. are playing the same game on us to conceal their own
>secret projects.

>This has got to be one of the longest cons in history, where
>everybody is being fooled and nobody can figure out that they
>are being had (except for the debunkers, of course). The only
>way the theory could conceivably make sense is if the major
>powers already know that true UFOs are quite real and not made
>by any nation on planet earth. Then, and only then could one
>conceivably disguise one's own craft as a UFO.

<snip>

Hello David and List,

By God! Aren't you describing a true blue conspiracy theory?

I will avoid this pitfall as described here:

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Vincent Boudreau

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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 10:19:36 +0100
Archived: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 10:23:21 -0400
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Online anywhere?

Gerald O'Connell
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Mars Life Search To Go Into High Gear

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 05:46:03 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 05:46:03 -0400
Subject: Mars Life Search To Go Into High Gear

Source: News.Discovery.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/blrghdh>

Mon Apr 16, 2012

Mars Life Search To Go In High Gear

NASA wants to pull out of a Europe-led Mars mission and instead plan a fast track to find Martian life.

By Irene Klotz

Looking to make planetary exploration lemonade out of budgetary lemons, NASA says it is open to taking a quicker route to the holy grail of Mars -- learning if there is or was life there.

Citing lack of budget, the Obama administration wants to pull out from a flagship expedition with Europe to return soil and rock samples from Mars.

The point of the multibillion-dollar, multi-spacecraft campaign, slated to get under way in 2016, is to determine if Earth's neighbor has or ever had life. NASA was to provide the launches, landing system and some science instruments, among other contributions.

Even if Congress nixes a U.S. pullout from the project, it may be too late. Europe already has a new partner for the mission -- Russia.

Instead of lamenting, NASA is putting together Plan B, a less expensive and perhaps faster path toward answering the age-old question about life on Mars.

"Seeking the signs of life still remains the ultimate goal," Doug McCuiston, director the Mars Exploration Program at NASA headquarters, told reporters during a conference call Friday.

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

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Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 11:30:42 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 05:50:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 01:01:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>Contributors to and readers of this thread might like to
>consider the following points:

<snip>

>I would draw particular attention to the concept of 'nuisance'
>in all of this. When issues of mental illness are raised in
>connection with highly unusual experiences, it is always worth
>standing back from the bare facts of the experience and pausing
>to consider this factor and the ways it which can affect what is
>reported, how (or whether) it is reported, and resultant responses.

Just to add more grist to the mill, it should also be understood
that Mental Illness in the medical community is defined by the
DSM-IV:

From:

<http://allpsych.com/disorders/dsm.html>

"Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth
Edition (DSM-IV)

Psychiatric Diagnoses are categorized by the Diagnostic and
Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th. Edition. Better
known as the DSM-IV, the manual is published by the American
Psychiatric Association and covers all mental health disorders
for both children and adults. It also lists known causes of
these disorders, statistics in terms of gender, age at onset,
and prognosis as well as some research concerning the optimal
treatment approaches.

Mental Health Professionals use this manual when working with
patients in order to better understand their illness and
potential treatment and to help 3rd party payers (e.g.,
insurance) understand the needs of the patient. The book is
typically considered the 'bible' for any professional who makes
psychiatric diagnoses in the United States and many other
countries. Much of the diagnostic information on these pages is
gathered from the DSM IV.

The DSM IV is published by the American Psychiatric Association.
Much of the information from the Psychiatric Disorders pages is
summarized from the pages of this text. Should any questions
arise concerning incongruencies or inaccurate information, you
should always default to the DSM as the ultimate guide to mental
disorders.

The DSM uses a multiaxial or multidimensional approach to
diagnosing because rarely do other factors in a person's life
not impact their mental health. It assesses five dimensions as
described below:"

As you note, there are many who suffer from a mild "Mental Illness" and most don't reach the level of being defined as "ill" by the DSM-IV. But as pointed out by others, the entire field of Psychology is built on a foundation of theories that often evolve from the bottom up, making the field highly suspect in many ways.

Steve

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Re: Mirage Men The Trailer

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 12:16:55 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 05:52:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Mirage Men The Trailer

>From: Vincent Boudreau<vincentboudreau.nul>
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Responses to my recent post, 'Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art
In Clouds?', could serve as a case study on how these
disinformation rules are applied.

The thread's initial post is at the following url:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2012/apr/m11-003.shtml>

Rule 4 - Use a straw man:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2012/apr/m12-004.shtml>

Rule 6 - Hit and run:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2012/apr/m11-010.shtml>

Rule 5 - Sidetrack opponents with name calling and ridicule:
Both responses emphasized the dreaded 'pareidolia' label which
would have had the effect of discouraging any further
discussion.

Rule 9 - Play dumb:

Both responses did not mention the suggested mechanism which was
even snipped out of the original post. This was the *raison
d'etre* of the thread.

If these two contributors are not disinformation agents intentionally, then this example shows how inability to think out-of-the-box can make anyone act like one.

William

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Re: Mirage Men The Trailer

From: Edward Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 08:20:27 -0700
Archived: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 05:54:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Mirage Men The Trailer

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: post.nul
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Hi Vincent,

Excellent post. "I am too much of a sceptic to deny the
possibility of anything."(T.H. Huxley)

Ed

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Rendlesham Debate On UK TV

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 19:17:13 +0100
Archived: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 05:57:24 -0400
Subject: Rendlesham Debate On UK TV

Under the title Do Aliens Exist the UK TV show This Morning featured an eight minute discussion on the Rendlesham incident, between sceptic Professor Chris French and UFO researcher Detective Constable Gary Heseltine.

The clip is at this link for a few hours for UK folk - I'm not sure if it's accessible from the US.

<http://tinyurl.com/dypennn>

Here's a YouTube link which can be accessed from outside the UK

<http://tinyurl.com/7aughy9>

Dave Haith

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National UFO Site Includes Strongsville Reports

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 06:14:54 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 06:14:54 -0400
Subject: National UFO Site Includes Strongsville Reports

Source: Strongsville.Patch.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/7vtbr6b>

April 17, 2012

National UFO Site Includes Reports From Strongsville

2 people have reported seeing objects in the sky in the last year

By Debbie Palmer

A website that collects reports of UFOs includes two sightings made in Strongsville in the last year.

The National UFO Reporting Center, which says it is dedicated to collecting and disseminating objective data on unidentified objects in the sky, lists thousands of incidents where people saw something they couldn't explain.

The site has more than 1,936 reports from Ohio, including many from the Cleveland area.

The Strongsville sightings:

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

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Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 14:31:43 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 06:16:43 -0400
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Not online yet. Perhaps in the future.

I have several websites, but none of them lend themselves to the topic. I suppose I could say, "Glad you could come here and review our past High School Reunions and listen to some music from the Fifties. Checkout the nostalgia section too, with pictures from the Fifties. There are Brylcreme ads, Burma Shave signs, and much more. Oh, by the way, here are some pictures of Mars. Enjoy." Does not compute.

I would need to create a separate website for such pictures. Maybe I will.

Dave Morton

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Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 06:21:38 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 06:21:38 -0400
Subject: ETs UFOs And The Psychology Of Belief

Source: EarthPages.ca

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

March 25 2012

ETs, UFOs And The Psychology Of Belief
By Michael Clark

ETs And UFOs

The acronym ET (extraterrestrial) points to the idea that living organisms might exist somewhere beyond our Earth. And the acronym UFO (unidentified flying object) means that something unidentified appears in the sky.

Sometimes UFOs are eventually identified as a weather balloon, parachute or jet plane, so a mystery becomes an ordinary event. But other times we never understand what's up there. When we can't understand, it's tempting to see a UFO as an alien spacecraft piloted by creatures from the far reaches of the universe.

The distinction between UFOs and ETs isn't ironclad. Again, the U in UFO stands for unidentified, and it's possible that some UFOs could be ETs. During World War II, for instance, airborne glowing balls were observed and photographed by Allied pilots. These phenomena came to be called Foo Fighters (the rock band came later=85), and suggest that some UFOs might be intelligent life forms. The life forms might not be as we normally understand them. They'd be more like those energy creatures we see in Star Trek and other science fiction stories. And they'd probably be able to survive any kind of atmospheric conditions.

ETs and UFOs in Popular Culture

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The Terror Of The Men In Black

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Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 06:29:21 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 06:29:21 -0400
Subject: The Terror Of The Men In Black

Source: MysteriousUniverse.Org

<http://tinyurl.com/89m6tlr>

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The Terror Of The Men In Black
By Nick Redfern

I was eleven years old when I was introduced to the menacing and macabre world of the enigmatic Men in Black. It was a typically bleak and windswept English evening in the late autumn of 1976 when they first darkened my door. On the night in question =96 wide of eye and full of youthful excitement and anticipation I eagerly began reading the disturbing pages of John Keel=92s classic title, *The Mothman Prophecies*, which told of distinctly strange goings-on at Point Pleasant, West Virginia in the mid-to-late 1960s. Strange goings-on? Hell, outright supernatural foulness and malignancy would be far more apt terminology!

A glowing-eyed, winged-monster, surreal reports of contact with enigmatic alien intelligences on lonely, moonlit, tree-shrouded roads, occult phenomena plaguing the town, and lives manipulated and transformed in ways near-unimaginable were the order of the day - as was the brooding, predatory, and repeated manifestation of the dreaded MIB.

For reasons that I have never truly been able to fathom, from that very day onwards I became particularly fascinated by the Men in Black, their silencing of UFO witnesses, their near-ethereal presence in our world, and, of course, their overwhelming and mysterious elusiveness. Who, or what, were they? From where did they originate? What did they want of us? Why were they so deeply intent on preventing Flying Saucer-seekers from learning the truth about UFOs?

Even as a child, such questions plagued and tormented my mind. And, the further and deeper I dug into the world of Fortean, the more I found myself attempting to penetrate the veil of unsettling darkness and hostility that seemed to forever surround the MIB.

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NASA Wants You To Design 2018 Mars Mission

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Archived: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 06:44:56 -0400
Subject: NASA Wants You To Design 2018 Mars Mission

Source: News.Discovery.Com

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Mon Apr 16, 2012

NASA Wants You To Design Its 2018 Mars Mission
Analysis by Amy Shira Teitel

When President Obama announced NASA's budget for FY 2013, Mars was hit hard.

Exploration of the Red Planet lost 21 percent of its 2012 funding, dropping from \$1,510 million to \$1,192 million. But that doesn't change the fact that there's a fantastic launch opportunity in 2018.

Under its new diminished Mars program, the mission will certainly be different from the planned ExoMars mission. How different? Well, have your say. NASA is taking suggestions from the Everyman about what its 2018 mission should look like.

Once every 15 years Earth and Mars reach points in their orbit that bring them as close as possible, making for a fast and fuel-efficient transit between planets. One of these rare close encounters will come in 2018, and NASA doesn't want to let the opportunity pass by.

On Friday, April 13, the space agency issued a call for papers to determine the mission's objectives. Proposals will be submitted to and considered by the newly established Mars Program Planning Group (MPPG) that is responsible for assisting the agency in developing a new strategy for the exploration of the Red Planet. The deadline is May 10 and the final decision will be announced sometime in August.

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

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Daytime UFO Zips Over Ft. Sill Lake

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 06:57:21 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 06:57:21 -0400
Subject: Daytime UFO Zips Over Ft. Sill Lake

Source: DeathBy1000Papercuts.Com

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

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Daytime UFO Zips Over Ft. Sill Lake Elmer Thomas Recreation
Area, April 16, 2012 =96 Video
By LBG1

Posted below the April 16, 2012, video of an unidentified flying
object (UFO-ONVI) zipping across Oklahoma=92s Elmer Thomas Lake
the location of the military members only Ft. Sill Lake Elmer
Thomas Recreation Area.

Based on the video info and the location in the footage the
video was filmed from Mount Scott overlooking Elmer Thomas Lake
located on the boundary between the Wichita Mountain Wildlife
Refuge and the Fort Sill military base. The Mount Scott
=91lookout=92 elevation, 2500 ft.

Fort Sill is the =93home of the United States Army Field Artillery
School as well as the Marine Corps=92 site for Field Artillery MOS
school, United States Army Air Defense Artillery School, the
31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade, the 75th Fires Brigade and
the 214th Fires Brigade. Fort Sill is also one of the four
locations for Army Basic Combat Training=94.

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

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Re: Daytime UFO Zips Over Ft. Sill Lake

From: **Geoff Blackmore** <geoff_184.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 05:03:37 +1200
Archived: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 06:25:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Daytime UFO Zips Over Ft. Sill Lake

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 10:57 PM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Daytime UFO Zips Over Ft. Sill Lake

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

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>object (UFO-ONVI) zipping across Oklahoma's Elmer Thomas Lake
>the location of the military members only Ft. Sill Lake Elmer
>Thomas Recreation Area.

One of my sincerest hopes in life to one day see this list
finally free itself from the most unfortunate incorporation of
Seagulls (and other birds) as UFO's.

Kind regards,

Geoff

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Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

From: **Eugene Frison** <cthulhu_calls.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 12:48:23 -0500
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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 11:30:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <goc.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 01:01:17 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>Contributors to and readers of this thread might like to
>>consider the following points:

<snip>

>>I would draw particular attention to the concept of 'nuisance'
>>in all of this. When issues of mental illness are raised in
>>connection with highly unusual experiences, it is always worth
>>standing back from the bare facts of the experience and pausing
>>to consider this factor and the ways it which can affect what is
>>reported, how (or whether) it is reported, and resultant responses.

Sound and excellent advice, Gerald!

>Just to add more grist to the mill, it should also be understood
>that Mental Illness in the medical community is defined by the
>DSM-IV:

>From:

><http://allpsych.com/disorders/dsm.html>

>"Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth
>Edition (DSM-IV)

<snip>

>The DSM IV is published by the American Psychiatric Association.
>Much of the information from the Psychiatric Disorders pages is
>summarized from the pages of this text. Should any questions
>arise concerning incongruencies or inaccurate information, you
>should always default to the DSM as the ultimate guide to mental
>disorders.

<snip>

Yes, the existence and the application of the DSM IV manual
within the community of mental health professionals is a very
important point.

Despite this being the bible of professionals in the mental
health community, as you so accurately point out, the
experiments that Ray referred to clearly indicate the existence
of some very serious problems. If all the professionals are
using their bibles and they are each interpreting and applying
all the data properly and consistently then we should not be
seeing the results that the experiments referred to by Ray have
shown.

The fact that there is such a thing as the DSM IV that is the ultimate guide to mental disorders available to all the professionals yet we still have the results of those experiments shows that the process is breaking down with the psychologists and psychiatrists themselves.

It all boils down to subjective interpretation in the end and this occurs behind the eyes and within the craniums of the psychologists and psychiatrists, not within the pages of the DSM IV manual.

Nothing in the above should be construed as my accepting the contents of the DSM IV manual as completely accurate because I certainly don't.

>But as pointed out by others, the entire
>field of Psychology is built on a foundation of theories that
>often evolve from the bottom up, making the field highly suspect
>in many ways.

Maybe. Maybe not. Most likely you are partly accurate.

The experimental psychologists (and there have been lots of them who were quite competent and who both understood proper scientific methodology and applied same) have devised and conducted many outstanding experiments and conducted much excellent research. A lot of their data has come from reproducible experimentation and results are often confirmed by more than one completely different type of experiment - each of which were designed to test something from different angles.

Psychology is much more than dealing with and treating mental illness. Psychology is the science of human behaviour, not just the science of mental illness and how to cure it. If you limit psychology to the area of mental illness then you miss the big picture quite entirely. Psychology is the science of the mind and its mental and emotional processes; it is the science of human (and animal) behaviour that studies actions, traits, attitudes, thoughts, and mental states. Dealing with mental illness, that is, diagnosing and treating mental illness, is only one aspect of psychology.

That the aspect of psychology which deals with mental illness is fraught with problems and full of highly suspect teaching is undeniable. I have been saying this right from the beginning.

One only needs to look at Freud's dream and sex theories, and his ideas regarding women, to be utterly convinced of this. Even Jung, though certainly much more 'on the ball' than Freud ever was, was probably inventing his own underworld and perhaps inventing the archetypes as well (though it is possible they are real). The problem with Jung is that he had accepted Freud's version of the unconscious and merely seen himself as exploring it even deeper. The archetypes may be real but it is how Jung came to decide this that makes some of his concepts dubious and suspect.

In Janet's psychology (before Freud) the view of the human psyche was simple; its hidden aspects were merely subconscious as opposed to unconscious (there is a huge difference). Freud viewed the hidden aspects of man as deep, dark, negative and turbulent and man's objective consciousness was essentially powerless against it. Jung, a romantic, accepted Freud's deep underworld concept but, extremely interested in religion and the early church fathers, could not accept that man's experience of God was nothing more than disguised sexual impulse and he also believed that the forces in the unconscious were not as dangerous as espoused by Freud. He had to invent a deeper level of the unconscious to reconcile this, replete with the archetypes. However, the essential point here is that, although Jung's version of the unconsciousness is a more positive one and provides man with access to greater power, it was still power controlled by the unconscious. Hudson had known that the objective mind (not the subjective mind) is the part of man in control and is not passive as both Freud and Jung believed. The experience of hypnosis shows Hudson right and both Freud and Jung wrong.

Don't begin to even get me started on the problems with psychoanalysis!

So, in Freud's dubious and pessimistic theories on a negative unconscious which the objective mind of man has no control over and which causes neurosis due to unconscious sexual repression, and Jung's probably invented collective unconsciousness with its archetypes as the basis for a perhaps equally dubious set of theories, we see two examples of conflicting psychological systems. And it doesn't end with these two.

This takes us back to my point. There are so many systems within psychology. Lots of conflicting views. With new systems in the making, such as that of transcendental psychology as being developed by researchers like Stan Groff. Considering this alone, it is small wonder that the experiments referred to by Ray produced the results they did. Add to that a flawed human perception process and faulty reasoning and things are exactly as expected.

But to use this to throw out the whole field of psychology is sheer folly. The experimentalists in the field have done lots of great work and produced much valuable data. That the flawed human beings trying to apply it (especially in the field of mental illness) can't get it together, and these same flawed human beings put too much stock in certain ideas in psychology that haven't yet been proven, is not reason in any way, shape, or form to throw out everything that has been gained through the application of good science in this field. But that is what is being attempted by several people on this list.

Regardless of what value is or isn't present in the field of psychology, the fields of parapsychology and parasociology are much, much harder to dismiss. As are their findings. But you will still find much in the psychologies of older quality researchers like F. W. H. Meyers and E. Gurney that may be of extreme relevance to the solution of the UFO enigma. And, whether certain researchers within the UFO community recognize it or not and accept it or not, traditional psychology has a huge contribution to make to UFO research. At least where UFO research isn't pseudoscience!

Eugene Frison

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From: Eugene Frison <cthulhu_calls.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 14:16:28 -0500
Archived: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 06:28:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 15 Apr 2012 19:17:38 +0000
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 15 Apr 2012 10:52:26 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>The inability of scientists to recognize the limitations of
>>their own knowledge, etc. is what I remember from many of Ray's
>>contributions. I think you may be misrepresenting him a bit. Is
>>this a manifestation of inattentional blindness? Indirect
>>realism?

>Thanks William for bringing the discussion back to the point. In
>my mind, at least. Of course, all the commentators to the
>original post seem to be having a problem with their ability to
>step back and realize most of their responses come off as
>emotional - from the gut as it were. I am not saying that is
>wrong, it is just a fact of the matter.

Since you said all the commentators, I have to disagree.

Not a fact at all, Kathy. At least in my case, I know I am not
responding based on emotion. I usually just lurk and read the
various posts. I prefer to not get involved in the "fray" as you
termed it. This has been my strategy for a very long time. I
usually adhere to it. But every now and then someone says
something that is so blatantly ignorant or stupid that I just
don't let it pass without comment - because it needs to be put
in proper perspective and not because of any "from the gut"
emotional reaction.

Saying someone has made a dumb remark is not tantamount to
calling that person dumb. I say dumb things quite often and do
dumb things just as often. Yet I am far from dumb.

>Me? I love reading Ray's comments. They are never boring or
>reflecting the usual approach to ufo investigation. But, then,
>my guess is that you all would toss me into the same bin as Ray.
>But, before you do that think the move through. Sometimes, most
>of you come off with a knee jerk reaction. It is as if you are
>defending an indefensible position. Sometimes, it comes close to
>simply name calling. Believe me, I know I am not above the fray.
>I know that I sometimes enjoy sticking it to whoever is trying
>to stick it to me. Onward, charge, blithely into the fray.

I usually love reading Ray's posts too. And I often agree with
him. I haven't tossed him into any bin.

Regarding name calling, I began each and every one of my posts
with Ray's actual name. Never anything else. It was Ray who did
not provide me with the same courtesy and called me "friend" and
it was obvious from the way he used that term in the sentence
that it was in a demeaning context.

Psychology is full of problems. I have been conceding this since

the beginning. It is full of people using unproven tenets of the field in completely subjective interpretations and applications. It is full of conflicting systems.

But it is a science. It does use proper scientific methodology. It has produced and continues to produce valuable and verifiable data. A lot of what it has come up with is directly applicable to the study of ufos. UFO researchers who do not apply certain psychological knowledge during ufo investigation are not as thorough as they need to be. The primary instrument in the study of ufo phenomenon is the witness. Every instrument needs to be properly calibrated. This is where psychology makes its contribution to the study of ufos. It helps calibrate the human witness.

The problems in psychology exist. Nobody is disputing this. But some people want to throw the whole field out. That's wrong. That simply can't be justified. It won't ever happen. Psychology will continue to exist, improve itself, and make contributions that will affect the ufo field - no matter how many ufo researchers disdain it, drag their feet when it comes to accepting it, or stick their heads in the sand to ignore it.

Psychology does have some valuable understanding of the human being, of the human mind. It has obtained this through good science and proper methodology. You can't dismiss this. To attempt to do so is the only "defending an indefensible position" that is occurring.

Eugene Frison

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Re: Mirage Men The Trailer

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 19:20:53 +0000
Archived: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 06:32:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Mirage Men The Trailer

>Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 05:52:44 -0400
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Mirage Men The Trailer

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 12:16:55 -0400
>Subject: Re: Mirage Men The Trailer

>>From: Vincent Boudreau<vincentboudreau.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 02:11:12 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Mirage Men The Trailer

>><snip>

>>http://www.nowandfutures.com/spew_tools.html

>>It is titled: How To Detect And Bust Spew Freaks, Politicians,
>>Liars, Etc. First - Learn Their Tricks And Slimy Ways:

>>As we get to the fifth rule of disinformation, we can read:

>>"Sidetrack opponents with name calling and ridicule. This is also
>>known as the primary 'attack the messenger' ploy, though other
>>methods qualify as variants of that approach. Associate opponents
>>with unpopular titles such as 'kooks', 'right-wing', 'liberal',
>>'left-wing', 'terrorists', 'conspiracy buffs', 'radicals',
>>'militia', 'racists', 'religious fanatics', 'sexual deviates',
>>and so forth. This makes others shrink from support out of fear
>>of gaining the same label, and you avoid dealing with issues."

>>Simply put: it would be dishonest to use the term "conspiracy
>>theorist" against those who, so effectively, use the same term
>>to end an argument before it even started.

>>I simply wished this wasn't used on the other side of the aisle
>>also.

>>We should know better.

>Responses to my recent post, 'Was Ectoplasm Formed To Render Art
>In Clouds?', could serve as a case study on how these
>disinformation rules are applied.

>The thread's initial post is at the following url:

><http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2012/apr/m11-003.shtml>

>Rule 4 - Use a straw man:

><http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2012/apr/m12-004.shtml>

>Rule 6 - Hit and run:

><http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2012/apr/m11-010.shtml>

>Rule 5 - Sidetrack opponents with name calling and ridicule:

>Both responses emphasized the dreaded 'pareidolia' label which
>would have had the effect of discouraging any further
>discussion.

>Rule 9 - Play dumb:

>Both responses did not mention the suggested mechanism which was
>even snipped out of the original post. This was the raison
>d'etre of the thread.

>If these two contributors are not disinformation agents
>intentionally, then this example shows how inability to think
>out-of-the-box can make anyone act like one.

William:

Just like you I have to wonder at some of the replies to posts
that are considered 'out of the box' - if that is even possible
in the field of UFO research. I always laugh at the attempt at
shoot down either you or Ray. Isn't the purpose of this List for
introducing new concepts, solutions and approaches to the
subject.

The laugh factor for me is many of knee jerk reactions from
people who claim to be anti-knee jerk responses, usually
directed at the accursed "scientific/academic community" or the
"mainstream press" whose opinion is suddenly directed at the
"out-of-the- boxers."

Please, William, continue to "give them hell!"

KK

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Subject: Virginia Company Works On Wytheville Documentary

Source: AugustaFreePress.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/73u2uxz>

April 18, 2012

Virginia Company Begins Work On Wytheville UFO Documentary

A wave of credible and dramatic UFO sightings swept the town of Wytheville from October 1987 well into the following year. With the 25th anniversary of the first sighting on the horizon, a documentary company, Horse Archer Productions, has launched a new project to revisit the events.

The story centers on WYVE news director, Danny Gordon, who inadvertently became the hub of the flap on October 7, 1987, when Wythe County Sheriff Wayne Pike called in his crime report. Pike told Gordon that four police officers, including some with military experience, had witnessed a UFO.

Within a few weeks, Gordon himself had sighted a strange craft and the town was buzzing with reports, most of which came directly to him. A press conference in mid-October drew national attention and by the following year, Gordon personally received more than 3000 reports.

Gordon took the only known photos of the craft in December of 1987 over a parking lot where over 100 witnesses, including a school bus load of students from Floyd County, saw several craft fly over.

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From: **Cathy Reason** <Cathym.nul>
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>ultimate guide to mental disorders available to all the
>professionals yet we still have the results of those experiments
>shows that the process is breaking down with the psychologists
>and psychiatrists themselves.

Actually the DSM IV is not regarded as the ultimate guide to
mental disorders outside of the United States. In Europe, for
example, clinicians tend to use the International Classification
of Diseases (ICD 10).

<snip>

>The experimental psychologists (and there have been lots of them
>who were quite competent and who both understood proper
>scientific methodology and applied same) have devised and
>conducted many outstanding experiments and conducted much
>excellent research. A lot of their data has come from
>reproducible experimentation and results are often confirmed by
>more than one completely different type of experiment - each of
>which were designed to test something from different angles.

It's been my experience that the reproducibility of experiments
in psychology is generally rather poor. However I don't have any
figures on this, so if anyone else has any reliable figures it
would be interesting to know what they were.

There are quite a few reasons why I disagree with your
contention that psychology is a science. Here are just a few:

*Psychologists regularly confuse operational notions of
measurement with proxy notions of measurement. An operational
measure should be defined in such a way that the outcome of the
operation of measurement is identical with what is being
measured. However psychologists routinely start out by defining
some measure as an "operationalization" and then proceed to treat
that measure as a proxy for some other quantity (or assumed
quantity) which cannot be directly measured.

*The statistical methodology used in most psychological research
is such that most psychological hypotheses cannot be falsified
even in principle, since all negative results are automatically
deemed to be insignificant.

*Experiments that are published in the academic literature as
"predictive tests" of some theory all too often turn out to be
modified versions of pilot studies from which the original theory
was derived - in other words, not predictions at all. A clear
giveaway that this is happening is when the theory and the
predictive test are both written up by the same author(s) - and
often in the same paper.

*Most modern psychological research is based on the doctrine of

Cognitivism, which rests on a large number of assumptions. These assumptions are not generally tested (or even acknowledged) by psychologists themselves - but research in other disciplines (such as neuroscience) has tended to undermine many of them pretty thoroughly over the last thirty years or so.

*Many of the findings which are attributed to psychological research (such as the notion that human perception is systematically unreliable) turn out to be identical with Cognitivist assumptions on which the research was based in the first place. In other words, garbage in - garbage out.

There's a good few more I could list but that should be enough to be going on with.

Cathy

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For sure! My point was that all the professionals have access to
a manual or guide and we should be seeing some significant
degree of consistency, at least geography wise, but the results
of the experiments referred to by Ray indicate otherwise.

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>>conducted many outstanding experiments and conducted much
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>first place. In other words, garbage in - garbage out.

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>be going on with.

Finally someone posting in regard to this thread seems to know a
fair amount in regards to psychology rather than making
uninformed proclamations.

Yes, most psychological research today is based on the doctrine
of Cognitivism. Thanks to individuals such as Noam Chomsky,
Cognitivism has become dominant. He did a number on
Behaviouralism, with the end result that Cognitivism has become
the main attraction over such fields as Functionalism,
Structuralism, Humanism, Psychoanalysis, Gestalt, Behaviourism.

The reasons you have listed as a reason to discount psychology
as a science reflect a deep understanding of how psychological
researchers proceed. But it simply boils down in the end to what
you accept as being science.

The research that is conducted in psychology is done according
to the standards of the scientific method, using either
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use of induction, deduction, and abduction (the three modes of
inference). It uses controlled experimentation in laboratories,
observation in natural settings, computational modelling, and
neuropsychological methods to name but a few.

What it essentially boils down to is whether or not you accept
quantitative (statistical) methods such as analysis of variance,
multiple linear regression, structural equation modelling, as
being scientific. Whether or not you see methods such as cross-
sectional studies, longitudinal studies, and case-control
studies as being valid science. It boils down to whether or not
you see qualitative methods such as participant observation and
interviewing as valid science.

I recognize these as all being valid methods of obtaining data.
I see them as conforming to the standards of the scientific
method. You apparently do not. I guess we will have to agree to
disagree on this because we can argue it until the cows come
home but at the end of the day you will still not see it as
science and I will. My intent was not to get into a long debate
as to which methods held to be conforming to standards of the
scientific method actually do so or not. It was to point out
that psychology has made valid discoveries and that these are
often relevant to the studies of ufos. Also, that all
psychologists and psychiatrists are not criminals, liars, or
fools.

As to your statement regarding neuroscience as undermining many
of the tenets of cognitive psychology, that may depend again as
to what side of the fence you are standing on. Neuro- science
may be misinterpreting a lot of its data. Neuroscience contends
that consciousness is an epiphenomenon of the brain. That is the
accepted view in neuroscience. Yet several of its best
researchers, including the eminent Wilder Penfield after a life
time of studying it, concluded that consciousness was diffuse
outside the body. Neuroscience contends that the NDE (near death
experience) is generated wholly by the brain, that it is caused
by factors such as anesthesia, low oxygen levels, and high CO2
levels. Yet most of the researchers truly specializing in NDE
research say the data indicates otherwise. These factors produce

a confused, groggy, totally disoriented patient yet those who claim to have had the experience report enhanced lucidity during the event.

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Finding ET May Require Giant Robotic Leap

Autonomous, self-replicating robots - exobots - are the way to explore the universe, find and identify extraterrestrial life and perhaps clean up space debris in the process, according to a Penn State engineer, who notes that the search for extraterrestrial intelligence - SETI - is in its 50th year.

"The basic premise is that human space exploration must be highly efficient, cost effective, and autonomous as placing humans beyond low Earth orbit is fraught with political, economic, and technical difficulties," John D. Mathews, professor of electrical engineering, reported in the current issue of the Journal of the British Interplanetary Society.

If aliens are out there, they have the same problems we do, they need to conserve resources, are limited by the laws of physics and they may not even be eager to meet us, according to Mathews.

He suggests that "only by developing and deploying self-replicating robotic spacecraft - and the incumbent communications systems - can the human race efficiently explore even the asteroid belt, let alone the vast reaches of the Kuiper Belt, Oort Cloud, and beyond."

Mathews assumes that any extraterrestrial would need to follow a similar path to the stars, sending robots rather than living beings, which would explain why SETI has not succeeded to date.

"If they are like us, they too have a dysfunctional government and all the other problems plaguing us," said Mathews. "They won't want to spend a lot to communicate with us."

It is extremely difficult to broadcast into the galaxy and requires vast resources. Radio signals need to emanate in every direction to fill the sky, and the energy requirement to broadcast throughout space is quite high.

"Current infrared lasers can communicate across our solar system," said Mathews. "The problem in terms of SETI is they are highly directed beams."

Point-to-point communications using infrared signaling requires less power, but the signals are extremely directional. If extraterrestrial beings are using laser-generated infrared signaling, we would never notice their signals because they are so tightly targeted to their destinations.

Mathews suggests that if human exploration is not possible, robots could go where many people do not want to go and do what many do not want to do, not only on Earth, but also in space.

To minimize the cost, he suggests that the initial robots be manufactured on the moon to take advantage of the resources and the one-sixth gravity. He notes that we have the technology to create these exobots now, except for a compact power source. To create a network of autonomous robots capable of passing information to each other and back to earth, the vehicles must be able to identify their exact location and determine the time. With these two bits of knowledge, they should be able to determine where all the other robots near them are and target them with an infrared laser beam carrying data.

"The expensive part of launching anything is escaping the surface of Earth and its gravity well," said Mathews. "It would also be easier to target the space debris in near Earth orbit and in geosynchronous orbit and even recycle it."

Initially, the exobots would serve two purposes: clear existing debris and monitor the more than 1,200 near-Earth asteroids that are particularly hazardous in that they closely approach Earth during their orbits.

"As a first step, we really should launch robot vehicles to learn something about these asteroids and to place beacons on them for identification and tracking," said Mathews.

Ultimately, the network of exobots - self-replicating, autonomous and capable of learning - will spread through the solar system and into the galaxy, using the resources they find there to continue their mission. Communicating with infrared lasers is communicating at the speed of light, which is the fastest we can hope to achieve.

"Our assumption in the search for extraterrestrial intelligence is that ET wants to be found," said Mathews. "But who has energy resources to spend trying to wave their metaphorical hand across the galaxy?"

He said it is more likely that one of our exobots will intercept a signal from one of theirs if we are to make first contact.

Issue of Journal of the British Interplanetary Society:

<http://www.bis-space.com/2012/02/01/3583/jbis-vol-64-no-6-7>

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Penn State (2012, April 18). Finding ET may require giant robotic leap. ScienceDaily. Retrieved April 19, 2012

Cheers

Ray D

BTW - fully agree that "placing humans beyond low Earth orbit is fraught with... difficulties", and, watching contemporary SciFi, am amazed by the vast, intricate, metallic and highly vulnerable 'space-ships' the film-makers apparently believe in. The safest space-transport has got to be spherical, has got to be protected by force-fields (and propelled by them), and has got to be non-metallic, probably gelatinous in nature. Which is what we seem to see in the (ignored by media and 'blacked' by NASA) films down-loaded (from NASA) by Martyn Stubbs - maybe see:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=LukGedXpD9g

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All these criticisms may or may not be credible. It's hard to know since psychology is not defined here. Like physics, psychology is broken down into a number of sub-fields such as perception, cognition, social, clinical, etc., and the methods and assumptions used for research vary across these different areas.

Signal detection experiments, for example, treat the person as a receiver like a radar system, and use the same methods used in engineering to measure receiver operating characteristics. Cognitive or social psychology has theories that generate hypotheses about the behaviour of groups under certain conditions. The null hypothesis is either accepted or rejected. A 'negative' result may occur when the outcome is significant in the opposite direction from that predicted. Statistical analysis is done in a number of fields including psychology whenever there is noise in the data.

Basing research on a number of assumptions is not unique to psychology. Look at the recent research on dark matter. It's existence is itself an assumption for which there is little evidence. In fact, there is recent evidence that the much balleyhooed dark matter predicted to be in the solar system does not exist.

The comment that the unreliability of human perception is an assumption is demonstrably wrong given the oft-demonstrated variability in relevant experimental data.

I could go on too, but that should be enough to suggest that the above critique of psychology is uninformed. Psychology can be better criticized for the blinders that force it to assume that consciousness is based on physicality. Most psychologists fear to strike out against materialism, especially since the rise of behaviourism in the last century. The one's that do are mostly in the clinical camp (e.g., Freudians, Jungians), and there the theories and methods are the most subject to criticism by outsiders.

There is room in other areas of psychology like perception research to venture into non-materialist interpretations of data. But this is done mainly in the maligned area of parapsychology which is perceived more negatively for ideological reasons by psychologists than non-psychologists.

William

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>Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 06:28:53 -0400
>To: ufo-updates-list.nul
>From: post.nul
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>From: Eugene Frison <cthulhu_calls.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Apr 2012 14:16:28 -0500
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 15 Apr 2012 19:17:38 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>>To: post.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 15 Apr 2012 10:52:26 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>>The inability of scientists to recognize the limitations of
>>>their own knowledge, etc. is what I remember from many of Ray's
>>>contributions. I think you may be misrepresenting him a bit. Is
>>>this a manifestation of inattentive blindness? Indirect
>>>realism?

>>Thanks William for bringing the discussion back to the point. In
>>my mind, at least. Of course, all the commentators to the
>>original post seem to be having a problem with their ability to
>>step back and realize most of their responses come off as
>>emotional - from the gut as it were. I am not saying that is
>>wrong, it is just a fact of the matter.

>Since you said all the commentators, I have to disagree.

>Not a fact at all, Kathy. At least in my case, I know I am not
>responding based on emotion. I usually just lurk and read the
>various posts. I prefer to not get involved in the "fray" as you
>termed it. This has been my strategy for a very long time. I
>usually adhere to it. But every now and then someone says
>something that is so blatantly ignorant or stupid that I just
>don't let it pass without comment - because it needs to be put
>in proper perspective and not because of any "from the gut"
>emotional reaction.

>Saying someone has made a dumb remark is not tantamount to
>calling that person dumb. I say dumb things quite often and do
>dumb things just as often. Yet I am far from dumb.

>>Me? I love reading Ray's comments. They are never boring or
>>reflecting the usual approach to ufo investigation. But, then,
>>my guess is that you all would toss me into the same bin as Ray.
>>But, before you do that think the move through. Sometimes, most
>>of you come off with a knee jerk reaction. It is as if you are
>>defending an indefensible position. Sometimes, it comes close to
>>simply name calling. Believe me, I know I am not above the fray.
>>I know that I sometimes enjoy sticking it to whoever is trying
>>to stick it to me. Onward, charge, blithely into the fray.

>I usually love reading Ray's posts too. And I often agree with
>him. I haven't tossed him into any bin.

>Regarding name calling, I began each and every one of my posts
>with Ray's actual name. Never anything else. It was Ray who did
>not provide me with the same courtesy and called me "friend" and
>it was obvious from the way he used that term in the sentence
>that it was in a demeaning context.

>Psychology is full of problems. I have been conceding this since
>the beginning. It is full of people using unproven tenets of the
>field in completely subjective interpretations and applications.
>It is full of conflicting systems.

>But it is a science. It does use proper scientific
>methodology. It has produced and continues to produce valuable
>and verifiable data. A lot of what it has come up with is
>directly applicable to the study of ufos. UFO researchers who do
>not apply certain psychological knowledge during ufo
>investigation are not as thorough as they need to be. The
>primary instrument in the study of ufo phenomenon is the
>witness. Every instrument needs to be properly calibrated. This
>is where psychology makes its contribution to the study of ufos.
>It helps calibrate the human witness.

>The problems in psychology exist. Nobody is disputing this. But
>some people want to throw the whole field out. That's wrong.
>That simply can't be justified. It won't ever happen. Psychology
>will continue to exist, improve itself, and make contributions
>that will affect the ufo field - no matter how many ufo
>researchers disdain it, drag their feet when it comes to
>accepting it, or stick their heads in the sand to ignore it.

>Psychology does have some valuable understanding of the human
>being, of the human mind. It has obtained this through good
>science and proper methodology. You can't dismiss this. To
>attempt to do so is the only "defending an indefensible
>position" that is occurring.

Eugene:

As you state, you have been lurking. So, I guess you would not
be included in the term "most of".

Second, I guess you haven't been reading my early posts where I
tried to introduce listeners to the direction, for example,
neuropathology, psychology, and all the other 'ologies' are
dabbing their toes into. So, you are forgiven for making a
judgement call as to what you have decided my position on the
issue of the 'witness is a collection of their worldview' and
what they see in the sky and experience in an altered
state/waking-sleeping REM-consciousness.

Trust me, we are on the same side.

KK

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Dear List:

This is the latest from The Planetary Society:

From: tpsmb1.nul
To: catraja.nul
Subject: Pioneer Anomaly Solved - Thanks to You
Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 08:54:26 -0800

Dear Kathy Kasten,

I have great news. Thanks to you and your fellow Planetary Society Members the Pioneer Anomaly is solved!

It's been a long and winding road, but Slava Turyshev and his colleagues have just explained the anomaly causing the unexpected slowing of the Pioneer 10 and 11 spacecraft. It's due to anisotropic thermal radiation, that is, when the spacecraft emits more heat in one direction than the other. Their report has been accepted in the journal Physical Review Letters and is available online.

Planetary Society Members helped to fund Pioneer data recovery and analysis when no one else would. Members also made sure we kept the search alive, with updates on our website and in The Planetary Report. It was an intriguing mystery, one that had people talking, asking questions, and eager to learn the answer. For full details, including a link to Slava and his team's published paper, please read my blog entry at planetary.org/blog.

On behalf of Slava, and all of us at The Planetary Society, thank you!

Sincerely,

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Evidently your notion of the scientific method is something that depends on a lot of complicated procedures and elaborate constructions of logic. To me this involves a serious misunderstanding about what science actually is - and unlike you, I don't think all this is just a matter of opinion.

The cornerstone of science is: You develop hypotheses and then you test them. Without this, your elaborate methodological rituals are no better than alchemy, and your reverence for logic is just the modern equivalent of Medieval rationalism.

The sort of methodolatry which is prevalent in the social sciences calls to mind the state of astronomy before the time of Johannes Kepler. Astronomy was considered in the Middle Ages to be one of the liberal arts - something which could be understood entirely in terms of logic and esthetics. The modern notion of astronomy as an empirical science would have been quite alien to the medieval mind. It was originally alien to the mind of Kepler, whose eventual abandonment of Medieval rationalism and conversion to modern scientific empiricism can be regarded as the beginning of astronomy as a true science.

Cathy

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>Society Members the Pioneer Anomaly is solved!

>It's been a long and winding road, but Slava Turyshev and his
>colleagues have just explained the anomaly causing the
>unexpected slowing of the Pioneer 10 and 11 spacecraft. It's due
>to anisotropic thermal radiation, that is, when the spacecraft
>emits more heat in one direction than the other. Their report
>has been accepted in the journal Physical Review Letters and is
>available online.

>Planetary Society Members helped to fund Pioneer data recovery
>and analysis when no one else would. Members also made sure we
>kept the search alive, with updates on our website and in The
>Planetary Report. It was an intriguing mystery, one that had
>people talking, asking questions, and eager to learn the answer.
>For full details, including a link to Slava and his team=82s
>published paper, please read my blog entry at
>planetary.org/blog.

>On behalf of Slava, and all of us at The Planetary Society,
>thank you!

>Sincerely,

>Bruce Betts
>Director of Projects, The Planetary Society

>The Planetary Society
>85 S. Grand Avenue
>Pasadena, CA 91105

Thank you, Jesus. Now I can sleep through the night again. I am
sure many other Listfolk have been suffering similarly. The
world is now a much better place.

All hail Siava and the Planetary Society!

With great relief,

Jerry Clark

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As long as science keeps insisting that ESP and like phenomena
are nonsense. Gotta keep with that 1940s science, you know.

Eleanor White

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>>The research that is conducted in psychology is done according
>>to the standards of the scientific method, using either
>>qualitative or quantitative methods or both. It makes extensive
>>use of induction, deduction, and abduction (the three modes of
>>inference). It uses controlled experimentation in laboratories,
>>observation in natural settings, computational modelling, and
>>neuropsychological methods to name but a few.

>Evidently your notion of the scientific method is something that
>depends on a lot of complicated procedures and elaborate
>constructions of logic. To me this involves a serious
>misunderstanding about what science actually is - and unlike
>you, I don't think all this is just a matter of opinion.

Evidently you focused your attention on only a small portion of
my list of methods used in psychological research.

That must be how you read my remark above and concluded from it
that I view the scientific method as depending on a lot of
complicated procedures and elaborate constructions of logic.

The above is simply a factual statement listing some of the
various methods that psychological research uses. Several of
these same methods are used in other sciences as well and
are not exclusive to psychology. My remark is simply a short
listing of methods used by science. Psychology uses them too,
as it conforms to the standards of the scientific method.

I don't think this is a matter of opinion. You can find out that
it is fact - that psychology uses these methods during its
approach if you realize there is more to psychology than
Cognitivism. You can also find out that other fields of science
use several of them too. This, without a whole lot of research
on your part.

Do you deny that science uses, let's say, induction or deduction
at times in its approach? Do you deny that science ever uses
controlled experimentation in the lab? Do you deny that science
uses observation in natural settings at times? (Can you say Jane
Goodall in her observations of gorillas?)

Do you deny that psychology uses computational modelling, as do
other sciences? Do you also deny that psychology uses
neuropsychological methods? You seemed to be singing the praises
of neuroscience toward the end of your previous post.

Furthermore, psychology draws heavily on knowledge in other
fields to explain problems in its own field that it is trying to
understand.

>The cornerstone of science is: You develop hypotheses and then
>you test them. Without this, your elaborate methodological
>rituals are no better than alchemy, and your reverence for logic
>is just the modern equivalent of Medieval rationalism.

That's what psychological researchers do too - develop hypotheses and test them. When other sciences use the above listed methods, it is science. Application of the scientific method! When psychology uses the same methods, it is "elaborate methodological ritual no better than alchemy" and the "modern equivalent of medieval rationalism."

When neuropsychology uses techniques such as functional neuroimaging or transcranial magnetic stimulation to examine activity of the brain when a person is performing a task' or to change tiny parts of the brain to see what effect these areas have on mental activity, I guess it is not being empirical. The data accumulated should be tossed out because it is based on "elaborate constructions of logic." Not!

>The sort of methodolatry which is prevalent in the social
>sciences calls to mind the state of astronomy before the time of
>Johannes Kepler. Astronomy was considered in the Middle Ages to
>be one of the liberal arts - something which could be understood
>entirely in terms of logic and esthetics. The modern notion of
>astronomy as an empirical science would have been quite alien to
>the medieval mind. It was originally alien to the mind of
>Kepler, whose eventual abandonment of Medieval rationalism and
>conversion to modern scientific empiricism can be regarded as
>the beginning of astronomy as a true science.

I think I spoke too soon when I said you displayed a deep understanding of how psychological researchers proceed. They also use empirical methods. You clearly can't get past your view that psychology is nothing but Cognitivism.

Use of statistics is not infallible but used in science. Meta-analysis improves things. Being aware of 'publication bias' and of the "file drawer effect" - if taken into account - allows for falsification. (When the number of experiments producing negative results reaches such a degree as to seriously outnumber experiments producing positive results.)

To say that this doesn't happen in psychology is indefensible.

Operationalism is not the demon you make it out to be. It is used in other sciences, particularly in the medical and physical sciences. Here it is used to preserve the unambiguous empirical testibility of hypothesis and theory.

It too is not infallible; it has its limitations which are understood. (Operational definitions, or functional definitions, cannot refer to a historical event or they are disqualified as being an operational definition because of the event not being repeatable.)

Your remark that neuroscience has produced data during the past thirty years that invalidates the notion that human perception is inaccurate is just wrong. It may have invalidated some cognitive assumptions but certainly not this one. This one has so much backing it up that it's solid. Human vision is a grand illusion and, as Jay Ingram says in his book entitled Theatre of the Mind (in Chapter Six, The Grand Illusion), "If you want to keep believing in your visual prowess, then it's a grand delusion."

You might also want to read that chapter and find out about some psychological experiments that certainly weren't of the "elaborate methodological ritual no better than alchemy" or the "modern equivalent of medieval rationalism" type. And, yes, these empirical experiments were performed by psychologists. Imagine that!

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We can see how this sort of circular reasoning operates in the case of visual illusions.

To the vision researcher, these offer an opportunity to examine the mechanisms by which the brain extracts information from the visual world. By constructing experimental artifacts, one can test hypotheses based on how the visual system behaves in highly novel and constrained situations.

Psychologists on the other hand proceed from the premise that all human perception is unreliable. The purpose of all experiments is then to provide an ever-lengthening list of examples of unreliable perception. It matters not that these examples are largely artifacts - the premise dictates the conclusion.

Cathy

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The vast majority of psychologists, whatever their area of interest, are Cognitivists. Even the modern fad for Evolutionary Psychology is based on Cognitivism.

There are some exceptions - in perception research there are the Gibsonians, for example, and psychophysics owes little or nothing to Cognitivism. And there are the applied social psychologists, who try as hard as possible to be completely atheoretical. But these are very much the exceptions, not the rule.

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The file drawer effect does not allow for falsification. It isn't intended to - it's purely a way of correcting the statistical significance of a result by estimating the number of unpublished studies. It does nothing to address the problem that negative results are by definition non-significant, which means the underlying theory is not falsifiable even in principle.

>Operationalism is not the demon you make it out to be. It is
>used in other sciences, particularly in the medical and physical
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>testibility of hypothesis and theory.

Where exactly did I make Operationalism out to be some sort of demon? Of course it is used in the physical sciences - it was invented by a physicist, P W Bridgman.

But what psychologists are actually doing when they claim to be using operational definitions is both confused and self-contradictory. In psychology an "operational " definition is a proxy for some other quantity which cannot be directly measured and which has no rigorously defined relationship to the proxy. This is absolutely not what Bridgman meant by an operational definition.

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>_delusion_."

It has a lot of evidence backing it up if you accept the premises by which that evidence is interpreted. If you challenge these premises - as for example the Gibsonians have been doing for thirty years now - you find most of that evidence disappears like mist.

Of course the human visual system makes mistakes - but the errors are specific to the circumstances which produce them. And in the case of perceptual experiments those circumstances are designed to be highly contrived and unrepresentative of normal life because that's the whole point of experiment; to be able to control circumstantial variables in a way that can't be done in vivo.

But Cognitivism is based on the assumption that the brain doesn't extract information from the visual world because there is no information there to be extracted. Instead the brain is assumed to interpret the visual world by means of a sort of elaborate guesswork. In other words, Cognitivism assumes that the visual system is highly fallible right at the outset and all experiments are interpreted as yet more evidence of that fallibility. But change the assumption, and the evidence ceases to support that conclusion - which is something J J Gibson realized more than thirty years ago.

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>uses observation in natural settings at times? (Can you say Jane
>Goodall in her observations of gorillas?)

Actually, Jane Goodall's landmark study was of chimpanzees, not gorillas. I knew she had made such a study but could not remember when I was composing this post what hominid she was observing and I just guessed gorilla. Later that night it was bothering me so I went to my home library and consulted several of my books on anthropology. I found references to Goodall in 'Human Evolution and Prehistory (Fifth Edition) by William A Haviland on pages 111, 112, 117, 162, 166n, and 194n, in 'Cultural Anthropology' (Eighth Edition) by Conrad Phillip Kottak on page 351, and in "Anthropology' (Tenth Edition) by Carol R. Ember, Melvin Ember, and Peter N. Peregrine on page 55. I could find no reference to Goodall doing a study of gorillas. Not to say she didn't, only that I could find no reference to support my guess.

>Operationalism is not the demon you make it out to be. It is
>used in other sciences, particularly in the medical and physical
>sciences. Here it is used to preserve the unambiguous empirical
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I should rewrite the first sentence in this paragraph so as to avoid confusion. There should have been the word 'an' in front of the word 'operationalism' to read 'An operationalism is not the demon you make it out to be.' Without this addition, the sentence implies an 'ism' such as Functionalism, Cognitivism, Behaviouralism, etc. which is not what an operationalism is.

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>>Since you said all the commentators, I have to disagree.

>Eugene:

>As you state, you have been lurking. So, I guess you would not
>be included in the term "most of".

>Second, I guess you haven't been reading my early posts where I
>tried to introduce listers to the direction, for example,
>neuropathology, psychology, and all the other 'ologies' are
>dabbing their toes into. So, you are forgiven for making a
>judgement call as to what you have decided my position on the
>issue of the 'witness is a collection of their worldview' and
>what they see in the sky and experience in an altered
>state/waking-sleeping REM-consciousness.

>Trust me, we are on the same side.

>KK

You are correct, Kathy. I didn't take note of your qualifying words "most of" and I had it in my mind when I was composing my reply that you had said "all the commentators." Upon my rereading your post, it was quickly apparent that I had misread your meaning and intent. My bad. And my apologies.

I should say that I have been lurking a very long time and read all the posts. I have been reading yours for years. Thus, I did find it odd that you would include me in your "defending an indefensible position" remark (or seem to). However, with my thinking you were referring to all the recent commentators, it didn't dawn on me that you weren't including me.

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Hello Eleanor

Fully agree and think that we will find a way around the speed-of-light limit on information transfer by QM entanglement, which would also free up the (possible) matter-transfer via signals.

FYI, after reading your post had two lucky coincidences, thanks to the Daily Grail:

<http://www.dailygrail.com/>

The first was updating myself on news of Roger Penrose's further developing of his 'microtubules and (QM) consciousness' theories, in collaboration with Stuart Hameroff and colleagues at:

<http://tinyurl.com/co4bpvf>

Quantum Physics And Consciousness

The complete report is worth a read, and ends with some surprising speculations.

[Quotation Begins]

"There are interesting philosophical consequences. Firstly, if it is true that quantum superposition and decoherence in microtubules play a role in consciousness, and microtubules act as information processing units, then we will have to wait a bit longer for the supposed singularity that is projected if Moore's Law is followed.

Secondly, if quantum superposition and decoherence and Hamerhoff and Penrose's model is correct then some form of panpsychism or panproto-experientialism may be true. Consciousness on this view is a foundational, irreducible component of reality. Or as Hamerhoff states it "Consciousness or its 'proto-conscious' precursors are thus somehow built into the structure of the universe—a view that we might label pan-protopsychism" and "Consciousness is a sequence of transitions, of ripples in fundamental spacetime geometry, connected to the brain through Orch OR". Some call it materialism on steroids, other call it a

form of idealism.

Say whatever you want about the theory, it certainly is interesting. Whenever a scientist of Penrose's caliber endorses something then it is probably worth looking into even if you ultimately do not find it or its philosophical implications convincing."

[Quotation Ends]

QM consciousness allowing connections by ripples in spacetime?

If that wasn't enough, next came to a review of 'Science and Psychic Phenomena' by Chris Carter, where apparently most of the hard evidence cited was obtained by scientists. This review also finishes with a flourish.

[Quotation Begins]

"Carter goes on to describe a time-displaced PK experiment by physicist Helmut Schmidt, in which signals from a binary random event generator were recorded simultaneously on two cassette tapes, without anyone listening to them. One tape was given to a subject to listen to, with instructions to produce more 0s or 1s (usually in the form of clicks on the left or right of stereo headphones). When the results were analysed the influence of PK was observed. However the results also matched the other tape, which had been untouched.

One interpretation is that PK reached back in time to when the random events were originally generated. But a more interesting possibility, consistent with the Von Neumann interpretation, and put forward by Schmidt and his co-experimenters, is that events are not physically real until there has been an observation.

From this viewpoint, the PK effort would not have to reach into the past because nature had not yet decided on the outcome before the PK subject, the first observer, saw the result. Then, the PK effort should no longer succeed if we have some other observer look at the pre-recorded data previous to the PK subject's attempt. [An] experiment to study this situation ... has, indeed, reported a blocking of the PK effect by a previous observation. The Von Neumann theory inevitably tends to invite quasi-theological speculation. What happened before there were conscious observers? If consciousness was needed to create humans - as conscious observers - then God or supernatural beings enter the equation. Carter quotes quantum theorist Euan Squires:

It is remarkable that such ideas should arise from a study of the behavior of the most elementary of systems. That such systems point to a world beyond themselves is a fact that will be loved by all who believe that there are truths of which we know little, that there are mysteries seen only by mystics, and that there are phenomena inexplicable within our normal view of what is possible. There is no harm in this - physics indeed points to the unknown. The emphasis, however, must be on the unknown, on the mystery, on the truths dimly glimpsed, on things inexpressible except in the language of poetry, or religion, or metaphor."

[Quotation Ends]

So it seems some capable and hard-headed physicists are now venturing where 'skeptics' fear to tread.

Cheers

Ray D

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This might have some weight if the premise that all human
perception is unreliable is false. But it's not. It has so much
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I don't know how you can argue that human perception produces an
accurate picture of reality. I'm going to repeat one of my
earlier comments: physics informs us that all matter is
constructed out of molecules, that molecules are composed of
atoms, that atoms consist of subatomic particles, and that
subatomic particles are energy - energy that is colorless,
odorless, temperatureless. Recent research indicates that these
quanta exist as ubiquitous fields of energy, are holographic in
nature, and are holograms projected from a higher dimensional
structure. Reality is based on interference patterns. Is that
what you see when you look at a tree, a car, or a dog? Because I
know I certainly don't. I don't know anybody else that does
either.

There is no such thing as red or blue light. There is a field of
energy composed of electric and magnetic vectors propagating at
right angles through space, of a frequency (rate of vibration)
that causes the brain to create the experience of red or blue.
There is no red or blue color anywhere in the electromagnetic
field itself.

It is the same with our experiences of sound, form, texture,
temperature, taste, or smell.

The above information comes from physics not from psychology.

It supports psychology's contentions regarding human perception. It alone shows human perception does not show things as they really are. We don't even have to go near psychology; physics by itself demolishes any possibility that human perception is accurate or producing pictures of what is out there.

You do not want to accept this premise as a valid one, so everything that comes forth to further support its veracity, to you, is simply "experiments to produce an ever-lengthening list of examples of unreliable perception" rather than evidence that further supports the premise.

What psychology does when it proceeds from this premise is no different from what other fields of science do when they proceed from a premise that they view as valid (having been well established) in their field.

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>>I think I spoke too soon when I said you displayed a deep
>>understanding of how psychological researchers proceed. They
>>also use empirical methods. You clearly can't get past your view
>>that psychology is nothing but Cognitivism.

>The vast majority of psychologists, whatever their area of
>interest, are Cognitivists. Even the modern fad for Evolutionary
>Psychology is based on Cognitivism.

Yes, I completely agreed with you that Cognitivism is dominant.
I'm not disputing this. But you keep defining psychology by it
and ignoring the fact that psychological research uses the many
other methods conforming to the standards of the scientific
method, other than statistics and the use of operationalisms. It
uses empirical methods as well.

>There are some exceptions - in perception research there are the
>Gibsonians, for example, and psychophysics owes little or nothing
>to Cognitivism. And there are the applied social psychologists,
>who try as hard as possible to be completely atheoretical. But
>these are very much the exceptions, not the rule.

Cathy, mentioning only the Gibsonians, psychophysics, and the social
psychologists doesn't even begin to describe the number of subfields
present within, or the complexity of, psychology and psychological
research.

And it doesn't show psychology's eclectic nature drawing heavily
on other fields of science to support its premises and conclusions.

>>Use of statistics is not infallible but used in science. Meta-
>>analysis improves things. Being aware of 'publication bias' and
>>of the "file drawer effect" - if taken into account - allows for
>>falsification. (When the number of experiments producing
>>negative results reaches such a degree as to seriously outnumber
>>experiments producing positive results.)

>The file drawer effect does not allow for falsification. It
>isn't intended to - it's purely a way of correcting the
>statistical significance of a result by estimating the number of
>unpublished studies. It does nothing to address the problem that
>negative results are by definition non-significant, which means
>the underlying theory is not falsifiable even in principle.

I think you and I are on different pages here, arguing two
different arguments. I am saying that if you perform a number of
experiments and get results that support an idea, the "file
drawer" may contain a significantly larger number of experiments
that have produced results supporting a conclusion opposite to

what these experiments are saying, so that you can conclude the idea probably is not true. Nothing more!

There is no "file drawer" containing data that shows the premise of human perception being inaccurate is wrong, or that it is a faulty premise. There are counter-premises and philosophies opposing it but no evidence that these opposite views are true. In fact, the preponderance of the evidence - coming from fields other than psychology but including psychology - strongly indicate it is a valid premise.

>>Operationalism is not the demon you make it out to be. It is >>used in other sciences, particularly in the medical and physical >>sciences. Here it is used to preserve the unambiguous empirical >>testability of hypothesis and theory.

>Where exactly did I make Operationalism out to be some sort of >demon? Of course it is used in the physical sciences - it was >invented by a physicist, P W Bridgman. Clearly your implication was it's a demon (bad entity) when psychology attempts to use it. See your next remark below.

>But what psychologists are actually doing when they claim to be >using operational definitions is both confused and self- >contradictory. In psychology an "operational " definition is a >proxy for some other quantity which cannot be directly measured >and which has no rigorously defined relationship to the proxy. >This is absolutely not what Bridgman meant by an operational >definition.

This may or not be a valid point. Or it may be valid only in some circumstances. I seriously doubt it has the far-reaching implications you are alleging. Even if you are one hundred percent correct on this in that it applies everywhere and all the time in psychology and it totally messes up the research (and I am saying you are not correct here) then it is still not defining the big picture of psychological research.

>>Your remark that neuroscience has produced data during the past >>thirty years that invalidates the notion that human perception >>is inaccurate is just wrong. It may have invalidated some >>cognitive assumptions but certainly not this one. This one has >>so much backing it up that it's solid. Human vision is a grand >>illusion and, as Jay Ingram says in his book entitled Theatre of >>the Mind (in Chapter Six, The Grand Illusion), "If you want to >>keep believing in your visual prowess, then it's a grand >>_delusion_."

>It has a lot of evidence backing it up if you accept the >premises by which that evidence is interpreted. If you challenge >these premises - as for example the Gibsonians have been doing >for thirty years now - you find most of that evidence disappears >like mist.

Only if you accept these premises. But premises are not the same thing as evidence.

And these premises, by the way, don't have much going for them.

James J. Gibson's views of 'direct perception' and 'direct realism' are demolished by research in modern physics.

>Of course the human visual system makes mistakes - but the >errors are specific to the circumstances which produce them. And >in the case of perceptual experiments those circumstances are >_designed_ to be highly contrived and unrepresentative of normal >life because that's the whole point of experiment; to be able to >control circumstantial variables in a way that can't be done in >vivo.

Oh, it makes some pretty big mistakes. And on a very consistent basis.

And I can spend the next several days typing up descriptions of experiments in perception that don't fit your "those circumstances are _designed_ to be highly contrived and unrepresentative of normal life" allegation.

>But Cognitivism is based on the assumption that the brain >doesn't extract information from the visual world because there >is no information there to be extracted. Instead the brain is

>assumed to interpret the visual world by means of a sort of
>elaborate guesswork. In other words, Cognitivism assumes that
>the visual system is highly fallible right at the outset and all
>experiments are interpreted as yet more evidence of that
>fallibility. But change the assumption, and the evidence ceases
>to support that conclusion - which is something J J Gibson
>realized more than thirty years ago.

What he didn't realize though was that things don't have to be black or white. It doesn't have to be a case of trees, rocks, in short, matter, being perceived directly, and as is, by human beings (direct perception) or a case of perception producing an exact miniature replica or copy of the external world in our awareness, along the lines of an accurate virtual-reality in our minds (indirect or representational realism). There can be something 'out there' that is totally different than the image produced in our awareness by the human perception process. This is strongly indicated by modern physics, and my saying it is getting redundant.

Why does psychology assume the premise regarding human perception is true? Because the evidence coming from fields other than its own strongly indicates this is the case.

And you have brought us back to Cognitivism again. As I'm getting tired of repeating over and over again, the evidence of the inaccuracy of the human perception process is coming from more areas than Cognitivism.

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>conclusion.

Dead on Cathy! Visual illusions are actually quite rare in a
natural environment, otherwise we would be suffering from them
all the time. Most illusions you see in a book on human
perception are the result of highly artificial situations that
one usually would not encounter in normal life, usually a very
simplified, geometric drawing with all sorts of normal cues
stripped out that would have prevented the illusion from arising
in the first place.

One such example is spoke-like lines radiating out of a central
point, with two straight parallel lines drawn through them. The
two lines appear to be arced instead of straight. Interestingly,
the illusion can be somewhat suppressed by interpreting the
spokes as receding into the distance toward the vanishing point.

To a vision researcher, this tells us something about the
processing of straight lines in the brain (also a little about
depth perception). E.g., one explanation is that neurons
responding to different orientations of lines inhibit one
another in the brain, resulting in acute angles appearing a
little larger than they geometrically are and obtuse angles a
little smaller. If you apply that to the above illusory drawing,
the local small distortions of angles will cause the straight
lines to arc a little bit when the brain interprets the overall
shape of the lines.

But in a normal situation, the mechanism helps the brain
distinguish orientations of edges and sharpens up differences.

In computer image processing, it is well known that filters applied to a scene can help bring out certain features, but at the expense of creating artifacts. The brain is no different. Evolution has led to the brain applying various neural filters to the image that assist us in representing the scene and ultimately interpreting it. These sometimes create illusions, but usually one has to work pretty hard to mislead the perceptual system.

Interpretation, which is an end-product of raw perception, can also be faulty, but there is nothing inherently true in an image, which can have multiple ambiguous interpretations, also raw fodder for generating illusions for those perceptual studies. E.g., an old classic illusion is the Necker cube, nothing more than a black and white line drawing of a cube with "front" and "back" faces the same size. What is "front" and what is "back" is ambiguous and can and will flip back and forth. And you can, of course, not interpret it as a 3D cube, but as a flat line drawing of two squares connected by slanted diagonals, or just a bunch of intersecting lines. There really is no inherent "cube" there. We tend to prefer to interpret the drawing as a solid.

A real 3D cube, particularly one made only of edges and not solid, can also be mentally flipped, but this is more difficult, and that can result in more illusions. The front and back surfaces are no longer the same size, also in different focal planes. Note that in normal viewing with two eyes, the following illusions will usually not arise, because our binocular vision and depth perception will prevent the illusions from arising in the first place, again our perceptual system usually being quite accurate and robust. It is usually only in an artificial laboratory setting with multiple cues stripped out that the illusions will arise. Thus, subjects need to view the scene with one eye, not two.

In the normal situation, it looks like a proper cube with everything focused right, but when you mentally flip it in becomes a trapezoidal solid, where the focus of the front and back also do not appear to be consistent. Thus already there is an additional cue that something is not quite right. More inconsistencies arise when you rotate the solid in your hand. As a cube, it rotates consistent with another part of your brain's understanding of what direction you are rotating it in, but reversed it appears to paradoxically rotate in the opposite direction. This illustrates how the visual brain areas are communicating with one another to keep the visual interpretation consistent, but this conflicts with the sensory and motor ones. Again, we quickly smell a rat that something is not right with how we are seeing things.

Another striking illusion with a rotating wire cube is putting a straight stick through it. Viewed as a normal rotating cube, the stick remains in rigid relationship to the cube, following the rotation of the cube and we properly see it as a straight stick going through two surfaces. But when the brain mentally flips the depth and it becomes the reverse-rotating trapezoidal solid, the stick no longer remains straight but seems to rapidly contort into all sorts of extreme shapes. This is again the visual brain trying to keep all elements consistent with one another. The stick shape has to morph and seem to twist to maintain its proper geometric relationship with the illusory trapezoidal solid. But again, the situation is pretty artificial.

To the vision researcher, this is another example of how the various visual brain interpretation mechanisms work hand-in-hand to maintain a consistent interpretation of the entire scene. But a psychologist (or a debunker) might interpret this as another example of how unreliable human perception is.

For fun, you can also try to flip a solid cube, like your Rubik's cube, and other interesting illusions arise, such as surfaces that seem to have no depth and the colors now look like stained glass illuminated from behind. To get it to work, you have to concentrate a lot and stare a long time until your nervous system begins to fatigue and the alternate, non-fatigued, but less favorable interpretation can occur, again not a normal situation.

David Rudiak

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No. The only thing we can see here is you bringing a lot of
allegations into the discussion but when they are countered you
ignore the information presented that counters them. You make
proclamations but don't provide a shred of data or reference to
back them up.

I, on the other hand, have taken every remark you have made in
all of your posts and addressed them, without skipping any. I
have provided you with sound reasons and examples showing why I
believe they successfully oppose your allegations. You have
ignored every one of them. You simply continue to harp about the
evils of Cognitivism and how statistics and the use of
operationalisms, although perfectly acceptable in other
sciences, are not possible to employ in psychology without bad
results. You simply cannot see that some of Cognitivism's
premises are very solid - established by fields outside
psychology - and are a basis for proceeding from, and when
further experimentation by psychological researchers produce
data that supports the initial premise it is a case of more
evidence being added to the pile.

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>the mechanisms by which the brain extracts information from the
>visual world. By constructing experimental artifacts, one can
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What vision researchers? What are these mechanisms by which the
brain extracts information from the visual world? What
experimental artifacts? What hypotheses are being tested on how
the visual system behaves in highly novel and constrained ways?
Can you tell us what these novel and constrained ways are? What
have these tests revealed about how the visual system behaves in
novel and constrained ways? Don't just claim something is.
Give us something we can sink our teeth into.

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This premise that human perception is unreliable is based on a lot of data that has come in from several fields in science, not just psychology. It is pretty solid. That is why psychologists proceed from it.

Experiment is then providing more evidence that confirms the premise.

I have said this so many times already that I'm sure every person on this List reading this thread is going to start saying it in their sleep. Presented solid data to support why I contend its solid too. But you continue to ignore this information and just continue to allege it's an unsupportable and unsupported assumption.

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>This might have some weight if the premise that all human
>perception is unreliable is false. But it's not. It has so much
>backing it up that it's a pretty solid premise to start with.

So it's a solid premise because it has a lot backing it up, and
the evidence which backs it up must be ok because it's based on
a solid premise. This is completely circular reasoning.

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>what you see when you look at a tree, a car, or a dog? Because I
>know I certainly don't. I don't know anybody else that does
>either.

You're confusing the limits of perception with its reliability.
It's also true we can't see in X-rays or infra-red. We can't,
unaided, see what's going on on the other side of the world.
These are clearly limits to perception. But, we don't usually
say that our perceptions are "unreliable" just because they have
well-understood limits. It just means there is much more to
the universe than we can see with our unaided senses. Similarly
with an optical telescope. An optical telescope can't see X-
rays or individual molecules either, but to call it "unreliable"
on that account would be merely silly.

Your reasoning here is the sort of thing I was referring to in
my earlier post. You've collected together a ragbag of
perceptual anomalies and inferred from these that human
perception must therefore be systematically unreliable.

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>energy composed of electric and magnetic vectors propagating at
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>field itself.

Now I think you're confusing the mechanisms of perception with the phenomenology. And it's true that the phenomenology of perception is something we don't really understand - hence the notorious "hard problem" of consciousness. It's also true that some people believe the same sort of functional approaches we use to understand the mechanisms of perception should also work on the phenomenology. I don't agree with this and believe it leads to all sorts of conceptual confusion, so to that extent, I think you have a point.

But when it comes to the mechanisms of perception, what we really want to know is whether those mechanisms are reliable enough to extract from the world the information we need to survive in it. And that is pretty much guaranteed by natural selection.

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>different from what other fields of science do when they proceed
>from a premise that they view as valid (having been well
>established) in their field.

It's true that all sciences involves assumptions. But in most sciences, these assumptions are stated explicitly and always subject to revision and test. It's true this doesn't always happen the way it's supposed to. The difference is that in psychology it hardly ever happens the way it's supposed to.

Cathy

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After Nearly 40 Years Marine Pilot Talks About UFO Encounter
By Lindsay Ruebens

After nearly four decades of keeping mum about a close encounter with a UFO over Pensacola, a retired Marine Corps pilot is telling his story in a newly released book.

On the night of Feb. 6, 1975, then Marine Reserve Squadron Capt. Larry Jividen was piloting a T-39D Sabreliner combat trainer and utility aircraft with a crew of five aboard.

The two-hour flight, which began around sunset, took off and landed at Pensacola Naval Air Station. As the Sabreliner was returning from the training mission,

Jividen said noticed the aircraft was being paced by a circular red light.

He radioed in to Pensacola Approach Control to ask what the traffic was, but they didn't see anything on the radar besides the Sabreliner.

Jividen said that he and the five others all saw, from a distance, a round solid object in the sky at about their 1-o'clock position.

He said the UFO didn't act like any kind of military or civilian craft.

"On the radio, every time the guy would push the mic button, you'd hear people in the background chattering about it," Jividen said. "They were very concerned and excited that they couldn't see it on their radar, and they wanted to know what we were seeing."

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Working Link For Pensacola Marine Pilot Story

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Hi, Errol,

The link in the Pensacola pilot story was not working for me;
but I went to the paper, and this one does work:

<http://www.pnj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID12120419018>

Jeri Jahnke
Chicagoland

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Lost Mack Brazel/Walt Whitmore Interview - Part II

I have received the open letter that Dave Aaron sent about his lost tape of the alleged Mack Brazel/Walt Whitmore interview. It is a rant of twelve pages that takes twists and turns that have nothing to do with the interview but goes off into directions to support a point that might not be defensible (and which has now been altered to correct some of the errors he made).

Let's look at some of the facts that don't seem to be in dispute. According to what he says, he received an interview that he said was of Mack Brazel and Walt Whitmore, Sr., the majority owner of Roswell radio station KGFL. He said that a letter came to him from someone who said he had the tape of the wire recording, but Aaron couldn't remember who, and that he offered the tape for sale, but can't say who bought them. All of this was destroyed when, apparently, the city removed everything from his house or to be precise, the house he had once lived in and in which his material had been stored.

In other words, no evidence remains to tell us who had the tape (or wire recording), where he might have gotten it (remembering that those in Roswell told us that the original had been confiscated and that the KGFL studio had burned and all their records were lost), or how he would know that the voices on the tape were those of Mack Brazel and Walt Whitmore.

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The Recent Fuss About The Exeter Case
by Michael Swords

Some time ago I mentioned the famous Exeter, NH case after midnight on the third of September 1965. [I think that it was in one of the blog entries on CEIs]. Lately I've become aware of a lot of hullabaloo and even name-calling about the case. This regards a debunking effort being made by notorious CSICOP member, Joe Nickell [pictured to the left], and James McGaha [pictured next below]. Now I have read many debunkings by Nickell. Sometimes I can agree with what he's doing [his reconstruction of a Nazca Plain image was right on target and eliminated one extremist comment that some people were making about how "impossible" it would be to make an accurate design on that scale without having some aerial oversight --- everything from ancient astronauts to hot-air balloons were being hypothesized.] But I believe that Nickell seems [to me anyway] to be enjoying his debunking hobby so much that he is always on the hunt for another kill. So, he has put the Exeter case into his sights, and believes that he has blown it away.

This is naturally of some interest to me. The case has long stood as a CEI classic, was investigated by not only the local Pease AFB UFOB officer [who credited it], but also one of UFOlogy's best, the 1965 version of Ray Fowler. J.Allen Hynek was impressed by the case and included it as a foundational example in his The UFO Experience.

The case was judged as having credible multiple witnesses [by everybody] and a strong smoothly visualizable narrative [i.e. the story had a natural context and flowed]. Also, though somewhat irrelevantly, it was the subject of a major book in the field, John Fuller's Incident at Exeter. So this is important in UFOlogical history, if one can say that anything is.

The other author of this debunking attempt is a person named James McGaha. I really don't know much about him. I seem to remember someone saying that he's retired USAF but claim no insight. I've heard his name occasionally over the years, but none of his debunks seem to have made an impression on me.

So, what are these guys claiming?

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A Quixotic Quest to Mine Asteroids
By Amir Efrati

A new company backed by two Google Inc. billionaires, film director James Cameron and other space exploration proponents is aiming high in the hunt for natural resources - with mining asteroids the possible target.

The venture, called Planetary Resources Inc., revealed little in a press release this week except to say that it would "overlay two critical sectors - space exploration and natural resources - to add trillions of dollars to the global GDP" and "help ensure humanity's prosperity." The company is formally unveiling its plans at an event Tuesday in Seattle.

While the announcement may cause some people to snicker at what could be a page out of a sci-fi novel or a Hollywood movie scene, Planetary Resources is making its debut just as scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and other groups are embracing the notion of mining "near-Earth asteroids" and providing blueprints for how such a feat would be accomplished.

The possibility of extracting raw materials such as iron and nickel from asteroids has been discussed for decades, but the cost, scientific expertise and technical prowess of fulfilling such as feat have remained an obstacle. NASA experts have projected it could cost tens of billions of dollars and take well over a decade to land astronauts on an asteroid.

Tuesday's event is being hosted by Peter H. Diamandis and Eric Anderson, known for their efforts to develop commercial space exploration, and two former NASA officials.

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The 9th Annual PRUFOS

Police Database Report
By Detective Constable Gary Heseltine

1. 23/03/1909. Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. Two uniformed police officer including PC M KETTLE observed a cigar shaped object above the sky over Peterborough. I can find no airship listing for that era in Cambridgeshire so by definition it remains a UFO. Two Officers. On duty sighting. Source: Peterborough Press.
2. 12/09/1969. Early hours. Warrington, Cheshire. PC SYDNEY EDWARDS reported seeing a bright pulsating UFO over Warrington describing it as like a =91flickering=92 star. The incident was also witnessed by Inspector ALAN MACHIN who described it as =91big and white with no shape at all.=92 The object was seen to travel slowly across the sky with a =91jerky=92 movement before suddenly vanishing from sight. One Officer. On duty sighting. Source: Perception Magazine (July 1969 issue). Editor =96 Graham Cowell.
3. 16/04/1978. 0103 hours. Clifton, Bristol, Avon. Following several reports by the public two police officers in different locations (PS CAMPBELL and DCI CLIFFORD) also observed what was described as a bright white light with a slight white/orange exhaust trail. Note - between 15-17th April numerous reports were made in the area of strange lights in the sky. The MOD launched an investigation and attributed the reports to decaying space debris. Two Officers. On duty sighting. Source: MOD Files.
4. Late 70s. Hull. Humberside. An on duty uniformed police officer on mobile patrol observed a stationary bright light above the Springbank area of Hull. He then observed the object as it darted to another position above the Botanic Crossing where it was seen to and stop and hover. Intrigued the officer wound down the window of his vehicle to listen for noise but there was none. At one point he stopped the vehicle when he recognised an off duty police officer also looking up at the object. The object was seen for approximately 30 seconds before it suddenly accelerated out of sight. A report was officially sent by telex to the MOD. Two Officers. On/Off duty sighting. Source: PRUFOS.
5. 11/08/1980. London. Three on duty uniformed police officers observed a UFO that hovered over the Houses of Commons for 30 minutes. It was also observed by several MPs on the Commons Terrace. Several motorists also stopped to watch the object which was described by one of the officers as =91spinning,

shimmering and with flashing lights.=92 The incident was reported to the MOD and a Scotland Yard spokesman confirmed the incident. Three Officers. On duty sighting. Source: Altringham Guardian newspaper 12/08/1980.

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>>There is no such thing as red or blue light. There is a field of
>>energy composed of electric and magnetic vectors propagating at
>>right angles through space, of a frequency (rate of vibration)
>>that causes the brain to create the experience of red or blue.
>>There is no red or blue color anywhere in the electromagnetic
>>field itself.

>Now I think you're confusing the mechanisms of perception with
>the phenomenology. And it's true that the phenomenology of
>perception is something we don't really understand - hence the
>notorious "hard problem" of consciousness. It's also true that
>some people believe the same sort of functional approaches we
>use to understand the mechanisms of perception should also work
>on the phenomenology. I don't agree with this and believe it
>leads to all sorts of conceptual confusion, so to that extent, I
>think you have a point.

>But when it comes to the mechanisms of perception, what we
>really want to know is whether those mechanisms are reliable
>enough to extract from the world the information we need to
>survive in it. And that is pretty much guaranteed by natural
>selection.

>>What psychology does when it proceeds from this premise is no
>>different from what other fields of science do when they proceed
>>from a premise that they view as valid (having been well
>>established) in their field.

>It's true that all sciences involves assumptions. But in most
>sciences, these assumptions are stated explicitly and always
>subject to revision and test. It's true this doesn't always
>happen the way it's supposed to. The difference is that in
>psychology it hardly ever happens the way it's supposed to.

I think I'm finally starting to see in the last paragraph some
of what Cathy is getting at. Many psychology experiments are
designed based on a particular underlying model. The models have
progressed from a telephone switchboard analogy, to a computer
software analogy, to an analogy with networks having strange
attractor dynamics. Unfortunately, experimenters have often
behaved as if each model were true and not just an analogy.

Early on, a node in the telephone switchboard model would be a
single neuron standing, for example, for one's grandmother,
hence the 'grandmother cell'. In the computer software model,
grandmother would be represented in a box of the schematic
diagram as a list of properties in a grandmother schema. It's

not entirely clear how this box mapped onto the physiology of the brain. Later, in the network model, grandmother would be represented by the state of a large population of cells and their interconnections. In each case, the model was taken from fields outside of psychology and was assumed to underlie how the brain worked.

Ideally, if the brain's functions are to be explained at the physiological level, it should be in terms of what is known about the brain's physiology. Neural network models are a step in this direction, but they are typically too simplistic, and modelers bring over concepts from mathematics and engineering only because they can. If the brain's functions are to be understood symbolically, then a model based on what we know about symbols would be appropriate. This seems to be what Jung and his ilk were all about. Incidentally, such differences in level of analysis may be adding some degree of confusion to the overall picture.

A psychological theory of F.W.H. Myers published around 1900 is very clear in assuming that the contents of conscious awareness is a small part of a large sea of mostly unconscious information. The mind implements filters that allow more or less of this information into awareness. This theory has been resurrected by Kelly et al. (2007) in "Irreducible Mind: Toward a Psychology for the 21st Century". Maybe this is a sign that psychology is getting back on track. Myers' theory lost traction against the push of behaviourism probably because it assumed a mind-body dualism. But such dualism is obvious based on phenomenological arguments, so it has to be part of a comprehensive theory of psychology.

I used a version of Myers' theory in an article on another topic at

<http://www.treurniet.ca/psi/narcolepsy.htm>

Figure 1 in the article shows a schematic diagram of a dualistic mind-brain model where the brain is the interface between the physical world and the mind. The mind is also connected to a non-material information field where personal and transpersonal information is stored. If the transpersonal information is accessible to all minds, we can account for shared archetypal experiences, including those reported by people abducted by fairies or ETs.

William

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>What vision researchers? What are these mechanisms by which the
>brain extracts information from the visual world? What
>experimental artifacts? What hypotheses are being tested on how
>the visual system behaves in highly novel and constrained ways?
>Can you tell us what these novel and constrained ways are? What
>have these tests revealed about how the visual system behaves in
>novel and constrained ways? Don't just claim something _is_.
>Give us something we can sink our teeth into.

The phrase about pots and kettles comes to mind, but ok.

Let's try the example of the Kanizsa Triangle. This is an illusion in which only the corners of the triangle are actually defined - the sides of the triangle just aren't there. Nonetheless when we look at the illusion we see a complete triangle. The sides are added in by a process known as illusory contouring.

This is actually very useful. For example, out of my window now I can see a row of houses with a tree standing in front of them. I can't actually see all the houses, because the tree obscures the view. Nonetheless when I look at the houses, I see a row of ordinary houses, and not a row of houses with a peculiar tree-shaped hole in one of them which just happens to be hidden behind an actual tree. Although the some of the contours of the houses are not directly visible, they are added in by the illusory contour mechanism.

Two interesting points here: First, the mechanism which computes these illusory contours seems actually to be quite simple. There are a number of models for producing illusory contours, and although we don't know exactly how the brain does it, all the models rely on highly specific local processing algorithms. There is no need of any sophisticated top-down interpretation by some sort of "narrative-constructing" homunculus.

Second point: Although we're happy to call these things illusory contours, I can't think of a single _natural_ example in which the contours are in fact illusory. In all real-life examples the contours really are there, it's just that they aren't _directly_ visible. This is why vision-researchers often don't call this an illusory contour mechanism at all, but a boundary completion operator. If you want to say that the brain _infers_ the boundaries, I guess that's ok, just so long as we realize that the inferencing mechanism is actually very simple and local, and doesn't require any sort of intelligent top-down processing of the sort beloved by cognitive psychologists.

However - this illusion regularly appears in psychology textbooks as an example of how unreliable human perception is supposed to be because, it's said, we see things that just aren't there.

Cathy

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>>>Psychologists on the other hand proceed from the premise that
>>>all human perception is unreliable. The purpose of all
>>>experiments is then to provide an ever-lengthening list of
>>>examples of unreliable perception. It matters not that these
>>>examples are largely artifacts - the premise dictates the
>>>conclusion.

>>This might have some weight if the premise that all human
>>perception is unreliable is false. But it's not. It has so much
>>backing it up that it's a pretty solid premise to start with.

>So it's a solid premise because it has a lot backing it up, and
>the evidence which backs it up must be ok because it's based on
>a solid premise. This is completely circular reasoning.

Nice try, Cathy. No. The premise is backed up by evidence
obtained from empirical research conducted in scientific fields
outside psychology. There is nothing circular there.

>>I don't know how you can argue that human perception produces an
>>accurate picture of reality. I'm going to repeat one of my
>>earlier comments: physics informs us that all matter is
>>constructed out of molecules, that molecules are composed of
>>atoms, that atoms consist of subatomic particles, and that
>>subatomic particles are energy - energy that is colorless,
>>odorless, temperatureless. Recent research indicates that these
>>quanta exist as ubiquitous fields of energy, are holographic in
>>nature, and are holograms projected from a higher dimensional
>>structure. Reality is based on interference patterns. Is that
>>what you see when you look at a tree, a car, or a dog? Because I
>>know I certainly don't. I don't know anybody else that does
>>either.

>You're confusing the limits of perception with its reliability.
>It's also true we can't see in X-rays or infra-red. We can't,
>unaided, see what's going on on the other side of the world.
>These are clearly limits to perception. But, we don't usually
>say that our perceptions are "unreliable" just because they have
>well-understood limits. It just means there is much more to
>the universe than we can see with our unaided senses. Similarly
>with an optical telescope. An optical telescope can't see X-
>rays or individual molecules either, but to call it "unreliable"
>on that account would be merely silly.

Cathy, these limitations are the first step in producing
unreliability. And I'm not talking about limitations such as me
standing in my yard and not seeing something that is occurring
on the other side of the world. I'm talking about the
limitations to my perception of things of the type that are

affecting me in my back yard.

If I have, let us say, the actual painting of the Mona Lisa before me, I have the whole picture. This represents the totality of all that exists outside us. I take a paper towel tube and place it against the canvas, so that I see only a very small portion of the picture. I lose sight of most of the picture. This represents the limitations of our senses in not detecting most of what exists external to us. Now I take a black marker and smudge out most of the very small portion of what I see through the tube. This represents our brains filtering out most of the data that is assailing us on a steady basis. Finally, let's say that the very, very small piece of the painting that is left that I am aware of happens to be just one of the Mona Lisa's eyes. It is really just a bit of paint on a two-dimensional surface. But the painter did a really good job and I perceive it as a three-dimensional thing. This represents our perception process adding qualities to things that they don't have, such as color, hotness or coldness, form, etc.

The picture I perceive of the Mona Lisa painting certainly isn't an accurate one. Nor is it a very reliable one because so much essential information is missing. (I cannot appreciate the beauty of the Mona Lisa painting because most of the essential information is missing.)

In the above example, missing essential information merely caused me to not be able to appreciate a great piece of art. It didn't affect my survival.

Missing essential information can have a detrimental impact on our survival in the everyday world. If you walk into an abandoned mine, for example, where there has been a buildup of odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas - as two children did here in Glace Bay several years ago - that missing essential information certainly will have an impact on your survival. (These two children were found dead a few days later by searchers, only feet from the entrance to the mine. They had walked into the pocket of poisonous gas which their senses could not detect, quickly passed out, and died trapped within the pocket.)

Interpretation of things by the brain is where further unreliability can creep in.

Change my reference to me standing in my back yard to me sitting in my car in a parking lot in town and I will show you exactly what I mean.

Recently I was at home when my son called me informing me that he was getting off work early and requesting that I come pick him up. I told him that I had to get gas anyway, and asked him to meet me at the gas station instead (which was only a few minutes walk away for him) as town was super busy and full of traffic and pedestrians - which I wanted to avoid so as not to be held up (delayed). He agreed to meet me at the gas station.

We both did what we were supposed to do. But things didn't work out the way they were intended. I got gas and then pulled the car about fifty feet from the pumps and parked facing the building that he worked in, which I could see. There were a lot of people out and about, as it was a beautiful and warm sunny day. As I was waiting, two guys and a girl (her wearing a long plaid shirt) walked through the lot in front of me. One guy was carrying a fishing rod and had a blue back pack on. My wife was with me, sitting beside me, and we were the only car in the lot. We waited, and waited, and waited.

Finally, we went home - without picking up my son. When we got in the door, he was sitting on the couch playing with his Playstation 3. We asked him why he didn't come to the gas station as agreed and he informed us he did, saying he walked about twenty feet behind two guys - one of which was carrying a fishing rod and wearing a blue back pack - and a girl wearing a long plaid shirt.

Neither I nor my wife saw him. Both our brains had decided that he was going to approach directly from the building that he worked in, rather than take a quick detour into town to buy a soda first. We were watching in the exact direction of his workplace and our brains had decided that information coming from that direction was what was important. All the other data coming

from a busy town was not important and was filtered out. Our brains had interpreted the image of him approaching us and passing ten feet in front of the car as unimportant, so it was filtered out and not made available to our consciousness. It was not made a part of the picture of reality it created for us. It was not simply a case of us seeing him but absent mindedly not paying enough attention; we did not see him. We were the only car in an empty lot and we saw the three people passing in front of the car but did not see him passing only mere seconds after them. As a result, we sat for more than a half hour and he ended up walking home. If my life had depended on my meeting my son at that point in time, I would have been dead.

It gets even better. My son passed ten feet in front of the car while walking behind the three people just ahead of him. Yet he did not see either me or my wife, nor did he notice our car. He had a faulty notion that I would be pulling into the gas station from the direction I usually do, or would be at the pumps. All his attention was focussed on this, and - as he himself states - he didn't even see the grey car with his mother and father sitting in it. His brain had decided that only information coming from the direction of the pumps was important and had interpreted data coming from a different direction as unimportant to its immediate needs. It was filtered out and not made available to his consciousness, to the picture of reality that it created for him.

So, at an inconvenience to my wife and I, we sat in a hot car for more than half an hour, wasting time that we were short on (as there were other important things we had to do). At an inconvenience to my son, he had to walk home (several kilometers) in the heat. These were occurrences that none of us wanted. So exactly how reliable relevant to our needs was our perception process at that time?

It is essential to understand here that his angle of approach toward our car was one that allowed us to view him through the windshield for at least five minutes before he reached the lot, and that he would walk directly passed the front of the car at a distance of ten feet.

This is the same as our buttocks not being aware of the pressure of our chairs against them, unless we direct our attention to it. It is the same thing, as pointed out by Susan Blackmore, as when we are in a situation such as a noisy, crowded party and we hear our name being mentioned - we are usually able to reconstruct the words preceeding mention of our name. Had our name not been heard, these words would have remained outside our awareness. The brain is receiving them, interpreting them as unimportant, filtering them out, not including them in our picture of reality. If our name is heard, this is important, so the data emerges and is included.

>Your reasoning here is the sort of thing I was referring to in
>my earlier post. You've collected together a ragbag of
>perceptual anomalies and inferred from these that human
>perception must therefore be systematically unreliable.

The human senses not detecting most of what is out there, blotting out most of what it does detect, creating an inaccurate representation of what is out there that caused the initial stimuli, then interpreting (via mechanisms that are capable of being tricked) is quite a bit more than a ragbag of perceptual anomalies.

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>perception is something we don't really understand - hence the
>notorious "hard problem" of consciousness. It's also true that
>some people believe the same sort of functional approaches we
>use to understand the mechanisms of perception should also work
>on the phenomenology. I don't agree with this and believe it
>leads to all sorts of conceptual confusion, so to that extent, I
>think you have a point.

I'm not confusing anything. I'm saying we end up with a picture of reality that possesses qualities that reality doesn't have. There is nothing confused about my understanding of that.

This picture, aside from being full of qualities reality doesn't possess, is also full of the other inaccuracies described above, as well as constructed out of missing - often essential - information and based on often erroneous interpretations by the brain. Empirical experimentation by fields outside psychology and everyday observation have established this, before we even begin to talk about psychology.

>But when it comes to the mechanisms of perception, what we
>really want to know is whether those mechanisms are reliable
>enough to extract from the world the information we need to
>survive in it. And that is pretty much guaranteed by natural
>selection.

Ah ha, so it really is a case of "reliable enough" rather than "reliable." This is the crux of the matter, isn't it? In other words, is it "functional?" Does the human perception process produce a picture of reality that is functional, i. e., that allows us to survive in the world of things such as saber-toothed tigers? "Reliable enough" is not the same thing as "reliable." It is also not the same thing as "accurate." "Reliable enough" really means is it functional to the point that it will usually get us through our encounters with what is out there.

If you are going to contend that it is a case of "reliable enough" rather than a case of "reliable" then we have nothing to argue about. We are in agreement!

>>What psychology does when it proceeds from this premise is no
>>different from what other fields of science do when they proceed
>>from a premise that they view as valid (having been well
>>established) in their field.

>It's true that all sciences involves assumptions. But in most
>sciences, these assumptions are stated explicitly and always
>subject to revision and test. It's true this doesn't always
>happen the way it's supposed to. The difference is that in
>psychology it hardly ever happens the way it's supposed to.

It's also true that it often does happen the way it's supposed to. And that this happens in psychological research too - more often than you are giving credit to.

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>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

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>>But what psychologists are actually doing when they claim to be
>>using operational definitions is both confused and self-
>>contradictory. In psychology an "operational " definition is a
>>proxy for some other quantity which cannot be directly measured
>>and which has no rigorously defined relationship to the proxy.
>>This is absolutely not what Bridgman meant by an operational
>>definition.

>This may or not be a valid point. Or it may be valid only in
>some circumstances. I seriously doubt it has the far-reaching
>implications you are alleging. Even if you are one hundred
>percent correct on this in that it applies everywhere and all
>the time in psychology and it totally messes up the research
>(and I am saying you are not correct here) then it is still not
>defining the big picture of psychological research.

Here's why this is such a big deal: Operationalism is supposed
to be a way of putting all your measurements and observations on
a sound empirical basis without recourse to spooky metaphysical
entities that can't be observed. So anything required by theory
but which can't be observed - such as quarks - has to be linked
to what can be observed by a rigorous process of logic.

But if your supposedly "operational" measure is simply a proxy
for something completely different which not only can't be
measured or observed, but whose relationship to the proxy is
impossible even to define, then the whole basis of your claim to
empirical rigor is a mirage. Your supposedly objective
measurements and observations are all hopelessly contaminated by
arbitrary subjective considerations. You might as well be gazing
into a crystal ball.

Cathy

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Re: Pioneer Anomaly Solved

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>Subject: Re: Pioneer Anomaly Solved

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 19:28:49 +0000
>>Subject: Pioneer Anomaly Solved

>>Dear List:

>>This is the latest from The Planetary Society:

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>>From: tpsmbl.nul
>>To: catraja.nul
>>Subject: Pioneer Anomaly Solved - Thanks to You
>>Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 08:54:26 -0800

>>Dear Kathy Kasten,

>>I have great news. Thanks to you and your fellow Planetary
>>Society Members the Pioneer Anomaly is solved!

>>It's been a long and winding road, but Slava Turyshev and his
>>colleagues have just explained the anomaly causing the
>>unexpected slowing of the Pioneer 10 and 11 spacecraft. It's due
>>to anisotropic thermal radiation, that is, when the spacecraft
>>emits more heat in one direction than the other. Their report
>>has been accepted in the journal Physical Review Letters and is
>>available online.

>>Planetary Society Members helped to fund Pioneer data recovery
>>and analysis when no one else would. Members also made sure we
>>kept the search alive, with updates on our website and in The
>>Planetary Report. It was an intriguing mystery, one that had
>>people talking, asking questions, and eager to learn the answer.
>>For full details, including a link to Slava and his team=82s
>>published paper, please read my blog entry at
>>planetary.org/blog.

>>On behalf of Slava, and all of us at The Planetary Society,
>>thank you!

>>Sincerely,

>>Bruce Betts
>>Director of Projects, The Planetary Society

>>The Planetary Society
>>85 S. Grand Avenue
>>Pasadena, CA 91105

>Thank you, Jesus. Now I can sleep through the night again. I am
>sure many other Listfolk have been suffering similarly. The
>world is now a much better place.

>All hail Siava and the Planetary Society!

>With great relief,

>Jerry Clark

Jerry:

I am sure Bruce would love to hear from you.

It seems like you were not one of the people concerned with the anomaly, but there were a bunch of people who were. They reported their concern every once in a while during interviews on Coast to Coast AM.

KK

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>>From: Cathy Reason <Cathym.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](#)>
>>Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2012 11:42:17 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>>To: [post.nul](#)
>>>Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 14:05:17 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary
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>Dead on Cathy! Visual illusions are actually quite rare in a
>natural environment, otherwise we would be suffering from them
>all the time. Most illusions you see in a book on human
>perception are the result of highly artificial situations that
>one usually would not encounter in normal life, usually a very
>simplified, geometric drawing with all sorts of normal cues
>stripped out that would have prevented the illusion from arising
>in the first place.

>One such example is spoke-like lines radiating out of a central
>point, with two straight parallel lines drawn through them. The
>two lines appear to be arced instead of straight. Interestingly,
>the illusion can be somewhat suppressed by interpreting the
>spokes as receding into the distance toward the vanishing point.

>To a vision researcher, this tells us something about the
>processing of straight lines in the brain (also a little about
>depth perception). E.g., one explanation is that neurons
>responding to different orientations of lines inhibit one
>another in the brain, resulting in acute angles appearing a
>little larger than they geometrically are and obtuse angles a
>little smaller. If you apply that to the above illusory drawing,
>the local small distortions of angles will cause the straight

>lines to arc a little bit when the brain interprets the overall
>shape of the lines.

>But in a normal situation, the mechanism helps the brain
>distinguish orientations of edges and sharpens up differences.

>In computer image processing, it is well known that filters
>applied to a scene can help bring out certain features, but at
>the expense of creating artifacts. The brain is no different.
>Evolution has led to the brain applying various neural filters
>to the image that assist us in representing the scene and
>ultimately interpreting it. These sometimes create illusions,
>but usually one has to work pretty hard to mislead the
>perceptual system.

>Interpretation, which is an end-product of raw perception, can
>also be faulty, but there is nothing inherently true in an
>image, which can have multiple ambiguous interpretations, also
>raw fodder for generating illusions for those perceptual
>studies. E.g., an old classic illusion is the Necker cube,
>nothing more than a black and white line drawing of a cube with
>"front" and "back" faces the same size. What is "front" and what
>is "back" is ambiguous and can and will flip back and forth. And
>you can, of course, not interpret it as a 3D cube, but as a flat
>line drawing of two squares connected by slanted diagonals, or
>just a bunch of intersecting lines. There really is no inherent
>"cube" there. We tend to prefer to interpret the drawing as a
>solid.

>A real 3D cube, particularly one made only of edges and not
>solid, can also be mentally flipped, but this is more difficult,
>and that can result in more illusions. The front and back
>surfaces are no longer the same size, also in different focal
>planes. Note that in normal viewing with two eyes, the following
>illusions will usually not arise, because our binocular vision
>and depth perception will prevent the illusions from arising in
>the first place, again our perceptual system usually being quite
>accurate and robust. It is usually only in an artificial
>laboratory setting with multiple cues stripped out that the
>illusions will arise. Thus, subjects need to view the scene with
>one eye, not two.

>In the normal situation, it looks like a proper cube with
>everything focused right, but when you mentally flip it in
>becomes a trapezoidal solid, where the focus of the front and
>back also do not appear to be consistent. Thus already there is
>an additional cue that something is not quite right. More
>inconsistencies arise when you rotate the solid in your hand. As
>a cube, it rotates consistent with another part of your brain's
>understanding of what direction you are rotating it in, but
>reversed it appears to paradoxically rotate in the opposite
>direction. This illustrates how the visual brain areas are
>communicating with one another to keep the visual interpretation
>consistent, but this conflicts with the sensory and motor ones.
>Again, we quickly smell a rat that something is not right with
>how we are seeing things.

>Another striking illusion with a rotating wire cube is putting a
>straight stick through it. Viewed as a normal rotating cube, the
>stick remains in rigid relationship to the cube, following the
>rotation of the cube and we properly see it as a straight stick
>going through two surfaces. But when the brain mentally flips
>the depth and it becomes the reverse-rotating trapezoidal solid,
>the stick no longer remains straight but seems to rapidly
>contort into all sorts of extreme shapes. This is again the
>visual brain trying to keep all elements consistent with one
>another. The stick shape has to morph and seem to twist to
>maintain its proper geometric relationship with the illusory
>trapezoidal solid. But again, the situation is pretty
>artificial.

>To the vision researcher, this is another example of how the
>various visual brain interpretation mechanisms work hand-in-hand
>to maintain a consistent interpretation of the entire scene. But
>a psychologist (or a debunker) might interpret this as another
>example of how unreliable human perception is.

>For fun, you can also try to flip a solid cube, like your
>Rubik's cube, and other interesting illusions arise, such as
>surfaces that seem to have no depth and the colors now look like
>stained glass illuminated from behind. To get it to work, you

>have to concentrate a lot and stare a long time until your
>nervous system begins to fatigue and the alternate, non-
>fatigued, but less favorable interpretation can occur, again not
>a normal situation.

This is all accurate and relevant important information, David.
It is the meat and potatoes - the something we can sink our
teeth into - that I requested from Cathy when she brought up
vision researchers. The something other than 'things are this
way' statements that she was making without example or reference
to back them up.

Nothing here damages my point in any way. I requested it from
Cathy because she was apparently referring to it (without
providing it, as you have) to support her contention that the
premise that says human perception is reliable, is wrong.

As you so eloquently point out in your remarks above, these
vision research experiments are involving visual illusions that
are not usually seen in the everyday world, and are stripped of
vital clues usually present in the everyday world. So, while
they may provide us with some information as to how vision
works, they are not representing the real world and the
situation we real human beings find ourselves in within it. So
Cathy can't use this research to support her contention that the
premise that says human perception is unreliable, is wrong. Had
she provided the above information, I would have said this to
her, rather than to you.

As it turns out, in the everyday world, reality is much more
complicated and different, and a lot of evidence from empirical
experimentation in scientific fields other than psychology, as
well as from everyday observation, are saying something
different than what Cathy is saying.

Now, as you said, a psychologist might interpret the above-
mentioned vision experiments to be producing results that are
more examples of how unreliable human perception is.

Considering the evidence that has come in from other sources, he
or she just might be right. This is a concept that Cathy and
her supporters can't seem to wrap their minds around.

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>This might have some weight if the premise that all human
>perception is unreliable is false. But it's not. It has so much
>backing it up that it's a pretty solid premise to start with.

>I don't know how you can argue that human perception produces an
>accurate picture of reality. I'm going to repeat one of my
>earlier comments: physics informs us that all matter is
>constructed out of molecules, that molecules are composed of
>atoms, that atoms consist of subatomic particles, and that
>subatomic particles are energy - energy that is colorless,
>odorless, temperatureless. Recent research indicates that these
>quanta exist as ubiquitous fields of energy, are holographic in
>nature, and are holograms projected from a higher dimensional
>structure. Reality is based on interference patterns. Is that
>what you see when you look at a tree, a car, or a dog? Because I
>know I certainly don't. I don't know anybody else that does
>either.

But the physics models themselves are constructs of our minds,
incomplete, approximations of "reality", which is just a word
and another abstraction of our minds and like most words and
concepts is fuzzy and difficult if not impossible to define
precisely.

What most people think of as "reality" has nothing at all to do with mathematical or physical theories, but how we interact with and survive in our environment. There are other theories besides physics to explain why things seem to be the way they seem, such as evolution through natural selection. If something works and helps us to survive and reproduce, then it is passed on to succeeding generations, gradually molding everything about us into what we are today. That includes our senses and how our brains extract _useful_ information from the world that helps us survive.

At the macroscopic scale in which we mere humans exist, observable quantum effects are not only rare but of dubious value in helping plants or animals to survive. E.g., put your thumb and forefinger very close together and peer through it, and you will see the gap begin to smear and maybe see diffraction bands due to the wave nature of light. But from a perceptual standpoint, is seeing the very subtle wave nature of matter in any way helpful to survival, or is a much more useful way at our scale to see coherent objects in relationship to one another and recognizing them for what they mean to us from a survival standpoint: food, friend, or foe?

>There is no such thing as red or blue light. There is a field of
>energy composed of electric and magnetic vectors propagating at
>right angles through space, of a frequency (rate of vibration)
>that causes the brain to create the experience of red or blue.
>There is no red or blue color anywhere in the electromagnetic
>field itself.

Yes, there are such things as perceptual red or blue or green (can even be objectively studied sticking electrodes into retinas and brains), and they are very useful to plants and animals in surviving. Distinguishing "color" can tell us whether a plant is ripe or not, poisonous or not, helps break camouflage so that we can detect predator or prey.

In fact, color is so important to us, perceptual "color" is not really determined by the wavelength of light (though related to it), but the relative reflectance of light in different wavebands in different areas of a scene. Our visual perceptual system has filters to subtract out ambient light conditions across the scene which otherwise might destroy any constancy of color. Thus, going from outside where scenes are bathed in "white" light, to indoors and artificial lighting where there might be a strong component of "red" from incandescent lighting or "blue" from fluorescent lighting, the perceptual colors do not change over a wide range of lighting conditions, even though, e.g., the scene may be strongly bathed in "red" and all surfaces, including say "green" ones, predominantly reflect light in the "red" or long wavelength band. But we do NOT see the various surfaces as different shades and lightnesses of "red". We instead perceive the various surfaces maintaining their "colors", though maybe also perceiving that the whole scene is bathed in "red" light.

So, in fact, from a perceptual standpoint, our perceptual systems are actually very robust and accurate in a variety of environments. They can certainly be fooled at times, but are able to maintain a constancy of perception over a wide range of conditions that would drive a simplistic computer vision system berserk. One of the challenges of vision science has been to try to figure out just how such constancy of perception is achieved. To tease out exactly what the brain might be doing, you can set up an artificial laboratory situation where maybe all visual cues except one are eliminated, and in such a simplified, non-naturalistic situation, you might very well trick that particular perceptual mechanism. But again, this is an artificial situation that rarely arises in real life.

If our perceptual mechanisms were as horrible and inaccurate and interpreting "reality" as you depict, none of us would be here. Natural selection would have weeded us out a long time ago. The perceptual mechanisms we have are the ones that work well and help us survive in the "real" world we live in. In that sense, our perceptual reality is every bit as "real" as the equations in a physics books used to describe such abstractions as energy and matter, which themselves are only simplifications of the "real" world. We still do not a complete, self-consistent mathematical theory of everything physical, maybe never will.

>It is the same with our experiences of sound, form, texture,
>temperature, taste, or smell.

Well, again, applying physics definitions to "reality" and saying they are more accurate or real than biological ones is just philosophical hairsplitting. You could argue that there are no real smells or tastes, just various chemical compounds floating around in the air or in our mouths. But from a practical standpoint, recognizing those various compounds, what we semantically label as odors or tastes, has great utilitarian value for survival. That's the information processing or perceptual definition of "reality".

E.g., "bad" odors or smells are usually ones that are harmful to us, whereas "good" odors or smells are usually beneficial. Rotten meat "bad", makes us sick, maybe kills us.

I remember my 8th grade science teacher telling us that there was no "hot" or "cold" either, just different amounts of energy. Yes, but that's a physics definition, not one that applies to things in the natural world. Our nervous systems have "hot" receptors that fire when temperatures are high enough to cause us harm, and "cold" receptors that fire when temperatures are below optimum for our survival. That is quite "real" and measurable too. We can survive only in a narrow band of temperatures, and it is damn useful to know when we are in danger of freezing to death or overheating. And there are really noxious stimuli like flames that can cause us instant great harm, and for which we have evolved rapid spinal reflexes to pull back from them even before the signals reach our brains.

Even our machines may have sensors to keep them within an optimal temperature range. If the temperature gauge on your car registers overly hot, you better stop it quick or you will ruin your motor. What are you going to argue here - there is not such thing as "hot", just a slightly greater amount of energy? Better be prepared to fork over thousands of dollars for an engine rebuild.

Yes, our hot/cold system can be fooled with laboratory experiments. You can put one hand in "hot" water and the other in "cold", and then put both in "tepid" water. The temperature won't feel the same, with the one formerly in "hot" feeling cooler than the one formerly in "cold", though the difference is only temporary. There are many examples like this of where the sensory/perceptual mechanisms habituate or fatigues to prolonged stimuli. This can lead to inaccuracy, but can also have utilitarian value of ignoring some ambient condition that has no survival significance to us. Thus the drone of the city may disturb our sleep until we learn to "tune it out". But the sudden and important cry of a baby instantly wakes us.

Again the "reality" of what helps the organism (or a machine) to survive in its given environment is very different than the dry "reality" of physics theories.

>The above information comes from physics not from psychology.
>It supports psychology's contentions regarding human perception.
>It alone shows human perception does not show things as they
>really are. We don't even have to go near psychology; physics by
>itself demolishes any possibility that human perception is
>accurate or producing pictures of what is out there.

You are confusing a physicist's model definition of "reality" with the utilitarian information processing definition of "reality". That the perceptual model doesn't match the physical one doesn't make it any less "real" or imply that it is inherently inaccurate. Accuracy means is the perception repeatable over a wide range of conditions (perceptual constancy) and enable us to function reliably in the physical world. Otherwise we would be incapable of crossing the street safely.

There are some unfortunates where perceptual accuracy and constancy does break down, and they have a terrible time functioning in the "real" world. E.g., people with inner ear problems may have problems with stabilizing the visual world, which may seem to swim around. Color constancy may break down with damage to certain regions of the brain. The world then becomes ever-changing from moment to moment.

You could argue that is a more "real" representation of the world from a physicist's standpoint, e.g., lighting may be constantly changing, but from a practical standpoint of living that "reality" can be pure hell if the brain's sensory and perceptual mechanisms weren't able to deal with it.

>You do not want to accept this premise as a valid one, so
>everything that comes forth to further support its veracity, to
>you, is simply "experiments to produce an ever-lengthening list
>of examples of unreliable perception" rather than evidence that
>further supports the premise.

>What psychology does when it proceeds from this premise is no
>different from what other fields of science do when they proceed
>from a premise that they view as valid (having been well
>established) in their field.

I agree with Cathy here. I think you are being much too rigid in what you define as a proper representation of the abstraction we call "reality". There are different human models and different ways to define "reality".

David Rudiak

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FBI/KGB/SS Alien Photo Found

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Apr 2012 19:49:13 -0300
Archived: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 07:21:16 -0400
Subject: FBI/KGB/SS Alien Photo Found

The source of a classic Alien photo, now in reasonable quality:

- The FBI/KGB/SS Alien Photo: Found

<http://forgetomori.com/2012/ufos/the-fbikgbss-alien-photo-found/>

Cheers,

Kentaro

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Hybrid Airship

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <goc.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 00:22:11 +0100
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Subject: Hybrid Airship

Nearly 40 years after British Ufologist Len Cramp came up with the idea and developed his first prototype, hybrid airships look like becoming a commercial reality:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-12110386>

No doubt this exotic new aeroform will generate its share of sighting reports until the technology becomes commonplace.

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

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Re: The Recent Fuss About The Exeter Case

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 00:28:18 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 07:27:47 -0400
Subject: Re: The Recent Fuss About The Exeter Case

>Source: Michael Swords' The Big Study Blog

><http://tinyurl.com/72jm323>

>April 19, 2012

<snip>

>The case was judged as having credible multiple witnesses [by
>everybody] and a strong smoothly visualizable narrative [i.e.
>the story had a natural context and flowed]. Also, though
>somewhat irrelevantly, it was the subject of a major book in the
>field, John Fuller's Incident at Exeter. So this is important in
>UFOlogical history, if one can say that anything is.

John Fuller's book was "somewhat irrelevant"?? I read that book in the 1960's, as well as another Fuller book about Betty and Barney Hill called "The Interrupted Journey", and was VERY impressed with Fuller's work and his writing. I thought he did an outstanding job in both cases.

Exeter was a landmark case, and John Fuller deserves much of the credit for it. He publicized it in such a professional and thorough way that it stands today as an icon in Ufology.

On the subject of debunkers, I just usually ignore them. If I'm in the mood for some fun, I might toy with them. It all depends. But one way to learn a great deal about UFO cases (and how to think clearly and logically), is to read rebuttals by Stan Friedman and some others. For example, Stan's rebuttal to Susan Clancy of Harvard, regarding a book she wrote, and posted on his website, is a classic. Actually, it's a book review, but it's in the form of a rebuttal, I guess you could say. Think of warm butter easily being parted by a hot knife on a lazy Sunday afternoon. He made it look so easy. And it was necessary in that case. One couldn't just stand by and let garbage like that stand without being challenged - especially such nonsense coming from Harvard University, of all places.

But with me, when the hook with the worm dangles, I usually just ignore it and don't bite, and I often don't feel qualified to respond, anyway. We know that government agents are paid to debunk UFO cases. That's their job. Get rid of their upper management and you get rid of the problem. Who is "upper management"? I don't know.

Colleges and universities are motivated by money and prestige, and scared to death of being associated with the "tin foil hat" crowd (so-called) since the donations from alumni, foundations, and government might slow to a trickle, putting them out of business. My opinion is that these institutions are probably filled with fear and dishonesty. "Conformity" is the order of the day, for the most part. Research shouldn't stray too far from the known world. Exciting research should be very complicated, arcane, and often useless. (I might be wrong about this, but that's often the impression I get. Please correct me if I'm wrong.)

And the academic hypocrisy and puffery is sometimes sickening. I

once sent an email to a music Prof doing research on Mozart, about an interesting fact that he was totally unaware of, in the area of his specific expertise. He was an expert in that particular Mozart niche, and was aware of the phrase I was citing, but had missed the whole point of it.

When he asked who I was ("I've never heard of you..."), and I told him I was just a Mozart fan and an amateur, he suddenly evaporated. We wouldn't want to mingle with the hoi poloi, now would we? Of course not. So the last time I updated my Mozart website with something significant, I sent him an email notifying him of it, just to irritate him.

Think of how difficult it is, then, to get academics to take UFO's seriously. I'm impressed and proud of what J. Alan Hynek and John Mack did in ufological/abduction research. But look at how John Mack suffered for it. Harvard should be ashamed at their treatment of him. And Hynek should have turned the corner much sooner, from debunker to realist, rather than hanging on by his fingernails to untenable beliefs.

(I was just recently informed by a lady friend, totally out of the blue, that she saw a UFO as big as a house in 1979 in Scandia Minnesota, and Hynek called her to get more information.)

All I know is, I've seen the craft and I've met their crews. Debunking has little or no effect on me. There's nothing for me to disbelieve or "un-believe" - unless it's completely ridiculous. And I don't recall reading a "completely ridiculous" report in the UFO literature in quite a while.

And don't get me started on "vision". Rudiak is our in-house expert, thank goodness, but even I know that Homo Sapiens couldn't possibly have survived for more than a few days or weeks if it were unable to correctly perceive food, tree limbs, rocks, rivers, animals, bugs, other human beings, etc. Can you imagine "Chimpanzee Man" stumbling around as if on LSD, shaking hands with a tree, and unable to distinguish an apple from a rock? By the same token, the Exeter witnesses knew the difference between high-altitude refueling operations with twinkling little red lights, and an ominous bank of glaring red lights, silently gliding towards them at extremely low altitude. All normal people agree on that.

Exeter, the Hills, Roswell, and others are solid, and I consider the researchers, here, to be top-shelf investigators, analysts, writers, and people. The finest.

Dave Morton

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Yeah, OK, But We've Still Got Nukes - Cox

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 07:48:26 -0400
Archived: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 07:48:26 -0400
Subject: Yeah, OK, But We've Still Got Nukes - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/7e7gedj>

Friday, April 20, 2012

Yeah, OK, But We've Still Got Nukes
by Billy Cox

Ufology, for lack of a better term, took an unprecedented twist early this month when two South American nations agreed to formally collaborate on cracking the nut. As Uruguayan air force Col. Ariel Sanchez told El Observador (with translation by Scott Corrales), "What we have done in the region is significant. We hope that more countries will sign on to this accord."

Sanchez is the director of CRIDOVNI, Uruguay's official, 33-year-old government investigation into what we know in the States as The Great Taboo. What Sanchez and his Chilean counterpart, retired general Ricardo Bermudez, have done is pretty fearless. Bermudez, director of Chile's 15-year-old government research group, CEFAA, and Sanchez have essentially told the world (read: Uncle Sam) the stigma is over.

"When in the Ufology history have we seen =85 two official UFO research organizations, from different countries and that take the alien presence on Earth very seriously, joining forces in an international cooperation effort," wrote A.J. Gevaerd, editor of Brazilian UFO Magazine.

The "alien presence" allusion may be premature, but this could be quite a show. Especially in light of the controversy stirred up by CEFAA in February, when it released videos at an Arizona conference that appeared to show a UFO stunting at will in the midst of a Chilean air show.

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

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Re: Pioneer Anomaly Solved

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 06:48:07 -0500
Archived: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 08:36:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Pioneer Anomaly Solved

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Apr 2012 19:10:49 +0000
>Subject: Re: Pioneer Anomaly Solved

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Fri, 20 Apr 2012 14:47:47 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Pioneer Anomaly Solved

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: <post.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 19:28:49 +0000
>>>Subject: Pioneer Anomaly Solved

>>>Dear List:

>>>This is the latest from The Planetary Society:

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>>>From: tpsmbl.nul
>>>To: catraja.nul
>>>Subject: Pioneer Anomaly Solved - Thanks to You
>>>Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 08:54:26 -0800

>>>Dear Kathy Kasten,

>>>I have great news. Thanks to you and your fellow Planetary
>>>Society Members the Pioneer Anomaly is solved!

>>>It's been a long and winding road, but Slava Turyshev and his
>>>colleagues have just explained the anomaly causing the
>>>unexpected slowing of the Pioneer 10 and 11 spacecraft. It's due
>>>to anisotropic thermal radiation, that is, when the spacecraft
>>>emits more heat in one direction than the other. Their report
>>>has been accepted in the journal Physical Review Letters and is
>>>available online.

>>>Planetary Society Members helped to fund Pioneer data recovery
>>>and analysis when no one else would. Members also made sure we
>>>kept the search alive, with updates on our website and in The
>>>Planetary Report. It was an intriguing mystery, one that had
>>>people talking, asking questions, and eager to learn the answer.
>>>For full details, including a link to Slava and his team=82s
>>>published paper, please read my blog entry at
>>>planetary.org/blog.

>>>On behalf of Slava, and all of us at The Planetary Society,
>>>thank you!

>>>Sincerely,

>>>Bruce Betts
>>>Director of Projects, The Planetary Society

>>>The Planetary Society
>>>85 S. Grand Avenue
>>>Pasadena, CA 91105

>>Thank you, Jesus. Now I can sleep through the night again. I am
>>sure many other Listfolk have been suffering similarly. The
>>world is now a much better place.

>>All hail Siava and the Planetary Society!

>>With great relief,

>>Jerry Clark

>Jerry:

>I am sure Bruce would love to hear from you.

>It seems like you were not one of the people concerned with the
>anomaly, but there were a bunch of people who were. They
>reported their concern every once in a while during interviews
>on Coast to Coast AM.

Hi, Kathy,

I meant my response light-heartedly and meant no disrespect
whatever, and if that wasn't clear, I'm sorry.

It simply struck me as amusing that matters vital in one context
to people concerned with it are meaningless or incomprehensible
to other people with other focuses and interests. The item in
question had no meaning for me, which of course doesn't mean it
won't have meaning for others or that it is unimportant.

Cordially,

Jerry Clark

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Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

From: Cathy Reason <Cathym.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 18:47:44 +0100
Archived: Tue, 24 Apr 2012 10:38:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>From: Eugene Frison <cthulhu_calls.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Apr 2012 13:34:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>So it's a solid premise because it has a lot backing it up, and
>>the evidence which backs it up must be ok because it's based on
>>a solid premise. This is completely circular reasoning.

>Nice try, Cathy. No. The premise is backed up by evidence
>obtained from empirical research conducted in scientific fields
>outside psychology. There is nothing circular there.

Yes, I'm aware that you are now enlisting physics in your quest to prove that human perception is unreliable. All I have to say to this is that if you want to describe perception as unreliable because it can't detect interference patterns between quantum waveforms, then that's up to you. But to my mind that stretches the notion of unreliability to an extent that is manifestly absurd.

It also means, needless to say, that every instrument used in classical physics is also hopelessly unreliable, since it is effectively impossible to detect an interference pattern in any system which is entangled with the natural environment.

<snip>

>If I have, let us say, the actual painting of the Mona Lisa
>before me, I have the whole picture. This represents the
>totality of all that exists outside us. I take a paper towel
>tube and place it against the canvas, so that I see only a very
>small portion of the picture. I lose sight of most of the
>picture. This represents the limitations of our senses in not
>detecting most of what exists external to us. Now I take a black
>marker and smudge out most of the very small portion of what I
>see through the tube. This represents our brains filtering out
>most of the data that is assailing us on a steady basis.
>Finally, let's say that the very, very small piece of the
>painting that is left that I am aware of happens to be just one
>of the Mona Lisa's eyes. It is really just a bit of paint on a
>two-dimensional surface. But the painter did a really good job
>and I perceive it as a three-dimensional thing. This represents
>our perception process adding qualities to things that they
>don't have, such as color, hotness or coldness, form, etc.

You've assumed, entirely without proof, that information filtered out by the brain is relevant, rather than irrelevant. So for that reason I think your analogy here is fallacious.

>Missing essential information can have a detrimental impact on
>our survival in the everyday world. If you walk into an
>abandoned mine, for example, where there has been a buildup of
>odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas - as two children did
>here in Glace Bay several years ago - that missing essential
>information certainly will have an impact on your survival.
>(These two children were found dead a few days later by
>searchers, only feet from the entrance to the mine. They had
>>walked into the pocket of poisonous gas which their senses could

>not detect, quickly passed out, and died trapped within the
>pocket.)

Yes, these things do happen. But they are products of extreme and unusual circumstances. They are the exception, not the rule - and that's precisely why they tend to be newsworthy.

<snip>

>So, at an inconvenience to my wife and I, we sat in a hot car
>for more than half an hour, wasting time that we were short on
>(as there were other important things we had to do). At an
>inconvenience to my son, he had to walk home (several
>kilometers) in the heat. These were occurrences that none of us
>>wanted. So exactly how reliable relevant to our needs was our
>perception process at that time?

Ok, first question - how often did this happen to you in the last month? Second question - how often did it not happen? That is, how often in the last month have you looked for someone or something and not failed to find them?

The situation you describe is known as a visual search error and there is a whole literature dedicated to understanding it. Yes, these things do happen. But they are exceptional and that's precisely why we remember them.

We have models for understanding how the brain identifies targets from fields of heterogeneous distractors (sometimes known as "visual clutter"). These models are built up of local processing algorithms and it's possible to fool them by presenting targets in a highly cluttered environment (one involving a lot of heterogeneous distractors) or by cueing attention to look in the wrong place, as you have described here. But as I mentioned in a previous post, these errors are highly specific to the circumstances that create them. There is no need to imagine some generic cognitive homunculus creating "models of reality" and thus no reason to regard these sorts of errors as systemic. And systemic error is surely what unreliability entails.

>The human senses not detecting most of what is out there,
>blotting out most of what it does detect, creating an
inaccurate >representation of what is out there that caused the
initial >stimuli, then interpreting (via mechanisms that are
capable of >being tricked) is quite a bit more than a ragbag of
perceptual >anomalies.

It would be if that's what was going on. But your entire case rests on two Cognitivist assumptions - firstly that perception creates a "representation" of reality and secondly that this "representation" is inaccurate.

But if there is no representation in the first place this whole case falls to pieces. If there is no representation-building homunculus then there is nothing to "blot out" most of what it sees and create an inaccurate model of the world. Instead there are merely local processing algorithms which have evolved to select precisely those aspects of the visual world which are needed to provide accurate information about the environment. It's quite true that these mechanisms can be fooled. But as David Rudiak has pointed out, it's actually quite hard to fool them, and biologically that's just what we should expect.

And that's why I describe these examples of yours as anomalies. You've taken a ragbag of anecdotes and assumed they are representative of some systemic unreliability. But there is just no evidence of this and plenty of evidence against it.

Cathy

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Mantle's Alien Autopsy Book Launches

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Archived: Tue, 24 Apr 2012 10:45:08 -0400
Subject: Mantle's Alien Autopsy Book Launches

The North American version of my book Roswell Alien Autopsy: The Truth Behind The Film That Shocked The World

In 1995, an amazing film surfaced that seemed to show an autopsy in progress on extraterrestrial beings recovered from a UFO crash near Roswell, New Mexico. Broadcast worldwide, the film became an instant sensation, and many people believed the lid had finally been blown on UFO secrecy! In this book, veteran UFO researcher Philip Mantle reveals the truth behind the alien autopsy film that shocked the world. Praise for this important book has been staggering:

"A searching, insightful and much needed examination of the truths and lies behind the famous alien autopsy film. It shines light into the shadows surrounding this world-famous piece of film. Is it a fake or not? This engaging mystery story takes the reader in some very surprising directions. A most interesting and provocative book." Whitley Strieber, bestselling author of "Communion" and "The Grays."

This is the book on the film that the whole UFO community and the general public alike have been waiting for. It is incisive, evenly balanced, factual and highly informative. It is the definitive book on this most controversial and enigmatic piece of film. At long last the whole story of the alien autopsy film is laid open for all to see with expert commentary from an extraordinary variety of specialists outside of the crazy world of the UFO community. Added to this, the book is extremely well illustrated and contains an enormous amount of new and fascinating material. "Odd-Gunnar Roed, UFO Researcher.

"The alien autopsy film is either proof of an extraterrestrial presence on Earth and an associated government cover-up, or the greatest hoax of all time. Philip Mantle's book is a fascinating and comprehensive investigation into the greatest and most controversial mystery of our time." Nick Pope, British UFO Researcher.

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Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: post.nul
>Date: Sun, 22 Apr 2012 13:21:13 -0400
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>From: Cathy Reason<Cathym.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto<post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Apr 2012 12:26:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>>From: Eugene Frison<cthulhu_calls.nul>
>>>To:<post.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2012 10:56:18 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>>There is no such thing as red or blue light. There is a field of
>>>energy composed of electric and magnetic vectors propagating at
>>>right angles through space, of a frequency (rate of vibration)
>>>that causes the brain to create the experience of red or blue.
>>>There is no red or blue color anywhere in the electromagnetic
>>>field itself.

>>Now I think you're confusing the mechanisms of perception with
>>the phenomenology. And it's true that the phenomenology of
>>perception is something we don't really understand - hence the
>>notorious "hard problem" of consciousness. It's also true that
>>some people believe the same sort of functional approaches we
>>use to understand the mechanisms of perception should also work
>>on the phenomenology. I don't agree with this and believe it
>>leads to all sorts of conceptual confusion, so to that extent, I
>>think you have a point.

>>But when it comes to the mechanisms of perception, what we
>>really want to know is whether those mechanisms are reliable
>>enough to extract from the world the information we need to
>>survive in it. And that is pretty much guaranteed by natural
>>selection.

>>>What psychology does when it proceeds from this premise is no
>>>different from what other fields of science do when they proceed
>>>from a premise that they view as valid (having been well
>>>established) in their field.

>>It's true that all sciences involves assumptions. But in most
>>sciences, these assumptions are stated explicitly and always
>>subject to revision and test. It's true this doesn't always
>>happen the way it's supposed to. The difference is that in
>>psychology it hardly ever happens the way it's supposed to.

>I think I'm finally starting to see in the last paragraph some
>of what Cathy is getting at. Many psychology experiments are
>designed based on a particular underlying model. The models have
>progressed from a telephone switchboard analogy, to a computer
>software analogy, to an analogy with networks having strange
>attractor dynamics. Unfortunately, experimenters have often
>behaved as if each model were true and not just an analogy.

>Early on, a node in the telephone switchboard model would be a
>single neuron standing, for example, for one's grandmother,

>hence the 'grandmother cell'. In the computer software model,
>grandmother would be represented in a box of the schematic
>diagram as a list of properties in a grandmother schema. It's
>not entirely clear how this box mapped onto the physiology of
>the brain. Later, in the network model, grandmother would be
>represented by the state of a large population of cells and
>their interconnections. In each case, the model was taken from
>fields outside of psychology and was assumed to underlie how the
>brain worked.

>Ideally, if the brain's functions are to be explained at the
>physiological level, it should be in terms of what is known
>about the brain's physiology. Neural network models are a step
>in this direction, but they are typically too simplistic, and
>modelers bring over concepts from mathematics and engineering
>only because they can. If the brain's functions are to be
>understood symbolically, then a model based on what we know
>about symbols would be appropriate. This seems to be what Jung
>and his ilk were all about. Incidentally, such differences in
>level of analysis may be adding some degree of confusion to the
>overall picture.

>A psychological theory of F.W.H. Myers published around 1900 is
>very clear in assuming that the contents of conscious awareness
>is a small part of a large sea of mostly unconscious
>information. The mind implements filters that allow more or less
>of this information into awareness. This theory has been
>resurrected by Kelly et al. (2007) in "Irreducible Mind: Toward
>a Psychology for the 21st Century". Maybe this is a sign that
>psychology is getting back on track. Myers' theory lost traction
>against the push of behaviourism probably because it assumed a
>mind-body dualism. But such dualism is obvious based on
>phenomenological arguments, so it has to be part of a
>comprehensive theory of psychology.

>I used a version of Myers' theory in an article on another topic
>at

><http://www.treurniet.ca/psi/narcolepsy.htm>

>Figure 1 in the article shows a schematic diagram of a dualistic
>mind-brain model where the brain is the interface between the
>physical world and the mind. The mind is also connected to a
>non-material information field where personal and transpersonal
>information is stored. If the transpersonal information is
>accessible to all minds, we can account for shared archetypal
>experiences, including those reported by people abducted by
>fairies or ETs.

Great stuff, William! You have certainly helped to make the
subjects we are discussing clearer. More of the meat and
potatoes that I complained Cathy wasn't serving.

I pointed to F. W. H. Myers in an earlier post. I referenced him
because his work can provide information useful to this
discussion and to ufo study.

His 'Human Personality and its Survival of Bodily Death' was
first published in February of 1903 then again in March and June
of that year. It was printed again in September of 1904. Those
editions each consisted of two (very thick) volumes and were
published by Longmans, Green, and Co. My copy of this work was
published in September of 1904. After that date, it was
published as an abridged one volume affair.

The only thing in your comments above that I begin to somewhat
disagree with is the remark saying that "the mind is connected
to a non-material information field." I am suspect of the word
"connected" as I am more inclined to side with views similiar to
those of individuals like David Chalmers - that consciousness
will be discovered to be a fundamental entity in the universe,
being of the nature of the charge in subatomic particles, and
not subject to being broken down into more basic units. In that
case, I think "contains" as opposed to "connected to" would be a
more accurate description.

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>Subject: Ufology And Psychiatry Summary

I am encouraged to see the many comments resulting from Mr. Dickenson's initial email. I am of the opinion the mental health industry has a great deal to offer ufology, yet is largely under-represented and misunderstood in UFO circles. It is for such reasons I find it constructive to see related issues drawing such interest as has been the case.

My non-professional opinion includes the perspective that symptoms of untreated severe emotional traumata may very well be the single most important commonly overlooked aspect of studying the abduction phenomenon. The symptoms and their competent treatments should be considered of primary relevance to those interested in alleged alien abduction, as abductees of course rather uniformly report extremely traumatic experiences. Effects of traumata are then at issue, regardless of what the original sources may or may not actually be. In spite of what should be such an obvious correlation, symptoms of traumata and related medical/mental health issues not only receive very, very little attention within ufology, but are commonly minimized and, as was the case with Mr. Dickenson's initial email, framed in what could easily be interpreted as questionable, all or nothing perspectives.

I share the concerns expressed that alienating the mental health community cultivates a culture in which the care of the witness is put at risk. I think a great deal of careful consideration should go into choices determining how any such culture stands to effect its members, as well as the quality of research it is capable of producing if during the course of investigations it omits information recognized by the medical industry as established fact.

Regards,

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>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2012 19:06:42 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>What vision researchers? What are these mechanisms by which the
>>brain extracts information from the visual world? What
>>experimental artifacts? What hypotheses are being tested on how
>>the visual system behaves in highly novel and constrained ways?
>>Can you tell us what these novel and constrained ways are? What
>>have these tests revealed about how the visual system behaves in
>>novel and constrained ways? Don't just claim something is.
>>Give us something we can sink our teeth into.

>The phrase about pots and kettles comes to mind, but ok.

The image of one utensil being more tanished than the other
comes to mind, but ok.

>Let's try the example of the Kanizsa Triangle. This is an
>illusion in which only the corners of the triangle are actually
>defined - the sides of the triangle just aren't there.
>Nonetheless when we look at the illusion we see a complete
>triangle. The sides are added in by a process known as illusory
>contouring.

I am familiar with this illusion and others similiar to it. I
like the one with the snake.

>This is actually very useful. For example, out of my window now
>I can see a row of houses with a tree standing in front of them.
>I can't actually see all the houses, because the tree obscures
>the view. Nonetheless when I look at the houses, I see a row of
>ordinary houses, and not a row of houses with a peculiar tree-
>shaped hole in one of them which just happens to be hidden
>behind an actual tree. Although the some of the contours of the
>houses are not directly visible, they are added in by the
>illusory contour mechanism.

>Two interesting points here: First, the mechanism which computes
>these illusory contours seems actually to be quite simple. There
>are a number of models for producing illusory contours, and
>although we don't know exactly how the brain does it, all the
>models rely on highly specific local processing algorithms.
>There is no need of any sophisticated top-down interpretation by
>some sort of "narrative-constructing" homunculus.

>Second point: Although we're happy to call these things illusory
>contours, I can't think of a single natural example in which
>the contours are in fact illusory. In all real-life examples the
>contours really are there, it's just that they aren't directly
>visible. This is why vision-researchers often don't call this an
>illusory contour mechanism at all, but a boundary completion
>operator. If you want to say that the brain infers the

>boundaries, I guess that's ok, just so long as we realize that
>the inferencing mechanism is actually very simple and local, and
>doesn't require any sort of intelligent top-down processing of
>the sort beloved by cognitive psychologists.

>However - this illusion regularly appears in psychology
>textbooks as an example of how unreliable human perception is
>supposed to be because, it's said, we see things that just
>aren't there.

So do better examples like the inattentional blindness
experiments such as those conducted by Daniel Simons and
Christopher Chabris, and the change blindness experiments
conducted by Simons and and Daniel Levin.

Cathy, let's be very clear about something. I never brought up
the example of these illusions. I never, at any point, used them
to support my views. It is you (and David) who bring them up and
keep talking about them.

The only thing I ever said regarding them was that psychologists
might be justified in considering them as more evidence added
to the pile, if the assumption that human perception is
unreliable, is soundly supported by evidence from other fields
of science.

In fact, I stated - agreeing with you and David - that these are
not the type of realities that human beings find themselves
dealing with in the real world.

Turn the smoke machine off!

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Life On Mars

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-17705984>

... scientists say the chances of finding life on Mars could be improved by looking in craters made by asteroids. That conclusion is based on the discovery of organisms thriving deep underneath a site in the US where an asteroid crashed 35 million years ago.

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>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>>But what psychologists are actually doing when they claim to be
>>>using operational definitions is both confused and self-
>>>contradictory. In psychology an "operational " definition is a
>>>proxy for some other quantity which cannot be directly measured
>>>and which has no rigorously defined relationship to the proxy.
>>>This is absolutely not what Bridgman meant by an operational
>>>definition.

>>This may or not be a valid point. Or it may be valid only in
>>some circumstances. I seriously doubt it has the far-reaching
>>implications you are alleging. Even if you are one hundred
>>percent correct on this in that it applies everywhere and all
>>the time in psychology and it totally messes up the research
>>(and I am saying you are not correct here) then it is still not
>>defining the big picture of psychological research.

>Here's why this is such a big deal: Operationalism is supposed
>to be a way of putting all your measurements and observations on
>a sound empirical basis without recourse to spooky metaphysical
>entities that can't be observed. So anything required by theory
>but which can't be observed - such as quarks - has to be linked
>to what can be observed by a rigorous process of logic.

>But if your supposedly "operational" measure is simply a proxy
>for something completely different which not only can't be
>measured or observed, but whose relationship to the proxy is
>impossible even to define, then the whole basis of your claim to
>empirical rigor is a mirage. Your supposedly objective
>measurements and observations are all hopelessly contaminated by
>arbitrary subjective considerations. You might as well be gazing
>into a crystal ball.

Absolutely, Cathy! Absolutely! You don't have to lecture me
about operationalisms and what they are supposed to do. I well
understand them.

Re-read my post.

I said you may have a valid point. Then I said that it may be
valid only some of the time within psychology. You continue to
define psychology as Cognitivism. I don't. I see psychological
research as vaster and more complex than cognitive assumptions.
I see psychology as using empirical experimentation as well. If
during these empirical experiments an operationalism is used
then the problem you are accurately defining may not apply. Put
yourself outside Cognitivism for a few seconds. Wrap your mind
around the concept that someone else doesn't define psychology
in the same limited way you do.

I also said that even if you are one hundred percent correct and the problem occurs within psychology all of the time (when an operationalism is used) - and this was my saying you may be right - that this is still not defining the big picture of psychological research. Psychological research uses the other well established and accepted methods that exist and which conform to the standards of the scientific method. It uses much more than operationalisms.

If you're going to argue with me, stick to what we are arguing about. Don't create totally different arguments around things that I am not disputing and slip them in as a substitute for the original, and then continue on as if this is what we were arguing about.

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>>>>Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 14:05:17 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>>>The comment that the unreliability of human perception is an
>>>>assumption is demonstrably wrong given the oft-demonstrated
>>>>variability in relevant experimental data.

>>>We can see how this sort of circular reasoning operates in the
>>>case of visual illusions.

>>>To the vision researcher, these offer an opportunity to examine
>>>the mechanisms by which the brain extracts information from the
>>>visual world. By constructing experimental artifacts, one can
>>>test hypotheses based on how the visual system behaves in highly
>>>novel and constrained situations.

>>>Psychologists on the other hand proceed from the premise that
>>>all human perception is unreliable. The purpose of all
>>>experiments is then to provide an ever-lengthening list of
>>>examples of unreliable perception. It matters not that these
>>>examples are largely artifacts - the premise dictates the
>>>conclusion.

>>This might have some weight if the premise that all human
>>perception is unreliable is false. But it's not. It has so much
>>backing it up that it's a pretty solid premise to start with.

>>I don't know how you can argue that human perception produces an
>>accurate picture of reality. I'm going to repeat one of my
>>earlier comments: physics informs us that all matter is
>>constructed out of molecules, that molecules are composed of
>>atoms, that atoms consist of subatomic particles, and that
>>subatomic particles are energy - energy that is colorless,
>>odorless, temperatureless. Recent research indicates that these
>>quanta exist as ubiquitous fields of energy, are holographic in
>>nature, and are holograms projected from a higher dimensional
>>structure. Reality is based on interference patterns. Is that
>>what you see when you look at a tree, a car, or a dog? Because I
>>know I certainly don't. I don't know anybody else that does
>>either.

>But the physics models themselves are constructs of our minds,

>incomplete, approximations of "reality", which is just a word
>and another abstraction of our minds and like most words and
>concepts is fuzzy and difficult if not impossible to define
>precisely.

>What most people think of as "reality" has nothing at all to do
>with mathematical or physical theories, but how we interact with
>and survive in our environment. There are other theories
>besides physics to explain why things seem to be the way they
>seem, such as evolution through natural selection. If something
>works and helps us to survive and reproduce, then it is passed
>on to succeeding generations, gradually molding everything about
>us into what we are today. That includes our senses and how our
>brains extract _useful_ information from the world that helps us
>survive.

>At the macroscopic scale in which we mere humans exist,
>observable quantum effects are not only rare but of dubious
>value in helping plants or animals to survive. E.g., put your
>thumb and forefinger very close together and peer through it,
>and you will see the gap begin to smear and maybe see
>diffraction bands due to the wave nature of light. But from a
>perceptual standpoint, is seeing the very subtle wave nature of
>matter in any way helpful to survival, or is a much more useful
>way at our scale to see coherent objects in relationship to one
>another and recognizing them for what they mean to us from a
>survival standpoint: food, friend, or foe?

>>There is no such thing as red or blue light. There is a field of
>>energy composed of electric and magnetic vectors propagating at
>>right angles through space, of a frequency (rate of vibration)
>>that causes the brain to create the experience of red or blue.
>>There is no red or blue color anywhere in the electromagnetic
>>field itself.

>Yes, there are such things as perceptual red or blue or green
>(can even be objectively studied sticking electrodes into
>retinas and brains), and they are very useful to plants and
>animals in surviving. Distinguishing "color" can tell us whether
>a plant is ripe or not, poisonous or not, helps break camouflage
>so that we can detect predator or prey.

>In fact, color is so important to us, perceptual "color" is not
>really determined by the wavelength of light (though related to
>it), but the relative reflectance of light in different
>wavebands in different areas of a scene. Our visual perceptual
>system has filters to subtract out ambient light conditions
>across the scene which otherwise might destroy any constancy of
>color. Thus, going from outside where scenes are bathed in
>"white" light, to indoors and artificial lighting where there
>might be a strong component of "red" from incandescent lighting
>or "blue" from fluorescent lighting, the perceptual colors do
>not change over a wide range of lighting conditions, even
>though, e.g., the scene may be strongly bathed in "red" and all
>surfaces, including say "green" ones, predominantly reflect
>light in the "red" or long wavelength band. But we do NOT see
>the various surfaces as different shades and lightnesses of
>"red". We instead perceive the various surfaces maintaining
>their "colors", though maybe also perceiving that the whole
>scene is bathed in "red" light.

>So, in fact, from a perceptual standpoint, our perceptual
>systems are actually very robust and accurate in a variety of
>environments. They can certainly be fooled at times, but are
>able to maintain a constancy of perception over a wide range of
>conditions that would drive a simplistic computer vision system
>berserk. One of the challenges of vision science has been to try
>to figure out just how such constancy of perception is achieved.
>To tease out exactly what the brain might be doing, you can set
>up an artificial laboratory situation where maybe all visual
>cues except one are eliminated, and in such a simplified, non-
>naturalistic situation, you might very well trick that
>particular perceptual mechanism. But again, this is an
>artificial situation that rarely arises in real life.

>If our perceptual mechanisms were as horrible and inaccurate and
>interpreting "reality" as you depict, none of us would be here.
>Natural selection would have weeded us out a long time ago. The
>perceptual mechanisms we have are the ones that work well and
>help us survive in the "real" world we live in. In that sense,
>our perceptual reality is every bit as "real" as the equations

>in a physics books used to describe such abstractions as energy
>and matter, which themselves are only simplifications of the
>"real" world. We still do not a complete, self-consistent
>mathematical theory of everything physical, maybe never will.

>>It is the same with our experiences of sound, form, texture,
>>temperature, taste, or smell.

>Well, again, applying physics definitions to "reality" and
>saying they are more accurate or real than biological ones is
>just philosophical hairsplitting. You could argue that there are
>no real smells or tastes, just various chemical compounds
>floating around in the air or in our mouths. But from a
>_practical_ standpoint, recognizing those various compounds,
>what we semantically label as odors or tastes, has great
>utilitarian value for survival. That's the information
>processing or perceptual definition of "reality".

>E.g., "bad" odors or smells are usually ones that are harmful to
>us, whereas "good" odors or smells are usually beneficial.
>Rotten meat "bad", makes us sick, maybe kills us.

>I remember my 8th grade science teacher telling us that there
>was no "hot" or "cold" either, just different amounts of energy.
>Yes, but that's a physics definition, not one that applies to
>things in the natural world. Our nervous systems have "hot"
>receptors that fire when temperatures are high enough to cause
>us harm, and "cold" receptors that fire when temperatures are
>below optimum for our survival. That is quite "real" and
>measurable too. We can survive only in a narrow band of
>temperatures, and it is damn useful do know when we are in
>danger of freezing to death or overheating. And there are really
>noxious stimuli like flames that can cause us instant great
>harm, and for which we have evolved rapid spinal reflexes to
>pull back from them even before the signals reach our brains.

>Even our machines may have sensors to keep them within an
>optimal temperature range. If the temperature gauge on your car
>registers overly hot, you better stop it quick or you will ruin
>your motor. What are you going to argue here - there is not such
>thing as "hot", just a slightly greater amount of energy? Better
>be prepared to fork over thousands of dollars for an engine
>rebuild.

>Yes, our hot/cold system can be fooled with laboratory
>experiments. You can put one hand in "hot" water and the other
>in "cold", and then put both in "tepid" water. The temperature
>won't feel the same, with the one formerly in "hot" feeling
>cooler than the one formerly in "cold", though the difference is
>only temporary. There are many examples like this of where the
>sensory/perceptual mechanisms habituate or fatigues to prolonged
>stimuli. This can lead to inaccuracy, but can also have
>utilitarian value of ignoring some ambient condition that has no
>survival significance to us. Thus the drone of the city may
>disturb our sleep until we learn to "tune it out". But the
>sudden and important cry of a baby instantly wakes us.

>Again the "reality" of what helps the organism (or a machine) to
>survive in its given environment is very different than the dry
>"reality" of physics theories.

>>The above information comes from _physics_ not from psychology.
>>It supports psychology's contentions regarding human perception.
>>It alone shows human perception does not show things as they
>>really are. We don't even have to go near psychology; physics by
>>itself demolishes any possibility that human perception is
>>accurate or producing pictures of what is out there.

>You are confusing a physicist's model definition of "reality"
>with the utilitarian information processing definition of
>"reality". That the perceptual model doesn't match the physical
>one doesn't make it any less "real" or imply that it is
>inherently inaccurate. Accuracy means is the perception
>repeatable over a wide range of conditions (perceptual
>constancy) and enable us to function reliably in the physical
>world. Otherwise we would be incapable of crossing the street
>safely.

>There are some unfortunates where perceptual accuracy and
>constancy does break down, and they have a terrible time
>functioning in the "real" world. E.g., people with inner ear

>problems may have problems with stabilizing the visual world,
>which may seem to swim around. Color constancy may break down
>with damage to certain regions of the brain. The world then
>becomes ever-changing from moment to moment.

>You could argue that is a more "real" representation of the
>world from a physicist's standpoint, e.g., lighting may be
>constantly changing, but from a practical standpoint of living
>that "reality" can be pure hell if the brain's sensory and
>perceptual mechanisms weren't able to deal with it.

>>You do not want to accept this premise as a valid one, so
>>everything that comes forth to further support its veracity, to
>>you, is simply "experiments to produce an ever-lengthening list
>>of examples of unreliable perception" rather than evidence that
>>further supports the premise.

>>What psychology does when it proceeds from this premise is no
>>different from what other fields of science do when they proceed
>>from a premise that they view as valid (having been well
>>established) in their field.

>I agree with Cathy here. I think you are being much too rigid in
>what you define as a proper representation of the abstraction we
>call "reality". There are different human models and different
>ways to define "reality".

No, David. This is just a long, long, long spiel describing what
the human perception process does, and how and why it does it.
It is very detailed and full of example but we already know that
the human perception process produces a picture of reality that,
most of the time, gets us through the day and enables us to
survive.

But the bottom line is this: there is something 'out there,' and
there is something created within our consciousness that
represents it. These two don't even come close to matching. You
can get as philosophical as you want and tap dance around it
forever but it doesn't change this.

It is true that, as far as we are concerned, the reality that we
experience as created by our perception is the only reality that
matters. And that this representational reality serves us most
of the time.

But natural selection has evolved a system that doesn't detect
most of what's out there, extensively filters out most of what
it does detect, and then interprets the trickle of information
that is left via mechanisms that can be tricked and which are
subject to making very bad judgement calls. You and Cathy can
keep dancing around that too if you like.

That it succeeds most of the time in keeping us alive doesn't
change this. It is functional - reliable _enough_.

"Reliable" and "reliable enough" mean two different things.

Yes, it is true that if I ignore that my car engine is
overheating then I better be prepared to shell out a few grand
but it is also true that if I walk into a pocket of toxic gas in
an abandoned mine I am going to end up stone cold dead.

If you and Cathy want to blur "reliable" and "reliable enough"
then I strongly suggest that you both stay away from abandoned
mines. Because you might learn the hard way that your "reliable"
perception process just isn't what you think it is.

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Herman Cain On The Daily Show 04-24-12

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Subject: Herman Cain On The Daily Show 04-24-12

Herman Cain, a failed contender for the US presidency, appeared in a skit on the Daily Show on Monday, April 23, 2012. He was invited to pretend he was president and to make an address to the nation about an ongoing alien invasion which had already reduced the white house to a smouldering ruin. He was to inspire the populace to rise up against the alien invaders. The skit was mildly amusing but left me with the same uneasy feeling of being manipulated as did the propoganda movies about alien invasion.

One of the following urls should take you to a video of the show, and the relevant part starts at 00:10:15 and goes on for 15 seconds.

USA
<http://tinyurl.com/7h3obcg>

Canada
<http://tinyurl.com/7by6c7e>

Cain's fake address is notable for who says it, what it says, and the impression it may leave in viewers minds.

The transcript is as follows.

Citizens of earth,

It was the spirit of humanity that built this planet.
It is that same spirit of humanity that will allow us
to defend ourselves against unknown enemies.
It is that same spirit of humanity that will allow us
to destroy the aliens.

The skit is consistent with the view promoted by others such as Stephen Hawking that aliens are evil. Cain speaks calmly and seriously, and one can imagine the speech being used in the future to reinforce something like a forced disclosure statement by a real president. Since Cain is obviously black, the speech would resonate well subliminally in people's minds with the speech of a real black president.

It is said that the Daily Show is a more trusted news source for many people than other so-called real news channels. I usually don't lump the show in with the powers-that-be, but this skit fits in with the agenda purportedly described by Werner von Braun, that the military-industrial complex would use a fake alien threat as a rationale for more military spending and control.

William

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>From: Cathy Reason <Cathym.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2012 18:47:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>From: Eugene Frison <cthulhu_calls.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Apr 2012 13:34:55 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>>So it's a solid premise because it has a lot backing it up, and
>>>the evidence which backs it up must be ok because it's based on
>>>a solid premise. This is completely circular reasoning.

>>Nice try, Cathy. No. The premise is backed up by evidence
>>obtained from empirical research conducted in scientific fields
>>outside psychology. There is nothing circular there.

<snip>

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Martin

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>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: post.nul
>>Date: Sun, 22 Apr 2012 13:21:13 -0400
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>>A psychological theory of F.W.H. Myers published around 1900 is
>>very clear in assuming that the contents of conscious awareness
>>is a small part of a large sea of mostly unconscious
>>information. The mind implements filters that allow more or less
>>of this information into awareness. This theory has been
>>resurrected by Kelly et al. (2007) in "Irreducible Mind: Toward
>>a Psychology for the 21st Century". Maybe this is a sign that
>>psychology is getting back on track. Myers' theory lost traction
>>against the push of behaviourism probably because it assumed a
>>mind-body dualism. But such dualism is obvious based on
>>phenomenological arguments, so it has to be part of a
>>comprehensive theory of psychology.

>>I used a version of Myers' theory in an article on another topic
>>at

>><http://www.treurniet.ca/psi/narcolepsy.htm>

>>Figure 1 in the article shows a schematic diagram of a dualistic
>>mind-brain model where the brain is the interface between the
>>physical world and the mind. The mind is also connected to a
>>non-material information field where personal and transpersonal
>>information is stored. If the transpersonal information is
>>accessible to all minds, we can account for shared archetypal
>>experiences, including those reported by people abducted by
>>fairies or ETs.

>Great stuff, William! You have certainly helped to make the
>subjects we are discussing clearer. More of the meat and
>potatoes that I complained Cathy wasn't serving.

>I pointed to F. W. H. Myers in an earlier post. I referenced him
>because his work can provide information useful to this
>discussion and to ufo study.

>His 'Human Personality and its Survival of Bodily Death' was
>first published in February of 1903 then again in March and June
>of that year. It was printed again in September of 1904. Those
>editions each consisted of two (very thick) volumes and were
>published by Longmans, Green, and Co. My copy of this work was
>published in September of 1904. After that date, it was
>published as an abridged one volume affair.

>The only thing in your comments above that I begin to somewhat
>disagree with is the remark saying that "the mind is connected
>to a non-material information field." I am suspect of the word
>"connected" as I am more inclined to side with views similiar to

>those of individuals like David Chalmers - that consciousness
>will be discovered to be a fundamental entity in the universe,
>being of the nature of the charge in subatomic particles, and
>not subject to being broken down into more basic units. In that
>case, I think "contains" as opposed to "connected to" would be a
>more accurate description.

Like you, Eugene, I have come to believe that consciousness is
fundamental and that it somehow participates in the continuous
creation of the material world. The psychological model I
described was not meant to make a statement about consciousness
as it actually is, so don't read too much into my use of the
word "connected".

The model was intended to describe processes in material and
non-material components of a consciousness system. It is an
information processing model in some respects, for example, when
energy from the senses is encoded in one level for transfer to
another level. There, the information may be transcoded to
phenomenological symbols corresponding to our experiences. It is
also a symbol processing model when, for example, such symbols
and their relationships are employed in problem solving tasks
(e.g., solving Rubik's cube), or tucked away as a memory in the
information field.

In the context of my earlier discussion about the (non)reality
of models, I should hasten to add that the 'real' consciousness
system may or may not have the structure represented by the
model. But I would expect it to have the functionality that the
model implies.

William

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My guess would be that that's when the pareidolia phenomenon would kick in. If the percept included any pattern whatsoever, it is our nature to interpret it any way we can. Perhaps this stab in the dark would be the reason for any "systemic error in relation to experience that exists beyond the horizon".

William

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Women In Ufology

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Source: Women In Ufology

<http://www.womeninufology.com/>

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Welcome to Women in Ufology!

On this site

You will learn about the many brilliant Women active in ufology today and serving the UFO community. Women are deeply engaged in solving the greatest question of our time=97the mystery of UFOs.

The Women featured on this site bring both intellectual and practical skills. They are available as conference speakers, as media guests, as artists, designers and filmmakers, to serve on boards of UFO organizations, as case investigators, consultants, regression therapists, writers, and in a variety of other capacities.

The purpose of Women in Ufology is to inform those members of the UFO community who may not be aware of the many accomplished Women working in ufology today. Conference promoters, media hosts, leaders in the UFO community=97this site will help YOU! We believe you will be amazed at the wealth of talent and experience you will find among the Women described here.

To the left are the names of the Women listed on this site. Click the name to see the biographies, works, philosophy, contact information and availability of each. Click and learn!

[More at site... thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead and he comments:

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Science And UFOs: Part 4 - Sincere But Uninformed Skeptics Have
Been Duped By Skeptical Inquirer Magazine

By Robert Hastings

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In this fourth and final installment of my article regarding scientific ignorance and presumption about the UFO phenomenon, I discuss the intriguing, almost completely unpublicized connection between the leading organization of UFO 'skeptics' and the U.S. government. Because this group, the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, has had significant influence on scientists' attitudes toward UFOs over the years - by constantly promoting the idea that there is nothing worthwhile to study - a closer examination of its role in debunking the phenomenon is warranted.

Those who missed Parts 1, 2 and/or 3=97including physicist Dr. James E. McDonald's Prepared Statement before the U.S. Congress, in which he summarized his UFO research and asserted his position that UFOs are extraterrestrial craft - may read here:

[More at site...]

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If you read my post with care I believe you will see that a radical departure from normality is more or less exactly what I mean by "radically" ambiguous experience. The reason that I asked for thoughts on the Brunner & Postman experiment as a guide, and not the Stroop experiment to which you prefer to refer, is that they reported something like what I called "anomaly blindness", where some subjects appeared to be unable to perceive the anomaly until they were brought by lengthened exposure to the point where it was forced on their attention, at which point some of them experienced reactions of confusion and real distress.

You will understand that I was asking if this simple experimental model could be generalised to predict proportionally extreme reactions of anomaly-blindness, confusion and distress (individually and/or perhaps culturally) on exposure to truly radical anomaly. I also appreciate that there is a great deal more that could be said about this idea and its possible implications. But I don't know if I am doing any more than extending a superficial analogy, or even if the classic experiment mentioned still has credibility in the field, which is why I was keen to hear Cathy's professional opinion.

Martin

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>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
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List,

What is most striking to me is that only one has a degree in a
hard science-related field, while several have
backgrounds/training in psychology, and some are
journalists/writers.

Its not clear whether they do a lot of abduction
research/writing because they are not trained to do highly
technical (photographic, physics etc) or nuts-and-bolts
research, or whether they don't have an interest in these so
have trained in other 'softer' fields. In either case, there
seems a relationship between research interest and educational
backgrounds.

Are there no women physicists, astronomers, engineers, etc
interested in Ufology?

Diana (alas, an historian/political scientist)

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>>Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2012 10:56:18 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>>From: Cathy Reason <Cathym.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2012 11:42:17 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>>>To: post.nul
>>>>Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 14:05:17 -0400
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>I agree with Cathy here. I think you are being much too rigid in
>what you define as a proper representation of the abstraction we
>call "reality". There are different human models and different
>ways to define "reality".

>No, David. This is just a long, long, long spiel describing what
>the human perception process does, and how and why it does it.
>It is very detailed and full of example but we already know that
>the human perception process produces a picture of reality that,
>most of the time, gets us through the day and enables us to
>survive.

>But the bottom line is this: there is something 'out there,' and
>there is something created within our consciousness that
>represents it. These two don't even come close to matching. You
>can get as philosophical as you want and tap dance around it
>forever but it doesn't change this.

Eugene, I absolutely defy you or anyone to absolutely define
this abstraction of something "out there" that is a "true"
description of "reality". There is no "out there" there to we
human beings without interpretation. A car is no different than
a rock or a human being at a fundamental subatomic particle
level, but they are certainly functionally different to the
brains of human beings.

What the "real" description of "reality" is somewhat arbitrary.
Are you Eugene Frison, a unique human being that likes to argue
about reality, or are you just a collection of quarks and
gluons? The latter particle physicist's definition of Eugene
Frison is quite useless in human day-to-day reality. It is also
quite different from how a molecular biologist would define your

"reality", but more useful than a particle physicists (e.g., genetic diseases). In turn this is different from how a psychologist might define you or somebody arguing with you or how you think about yourself. Different definitions apply in different domains.

I think it is philosophical nonsense to argue that our perceptual reality doesn't come "even close" to the fuzzy abstraction of "physical reality." No, it certainly does in the domain in which we exist, which isn't at the level of quarks or DNA molecules. The proof is that we are here, so obviously there is some sort of good match between perceptual reality and what is "out there", or we would all be dead.

>It is true that, as far as we are concerned, the reality that we >experience as created by our perception is the only reality that >matters. And that this representational reality serves us most >of the time.

>But natural selection has evolved a system that doesn't detect >most of what's out there, extensively filters out most of what >it does detect, and then interprets the trickle of information >that is left via mechanisms that can be tricked and which are >subject to making very bad judgement calls. You and Cathy can >keep dancing around that too if you like.

And I absolutely defy you or anybody else to invent some superman android that wouldn't be subject to the same sort of limitations as us. However big or sophisticated the system might be, it will always be limited in what it can detect, always have to filter the sensory information and perceptual information derived from it to keep from being overwhelmed by usually useless information, and can always be tricked and make bad judgment calls. Again, you are demanding something akin to "God", and anything less you deem to be inherently "unreliable" or not a "true" representation of "reality". You are demanding the impossible.

>That it succeeds most of the time in keeping us alive doesn't >change this. It is functional - reliable enough.

>"Reliable" and "reliable enough" mean two different things.

Dictionary definition of ordinary human "reliable":
"Consistently good in quality or performance; able to be trusted." "Capable of being relied on; dependable: a reliable assistant; a reliable car."

Medical/scientific definition: "Yielding the same or compatible results in different clinical experiments or statistical trials."

Under the first fuzziest definitions, our sensory/perceptual systems are usually very reliable. That would probably also be an engineering definition of "reliable". E.g., the car engine can operate for 100,000 miles without breaking down. The car will "reliably" get you from point A to point B until it gets very old. That is what was designed to do, and in 9 cars out of 10 it will do it. That is certainly "good enough" for government work. "Reliable" doesn't mean you can always count on it, but you can usually count it to varying fuzzy degrees.

Let's take the more restricted scientific definition. Does it mean that absolutely all experiments conducted have to yield exactly the same result in order for the result to be "reliable"? No, this is still the "real" world we are talking about of complicated systems, there is rarely 100% agreement about anything, and things are rarely sharply defined, including our own words used to represent abstractions like "reliable" or "real world". To the medical profession, 9 out of 10 studies yielding the same basic conclusion would be considered "reliable" or even "reliable enough" operationally. And the results also don't have to be exactly the same to have the same basic conclusion, such as the new anti-clot drug is indeed safe by variable amounts and improves survivability of heart attack victims by variable amounts. Everything else may be nothing but statistical fluctuation or maybe the result of a less-than-perfect studies or different statistical populations (e.g., men vs. women).

This is even true in the physicist's "reality" of usually very

simplified systems. In fact, sometimes sweeping conclusions about "reality" are based on only 2 or 3 studies that seem to corroborate one another, such as the universe is now not slowing down in its expansion but speeding up. Astrophysicists have even invented an abstraction called "dark energy" to explain the expansion, even though nobody has a clue what "dark energy" "really" is or how it fits into our current scheme of physical theories. And again, this fantastic conclusion is based on only 2 or 3 long term studies of distant supernova explosions which produced unexpected red shifts compatible with the notion of a speeded up expansion, but there is also the possibility that maybe something else far less fantastic might account for the same results.

So is this current view of "reality" truly "reliable"? The raw data may be reliable and cross-consistent, just like our raw perceptions, but the astrophysicists might be drawing the wrong inferences by making assumptions about the accuracy of their present theories and not taking into account something else, just like our brains may have the wrong interpretation of the overall perception, like misidentifying somebody by sight.

>Yes, it is true that if I ignore that my car engine is
>overheating then I better be prepared to shell out a few grand
>but it is also true that if I walk into a pocket of toxic gas in
>an abandoned mine I am going to end up stone cold dead.

>If you and Cathy want to blur "reliable" and "reliable enough"
>then I strongly suggest that you both stay away from abandoned
>mines. Because you might learn the hard way that your "reliable"
>perception process just isn't what you think it is.

Well Eugene, it sounds mostly likely a semantic debate we are engaged in over the proper definitions of "reality" and "reliable" as applied to human perception of the "real" world. You seem to be arguing that an information processing system like our senses and brains is "unreliable" if it doesn't detect with near 100% accuracy all the time nearly 100% the variables and mathematical models that physicists use to describe the "real" physical world, such as temperature, wavelength, subatomic particles, energy, etc., and the relationships between them. Of course, such variables and models are themselves simplified representations of "reality" and even physicists cannot possibly approach such perfection of all-knowingness using all instruments at their disposal to extend their sensory range.

E.g., "temperature" is a useful human abstraction and is related in physical models to the average kinetic energy of all the molecules bombarding your thermometer. Thus there is practically an infinite range of theoretical temperatures, from absolute zero to the temperature of the universe at the moment of the Big Bang.

But is it proper to criticize your engine's temperature sensor as "unreliable" or a bad representation of "reality" because it can't measure the full gamut of energies in the universe? (with "energy" itself being nothing but another useful human abstraction or representation of reality) That makes no sense. The temperature sensor is what it is. It is only proper to criticize its "reliability" within the engineering specs of the temperatures it was designed to measure, which is a functional, engineering definition of reliability. If you can't depend on it to measure your engine overheating, then it is "unreliable". If it senses overheating 99.99% of the time then it is 99.99% reliable. If it can't measure the surface temperature of the sun, that doesn't somehow make it "unreliable" for what it is supposed to do. Sheesh!

The same applies to human senses and interpretation. We only need to detect temperatures in the range in which life can exist and keep us in that range, and stay away from noxious stimuli outside that range that could harm or kill us. What good is it to accurately gauge the temperature of a lava flow, other than it is too hot to be around safely? Like any artificially engineered system like your car designed to operate in a certain range, not from zero to infinity, if our senses keep us comfortably in that range and away from harm, that is all it needs to do. If it is 99% trustworthy in doing that, then it is certainly "reliable enough". That's the biological reality of living and surviving on planet Earth, and to argue that isn't

the totality of a physicist's definition of "reality" is just sophistry.

The question isn't whether it can "see" absolutely everything to be known in the universe. You are demanding something akin to "God", some omnipotent, omniscient abstract entity. That gets ridiculous and is an impossible demand. Our senses and nervous systems are what they are from millions of years of evolution to fit our particular niche. They are indeed "reliable enough" that we are still here, and most of us get through our lives usually in one piece. When experiments are done on the reliability of our sensory systems and perceptions, they can be tricked, just as ALL instruments and data processing systems can be tricked because they operate only a certain range and have built-in limitations, but usually our perceptual systems are robust, operate properly over a large range of conditions, and largely reliable in "real-world" situations. Perceptual researchers, even psychologists, refer to this as perceptual constancy.

Thus, using visual cues in the whole scene, we perceive the human being 100 yards away as being the same size as the one 1 yard away, even though the distant human is only 1% of the size on our retinas as the near human. This is size constancy. Our perception could be wrong because the visual image is inherently ambiguous with multiple interpretations. Maybe we are being fooled by a very tiny human the same distance as the near human and that explains the big difference in retinal image size. But that is a very bad bet, as we know from experience. And also there are usually other visual cues to depth and size in the scene that help us disambiguate one possibility from another.

Size constancy breaks down at greater distances, i.e., like ALL systems, it operates properly only over a given range, or if you strip out various cues to distance and/or deliberately distort the cues in a lab setting in order to study size constancy. E.g., there is the famous Ames' room experiment of a real-size room deliberately distorted. Instead of being rectangular, one corner on the far wall is normal height and further away from the observer than the opposite corner, which is maybe half as tall and twice as close. The illusion only works if observed with only one eye through a restricted aperture instead of both eyes (to eliminate stereoscopic depth perception), and works even better if filmed, to remove other cues that something isn't right, such as the test objects being in different focal planes.

Thus place one twin in the tall, distant corner, and the other in the near, close corner, and the distant twin looks like a dwarf and the near twin a giant. The brain mechanism for relative size is now scaling against the corners, and absent other removed cues like stereopsis that would contradict this, assuming they are square and the same height. The twins can exchange places and walk over to the others corner, and their sizes seem to be constantly changing as this happens. The raw perceptual illusion is quite compelling, but even then our overall perceptual system knows something isn't quite right because such things never or almost never happen from real-world experience. The illusion ONLY arises because the experimenter has deliberately removed or distorted normal depth and size cues and the brain has to scale the scene solely on a manipulated assumption about the geometrical shape of the room. You could also easily fool a computer vision system in the same way.

This whole issue of "reliability" in relation to UFO experiences and sightings is, of course, what this is ultimately about. Debunkers will usually argue that humans are 100% unreliable when it comes to UFO reports. This is nonsense. Again, we would all be dead if that were true.

Even the most ardent Ufologists would never argue that observers/experiencers of unknown phenomena are anywhere near 100% reliable. E.g., regarding UFO size or distance, if it is beyond a few hundred yards, visual stereopsis can no longer estimate true size or distance and we have to rely on secondary cues to distance/size like brightness, haziness, nearby known object, intervening objects, the UFO passing in front of a known object (like a cloud layer) etc. If none of these cues exist, such as "lights in the blank sky", then yes, estimates of size and distance are truly "unreliable". But often various cues do exist (e.g., Kenneth Arnold's UFOs passed in front of Mt. Rainier and behind subpeak of known distances), or there is more than one observer and distance/size can be triangulated based on

multi-witness interviews, however "unreliable" the individual witnesses may be.

The whole subject is complicated, because you get into differences in the reliability of raw human perception at the moment vs. memory later on, how many cues are available, observer training and attention, the interpretations, if any, of what was seen/experienced, overall honesty of human beings in general, etc.

The bottom line is that when statistical studies are actually done on UFOs, usually the judged hoaxing or lying level is very low, the misinterpretation of mundane phenomena high, but people's recounting of basic details, i.e. perceptions, usually accurate enough that some sort of determination of mundane/explainable/known vs. anomalous/mystifying/unknown can be made. The more witnesses plus independent physical measurements involved (radar, photos, radiation, etc.), the more "reliable" the case becomes one way or another. Even if individual perceptions or memory may be unreliable, much more valid statistical inferences about "reliability" can be drawn from multi-witness sightings. One witness IDing a murderer may not be reliable, but misidentification becomes increasingly unlikely if 20 witnesses ID the same person.

'Nuff said.

David Rudiak

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>>>So it's a solid premise because it has a lot backing it up, and
>>>the evidence which backs it up must be ok because it's based on
>>>a solid premise. This is completely circular reasoning.

>>Nice try, Cathy. No. The premise is backed up by evidence
>>obtained from empirical research conducted in scientific fields
>>outside psychology. There is nothing circular there.

>Yes, I'm aware that you are now enlisting physics in your quest
>to prove that human perception is unreliable. All I have to say
>to this is that if you want to describe perception as unreliable
>because it can't detect interference patterns between quantum
>waveforms, then that's up to you. But to my mind that stretches
>the notion of unreliability to an extent that is manifestly
>absurd.

A nice piece of sophism, Cathy. Brilliant how you reduced the
vast number of things that the human perception process can't
detect down to just "interference patterns between quantum
waveforms."

It really will make me look the fool to anyone foolish enough to
not catch the sophism.

Your remark would make sense if that was what I was doing but
you and I both know this is not the case, as do most of the
members on this list with a modicum of intelligence to their
credit.

For those not so blessed: the human perception process fails to
detect a whole lot more than interference patterns between
quantum waveforms.

>It also means, needless to say, that every instrument used in
>classical physics is also hopelessly unreliable, since it is
>effectively impossible to detect an interference pattern in any
>system which is entangled with the natural environment.

It would only mean this if your unfounded accusation that I was
describing the human perception process as unreliable solely on
the basis that it can't detect interference patterns between
quantum waveforms was true.

><snip>

>>If I have, let us say, the actual painting of the Mona Lisa
>>before me, I have the whole picture. This represents the
>>totality of all that exists outside us. I take a paper towel
>>tube and place it against the canvas, so that I see only a very

>>small portion of the picture. I lose sight of most of the
>>picture. This represents the limitations of our senses in not
>>detecting most of what exists external to us. Now I take a black
>>marker and smudge out most of the very small portion of what I
>>see through the tube. This represents our brains filtering out
>>most of the data that is assailing us on a steady basis.
>>Finally, let's say that the very, very small piece of the
>>painting that is left that I am aware of happens to be just one
>>of the Mona Lisa's eyes. It is really just a bit of paint on a
>>two-dimensional surface. But the painter did a really good job
>>and I perceive it as a three-dimensional thing. This represents
>>our perception process adding qualities to things that they
>>don't have, such as color, hotness or coldness, form, etc.

>You've assumed, entirely without proof, that information
>filtered out by the brain is relevant, rather than irrelevant.
>So for that reason I think your analogy here is fallacious.

No. You think my analogy is fallacious because you misunderstand.
You misunderstand because you are assuming.

As stated above in your remark, you assume I am saying that the
information filtered out by the brain is relevant rather than
irrelevant.

Nothing could be more distant from the truth. Some of it is
relevant and most of it isn't.

In the case of the human perception process operating in the
real world as humans go about their normal business, the brain
presents very relevant information to our awareness on a steady
basis, and most of what it filters out is irrelevant. That is
what makes it functional. You are accusing me of saying the
opposite. I'm not.

The analogy is crude, and maybe not even a good one, but it is
not fallacious. But I do see where it could have misled you to
the conclusion that I was saying most of the information
filtered out by the brain is relevant. The amount of painting
blotted out by the black marker was not very representative of
the proportion of relevant information filtered out in the real
world. I was trying to get across the idea that filtering of
relevant data occurs but, in retrospect, the analogy implied too
much relevant data was being filtered. So, I am mostly
responsible for your false assumption that I am saying the data
filtered out by the brain is mostly all relevant.

Sorry. I should have devised a better analogy. However, I am not
saying that the data filtered out by the brain is mostly
relevant because it most certainly is not. It is mostly
irrelevant.

But I am saying that the brain does - quite often - filter out
relevant data too.

>>Missing essential information can have a detrimental impact on
>>our survival in the everyday world. If you walk into an
>>abandoned mine, for example, where there has been a buildup of
>>odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas - as two children did
>>here in Glace Bay several years ago - that missing essential
>>information certainly will have an impact on your survival.
>>(These two children were found dead a few days later by
>>searchers, only feet from the entrance to the mine. They had
>>>walked into the pocket of poisonous gas which their senses could
>>not detect, quickly passed out, and died trapped within the
>>pocket.)

>Yes, these things do happen. But they are products of extreme
>and unusual circumstances. They are the exception, not the rule
>- and that's precisely why they tend to be newsworthy.

I think they happen a lot more often than you accept. They don't
have to come out of extreme and unusual circumstances.

In the natural world, similiar things happen all the time. But
these are caused by relevant data not being presented to
awareness because it has been filtered out by the brain, rather
than not detected at all by the senses.

Take the illustration of camouflaged animals. How many times has
an animal ended up as a pile of feces because its perception

system did not present relevant information to awareness? How many times has a hungry animal gone without its meal because its perception system did not pass important information to awareness?

No camouflage is perfect; there are always vital clues present. The brain filters them out.

>>So, at an inconvenience to my wife and I, we sat in a hot car >>for more than half an hour, wasting time that we were short on >>(as there were other important things we had to do). At an >>inconvenience to my son, he had to walk home (several >>kilometers) in the heat. These were occurrences that none of us >>wanted. So exactly how reliable relevant to our needs was our >>perception process at that time?

>Ok, first question - how often did this happen to you in the >last month? Second question - how often did it not happen? >That is, how often in the last month have you looked for someone >or something and not failed to find them?

How many times have I sat in a hot car for more than half an hour because I failed to see my son walk in front of it? Just that once. Thank the powers that be for that.

But dozens of similar things happen quite often. I can't count the number of times I wandered around the room like an idiot looking for my keys and they were right in front of me the whole time, in a place that I looked directly at several times. Or did the same thing looking for my cup of tea, or the book I was reading and put down for a few minutes. This has also happened times beyond count to everyone I know.

>The situation you describe is known as a visual search error and >there is a whole literature dedicated to understanding it. Yes, >these things do happen. But they are exceptional and that's >precisely why we remember them.

Yeah, I know what it's called. I am familiar with a lot of that literature. But there is nothing exceptional about these situations. I am going to post some literature relevant to this in a separate post.

>We have models for understanding how the brain identifies >targets from fields of heterogeneous distractors (sometimes >known as "visual clutter"). These models are built up of local >processing algorithms and it's possible to fool them by >presenting targets in a highly cluttered environment (one >involving a lot of heterogeneous distractors) or by cueing >attention to look in the wrong place, as you have described >here. But as I mentioned in a previous post, these errors are >highly specific to the circumstances that create them. There is >no need to imagine some generic cognitive homunculus creating >"models of reality" and thus no reason to regard these sorts of >errors as systemic. And systemic error is surely what >unreliability entails.

I have a good understanding of these models, Cathy. And here is the funny thing: I subscribe to them.

It is entirely your assumption that I think there is a "cognitive homunculus creating models of reality." And the reason you are assuming this is because of a single word in your description of what you think I believe in. (Hint: this word starts with a "c" and ends with an "e.")

>>The human senses not detecting most of what is out there, >>blotting out most of what it does detect, creating an >>inaccurate representation of what is out there that caused the >>initial stimuli, then interpreting (via mechanisms that are >>capable of being tricked) is quite a bit more than a ragbag of >>perceptual anomalies.

>It would be if that's what was going on. But your entire case >rests on two Cognitivist assumptions - firstly that perception >creates a "representation" of reality and secondly that this >"representation" is inaccurate.

>But if there is no representation in the first place this whole >case falls to pieces. If there is no representation-building >homunculus then there is nothing to "blot out" most of what it

>sees and create an inaccurate model of the world. Instead there
>are merely local processing algorithms which have evolved to
>_select_ precisely those aspects of the visual world which are
>needed to provide accurate information about the environment.
>It's quite true that these mechanisms can be fooled. But as
>David Rudiak has pointed out, it's actually quite hard to fool
>them, and biologically that's just what we should expect.

There's that "c" word again.

It has quite accurately been said that no two people can debate something successfully unless they have an agreement as to what the definitions of the terms they are using mean. This has never been more apparent than in our current discussion.

When you talk about a "representation" it is quite clear that you are meaning what Cognitivism means by this. But you have not been able to grasp the idea that not everyone defines psychology in the same way you do.

When I am using the term "representation" my understanding of it is simply 'the contents of awareness.' What we are aware (conscious) of. That which has reached the level of consciousness (awareness).

I believe consciousness is a fundamental component of the universe, its most basic building block. It is diffuse throughout the universe and can't be broken down into smaller units. It is like the electric charge in a subatomic particle.

The brain is a receiver - rather than a generator - of consciousness and serves to filter out the vastly overwhelming amount of information available - via the mechanisms and algorithms you and David are talking about. It is a reducing valve that filters out most of what's out there (because it is irrelevant) and leaves but a trickle of which we are aware. Change or affect the process (as with psychedelic drugs) and there is more or less awareness.

But that awareness happens because consciousness is fundamental. The stuff in consciousness (awareness) is consciousness.

No objects floating by in the stream of consciousness for a spectator to watch.

No representation (replica or image) building homunculus that is blotting out stuff it doesn't need as it creates a picture of reality that it then presents to us.

I draw on physics, parapsychology, psychology itself, mysticism, neuroscience, research into psychedelic drugs, and everyday observation to support these beliefs. I don't base them on merely accepting a rigid physics representation of reality. I base it on much, much more than simply physics.

Most importantly, I base it on personal experience that comes out of many years of experimenting with heavy doses of psychedelic substances, such as dimethyltryptamine (DMT), psilocybin, mescaline, lysergic acid amide (LSA), muscimol (as found in Amanita muscaria mushrooms), salvinorin-A (in Salvia divinorum), and a few more such substances.

DMT is a hard to obtain item but anyone with a high school knowledge of chemistry can easily freebase it from an easy to obtain Mimosa hostilis root bark powder. It is an easy, though not without risk, process involving naphtha, lye, and ammonia. The rest of the psychedelics listed above are easily obtained.

Much to my dismay, I had to discontinue my experimenting with these substances awhile back. My last three experiments with psilocybin were close to fatal. My last experience saw me being taken to hospital, and then rushed by ambulance to another hospital, with a blood pressure of 188 systolic over 108 diastolic, pulse of 108, severe chest pain, and indications that a cardiac event had occurred before being taken to hospital.

These substances are vasoconstrictors and it is not a good idea for a man in his fifties who has high cholesterol, borderline high blood pressure, and a diagnosed heart arrhythmia to be experimenting with them. So I have not been able to experiment for some time now, as my next experiment may be my last (a fatal) one.

>And that's why I describe these examples of yours as anomalies.
>You've taken a ragbag of anecdotes and assumed they are
>representative of some systemic unreliability. But there is just
>no evidence of this and plenty of evidence against it.

And that's why your ragbag of anecdotes description is completely out to lunch. There is indeed a bag of evidence and it is a pretty big bag, and contains a whole lot more than anecdotes.

There is no evidence for - and plenty of evidence against - the representation-building, blotting out what it sees, homunculus presenting pictures or representations to us.

I agree with you here. But I haven't held that view in more than thirty years.

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Sometimes Pilots Actually Get It Right
by Billy Cox

There's an illuminating NASA recap, posted online, on the history behind the verification of electrical discharges in the upper atmosphere, activity known broadly as sprites. Though these weird and transient optical flashes had been seen for decades by pilots, mainstream science was unmoved until 1989, when space shuttle cameras began documenting this worldwide phenomenon.

"Although these were credible eyewitnesses with a professional interest in severe weather phenomena, their accounts did not inspire a general search for hard evidence of such phenomena," states the NASA report. In fact, it adds, "A number of the pilots were reluctant to officially report the things they had seen, because the scientific community, the Air Force and the airlines were skeptical of 'upward lightning.'"

In other words, notes NASA, pilot testimonies weren't sufficient to warrant official curiosity, even though their sightings were validated ex post facto. Consensus reality "would instead depend on other serendipitous observations to move the leading edge of this science forward." Today, the study of the weather anomalies that account for sprites, blue jets, and other forms of Emissions of Light and Very Low Frequency Perturbations From Electromagnetic Pulse Sources (ELVES) is just another facet of meteorology.

Ted Roe, executive director of the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena, urges readers to keep the analogy in mind as they review a study of military and civilian pilot reports from NARCAP's latest data-crunch of unknown aerial phenomena, the organization's less-loaded term for UFOs.

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

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Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Memo To AC: Ditch This Gig
by Billy Cox

Due to working (mostly) bankers' hours, De Void rarely watches daytime TV. So I missed Tuesday's dustup when Anderson Cooper decided to do space aliens. But after checking out the disjointed excerpts posted on his Anderson website, it's pretty obvious he's stretched his brand way too thin, like Hollywood icons who endorse jock-rash powder in Japan.

Anderson Cooper is an amazing guy who does anchor work and Planet Iin Peril documentaries for CNN, contributes to 60 Minutes, freelances magazine pieces, jets off at a moment's notice to file from every far-flung exploding hell-hole on Earth, properly challenges authority, and racks up Emmys the way Michael Jordan used to collect NBA championship bling. He's perceptive, quick, and comes prepared. Except when he doesn't. And judging from his slapdash "discussion" on Tuesday, it would seem as if this otherwise gifted workaholic bit off more than he could chew last September when he signed up for a daytime show to complement his prime-time chores on CNN.

You could've ripped this lazy network-formula guest lineup from a forgettable blur of countless precedents. There was the designated Skeptic, Joe Nickell, going toe-to-toe with John Ventre, a Pennsylvania state MUFON director misidentified as the MUFON director. Sandwiched in between were a couple of so-called abductees and a woman who took a few bad photos of a UFO. And don't forget Cassandra, the psychic who communicates telepathically with aliens. In short, it was the sort of jellybean you'd expect from a twinbill that teased a chat with actor Topher Grace on the back end.

Cooper ditched the Emmy pretensions and mailed it in when he confronted abductees Brittany and Jennifer about driving around between midnight and 4 a.m.:

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

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>From: Eugene Frison <cthulhu_calls.nul>
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>Date: Wed, 25 Apr 2012 23:09:00 -0500
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

<snip>

>>And that's why I describe these examples of yours as anomalies.
>>You've taken a ragbag of anecdotes and assumed they are
>>representative of some systemic unreliability. But there is just
>>no evidence of this and plenty of evidence against it.

>And that's why your ragbag of anecdotes description is
>completely out to lunch. There is indeed a bag of evidence and
>it is a pretty big bag, and contains a whole lot more than
>anecdotes.

Eugene - your grasp of logic isn't just out to lunch, it's gone off on a five-year safari.

I have nothing to add to what David Rudiak has just posted concerning your notion of reliability. As for your evidence, I see nothing to challenge my earlier conclusion that it's a scattering of oddities propping up a mountain of guesswork.

You're right about one thing - I have absolutely no idea what this theory of perception is that you're supposedly advocating, which I suspect probably makes two of us. The details of this mysterious theory appear to change by the minute. Apparently it owes nothing to Cognitivism, it does not depend on "operationalisms" (by which I assume you mean operationalized measurements), and relies on proof found at the bottom of mineshafts.

Indeed I think a hole in the ground is the right place for it. But that's just my opinion.

Cathy

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>>>>>Date: Thu, 19 Apr 2012 14:05:17 -0400
>>>>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>I agree with Cathy here. I think you are being much too rigid in
>>what you define as a proper representation of the abstraction we
>>call "reality". There are different human models and different
>>ways to define "reality".

>>No, David. This is just a long, long, long spiel describing what
>>the human perception process does, and how and why it does it.
>>It is very detailed and full of example but we already know that
>>the human perception process produces a picture of reality that,
>>most of the time, gets us through the day and enables us to
>>survive.

>>But the bottom line is this: there is something 'out there,' and
>>there is something created within our consciousness that
>>represents it. These two don't even come close to matching. You
>>can get as philosophical as you want and tap dance around it
>>forever but it doesn't change this.

>Eugene, I absolutely defy you or anyone to absolutely define
>this abstraction of something "out there" that is a "true"
>description of "reality". There is no "out there" there to we
>human beings without interpretation. A car is no different than
>a rock or a human being at a fundamental subatomic particle
>level, but they are certainly functionally different to the
>brains of human beings.

>What the "real" description of "reality" is somewhat arbitrary.
>Are you Eugene Frison, a unique human being that likes to argue
>about reality, or are you just a collection of quarks and

>gluons? The latter particle physicist's definition of Eugene
>Frison is quite useless in human day-to-day reality. It is also
>quite different from how a molecular biologist would define your
>"reality", but more useful than a particle physicists (e.g.,
>genetic diseases). In turn this is different from how a
>psychologist might define you or somebody arguing with you or
>how you think about yourself. Different definitions apply in
>different domains.

>I think it is philosophical nonsense to argue that our
>perceptual reality doesn't come "even close" to the fuzzy
>abstraction of "physical reality." No, it certainly does in the
>domain in which we exist, which isn't at the level of quarks or
>DNA molecules. The proof is that we are here, so obviously there
>is some sort of good match between perceptual reality and what
>is "out there", or we would all be dead.

>>It is true that, as far as we are concerned, the reality that we
>>experience as created by our perception is the only reality that
>>matters. And that this representational reality serves us most
>>of the time.

>>But natural selection has evolved a system that doesn't detect
>>most of what's out there, extensively filters out most of what
>>it does detect, and then interprets the trickle of information
>>that is left via mechanisms that can be tricked and which are
>>subject to making very bad judgement calls. You and Cathy can
>>keep dancing around that too if you like.

>And I absolutely defy you or anybody else to invent some
>superman android that wouldn't be subject to the same sort of
>limitations as us. However big or sophisticated the system might
>be, it will always be limited in what it can detect, always have
>to filter the sensory information and perceptual information
>derived from it to keep from being overwhelmed by usually
>useless information, and can always be tricked and make bad
>judgment calls. Again, you are demanding something akin to
>"God", and anything less you deem to be inherently "unreliable"
>or not a "true" representation of "reality". You are demanding
>the impossible.

>>That it succeeds most of the time in keeping us alive doesn't
>>change this. It is functional - reliable enough.

>>"Reliable" and "reliable enough" mean two different things.

>Dictionary definition of ordinary human "reliable":
>"Consistently good in quality or performance; able to be
>trusted." "Capable of being relied on; dependable: a reliable
>assistant; a reliable car."

>Medical/scientific definition: "Yielding the same or compatible
>results in different clinical experiments or statistical
>trials."

>Under the first fuzzier definitions, our sensory/perceptual
>systems are usually very reliable. That would probably also be
>an engineering definition of "reliable". E.g., the car engine
>can operate for 100,000 miles without breaking down. The car
>will "reliably" get you from point A to point B until it gets
>very old. That is what was designed to do, and in 9 cars out of
>10 it will do it. That is certainly "good enough" for government
>work. "Reliable" doesn't mean you can always count on it, but
>you can usually count it to varying fuzzy degrees.

>Let's take the more restricted scientific definition. Does it
>mean that absolutely all experiments conducted have to yield
>exactly the same result in order for the result to be
>"reliable"? No, this is still the "real" world we are talking
>about of complicated systems, there is rarely 100% agreement
>about anything, and things are rarely sharply defined, including
>our own words used to represent abstractions like "reliable" or
>"real world". To the medical profession, 9 out of 10 studies
>yielding the same basic conclusion would be considered
>"reliable" or even "reliable enough" operationally. And the
>results also don't have to be exactly the same to have the same
>basic conclusion, such as the new anti-clot drug is indeed safe
>by variable amounts and improves survivability of heart attack
>victims by variable amounts. Everything else may be nothing but
>statistical fluctuation or maybe the result of a less-than-
>perfect studies or different statistical populations (e.g., men

>vs. women).

>This is even true in the physicist's "reality" of usually very
>simplified systems. In fact, sometimes sweeping conclusions
>about "reality" are based on only 2 or 3 studies that seem to
>corroborate one another, such as the universe is now not slowing
>down in its expansion but speeding up. Astrophysicists have
>even invented an abstraction called "dark energy" to explain the
>expansion, even though nobody has a clue what "dark energy"
>"really" is or how it fits into our current scheme of physical
>theories. And again, this fantastic conclusion is based on only
>2 or 3 long term studies of distant supernova explosions which
>produced unexpected red shifts compatible with the notion of a
>speeded up expansion, but there is also the possibility that
>maybe something else far less fantastic might account for the
>same results.

>So is this current view of "reality" truly "reliable"? The raw
>data may be reliable and cross-consistent, just like our raw
>perceptions, but the astrophysicists might be drawing the wrong
>inferences by making assumptions about the accuracy of their
>present theories and not taking into account something else,
>just like our brains may have the wrong interpretation of the
>overall perception, like misidentifying somebody by sight.

>>Yes, it is true that if I ignore that my car engine is
>>overheating then I better be prepared to shell out a few grand
>>but it is also true that if I walk into a pocket of toxic gas in
>>an abandoned mine I am going to end up stone cold dead.

>>If you and Cathy want to blur "reliable" and "reliable enough"
>>then I strongly suggest that you both stay away from abandoned
>>mines. Because you might learn the hard way that your "reliable"
>>perception process just isn't what you think it is.

>Well Eugene, it sounds mostly likely a semantic debate we are
>engaged in over the proper definitions of "reality" and
>"reliable" as applied to human perception of the "real" world.
>You seem to be arguing that an information processing system
>like our senses and brains is "unreliable" if it doesn't detect
>with near 100% accuracy all the time nearly 100% the variables
>and mathematical models that physicists use to describe the
>"real" physical world, such as temperature, wavelength,
>subatomic particles, energy, etc., and the relationships between
>them. Of course, such variables and models are themselves
>simplified representations of "reality" and even physicists
>cannot possibly approach such perfection of all-knowingness
>using all instruments at their disposal to extend their sensory
>range.

>E.g., "temperature" is a useful human abstraction and is related
>in physical models to the average kinetic energy of all the
>molecules bombarding your thermometer. Thus there is practically
>an infinite range of theoretical temperatures, from absolute
>zero to the temperature of the universe at the moment of the Big
>Bang.

>But is it proper to criticize your engine's temperature sensor
>as "unreliable" or a bad representation of "reality" because it
>can't measure the full gamut of energies in the universe? (with
>"energy" itself being nothing but another useful human
>abstraction or representation of reality) That makes no sense.
>The temperature sensor is what it is. It is only proper to
>criticize its "reliability" within the engineering specs of the
>temperatures it was designed to measure, which is a functional,
>engineering definition of reliability. If you can't depend on it
>to measure your engine overheating, then it is "unreliable". If
>it senses overheating 99.99% of the time then it is 99.99%
>reliable. If it can't measure the surface temperature of the
>sun, that doesn't somehow make it "unreliable" for what it is
>supposed to do. Sheesh!

>The same applies to human senses and interpretation. We only
>need to detect temperatures in the range in which life can exist
>and keep us in that range, and stay away from noxious stimuli
>outside that range that could harm or kill us. What good is it
>to accurately gauge the temperature of a lava flow, other than
>it is too hot to be around safely? Like any artificially
>engineered system like your car designed to operate in a certain
>range, not from zero to infinity, if our senses keep us
>comfortably in that range and away from harm, that is all it

>needs to do. If it is 99% trustworthy in doing that, then it is
>certainly "reliable enough". That's the biological reality of
>living and surviving on planet Earth, and to argue that isn't
>the totality of a physicist's definition of "reality" is just
>sophistry.

>The question isn't whether it can "see" absolutely everything to
>be known in the universe. You are demanding something akin to
>"God", some omnipotent, omniscient abstract entity. That gets
>ridiculous and is an impossible demand. Our senses and nervous
>systems are what they are from millions of years of evolution to
>fit our particular niche. They are indeed "reliable enough" that
>we are still here, and most of us get through our lives usually
>in one piece. When experiments are done on the reliability of
>our sensory systems and perceptions, they can be tricked, just
>as ALL instruments and data processing systems can be tricked
>because they operate only a certain range and have built-in
>limitations, but usually our perceptual systems are robust,
>operate properly over a large range of conditions, and largely
>reliable in "real-world" situations. Perceptual researchers,
>even psychologists, refer to this as perceptual constancy.

>Thus, using visual cues in the whole scene, we perceive the
>human being 100 yards away as being the same size as the one 1
>yard away, even though the distant human is only 1% of the size
>on our retinas as the near human. This is size constancy. Our
>perception could be wrong because the visual image is inherently
>ambiguous with multiple interpretations. Maybe we are being
>fooled by a very tiny human the same distance as the near human
>and that explains the big difference in retinal image size. But
>that is a very bad bet, as we know from experience. And also
>there are usually other visual cues to depth and size in the
>scene that help us disambiguate one possibility from another.

>Size constancy breaks down at greater distances, i.e., like ALL
>systems, it operates properly only over a given range, or if you
>strip out various cues to distance and/or deliberately distort
>the cues in a lab setting in order to study size constancy.
>E.g., there is the famous Ames' room experiment of a real-size
>room deliberately distorted. Instead of being rectangular, one
>corner on the far wall is normal height and further away from
>the observer than the opposite corner, which is maybe half as
>tall and twice as close. The illusion only works if observed
>with only one eye through a restricted aperture instead of both
>eyes (to eliminate stereoscopic depth perception), and works
>even better if filmed, to remove other cues that something isn't
>right, such as the test objects being in different focal planes.

>Thus place one twin in the tall, distant corner, and the other
>in the near, close corner, and the distant twin looks like a
>dwarf and the near twin a giant. The brain mechanism for
>relative size is now scaling against the corners, and absent
>other removed cues like stereopsis that would contradict this,
>assuming they are square and the same height. The twins can
>exchange places and walk over to the others corner, and their
>sizes seem to be constantly changing as this happens. The raw
>perceptual illusion is quite compelling, but even then our
>overall perceptual system knows something isn't quite right
>because such things never or almost never happen from real-world
>experience. The illusion ONLY arises because the experimenter
>has deliberately removed or distorted normal depth and size cues
>and the brain has to scale the scene solely on a manipulated
>assumption about the geometrical shape of the room. You could
>also easily fool a computer vision system in the same way.

>This whole issue of "reliability" in relation to UFO experiences
>and sightings is, of course, what this is ultimately about.
>Debunkers will usually argue that humans are 100% unreliable
>when it comes to UFO reports. This is nonsense. Again, we would
>all be dead if that were true.

>Even the most ardent Ufologists would never argue that
>observers/experiencers of unknown phenomena are anywhere near
>100% reliable. E.g., regarding UFO size or distance, if it is
>beyond a few hundred yards, visual stereopsis can no longer
>estimate true size or distance and we have to rely on secondary
>cues to distance/size like brightness, haziness, nearby known
>object, intervening objects, the UFO passing in front of a known
>object (like a cloud layer) etc. If none of these cues exist,
>such as "lights in the blank sky", then yes, estimates of size
>and distance are truly "unreliable". But often various cues do

>exist (e.g., Kenneth Arnold's UFOs passed in front of Mt.
>Rainier and behind subpeak of known distances), or there is more
>than one observer and distance/size can be triangulated based on
>multi-witness interviews, however "unreliable" the individual
>witnesses may be.

>The whole subject is complicated, because you get into
>differences in the reliability of raw human perception at the
>moment vs. memory later on, how many cues are available,
>observer training and attention, the interpretations, if any, of
>what was seen/experienced, overall honesty of human beings in
>general, etc.

>The bottom line is that when statistical studies are actually
>done on UFOs, usually the judged hoaxing or lying level is very
>low, the misinterpretation of mundane phenomena high, but
>people's recounting of basic details, i.e. perceptions, usually
>accurate enough that some sort of determination of
>mundane/explainable/known vs. anomalous/mystifying/unknown can
>be made. The more witnesses plus independent physical
>measurements involved (radar, photos, radiation, etc.), the more
>"reliable" the case becomes one way or another. Even if
>individual perceptions or memory may be unreliable, much more
>valid statistical inferences about "reliability" can be drawn
>from multi-witness sightings. One witness IDing a murderer may
>not be reliable, but misidentification becomes increasingly
>unlikely if 20 witnesses ID the same person.

>'Nuff said.

David, understand that when you use the word "reliable" I am
using the word "functional" in its place and you will understand
that I am in agreement with every word that you are saying
above, and for the same reasons.

You replied to my first post in this thread (my short one about
Ray's remarks being dumb). Then I replied to you. You made the
initial 'contact' with me.

You say the human perception system is reliable. I say it is
functional. We are saying the same thing except for the word
used to label it. I described it as functional in my very first
post to you in this thread. Go back and re-read it.

Go back and re-read my first post to you. Re-read your first to
me as well. In your first post to me, you implied "accurate" to
describe human perception. Dictionary definition of accurate:
"1. careful and exact, 2. free from mistakes or errors; precise,
3. adhering closely to a standard."

You meant accurate because you used the word "accuracy."
Dictionary definition of accuracy: "the quality or state of
being accurate or exact; precision; exactness."

It was obvious to me you were using the third definition of
"accurate" and I was using the first two. So I used the word
"functional" to distinguish the difference.

Dictionary definition of functional: "performing or able to
perform a function." The human perception process was evolved to
do a job. It does this, and does it well.

Then you and Cathy began using the terms "accurate" and
"reliable" interchangeably. This is how the confusion of terms
began. If you had used the word "reliable" instead of the word
"accurate" (which has three dictionary definitions) when
describing human perception in your very first post to me then I
would not have had to introduce the word "functional" to
distinguish your meaning of "accurate" from my definition of
"accurate." And if you didn't use "accurate" and "reliable"
interchangeably, I would not have had to adopt a more rigid
definition of "reliable" to distinguish your understanding of
"reliable" from my understanding of "reliable."

You are arguing an argument that I am not arguing against. Your
long rant above was not necessary.

But as you say, "realible" to me (in the context of this
discussion) means "trusty" - that is, completely dependable.
Not the scientific nor the dictionary definition of it but it is
my definition of it for the purpose of this discussion. And

I pointed this out several times that you were taking these two views of "reliable" as being the same, as was Cathy.

So, yes, I guess this discussion has been one of semantics and an utter waste of time.

You have been so busy composing long posts - against arguments that weren't even being made - that you have failed to even notice the real issues.

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Date: Thu, 26 Apr 2012 14:23:13 +0100
Archived: Fri, 27 Apr 2012 09:06:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

Apropos the reality we perceive. Someone once said we only see those bits of the universe which will get us a regular lunch.

That's a witty approximation, ignoring predator avoidance _and_ suitable mating.

Cheers

Ray D

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David Jacobs Interview And Review - Pt. I

From: Jack Brewer <brewer.jack.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 27 Apr 2012 09:11:45 -0400
Subject: David Jacobs Interview And Review - Pt. I

Hello all:

Please find a link below to part one of a series of three posts containing an interview with Dr. David Jacobs, as well as review of primary concepts contained in his work.

<http://tinyurl.com/czgx84c>

I composed the series after meeting with him at the recent Ozark UFO Conference. My intention was to provide readers with objective and practical perspectives on claims commonly asserted by Jacobs and some of his peers.

Both past and present comments from qualified experts will be offered in parts two and three of the series of posts, including substantial contribution from microbiologist Dr. Tyler Kokjohn.

Regards,

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Bruner/Postman Experiment

From: **Cathy Reason** <Cathym.nul>
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Subject: Bruner/Postman Experiment

Unfortunately my ISP seems to have swallowed most of the mail yesterday; but I understand from the archives that Martin Shough has been asking about the Bruner/Postman 1949 experiment in recognizing anomalous playing cards, and its possible relevance to the perception and understanding of anomalies generally.

Well first of all Martin, I'm afraid to report that I don't remember knowing anything about this experiment - or if I ever did, I've forgotten it. But I've just read through the paper and also watched the You-tube presentation of the experimental design, so here are my thoughts for what they're worth.

Firstly I notice from the You-tube presentation that it's actually quite difficult to resolve the image in the time allowed, especially for the faster presentations. There also isn't time to scan the image and so only that part of the image close to the fixation point is properly resolved at all, the rest falling within peripheral vision.

Secondly, there are potential confounding factors in the experiment which couldn't have been known about in 1949; for example, we now know that form and color are processed in separate visual pathways in the brain. So any experiment that relies, as this one does, on tinkering with the relationship between form and color is obviously on sticky ground at the outset.

The paper seems to me to conform to the general pattern of papers in cognitive psychology - which is to say, it's about 5% actual evidence and about 95% interpretation. Regarded purely as psychophysical data, what it seems to tell us is that the more information you need to identify a target as distinctive, the longer it takes to process it, which is entirely consistent with the results from say, visual search experiments (although I should emphasize the Bruner/Postman paradigm is not a visual search experiment). As for the various compromise and disruption effects, these seem to me most likely the result of interference between perception (which is highly time-constrained in this design) and associative memory.

The sort of effect Kuhn is talking about seems to me to have a lot more to do with judgement and interpretation than it has to do with perception. And that is as they say, a whole other story.

Cathy

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Science Denial In The 21St Century
By Nathan Seppa

MADISON, Wis. =97 The arc of science has faced roadblocks for centuries, but the pattern of denying the weight of evidence has taken on new virulence recently. Highly motivated people openly cast doubt on well-established evidence =97 the theory of evolution, the human effects on climate change, the value of vaccines and other findings that have achieved an overwhelming consensus in the scientific community.

Researchers and science writers tasked with reporting on these issues gathered April 23=9624 at the University of Wisconsin at a meeting titled, =93Science Writing in the Age of Denial.=94 Some noted that seemingly spontaneous denial of science in the populace is quite often a carefully choreographed attack.

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The UFO Bestiary - Shostak

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04/27/2012

The UFO Bestiary
Seth Shostak

You may not see massive UFO exhibits at your local science museum, but there's no dearth of saucer stories infesting my email. Every day I receive several reports of alien sightings, extraterrestrial plans for Earth, and agitated screeds about the reluctance of scientists to take the whole subject seriously. Plenty of people think they have convincing evidence for other-worldly visitors, and they want me to know.

Allow me to first note that this is a phenomenon worthy of attention. If aliens are really hanging out in our 'hood, it's hard to imagine any other fact more worthy of study. If not, then why does such a large fraction of the populace insist on believing they're here?

Note that few, if any, of these emails are penned by hoaxers. The correspondents are sincere, and many simply wish to help us in our search for evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence. Others are ticked off, usually at me.

It's a fire hose of correspondence, but stepping back a bit from the massive electronic corpus, it strikes me that virtually all of it falls into one of four categories. For the curious and interested, I list these subject areas below, together with a modestly elaborated description of each.

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Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Apr 2012 17:31:37 +0000
Archived: Sat, 28 Apr 2012 08:29:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 26 Apr 2012 14:23:13 +0100
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>Apropos the reality we perceive. Someone once said we only see
>those bits of the universe which will get us a regular lunch.

>That's a witty approximation, ignoring predator avoidance _and_
>suitable mating.

Oh, thank you, Ray. I laughed long and hard.

I consider your response brings things back to the basics -
i.e., the reason for perception. Sex and food,

KK

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Expectation Of Extraterrestrial Life Built More On Optimism Than
Evidence, Study Finds
by Morgan Kelly

Recent discoveries of planets similar to Earth in size and proximity to the planets' respective suns have sparked scientific and public excitement about the possibility of also finding Earth-like life on those worlds.

But Princeton University researchers have found that the expectation that life =97 from bacteria to sentient beings =97 has or will develop on other planets as on Earth might be based more on optimism than scientific evidence.

Princeton astrophysical sciences professor Edwin Turner and David Spiegel, a former Princeton postdoctoral researcher, analyzed what is known about the likelihood of life on other planets in an effort to separate the facts from the mere expectation that life exists outside of Earth. The researchers used a Bayesian analysis =97 which weighs how much of a scientific conclusion stems from actual data and how much comes from the prior assumptions of the scientist =97 to determine the probability of extraterrestrial life once the influence of these presumptions is minimized.

Turner and Spiegel, who is now at the Institute for Advanced Study, reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences that the idea that life has or could arise in an Earth-like environment has only a small amount of supporting evidence, most of it extrapolated from what is known about abiogenesis, or the emergence of life, on early Earth. Instead, their analysis showed that the expectations of life cropping up on exoplanets =97 those found outside Earth's solar system =97 are largely based on the assumption that it would or will happen under the same conditions that allowed life to flourish on this planet.

In fact, the researchers conclude, the current knowledge about life on other planets suggests that it's very possible that Earth is a cosmic aberration where life took shape unusually fast. If so, then the chances of the average terrestrial planet hosting life would be low.

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The Irrationality Of Irrationality: The Paradox Of Popular Psychology
By Samuel McNeerney

In 1996, Lyle Brenner, Derek Koehler and Amos Tversky conducted a study involving students from San Jose State University and Stanford University.

The researchers were interested in how people jump to conclusions based on limited information.

Previous work by Tversky, Daniel Kahneman and other psychologists found that people are "radically insensitive to both the quantity and quality of information that gives rise to impressions and intuitions", so the researchers knew, of course, that we humans don't do a particularly good job of weighing the pros and cons.

But to what degree?

Just how bad are we at assessing all the facts?

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Why Smart People Do Stupid Things

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Summer 2009

Why Smart People Do Stupid Things

Intelligence by itself doesn't make you rational. Thinking rationally demands mental skills that some of us don't have and many of us don't use
By Kurt Kleiner

How can someone so smart be so stupid? We've all asked this question after watching a perfectly intelligent friend or relative pull a boneheaded move.

People buy high and sell low. They believe their horoscope. They figure it can't happen to them. They bet it all on black because black is due. They supersize their fries and order the diet Coke. They talk on a cellphone while driving. They throw good money after bad. They bet that a financial bubble will never burst.

You've done something similarly stupid. So have I. Professor Keith Stanovich should know better, but he's made stupid mistakes, too.

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Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

From: Eugene Frison <cthulhu_calls.nul>
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <post.nul>
>Date: Thu, 26 Apr 2012 14:21:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>From: Eugene Frison <cthulhu_calls.nul>
>>To: <post.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 25 Apr 2012 23:09:00 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>>>And that's why I describe these examples of yours as anomalies.
>>>You've taken a ragbag of anecdotes and assumed they are
>>>representative of some systemic unreliability. But there is just
>>>no evidence of this and plenty of evidence against it.

>>And that's why your ragbag of anecdotes description is
>>completely out to lunch. There is indeed a bag of evidence and
>>it is a pretty big bag, and contains a whole lot more than
>>anecdotes.

>Eugene - your grasp of logic isn't just out to lunch, it's gone
>off on a five-year safari.

>I have nothing to add to what David Rudiak has just posted
>concerning your notion of reliability. As for your evidence, I
>see nothing to challenge my earlier conclusion that it's a
>scattering of oddities propping up a mountain of guesswork.

>You're right about one thing - I have absolutely no idea what
>this theory of perception is that you're supposedly advocating,
>which I suspect probably makes two of us. The details of this
>mysterious theory appear to change by the minute. Apparently it
>owes nothing to Cognitivism, it does not depend on
>"operationalisms" (by which I assume you mean operationalized
>measurements), and relies on proof found at the bottom of
>minesh shafts.

>Indeed I think a hole in the ground is the right place for it.
>But that's just my opinion.

This thread is a fiasco. But I will see if I can help you figure
out what is going on since you express such confusion. I think
you'll agree soon enough that it has not been all that hard to
understand and doesn't require one to be too skilled in logic.
Even an idiot can follow what's been happening here.

Let's start with a bit of history. That will be the best way to
come to a clear understanding of this little fiasco.

Ray Dickenson made comments about psychology and psychiatry not
being science and that all psychologists and psychiatrists were
liars, criminals, or fools. I took issue with this and posted a
very short response saying his remarks were shallow and dumb,
and that both these fields were science and have had many
successes.

David Rudiak replied to my post, essentially making remarks on
Ray's views, and, in the process, describing the human
perception system as accurate. I disagreed with the word

'accurate', since to me it meant precise, exact, and free of error or mistake. So I replaced it with functional, which meant able to perform a function or to do a job. Not much from David after this for a little while.

You chimed in with your comments that you disagreed with my contention that psychology is a science and presented six reasons as to why you disagreed.

These were: 1. in your experience, experimentation in psychology was prone to poor result when it came to reproducibility (but you had no statistics on this), 2. psychologists regularly confuse operational notions of things with proxy notions of things, 3. the statistical methodology used in psychology often is such that psychological hypotheses cannot be falsified even in principle, 4. results of experiments published indicated as predictive tests all too often turn out to be just modified versions of the original theory, so that falsification of that theory is not possible, 5. most psychological research is based on Cognitivist assumptions and that these assumptions are not generally tested, and 6. findings in psychological research turn out to be identical to the Cognitivist assumptions on which the research is based in the first place (garbage in, garbage out). You made a comment that research in neuroscience was producing results that was undermining many Cognitivist assumptions.

I replied, saying psychology was a science because it used methods other than statistical methodology and operationalisms, and that these other methods conformed to the standards of the scientific method - because they were, indeed, the same methods used by the other fields of science outside psychology. I also, accurately, pointed out that psychology was much more than Cognitivism.

For merely giving a list of methods used by science, I was accused of believing that the scientific method was a complicated and complex thing, of being obsessed with "elaborate methodological ritual" and of possessing a "reverence for logic." Simply for making a list.

I said the 'file drawer effect' could be used in a pragmatic way so that a bad theory could be discarded. You jumped down my throat as if I did not realize that the 'file drawer effect' was used to balance statistical results. I pointed out that publication bias leads often to only 'positive outcome research' getting published, which leads to a subject under investigation being misrepresented and that meta-analysis is affected by this. Pay attention to the research that that wasn't 'positive outcome research' and you can discard a theory.

I was given a lecture about operationalisms, what they are, how they work, and what they are designed to do. It was made to look as if I was arguing against this when the only argument I was making was that psychology might not be guilty of this all the time. I even said that you might have a valid point here but that even if it was true all of the time, psychological research was much more than the use of operationalisms. You took us off on a tangent trying to make it look like I didn't understand the use of operationalisms or how they were used in Cognitivism, and as if I was arguing against you on this.

I, accurately, pointed out that many of the ideas in neuroscience are interpretations and assumptions as well, that the results often can equally support opposing views. I gave the example of consciousness, where the consensus in neuroscience is that it is an epiphenomenon of the brain but the current data can be just as supportive of the interpretation that consciousness is located outside the brain, and that several of its most eminent researchers have come to this conclusion.

You tried to make it look like Jame's J. Gibson had some profound revelation thirty years ago that the rest of the world didn't ever catch on to - the idea that if you change the premise, you change the conclusion. I pointed out that Gibson's views of 'direct perception' and 'direct realism' were demolished by the evidence of today's physics.

I referred to physics again once more, to support my contention that human perception is not accurate (in the sense of free from error, precise) - to show that it failed to detect most of what is out there. For this, I was accused, by David, of having a

physicist's view of reality, and by you, of believing human perception is not reliable because it fails to detect interference patterns between quantum waveforms. I pointed out that it fails to detect a whole lot more than this.

My reference to physics was to show that human perception does not, and can never, detect everything that is out there, and that it does not, and can never, be precise, exact and free of error when it presents its 'match' of it to awareness. My reference to mind shafts was to show that it can't even be free from error when detecting within the range of frequencies natural selection designed it to deal with.

My contention that the premise that human perception is not accurate draws on physics but does not rely exclusively on it. It comes from evidence from other fields, including psychology, and everyday reality. But you choose to label this a ragbag of perceptual anomalies.

You and David brought up illusions. You both tried to make it look like I was using them to support my contention that human perception is not accurate. Yet, I never brought illusions up, didn't talk about them, never used them in any way, and only ever said that, at best, they might be considered a bit more evidence on the pile if the premise that human perception is not reliable is correct. In fact, I agreed with you and David that these illusions did not represent anything faced in everyday reality by human beings.

At one point, I constructed a bad analogy that led to you assuming I was saying the information filtered out by the brain was all relevant. I explained to you where the analogy went bad and took the blame for you making this one assumption. Then I clearly stated that I was saying, in agreement with you and David, that most of the information filtered is not relevant.

When I gave the example of my wife and I, as well as my son, missing each other, you gave your lecture on visual search errors. You diminished their importance, saying they were exceptional events. I pointed out they were not exceptional, that they happen all the time to everyone, as when not seeing keys, cups of tea, books, etc. that had been put down. And that were happening constantly in the world of camouflaged animals.

Because you couldn't separate yourself from the Cognitivist notion of what a representation is, you assumed when we were discussing the images or pictures (representations of reality) that our brain presents to us, I was believing in some representation-building homunculus that was busy watching what was coming in from our senses, then blotting out parts of what it sees that it figured it didn't need, then putting a picture together, and finally presenting it to us as if we were a spectator watching a show. You assumed this and didn't understand that my idea of the representation simply was 'that which reached the level of awareness'. You both beat this homunculus to death, David never realizing that nobody was arguing for it.

You both likewise didn't realize that I was never, at any point, arguing against the notion that natural selection evolved a system that was designed to work within a narrow spectrum of what was out there, and that it did this via the mechanisms and algorithms you were espousing. You both could not see that I was never, at any point, arguing that natural selection's evolved system made a good match between what was out there and 'that which reached awareness' (the representation) within this narrow spectrum. Too busy kicking the homunculus around.

So, I got lectured about automobile engines overheating and shelling out big bucks.

Both you and David couldn't see that I was never arguing against the idea that human perception is dependable most of the time and that natural selection evolved a system that allowed us to function in the realm of matter and to survive within in. You both called this dependability 'reliable'. I called this dependability 'functional'.

Your final remarks to date, (above) are ludicrous and another example of how you go off on these wild flights into non-reality. I am not advocating any theory of perception other than

the exact same one both you and David are advocating. Go back and verify my history of this thread and you will confirm this. Nothing has been changing by the minute, except for your ideas of what is being said. There is no alternate, other, mysterious theory of perception bubbling up here. Just the same one you and David subscribe to.

All it takes for you is to realize that when you and David are saying 'reliable' and 'dependable', I am saying 'functional', and that when I read or write the word 'accurate', to me it means in the sense of 'free from error or mistake'. And for you to realize that 'representation of reality within the brain' means for me 'that which reaches awareness'. Then you (and David) will realize that you both have turned this discussion into a huge bru-ha-ha. Painting me as a clown in the process. But, I guess as I was pointing out where you were making your unfounded and inaccurate assumptions as to what I was thinking, contending, and implying, and the effect this was having in derailing this discussion, you could do little else - especially if you wanted to save face. When you have to resort to the type of comments that are the sole content of your response above, it is a sure sign that this is indeed what is happening.

I think I have pretty much summed up the entire discussion. If anyone following this thread thinks it is not a fair representation of what occurred then they can start with the first post and read them all to this point again. Why anyone would want to go back and re-hash this is beyond me, except perhaps to have a good belly laugh.

The reason I was making such a fuss about the definition of 'accurate' did not have anything to do with human beings in their everyday situations. It had to do with the concern of encountering an alien intelligence and this human system evolved by natural selection perhaps not being able to properly deal with it - if that intelligence was of a nature that took it outside the narrow spectrum that our perception system was designed to deal with. But that got preempted.

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>Expectation Of Extraterrestrial Life Built More On Optimism Than
>Evidence, Study Finds

Hello List,

That 'study' seems to have been written using bad evidence, bad logic and/or bad 'philosophy' (if that is what they claimed to be using).

Evidence - much of the Milky Way is very old, compared to the Solar Sytem, see:

www.universetoday.com/21822/age-of-the-milky-way/

"The oldest stars in the Milky Way are 13.4 billion years, give or take 800 million years"

so, using the evidence of our own eyes - i.e. of humans' accelerating rate of science achievement - we can see that a civilization arising near one of those older stars, say 10 billion years ago, would be so advanced as to be unrecognizable by us primitives.

Logic and/or 'philosophy' - just over a century ago physicists were agreed that all was known, just a few details to be tidied up. Then along came Planck, and Einstein.

So anyone can see that using 'present science' to rule out anything in the future, even the near future, is not only dangerous, it's also false logic.

Cheers

Ray D

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<snip>

Interesting piece. Well worth reading, especially where it touches on the issue of belief systems.

Of course what it doesn't consider (and nor does the study to which it refers) is the issue of endemic non-reflexivity. By this I mean the blindness to itself of serious discourse: the fact, in this instance, that adherence to a version of science is frequently a belief system all of its own. There is a fascinating example of the kind of communications breakdown this can lead to in the current thread on 'Ufology and psychiatry'. The subtext to large parts of that thread is that the protagonists adhere to differing versions of science as belief system, and, in one case at least, are unprepared to admit that other versions are equally valid. The parallels with religious debate where infidels and heretics slug it out, never succeeding in landing a logically meaningful punch, are all too evident

The twentieth century saw a consensus being built around a spectrum from the 'hardest' of sciences (physics, until string theorists threatened its pre-eminence - no doubt to be resolved by a period of schismatic division, if you'll pardon the tautology) at one end to the 'softest' of social sciences at the other, and then shading into pseudoscience beyond that. Bauer (whose reflexive instincts are exemplary) is a highly recommended author to read on this: his awareness having been triggered as an academic chemist with an interest in the Loch Ness Monster.

The placement of Ufology and its sceptical opponents in that spectrum is a highly problematic one: there are serious Ufologists who proceed as though they were first-class physicists (some of them actually are, but, of course, that is no guarantee that an individual will not leave his scientific training and method behind when confronted by anomalous data!); while there are scientifically qualified UFO sceptics who behave as though they were agents of the Spanish Inquisition.

It is too much to ask that scientists, pseudoscientists and Ufologists should always adhere to the highest standards of critical objectivity in their work, but it is always worth pausing to reflect on whether they actually adhere to the standards that they purport to espouse.

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Fantasizing About Future Space Adventures
Jeffrey Israel

Does news of private entrepreneurs mobilizing missions into space cause you to feel excitement or anxiety? Does it make you feel nothing at all? Stop for a moment and imagine: how does it all unfold?

Will we eventually travel into the farthest reaches of the galaxy under the benign auspices of something like Star Trek's United Federation of Planets? Will the universe, instead, be colonized with brutal and uncompromising imperialism by something like the Alliance in the short-lived Firefly television series? Maybe you imagine that corporations will dominate space, consuming it as a natural resource like the RDA Corporation in the film Avatar.

If you are anything like me, then you have absolutely no idea what is genuinely likely. I don't know anything about space, space travel, or the possibility of extra-terrestrial life. I'm not even a particularly competent science fiction geek.

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

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Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2012 08:09:33 -0400
Archived: Sun, 29 Apr 2012 08:09:33 -0400
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Source: 3QuarksDaily.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/7ue9pgy>

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Brian Greene: Is Our Universe The Only Universe?

[Ted Talk Video]

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Apr 2012 14:23:15 -0400
Archived: Sun, 29 Apr 2012 08:10:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

>From: Eugene Frison<cthulhu_calls.nul>
>To:<post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Apr 2012 21:47:40 -0500
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

><snip>

>The reason I was making such a fuss about the definition of
>'accurate' did not have anything to do with human beings in
>their everyday situations. It had to do with the concern of
>encountering an alien intelligence and this human system evolved
>by natural selection perhaps not being able to properly deal
>with it - if that intelligence was of a nature that took it
>outside the narrow spectrum that our perception system was
>designed to deal with. But that got preempted.

Eugene, I don't think you need to worry about being seen as a clown. It was a fairly high level discussion that happens only occasionally on this List, and I quite enjoyed it.

The concern about whether the human perceptual system may not be equipped to deal with alien intelligence and associated gimmickry is a valid one. There is already some indication at the perceptual level that that may be the case.

For example, I saw a video a whole ago where someone ganged together an infrared video camera with a normal video camera. It showed an aerial anomaly (ball of light) on the infrared camera but not on the camera operating in the visible spectrum. I can't locate the video at the moment, but I think it was put together by Jaime Moussan.

There have also been claims of objects appearing on IR night vision video cameras that can't be seen with the unaided eye.

See the following for example:

<http://tinyurl.com/7kzsz38>

William

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When it comes to public policy based on science, the public is typically treated like children with no ability to judge the evidence for themselves. The "weight of evidence" is rarely presented in a form accessible to the public, and in some cases, there is reason to believe that it may not even exist. This is especially true when big money wants public policy to go a certain way.

This was evident in the recent push to vaccinate against the H1N1 flu virus. No comprehensive studies about safety and effectiveness could have been available because of time constraints, yet we were told to believe it was safe and effective. Again, we were treated like children. If the evidence existed, why didn't public health officials show it to us?

I found a study published in 2006 on the effect of seasonal flu vaccinations on hospital admittances in Ontario, Canada, over several consecutive years which showed that there was no effect. But much was made after the fact of the study's possible limitations, arguing that the conclusion should be ignored. This elimination of the evidence that contradicted public policy was followed in the same article by the recommendation that people should still be vaccinated. Another study published in 2006 from the USA concluded that "the yearly U.S. mass influenza vaccination campaign has been ineffective in preventing influenza in vaccine recipients".

If Nathan Seppa is looking for reasons why there is "science denial in the 21st century", perhaps it is this paternalistic attitude that is responsible. If there is a "pattern of denying the weight of evidence", it may be because there is often little evidence presented. Overwhelming consensus is not evidence. Scientists have a responsibility to explain their conclusions and make the reasoning accessible, especially when people are directly affected.

And to bring it home to us, the same paternalistic attitude in the science community itself about what is proper to study, may account in part for the denial of UFOs as a worthwhile phenomenon. I personally encountered this impediment from a university department chairman many years ago when I expressed interest in doing graduate research in parapsychology.

William

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Re: The Irrationality Of Irrationality

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Apr 2012 16:42:46 -0400
Archived: Sun, 29 Apr 2012 08:12:59 -0400
Subject: Re: The Irrationality Of Irrationality

>Source: Scientific American

><http://tinyurl.com/cbj3j7v>

>April 27, 2012

>The Irrationality Of Irrationality: The Paradox Of Popular Psychology
>By Samuel McNerney

>In 1996, Lyle Brenner, Derek Koehler and Amos Tversky conducted
>a study involving students from San Jose State University and
>Stanford University.

>The researchers were interested in how people jump to
>conclusions based on limited information.

>Previous work by Tversky, Daniel Kahneman and other
>psychologists found that people are "radically insensitive to
>both the quantity and quality of information that gives rise to
>impressions and intuitions", so the researchers knew, of course,
>that we humans don't do a particularly good job of weighing the
>pros and cons.

>But to what degree?

>Just how bad are we at assessing all the facts?

From past exposures to Scientific American articles, I expected
this article to steer me into a particular political mindset,
but I was pleased to find that it did not. Or maybe it was too
subtle to notice immediately.

The article concludes, "Ultimately, we need to remember what
philosophers get right. Listen and read carefully; logically
analyze arguments; try to avoid jumping to conclusions; don't
rely on stories too much. The Greek playwright Euripides was
right: Question everything, learn something, answer nothing".

Questioning and learning is important, but in real life, what's
the point of questioning and learning if what you learn is not
used as an answer to anything? Here might be the subtle mind-
control strategy of the author. We're incapable of using all the
facts, so just observe, don't act. The implication is that there
are others who will act for you.

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ABC News And The X-Files

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Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2012 08:16:57 -0400
Archived: Sun, 29 Apr 2012 08:16:57 -0400
Subject: ABC News And The X-Files

Source: Kevin Randle's A Different Perspective Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/78xkux5>

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ABC News And The X-Files
Kevin Randle

I have to tell you that I am really annoyed. Just last night, April 23, I happened to see on ABC News, the story of a meteor (or meteoroid, if you wish to get technical because it was still in the air) that had been seen over Nevada and California. It lit up the sky, roared above the witnesses, and generated any number of calls to emergency numbers whether 9-11, or sheriff and fire departments.

It seemed that almost everyone knew, pretty much was it was.

An astronomer said later it was probably a small asteroid, about the size of a minivan that had exploded above the ground. He said one this size hits the atmosphere about every year. Bits and pieces of it were picked up and I suspect the Meteorite Men (of Science Channel fame) were probably there within hours finding more.

So far, so good.

But ABC just couldn't resist relating this to UFOs and alien visitation. (True, it was extraterrestrial, but it then wasn't alien.)

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

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A Missed Chance Gone Forever - Cox

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Subject: A Missed Chance Gone Forever - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/6pkpmw4>

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A Missed Chance, Gone Forever
by Billy Cox

Earlier this month, as NASA began to disperse its space shuttle fleet to museums across the country, someone posted a video of the STS-115 mission as proof that Atlantis had encountered UFOs. Others ran with the 9.5-minute snippet as well; one blogger based in (gulp) Nigeria tacked on the headline "Did NASA Cover Up a UFO Sighting on Space Shuttle Atlantis?"

Actually, the chatter between Atlantis Cdr. Brent Jett and mission control in Houston was pretty interesting, but there was nothing clandestine about it, since the sequence was recorded during a live feed in September 2006. The day before the bird was supposed to land following its voyage to the International Space Station, mission control wanted a better look at anomalous object(s) detected by Atlantis' cameras and instructed the astronauts to check it out. Jett said "It doesn't look like anything I've ever seen on the outside of a shuttle, that's for sure", and described it as "a structure that's definitely not rigid or it's not a solid metal structure".

The team continued to monitor several featureless white blips moving slowly outside the orbiter. Jett would add more details, comparing it to "a piece of foil" or "some kind of reflective cloth".

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Holland Michigan Radar-Visual Case Parts I - III

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <post.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2012 08:31:35 -0400
Archived: Sun, 29 Apr 2012 08:31:35 -0400
Subject: Holland Michigan Radar-Visual Case Parts I - III

Source: The Big Study

<http://tinyurl.com/72sybd8>

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Holland Michigan Radar-Visual UFO Case, March 8, 1994, Part - 1

Well folks, the blog controllers have decided to mess around with their technology and have managed to produce a system which so far maximizes the unpredictability of what I'm trying to achieve with illustration placement and the ability to type around the things rationally. In fact basically everything that they have suddenly sprung on here "new" is creating some form of unexpected response as in contrast with the way it used to work. I am going to try to create a blog entry regardless.

This entry if it ever sees the light of e-space is supposed to be about the Holland, MI radar case. That case is the only true UFO case of which I ever participated in an investigation. It surprised me when I searched this blog and found that I apparently never told the story. So, here goes.

The newspaper article at the top is one of probably hundreds which reported these events, and as you veterans know, it made international news due to the involvement of the Muskegon MI NOAA radar station which watched odd things on their scope in real time, all the while being recorded by the 911 operator in Ottawa County.

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Part II:

<http://tinyurl.com/6ryu8ge>

Part III:

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Alien Jigsaw New Ebook Edition Available

From: **Kay Wilson** <kaywilson.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2012 12:55:08 -0500
Archived: Mon, 30 Apr 2012 09:30:53 -0400
Subject: Alien Jigsaw New Ebook Edition Available

In Celebration of our 20,000th download, the .mobi ebook edition of I Forgot What I Wasn't Supposed To Remember: An Expanded View of the Alien Abduction Phenomenon is Now Available.

http://alienjigsaw.com/The_Books/mobi_ebook_Page.html

Two readers' impressions can be read at the links below:

http://alienjigsaw.com/Reviews/Carpenter_I_Forgot.html

http://alienjigsaw.com/Reviews/VinceWhites_Thoughts.html

Please note that the free PDF version is still available to the public.

Thanks for taking a look,

Kay Wilson
Puzzle Publishing

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William

Not a new problem. The book Science Was Wrong by Kathleen
Marden and myself has details on 14 situations in which
organized prominent scientists were totally wrong mostly because

of a combination of arrogance and ignorance.

The SETI community is displaying both these days.

Stan Friedman

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Collection Of German Hi-Res Mars Images

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2012 17:51:30 -0400
Archived: Mon, 30 Apr 2012 09:36:50 -0400
Subject: Collection Of German Hi-Res Mars Images

Here's a collection of 21 German copyright hi-res Mars images, including an 11.3 meg image of the Cydonia region:

<http://tinyurl.com/5fb32p>

Eleanor White

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Links & Videos

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2012 10:17:27 -0400
Archived: Mon, 30 Apr 2012 10:49:06 -0400
Subject: Links & Videos

List,

It would make it far easier for those scanning these posts to provide some explanation as to why a link or video is relevant or important for people to see.

Those who watch much of the Science or Discovery Channels have likely seen programs on the latest theories, which suggest multiple Universes, so I'm left with a question as to why this would be different. Unfortunately, I don't have the time or energy to follow each suggested link and dive into another Web presentation, unless there is good reason.

Let me be clear that this is most likely good information and very interesting, but as forums become more of a collection of pointers to other information, without adding something to the mix, I believe they become more like Portals and less a discussion forum.

I don't mean to be negative, but this isn't the only forum (or topic) where I'm seeing this kind of evolution in how Forums evolve and finding that I tend to simply ignore postings that aren't really saying anything.

Steve

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Re: The UFO Bestiary - Shostak

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Apr 2012 20:27:08 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 30 Apr 2012 10:53:57 -0400
Subject: Re: The UFO Bestiary - Shostak

>The UFO Bestiary
>Seth Shostak:

>Source: Huffpost

>Posted: 04/27/2012

>You may not see massive UFO exhibits at your local science museum,
>but there's no dearth of saucer stories infesting my email.
>Every day I receive several reports of alien sightings,
>extraterrestrial plans for Earth, and agitated screeds about the
>reluctance of scientists to take the whole subject seriously.
>Plenty of people think they have convincing evidence for other-
>worldly visitors, and they want me to know.

>Allow me to first note that this is a phenomenon worthy of
>attention. If aliens are really hanging out in our 'hood,
>it's hard to imagine any other fact more worthy of study.
>If not, then why does such a large fraction of the populace
>insist on believing they're here?

<snip>

>The fact is, if you're certain that our planet is hosting alien
>visitors, the way to gain acceptance for your point of view is
>to prove it, not insist that the problem lies with third
>parties. The blame game is a cop-out.

This debunking article by Seth Shostak wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. For example, when he states "The blame game is a cop-out." - blaming the government for holding all the 'good' evidence - is a fair statement if it's true. But it's not true.

While we know that the government is holding some of the best evidence, it certainly isn't concealing all of it. Photos, movies, trace markings, testimony, confessions, body markings, and official slip-ups have made their way into the literature by the thousands. With sightings over thousands of years in hundreds of countries, the government wasn't able to withhold all the evidence of UFO's, and it leaked out - poured out - by the gallon, over many centuries.

We also know for a fact that the government conceals as much evidence as possible and tries to confuse the public. Think of the Ramey memo: "The victims of the wreck... misstate meaning of story... press release of weather balloons... stage photos - yes...". This was the Roswell incident as handled by the government in 1947. Mislead the public and hide the evidence. And the security classification of the telegram? Top Secret. We now have "Mislead the public, hide the evidence, and hide the memo." We know from the memo there's evidence, but the public hasn't seen it, therefore the government is hiding it.

Have you seen pictures of "the victims of the wreck" released by the Army? Have you seen "the wreck"?

Yet Shostak says the UFO people are ambitious and have no proof of a government cover-up, and Shostak is an honorable man.

The government has brought many captives 'home to Rome' whose bodies did the child-sized coffins fill. Is it wrong to mention them?

Shostak is basically a Big Yawn. He apparently hasn't bothered to read anything worthwhile on the subject, look at any clear pictures of UFO's, watch any movies of UFO's, etc. Asking him to write an article on UFO's is like asking a young child to solve some complex equations involving trigonometry. It can't be done. I would never do that to a kid, and Shostak shouldn't make himself suffer, either, trying to explain something he knows nothing about.

Give it up, Seth. Have some milk and cookies, and run out and play.

Dave Morton

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Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

From: **Cathy Reason** <Cathym.nul>
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>From: Eugene Frison <cthulhu_calls.nul>
>To: <post.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Apr 2012 21:47:40 -0500
>Subject: Re: Ufology And Psychiatry - Summary

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>For merely giving a list of methods used by science, I was
>accused of believing that the scientific method was a
>complicated and complex thing, of being obsessed with "elaborate
>methodological ritual" and of possessing a "reverence for
>logic." Simply for making a list.

Ok, let's leave aside your claims about the reliability of human perception, since I think we've established that these hinge entirely on your rather idiosyncratic notion of reliability. Never mind. Let's turn to your other claims.

First, you claim that much or most of psychology does not depend on "operationalisms". Let's clear up one potential source of confusion at the outset - what actually do you mean by "operationalisms", a term you appear to have invented? If you mean operationalized measures, then your claim is simply untrue, since pretty much the whole of modern psychology relies on operationalized definitions of one sort or another. This includes the qualitative methods such as Participant Observation which I believe you referred to in an earlier post. If you know of any significant examples to the contrary, then I think it's time you produced them.

On the other hand if you mean something else by "operationalisms", then perhaps you can explain what that is.

Second, you claim that even if it is true that all modern psychology depends on operational measures, and even if these measures are systematically flawed, this would not alter the big picture for psychology. How you think the big picture for psychology would remain unchanged even if the whole basis of its observations were shown to be systematically corrupted is a mystery to me. Perhaps you can explain.

Third, you appear to be suggesting that since psychology uses a lot of complicated statistical procedures, and since a lot of these procedures are used in other sciences, then psychology must be a science. This is faulty logic. It isn't the technique that makes a science, but how it is used. The best method in the world will only yield nonsense results if it is used on bad observational data.

Lastly you claim that most psychology does not depend on Cognitivism. In an earlier post I listed the Gibsonians, the psychophysicists and a handful of applied (that is, atheoretical) experimenters as examples that don't. To these I should have added some counseling psychologists and a handful of Behaviorists (there are still some of these knocking around somewhere). But that's about it. If you know of any other examples, then once again, I think it's time you produced them.

Cathy

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