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Antisemitism would be another.

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Not that conspiracy theories, antisemitism or racism do not  
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mouth is.

Hence, one cannot sit there and spit out "conspiracy theory" and  
expect to be given a free pass to not further pursue the  
discussion with facts and keen analysis.

Buzz words must be upgraded from laziness to accountability.

That would clear the air immensely.



I am sure we can all do without the name calling.

Vincent Boudreau

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Hi, Ray,

I guess I don't grasp the relevance of this to the point I made, which is that (1) real official misconduct occurs and (2) empirically baseless claims grounded only in the paranoid imagination only cloud a real issue.

Conspiracy theorists, by the way, now accuse America's leading conspiracy theorist Alex Jones of promoting absurd conspiracy theories in order to the discredit "real" conspiracy theorists at the behest of even more sinister conspirators whom Jones serves as a paid agent. The moral of the story: Once you enter the rabbit hole, there's no escape.

In the context of ufology, cranks and extremists diminish the impact of serious research into genuinely unexplained UFO reports. I don't think they're part of any conspiracy -- well, beyond the usual conspiracy of dunces.

Then, of course, the U.S. government could be in collusion with evil aliens, and President Eisenhower may have been working for the Soviet Union, and President Obama may be an Islamic terrorist.

And also, I could be a CIA or Illuminati operative trying to snov everybody on this UpDates for dark purposes. Hell, I may even be an alien. Just try to prove I'm not.

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>Buzz words must be upgraded from laziness to accountability.

>That would clear the air immensely.

>I am sure we can all do without the name calling.

"Name calling"? You evidently don't want to deal with the richly documented historical reality of conspiracy theory in promoting the worst human fears, beliefs, and actions. Let me be clear: I am not accusing you personally of anything other than historical blindness and apparent ignorance of the reasons conspiracy theories are held in such disrepute. And to remind Listfolk: it was you who implied that critics of conspiracy theorists are the moral equivalent of bigots.

More generally, since I don't want this to be a personal squabble:

As a long-time observer of the conspiracy phenomenon, I see no evidence that non-conspiracy theorists are being unfairly targeted in any significant numbers. Yes, it happens on occasion; I have already noted that someone who suspects a government agency is not being forthcoming or truthful is not a conspiracy theorist for that reason alone. I criticized a writer for confusing most Roswell advocates, who think (rightly or wrongly) that official agencies are withholding information, with devotees of John Lear and Bill Cooper, who are/were conspiracy theorists by any definition.

Unfortunately, genuine conspiracy theories remain ubiquitous, and they have a corrosive effect on rational discourse. The effect on political discussion in America in these angry, polarized times has been disturbing, to say the least. Conspiracy theory is an industry, and its effects are everywhere. For example, owing to conspiracy theorists, millions of citizens believe that President Obama is foreign-born, disloyal, and worse.

Innocent people, including public officials and private citizens alike, are victimized by conspiracy theorists all the time, accused of crimes they neither committed nor thought to commit.

Historians, investigative journalists, prosecutors, police officers, and even ordinary citizens have managed to uncover bad behavior, including (yes) actual criminal and political conspiracies, without being accused by any credible source of excessive imagination and unbridled paranoia. In the end, truth outs, and facts tell the story.

We'd all have clearer idea of what real crimes and abuses are out there if we didn't have conspiracy theorists constantly conjuring up imaginary ones and confusing even well-intentioned people. We should all remember that the real world is scary enough.

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Date: Wed, 2 Oct 2013 12:35:22 +0100  
Archived: Wed, 02 Oct 2013 11:37:26 -0400  
Subject: 1st UK UFO Truth Magazine Conference 16-11-13

List,

Just to make you aware - if you haven't been already - UFO Truth Magazine UK run by Gary Heseltine, are having their first UK UFO Conference on Saturday 16th November 2013.

The full details of the line up can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/q2fzkqd>

Just to note, I do not represent UFO Truth Magazine in any capacity, just thought I would share this event with the List!

Regards,

Roy

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>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
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>Date: Tue, 1 Oct 2013 14:50:50 -0500  
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A democratic state awash in paranoid fantasies faces a worrisome future. If I were a conspiracy theorist, I'd suspect that the promotion of wild-eyed conspiracy theories is a plot to draw attention from real conspiracies. These days, sadly, the rabbit hole that leads to Conspiracy Wonderland is packed.

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## A Lecture Series 'UFOs - The Politics OF A Reality'

From: **Victor Viggiani** <[zland.nul](mailto:zland.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 3 Oct 2013 21:09:14 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 04 Oct 2013 06:13:08 -0400  
Subject: A Lecture Series 'UFOs - The Politics OF A Reality'

October 3.2013  
A Lecture Series Announcement  
UFOs - The Politics of a Reality

Toronto [ZNN] Ever wonder what UFOs really might be? Where are they from? Who controls them and why does our government ignore their presence over sensitive air space like airports and military bases? Why does mainstream media continue to ignore the documentation in government files?

UFO researcher and broadcaster Victor Viggiani will present a two part lecture series on UFOs -- The Politics of a Reality. He will provide provocative documentation that will answer these questions and much more.

UFOs - The Politics of a Reality Part 1 examines how the phenomenon of UFOs has transitioned into a political reality. Part 2 will discuss how global governments are being challenged to release decades of data to the public that unequivocally prove their role in the politics of UFOs. Power Point, visuals, government documents and Q and A format.

What does solicitor and former White House Chief of Staff under President Bill Clinton, Mr. John Podesta have to say about his knowledge of UFO secrecy? May there be just cause for litigation against agencies who withhold information about which the public has a right to know. Listen to his statement:

<http://tinyurl.com/q44or3x>

For a two minute video sample on one of the topics covered in this lecture series:

<http://tinyurl.com/pyma72l>

Details  
Mississauga Central Library  
301 Burnhamthorpe Road West  
Noel Ryan Auditorium (1st Floor)  
Part 1: Wednesday October 9, 2013  
Part 2: Wednesday October 23, 2013  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Admission is \$2.00 per session.  
Journalists with valid press credentials will be admitted free.  
Registration is recommended but not essential.

Sample article on UFO Disclosure by Victor Viggiani:

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Date: Fri, 4 Oct 2013 12:21:30 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 05 Oct 2013 19:44:48 -0400  
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Date: Fri, 04 Oct 2013 10:14:05 -0400  
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This article is a perfect example of this. A set of theories are introduced and then immediately branded "conspiracy theories", the products of insane and paranoid minds. There is no discussion or review of the facts, but it appears that this is not the point. The point is to completely marginalize anyone who has those points of view and to eliminate discussion and debate, not encourage it.

If any attitude is dangerous to a free society, it's the one demonstrated in this article.

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Hi, Ray,

The item I cited was a poll conducted by a reputable professional organization with a good track record. It was not something made up by agents of a sinister conspiracy. It certainly comports with my personal experience. It's one reason I try to stay out of bars. The joints, I learned long ago, are lousy with conspiracy theorists. That's one reason the phrase "barstool ranter" was invented.

I know that it's a standard talking point among conspiracy theorists - whose ability to detect actual conspiracies is minimal on its best days, though no one would question their capacity to spot imaginary ones - that you have the right to theorize about conspiracies, the wilder the better, without being called a conspiracy theorist. The rest of us politely disagree.

My view is simple: if you don't want to be called a conspiracy theorist, don't be one. An old friend of mine puts it best:

"In an odd way, the conspiracy nuts are more optimistic than I am: if there were just a specific group rationally planning and causing all the world's ills, theoretically it could be hunted out and destroyed. On the other hand, I believe the world is full of idiots and incompetents who will inevitably f\*ck things up."

In any event, I have now repeatedly violated my longstanding personal belief, learned through hard experience, that it is futile to argue with someone inclined to conspiracy theories. I leave it to UpDates readers to judge who has the better of the argument, and I move on. Meantime, whenever I read your UpDates posts in the future, Ray, I will remember where you're coming from.

Before I leave, however, here's the earlier mentioned essay by the late Richard Hofstadter, well known to all of us who were trained in the study of history and politics. Of course, it goes without saying that those who taught us were agents of the conspiracy.

<http://tinyurl.com/kxh6fdh>

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Archived: Sun, 06 Oct 2013 20:58:09 -0400  
Subject: Australian UFO PDF Files - Third Batch

>From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Thu, 13 Jun 2013 20:38:43 +0100  
>Subject: Australian UFO PDF Files - Second Batch

>A few weeks ago, I uploaded (with the permission of the National  
>Archives of Australia), searchable PDF files containing over  
>10,000 pages of Australian UFO documents and gave some  
>highlights from that collection in a rather lengthy post at:  
> <http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread942661/pg1>

>In that thread, I pointed out that there were additional files  
>that remained to be digitised at a fairly modest cost.

>Since I posted that thread, veteran Australian researcher Keith  
>Basterfield has found a sponsor (Melbourne researcher Paul Dean)  
>willing to pay for 16 further UFO files to be digitised.

>The National Archives of Australia has again kindly given  
>permission for these further files to be made available as  
>searchable PDFs upon them being digitised.

>The first 8 of those further files have now been digitized by  
>the National Archives of Australia and I've converted them to  
>searchable PDFs. These files contain a little over 1,000 pages.

Hi,

The third (and, for now, final) batch of Australian UFO files is  
now available.

With thanks to Keith Basterfield and Paul Dean, see the links  
and brief details at:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread975052/pg1>

That page includes links to:

(1) Just the files in the third batch (54Mb):

<http://we.tl/mM4XkusRgm>

(2) All the Australian UFO files, from the first, second and  
third batches (1.85Gb):

<http://we.tl/SOd0JAmvio>

(3) Various relevant posts by Keith Basterfield on his blog:

<http://tinyurl.com/lodaoxs>

<http://tinyurl.com/n4kwlvl>

<http://tinyurl.com/lo29xxw>

<http://tinyurl.com/mgasfns>

All the best,

Isaac

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## Sampling DNA

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Date: Sun, 6 Oct 2013 18:18:59 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 06 Oct 2013 20:59:08 -0400  
Subject: Sampling DNA

Hello List,

Dr Craig Venter is reported by The Telegraph as saying we'll be able to go out and sample 'alien DNA' in the future and use it to "replicate them back on Earth".

<http://tinyurl.com/ocwjw2v>

Think we've heard about that already - but the other way round.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2013 09:05:52 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 07 Oct 2013 09:05:52 -0400  
Subject: 3 Former A.F ICBM Launch Officers On UFOs

Source: UFOHastings.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/kgkcjmb>

October 6, 2013

Three Former U.S. Air Force ICBM Launch Officers Speak Out About  
UFOs  
Robert Hastings

I am currently working on a documentary film concerning UFO activity at nuclear weapons sites. I've just returned from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where a series of interviews with former U.S. Air Force missileers were recorded. The veterans - Philip Moore, Jay Earnshaw, and Gaylan King - were first interviewed on audiotape years ago but graciously agreed to participate in the current project as well.

Although it will be many months before the film is finished, brief summaries of the former nuclear missile launch officers' audiotaped statements appear here.

[More at site... Thanks to Robert Hastings for the lead]

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Date: Mon, 7 Oct 2013 08:54:31 -0500  
Archived: Mon, 07 Oct 2013 15:13:50 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing

>From: Timur Rozenfeld <[rozenfeldt.nul](mailto:rozenfeldt.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 04 Oct 2013 10:14:05 -0400  
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing

>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Thu, 3 Oct 2013 08:16:46 -0500  
>>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing

>>Ray,

>>Since there doesn't seem much of substance to respond to, allow  
>>me to mention recent data that underscore my point. Here's a new  
>>poll showing how widespread conspiratorial thinking has become  
>>in society, in this case American society. (I would hope for  
>>greater sanity in other Western democracies, by the way, though  
>>I know that the conspiratorial imagination is not a solely  
>>American ill.):

>><http://tinyurl.com/on64b4g>

>Jerry,

>I believe that labeling something a "conspiracy theory" prior to  
>analysis of its content only serves to obfuscate the truth and  
>has nothing to do with the validity of the theory itself. It's  
>simply a pronouncement or a label and not a logical argument. If  
>after going through the facts, one determines that there is no  
>validity to the "conspiracy theory", then one can provide it  
>with an appropriate label.

>This article is a perfect example of this. A set of theories are  
>introduced and then immediately branded "conspiracy theories",  
>the products of insane and paranoid minds. There is no  
>discussion or review of the facts, but it appears that this is  
>not the point. The point is to completely marginalize anyone who  
>has those points of view and to eliminate discussion and debate,  
>not encourage it.

>If any attitude is dangerous to a free society, it's the one  
>demonstrated in this article.

The moral of the story: Be frightened. Be very frightened.

Seriously, folks:

I have cited Richard Hofstadter's influential essay "The Paranoid Style in American Politics," setting the conspiratorial mentality in historical context, in a previous posting. The URL is cited in my previous posting on this thread.

Two points worth making about Hofstadter (1916-1970):

(1) Bill Watterson, creator of the late, much-missed newspaper cartoon series Calvin and Hobbes, was a political-science major, as was I. Like every one of us in that generation, he was assigned to read Hofstadter's The American Political Tradition. If you want to know where Watterson got the names Calvin and

Hobbes, I refer you to the first sentence of the first chapter.

(2) Hofstadter and his wife had a most interesting UFO sighting. related on pp. 184-185 of Budd Hopkins's memoir Art, Life and UFOs.

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Date: Mon, 07 Oct 2013 10:09:29 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 07 Oct 2013 15:15:50 -0400  
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Date: Mon, 7 Oct 2013 17:24:28 +0100  
Archived: Mon, 07 Oct 2013 15:20:01 -0400  
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing

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>>iv) periodically media hacks - directly or indirectly paid or  
>>controlled by MSM and establishments - re-hash that 'conspiracy  
>>theory' canard as if it were true and therefore dangerous to  
>>society.

>>What could be more dangerous than the real and proven  
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Thanks Jerry,

Your remarks reminded me of a facility available, so this  
afternoon when trying to list the music I liked, and (being a  
busy person) finding my mind a blank, went to my website where  
I'd already recorded it as is/was. While there, browsed a little  
and found that where I and others had forecast conspiracies -  
most first recorded a decade or so ago - they've since been  
confirmed, some much larger and more inter-linked than even I  
had expected.

BTW - your resorting to 'ad hominem' tactics confirms what I/we  
already thought about the 'conspiracy theorists' canard:  
I.e. it's just another ad hominem ploy, to be used when logical  
arguments fail.

For definition and use of that term see:

[www.perceptions.couk.com/baloney-detect.txt](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/baloney-detect.txt)

and

[www.perceptions.couk.com/present.html#ad-ho](http://www.perceptions.couk.com/present.html#ad-ho)

And if you want to read a more realistic review of conspiracies etc - maybe try Peter Knight's 'Conspiracy Culture', where he says, among other things, "Conspiracy theories are neither innately radical nor inevitably harmful", and "How else do you account for the paradoxes of causation and control in a world in which everything is connected, without sounding paranoid ?" - and illustrates both with many apt modern quotes and references.

Cheers

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To think that I started this thread intending to protect the  
good name of ufologists against the false charge that serious  
interest in UFOs renders one a conspiracy theorist... I'd hate  
to think I was wrong, but so far the evidence on UpDates -  
though I realize from a very small percentage of Listfolk -  
suggests I may have been excessively charitable.

I have no idea where William gets this crazy notion that I "hide my head in the sand" about official misdeeds, which I have mentioned in every posting I've made on this subject and which anybody who knows me would recognize as beyond laughable. That's why I make every effort not to debate conspiracy theorists - they have trouble reading and comprehending, I've noticed.

That aside:

I will respond to the last quoted paragraph, where William professes himself to be "a little puzzled." More attentive reading would have solved the mystery. As I have written about experience anomalies, I have observed in clear prose that the answers are almost certainly unavailable to us because they lie well beyond current knowledge; therefore, it's impossible at present to explain their causation. We can only try to get some sense of how they work on those who undergo their effects. Unlike CTers, I make no claim to false knowledge. I can live with uncertainty and ambiguity.

Conspiracy theorists engage in a different form of argument, namely that complex, labyrinthian conspiracies - by their nature invisible to the usual run of historians, social scientists, journalists, and law enforcement - operate in this world and can be exposed and understood by those who hold the key to the secrets. The conspiracies are traditionally represented as human political plots. (On the other hand, it is true, some students of the phenomenon have argued that at least some can be traced to older occult doctrines; see, for example, George Johnson's illuminating 1983 book Architects of Fear. It's also possible to recognize in CTs a secular variety of old-fashioned demonology.)

CTers further contend that the conspiracies are aided and abetted by those who, owing to (fill in favorite sinister motive, personality flaw, intellectual deficiency, or whatever), remain brazenly critical and unconvinced. Perhaps they want to keep unsuspecting humanity in the dark..

In any event I feel more and more as if I've been pulled much further into the rabbit hole than I'd imagined when I naively set out to defend persons who wonder if the full truth about the Roswell incident has been told. Actually, I think I could use a drink.

Or maybe not. On second thought, that could place me next to a conspiracy-exhaling barstool ranter...

Cheers,

Jerry Clark

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acknowledges that he finds wisdom in the pronouncements of  
barstool ranters is a rarely honest and self-aware conspiracy  
theorist indeed.

I suppose I should spend less time educating myself in political  
history -- I mean, what do all those over-educated, pointy-  
headed professors know anyway? -- and more time getting the true  
story in saloons.

Then again, has it occurred to you that barstool ranters may

have been placed there by the conspirators to spread  
disinformation intended to conceal what they're really up to?

You never know.

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>>>Date: Sun, 6 Oct 2013 09:55:23 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing

>>>I know that it's a standard talking point among conspiracy  
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>>Theorizing about conspiracies is part of human nature. Some  
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William,

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Your real quarrel is not with me but with historians,  
journalists, prosecutors, political scientists, and others who  
have rejected conspiracy theories as a useful explanation for  
political and social phenomena. I suggest you take your beliefs  
to them.

They can explain to you why Jews, Catholics, Masons, Communists, Illuminati, and other conspiracy favorites are not in charge of the world.

As is often said of pornography, conspiracy theories are hard to define, but one knows one when one sees one. Too many moving parts, for one, with shaky evidence trying to cover for shaky speculations. As I've also noted, conspiracy theories amount to the political equivalent of pornography.

There is a considerable literature, written by historians, psychologists, folklorists, journalists, and others, on conspiracy theory and its pathologies. You should read some of that, but I know you won't, alas. I guess you prefer demonology.

Enough.

Jerry Clark

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This endless discussion has become endlessly silly.

Of course conspiracies exist. History is replete with them! 9/11 was a conspiracy - how else would it be possible to organise that number of people secretly with a common and complex purpose?

Of course conspiracies don't explain everything in history, politics and current affairs - there are myriad other factors, too numerous to list, which have equal or greater explanatory force.

As I pointed out in an early (and copiously ignored) post on this thread: 'To dismiss a theory just because it is a 'conspiracy theory' is plain dumb. Critical judgement is essential, and there are no substitutes for evidence and logical analysis. If a theory stands up to such scrutiny, then it is worth taking seriously whether it involves an element of conspiracy or not.'

It's worth reiterating the phrase yet again: 'there are no substitutes for evidence and logical analysis' If you want a gold standard for what I'm talking about, check out 'The JFK Assassination Debates: Lone Gunman Versus Conspiracy=E2=80=99 by Michael L. Kurtz (University Press of Kansas). Kurtz is an academic historian and his book is rigorous and balanced, evidenced and analytical. Kurtz's approach to the topic is exemplary.

Just because some conspiracy theorists are out with the fairies, that does not invalidate conspiracy theories per se. Equally, because some conspiracy theories have powerful explanatory force, that does not validate conspiracy theories per se.

End of!

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A Discussion Of The UFO Phenomena For The United Nations (UN)

Friends, the big moment of the 5th World Forum of Ufology, taking place from 21 to 24 November see here:

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will be to issue a document that proposes that the Brazilian government be chosen to carry the UFO theme to the UN. This is an ambitious desire, but only now possible. The reasons are:

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3. The national movements in several countries for the UFO files openness that were represented by more than 30 ufologists in Washington, seeking the same in their countries, but Brazil was elected as one in which there will be the next step of this initiative to propose that the discussion of UFO subject go to the UN. Look here:

<http://tinyurl.com/n3naohk>

4. The world leader of this movement is the ufologist (former political activist) Stephen Bassett, organizer of the Open Public Hearings on Washington. He is coming with his team for the 5th World Forum of Ufology, in Foz do Igua=E7u, with all the proposed routing of the UFO issue to the UN. Look here:

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The new Letter of Foz do Igua=E7u is signed by all attendees, speakers and participants, such as the last Letter; and Stephen Bassett and the others in the United States, as well as the UFO Magazine, here in Brazil, will forward the new document through the appropriate channels.

Everyone can participate in this process. How? Going to 5th World Forum of Ufology and signing a new Letter of Foz do Igua=E7u, which will propose the issue to the United Nations (UN).

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>published author, a famous lecturer! I am recognized authority  
>in my field! What have you done personally in your life?"

>Well, Jerry, I could only answer this: whatever, when you go  
>down this road, it seems that you're loosing it.

I think you mean "losing it." And if you mean interest in this  
thread, you are correct.

It's odd how, when I began this, I thought I was defending  
the sorts of people, one of them me, who are sympathetically  
interested in the UFO phenomenon. I thought "conspiracy  
theorist" as a characterization of the ufologist mindset to be  
false and unfair. Not for some, I learn. I also learn that  
conspiracy theorists have no sense of humor, but I guess I  
already had figured that out.

To repeat:

Your quarrel is not with me but with history and historians. There's  
a reason, if you have the intellectual curiosity to find out why it  
is, that conspiracy theories are far more likely to be advocated from  
bar stools than at conferences of historians. And if you choose  
to regard that as a personal attack (informed Listfolk, on the other  
hand, will recognize it as a simple statement of fact), it's a good  
bet that you don't know a whole lot about history and historians  
beyond their representation in conspiracy literature.

Which is your right, of course. It's also my right to bow out of this  
before I'm so deep into the rabbit hole that there's no escape. Or  
I lapse into a coma from sheer boredom. Whichever comes first.

Jerry Clark

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## Have We Found A Dyson Sphere?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2013 11:57:23 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 10 Oct 2013 11:21:26 -0400  
Subject: Have We Found A Dyson Sphere?

Well, well. Just read about a 'lonely planet' floating without a star - and it's much bigger than Jupiter (which itself is almost big enough to become a small star able to radiate light and heat) - and this 'lonely planet' actually radiates mostly in the infra-red.

Well, a long time ago Freeman Dyson said that's one way we could detect stars that had been 'contained' for energy-use purposes, by alien civilizations!

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ScienceWorld Report

<http://tinyurl.com/le6haz2>

Astronomers have discovered a strange free-floating planet dubbed PSO J318.5-22 that is 80 light years away from the Earth and has a mass that is six times more than Jupiter. The star hosts no stars. It came into existence some 12 million years ago, which is like a newborn in planet lifetime. The astronomers identified the strange lonely planet from its faint and exclusive heat signature as it didn't match the objects surrounding it. It was identified with the help of a survey telescope Pan-STARRS1 (PS1) that is located on Haleakala, Maui.

This is not the first time that astronomers have spotted such free floating objects. But it was unclear till date whether these free floating objects were failed stars or orphaned planets. But this finding confirms that they are indeed planets. The light coming from PSO J318.5-22 is nearly 100 billion times fainter in optical wavelengths compared to the planet Venus. Most of the planet's energy is emitted in infrared wavelengths, NBCNews reports.

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freeman\\_Dyson#Dyson\\_sphere](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freeman_Dyson#Dyson_sphere)

In 1960 Dyson wrote a short paper for the journal Science, entitled "Search for Artificial Stellar Sources of Infrared Radiation".[32] In it, he theorized that a technologically advanced extraterrestrial civilization might completely surround its native star with artificial structures in order to maximize the capture of the star's available energy. Eventually, the civilization would completely enclose the star, intercepting electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths from visible light downwards and radiating waste heat outwards as infrared radiation. Therefore, one method of searching for extraterrestrial civilizations would be to look for large objects radiating in the infrared range of the electromagnetic spectrum.

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Cheers

Ray D

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As I have stressed in virtually every posting on this subject - to no avail, clearly - real conspiracies exist. No one disputes that. Why would anybody? Not more than a decade ago, a conspiracy at the top level of the U.S. government manipulated a 9/11-traumatized American public into (at least a measure of) support for a disastrously unnecessary war in the Middle East.

A conspiracy theory is a different animal, the sort of thing the late Richard Hofstadter (whose influential essay nobody on this thread has ever acknowledged, probably because none has bothered to read it) and many political historians since, have studied and written about. A conspiracy theory is different from a real conspiracy in having too many moving parts (along with too many other factual and logical problems) to be believable.

"Conspiracy theory" is a phrase used by political scientists and historians to denote a belief formed out of a conjoining of disparate social, economic, and political phenomena that are not in fact, as alleged, the creation of a massive secret plot engineered by hidden groups (often thought to be linked by ethnicity and/or religious belief). There is a massive literature on the subject. I'm not referring to the burlblings of conspiracy theorists but rather to those who have methodically examined the phenomenon. I've read a fair amount of that literature over the years, and I recommend it to those who might otherwise find themselves tempted to enter the rabbit hole.

Again:

This whole thread began when I - naively in retrospect - complained about the misuse of the phrase to refer to those who merely suspect continuing secrecy surrounding the Roswell incident. Conspiracy theorists are so far gone, it appears, that - in common, ironically, with their most hyperbolic critics - they want to claim as conspiracy theorists persons who are merely suspicious of official secrecy and sensitive to officialdom's capacity for wrongdoing, whether relatively trivial or out-and-out calamitous.

Here in America, we're awash in ludicrous conspiracy theories, most at the moment from the right. (The golden age of their far-left equivalent was in the late 1960s and early 1970s.) Many begin with the certainty that President Obama is a foreign-born

Marxist/jihadist/socialist/terrorist and proceed from there into the really crazy stuff. The current crisis in Washington results in part from the acceptance of deranged conspiracy theories about the President. In an earlier posting, I cited a poll documenting such extremism in the current Tea Party-dominated Republican Party.

For an excellent examination of real conspiracies vs. conspiracy theories, I recommend - again - Kathryn S. Olmsted's Real Enemies: Conspiracy Theories and American Democracy, World War I to 9/11 (Oxford University Press, 2009). Olmsted argues that real political misdeeds actually create an audience for conspiracy theories by affording them a credibility they could not otherwise claim. I have some reservations about that hypothesis, but it is an interesting and arguable one. Suffice it to say that real history is scary and depressing enough. We don't need paranoia about imagined conspiracies to accomplish that.

>It's worth reiterating the phrase yet again: 'there are no  
>substitutes for evidence and logical analysis' If you want a  
>gold standard for what I'm talking about, check out 'The JFK  
>Assassination Debates: Lone Gunman Versus Conspiracy=E2=80=99 by  
>Michael L. Kurtz (University Press of Kansas). Kurtz is an  
>academic historian and his book is rigorous and balanced,  
>evidenced and analytical. Kurtz's approach to the topic is  
>exemplary.

I've read it. A much better book is Vincent Bugliosi's Reclaiming History: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy (2007), 1600+ pages examining every facet of an ever-evolving modern mythology.

Jerry Clark

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>To: [post.nul](#)  
>Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2013 16:10:30 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing

>>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>Date: Tue, 08 Oct 2013 09:58:39 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing

>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>>Date: Mon, 7 Oct 2013 15:25:19 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing

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>>>To think that I started this thread intending to protect the  
>>>good name of ufologists against the false charge that serious  
>>>interest in UFOs renders one a conspiracy theorist... I'd hate  
>>>to think I was wrong, but so far the evidence on UpDates -  
>>>though I realize from a very small percentage of Listfolk -  
>>>suggests I may have been excessively charitable.

>Your real quarrel is not with me but with historians,  
>journalists, prosecutors, political scientists, and others who  
>have rejected conspiracy theories as a useful explanation for  
>political and social phenomena. I suggest you take your beliefs  
>to them.

>They can explain to you why Jews, Catholics, Masons, Communists,  
>Illuminati, and other conspiracy favorites are not in charge of  
>the world.

>As is often said of pornography, conspiracy theories are hard to  
>define, but one knows one when one sees one. Too many moving  
>parts, for one, with shaky evidence trying to cover for shaky  
>speculations. As I've also noted, conspiracy theories amount to  
>the political equivalent of pornography.

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>psychologists, folklorists, journalists, and others, on  
>conspiracy theory and its pathologies. You should read some of  
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Obviously, Jerry has a different definition of "conspiracy  
theorist" than I do, and that would explain why we are talking  
past each other. For him, it is a pejorative term, while for me  
it is nothing more than descriptive. So if I believe that there  
is a group effort to hide certain facts about UFOs from the  
public, then I am a conspiracy theorist and I don't attempt to  
hide that. It seems Jerry would be offended if anyone accused  
him of the same.

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I would certainly not want Jerry's psychologist, folklorists, journalists, political scientists, and historians to do that analysis. These people probably wouldn't even recognize Isaac Newton's name. For the same reason, I would not expect such people to give an authoritative opinion on whether a UFO's appearance or behaviour was anomalous.

>Enough.

Yes, at least until we can agree on the definition of what is being discussed.

William

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The all-purpose site for such.

<http://debunking911.com/>

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>Jerry Clark

I'm not the world's best educated person, but I don't recall hearing any reasonable explanation as to why WTC building 7 collapsed from any "historians, psychologists, folklorists, journalists, and others."

I've seen news stories of steel frame buildings burn for a couple of days, to the point of being completely gutted, with the frame still standing.

Since all of us mature of years know about human nature, I haven't heard a reasonable explanation why government and their elite colleagues would not cover up really specific information about UFOs either. Historians, psychologists, folklorists, journalists, and others haven't shown why they would not cover up, either, unless I've missed something, which is possible.

Why would the power elite want to release specific UFO information, which might include highly advanced technology? What would their motive be for releasing such?

Eleanor White

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>with too many other factual and logical problems) to be believable.

Gerald, excuse me for jumping in, but Jerry has here given a  
clear definition of conspiracy theory. I had wondered about that  
in my recent reply to him. That is, a conspiracy theory, as  
opposed to a real conspiracy, has too many moving parts and  
other factual and logical problems, to be believable.

By this definition, the official theory about 9/11 qualifies as  
a conspiracy theory rather than a real conspiracy. Just the  
facts about the rate of the towers' descent and the absence of  
sufficient debris on the ground are enough to make this  
distinction. Many more physical inconsistencies have been  
documented. Yet people who don't accept the official theory are  
often painted as unpatriotic, addled nincompoops.

Jerry's definition of the difference between real and non-real  
conspiracy theories seems okay as far as it goes, but when  
people are free to trump physics with their political views when  
determining the facts, then it falls apart. That's why I think  
the work of Judy Wood, PhD in mechanical engineering, is  
important - she tried to deal dispassionately with the facts of  
what happened rather than who did it. Still, there are people  
who intentionally ignore her work, perhaps because of where it  
might lead. Cognitive dissonance is a powerful force and  
demonstrably interferes with the assessment of facts and logic,  
hence, the weakness in Jerry's definition.

William

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Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://devoid.blogs.heraldtribune.com/14130/the-chainsaw-blues/>

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

The Chainsaw Blues

By Billy Cox

There's a scene in "Parkland," the new film about the JFK assassination, where a shaken Abraham Zapruder, played by Paul Giamatti, has this horrific moment of clarity. Not only has he witnessed and inadvertently filmed the breathtaking murder of his hero, he understands his life, and his family's life, will never be the same.

In the blink of an eye, Zapruder has been blasted from anonymity into the glare of multiple law-enforcement agencies. His phone rings off the hook. The media is playing tug-of-war hardball for exclusive publishing rights. Behind closed door, a Life magazine editor has an inside track on fee negotiations. Anguished, guilt-addled, the Dallas clothing manufacturer rightly insists his first priority is to protect the security of his family, whose privacy will be turned inside out through no fault of his own.

Life would ultimately purchase the images for \$150,000; Zapruder would donate \$25,000 to the widow of Dallas PD officer J.D. Tippit, slain minutes after Kennedy was gunned down. Zapruder would never use the Bell and Howell Zoomatic camera again. Nor would the reluctant eyewitness to history keep a copy of the footage that everyone wanted. He died in 1970 at 65. Time flies.

You may have read about the latest Roswell controversy involving two Kodachrome slides rumored to show a dead alien recovered from the alleged 1947 crash site. The reason we're hearing about it now is that

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>To: [post.nul](#)  
>Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2013 11:32:46 -0500  
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing

>>From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>Date: Thu, 10 Oct 2013 09:36:31 -0400  
>>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing

>>>From: Jerome Clark <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
>>>To: [post.nul](#)  
>>>Date: Tue, 8 Oct 2013 16:10:30 -0500  
>>>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Of Conspiracy Theorizing

><snip>

>>>There is a considerable literature, written by historians,  
>>>psychologists, folklorists, journalists, and others, on  
>>>conspiracy theory and its pathologies. You should read some of  
>>>that, but I know you won't, alas. I guess you prefer demonology.

>>At this point, anybody who has any ideas at all about why things  
>>happened on 9/11 is a conspiracy theorist. That includes  
>>adherents to the officially sanctioned theory, since evidence in  
>>its favour was never provided.

>The all-purpose site for such.

><http://debunking911.com/>

But have been a SM fits, but [debunking911.com](http://debunking911.com) features the use  
of at least 277 instances where the word "conspiracy" is used,  
coupled with the same words: conspiracy theorists, conspiracy  
theories, conspiracy sites, conspiracy stories...

This is quite funny.

<http://debunking911.com/links.htm>

features a piece title "911 Case Study: Pentagon Flight 77"  
where a 3D animation allegedly explains all the holes in the  
"conspiracy theorists" ' theories about the Pentagon.

Hilarious to say the least: half a dozen electric poles are  
knocked down and torn apart by the plane's wings, the latter  
remaining pristine all the way to the Pentagon wall where the  
plane simply vaporizes and disappears.

Hmm...

Nevermind that the hole the plane is supposed to produce in the  
wall does not match the in situ documented observations.

But the best on this site tells it all:

<http://debunking911.com/conspiracy.htm>

Titled "The Real Conspiracy", it starts with:

"What a real conspiracy looks like. Real conspiracies have very few players and even then, they are usually exposed. Enron, Watergate, Iran/Contra and the rest have few people involved and someone always comes out to blow the whistle."

Two sentences, one contradiction:

"usually exposed" means, in plain English, "not always" and, thus, there are conspiracies that are never, or not yet, exposed.

It is clearly in conflict with the next idea "someone always comes to blow the whistle."

The authors of this website, obviously have not visited:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tuskegee\\_syphilis\\_experiment](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tuskegee_syphilis_experiment)

"The Tuskegee syphilis experiment was an infamous clinical study conducted between 1932 and 1972 by the U.S. Public Health Service to study the natural progression of untreated syphilis in rural African American men who thought they were receiving free health care from the U.S. government."

Fourty years for crying out loud.

"The Tuskegee Syphilis Study, cited as arguably the most infamous biomedical research study in U.S. history (...)"

This just proves that conspiracies can last a long time before they get discovered.

If you think that this was then, and that now this wouldn't be possible, think again.

The UFO paradigm has been going on for, what?, 66 years now, if we count from 1947?

"Conspiracy theory" has no place in any serious discussion.

Vincent Boudreau

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## Man Says 1973 UFO Incident Turned Life Upside Down

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 12 Oct 2013 12:27:42 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 12 Oct 2013 12:27:42 -0400  
Subject: Man Says 1973 UFO Incident Turned Life Upside Down

Source: [NewYorkDailyNews.Com](http://NewYorkDailyNews.Com)

<http://tinyurl.com/kbq39b8>

Friday, October 11, 2013

Man Says 1973 UFO Incident Turned Life Upside Down  
The Associated Press

Calvin Parker Jr. has never come to terms with what he still says was a meeting with gray, crab-clawed creatures on the banks of the Pascagoula River forty years ago Friday.

PASCAGOULA, Miss. -- Charles Hickson never regretted the notoriety that came his way after he told authorities he encountered an unidentified flying object and its occupants 40 years ago on the banks of the Pascagoula River. Until his death in 2011, Hickson told his story to anyone who would listen.

But Calvin Parker Jr., the other man present for one of the most high-profile UFO cases in American history, has never come to terms with what he still says was a visit with gray, crab-clawed creatures from somewhere else. He says the encounter on Oct. 11, 1973, turned his life upside down.

"This is something I really didn't want to happen", Parker told The Associated Press as the 40th anniversary of the encounter approached.

Parker was unnerved by initial crush of unwelcome attention, with newsmen and UFO enthusiasts overrunning Walker Shipyard, where he and Hickson worked. He tried to dodge the spotlight for decades, moving frequently before returning to Mississippi's Gulf Coast in recent years.

The incident made headlines, sparked a

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## Re: Man Says 1973 UFO Incident Turned Life Upside

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 13 Oct 2013 13:54:58 +0100  
Archived: Sun, 13 Oct 2013 09:36:31 -0400  
Subject: Re: Man Says 1973 UFO Incident Turned Life Upside

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Have read several accounts of this event and got the impression that Hickson stayed more or less aware throughout while Parker 'lost it' fairly early on and was still semi-hysterical when they got to the police.

More interesting, and maybe an indicator of the attitude of 'authority' to the UFO phenomenon was the fact that the police planted a 'bug' or listening device in the room with Hickson and Parker.

That sort of invasion of privacy could be justified by police in the case of suspected criminals: kidnappers, murderers etc. - on the grounds of public safety. Yet these were two ordinary citizens reporting an event which had left them 'clearly terrified', as the police themselves admitted.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Man Says 1973 UFO Incident Turned Life Upside

From: **Steven Kaeser** <[steve.nul](mailto:steve.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 13 Oct 2013 14:18:29 -0400  
Archived: Sun, 13 Oct 2013 22:41:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: Man Says 1973 UFO Incident Turned Life Upside

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>terrified', as the police themselves admitted.

This is an incident that has been investigated and analyzed over the years, and I have the original taped interview of Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, Jr. by the Pascagoula, MS Sheriff's Department, obtained from Wendy Connors and William Jones, and posted on my (very outdated) web site. This particular audio clip should be found here:

<http://www.konsulting.com/Hickson-Parker%2024-bit.WAV>

There are a handful of other audio clips that may be of interest, and the listing can be found at:

[http://www.konsulting.com/audio\\_clips.htm](http://www.konsulting.com/audio_clips.htm)

As I recall, Parker was more affected by the encounter, and both men had been drinking through the night. Psychotherapist Peter (Steven) Resta has given presentations on this case in Maryland, and I believe he interviewed Parker.

Steve

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## UFO Close Shave

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2013 12:33:41 +0700 (GMT+07:00)  
Archived: Thu, 17 Oct 2013 05:14:15 -0400  
Subject: UFO Close Shave

Source: Fortean Times #303

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Flyingsaucery: UFO Close Shave

The latest in a long series of near-misses with unidentified objects reported by civilian aircrew was revealed in a report published by the Civil Aviation Authority's Airprox Board in March.

An Airbus A320 had a close shave with a UFO as it made its final approach in broad daylight to Glasgow airport on 2 December last year.

The board heard the aircraft was at 3,500ft (1,070m) above the city in clear conditions when the pilot and co-pilot saw an object "loom ahead" just 330ft (100m) away. Before they could react, the object passed 300ft (90m) beneath them, but not before they caught a fleeting glimpse of it. They said it was blue and yellow or silver in colour with a small frontal area "bigger than a balloon."

Air traffic control saw nothing on radar, but radar at Prestwick did spot an "unidentified track history" 1.3 nautical miles to the east of airbus's position, 28 seconds earlier.

Anecdotal evidence suggests aircrew have been reluctant to file air-miss reports, but in this case the pilot did because he believed the risk of a collision was high.

This was fortunate because in the absence of any MoD interest in UFO reports, the CAA's Airprox Board is the only remaining official body in the UK with a remit to conduct detailed investigations of puzzling incidents like this one, albeit purely with a safety remit.

They checked and eliminated all the likely candidates for the identify of the "untraced aircraft", including small fixed-wing aircraft, hot-air balloons and gliders or paramotors. These, and meteorological balloons, were all ruled out as unlikely due to the lack of a radar signature, leaving the board unable to reach any firm conclusion as to the cause.

BBC News West Scotland, 1 May; Airprox report 2012166/UKAB meeting 20 Mar 2013.

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## SETI Could Now Hunt Alien Transmitters

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Oct 2013 19:00:49 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 18 Oct 2013 19:00:49 -0400  
Subject: SETI Could Now Hunt Alien Transmitters

Source: Discovery.Com

<http://tinyurl.com/o434dvl>

Oct 16, 2013

SETI Could Hunt Alien Transmitters In The Solar System

We now have the technology to go snooping for extraterrestrials in our own backyard. No, not as close as little green men cutting up crop circles; instead, we should be able to detect an alien device positioned somewhere between the sun to 30 times farther out than Pluto.

What would aliens place 100 billion miles from the sun? Michael Gillon of the Observatory of Geneva, Switzerland wrote in a recent paper that extraterrestrials who are surveying our solar system with one or more artificially intelligent probes would need to set up a very powerful transmitter to the send data back to their home planet.

13 Ways to Hunt Intelligent Aliens

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

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## 10 Questions For 'Ufologist' Jim Ledwith

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 18 Oct 2013 19:05:22 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 18 Oct 2013 19:05:22 -0400  
Subject: 10 Questions For 'Ufologist' Jim Ledwith

Source: [Sonoma.Towns.Pressdemocrat.Com/](http://Sonoma.Towns.Pressdemocrat.Com/)

<http://tinyurl.com/mdkt4sg>

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10 Questions For 'Ufologist' Jim Ledwith

By DIANNE REBER HART - by profession, a Ufologist by passion. He has a lifelong interest in unidentified flying objects, extraterrestrials and other unknowns of the outer dimensions. At 68, he is a passionate lecturer and researcher dedicated to educating the public about the world beyond.

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## Are We Observing ETI Without Realizing It?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 19 Oct 2013 12:21:23 +0100  
Archived: Sat, 19 Oct 2013 19:09:08 -0400  
Subject: Are We Observing ETI Without Realizing It?

Hello List,

<http://tinyurl.com/olkrbv>

is a HuffPost Science page titled "Are We Observing Extraterrestrial Intelligence Without Realizing It?" which quotes Clement Vidal's opinion that some 'semi-detached' binary stars with irregular (but not out-of-control) energy flows might actually be a sign of Kardashev Type I or II civilizations actively milking stars for power.

Vidal has a PDF version of his wider thoughts on Life and Cosmology at:

<http://arxiv.org/ftp/arxiv/papers/1301/1301.1648.pdf>

which is worth a look.

I especially like the preface, which tells how a conformist relative recommended him to see a psychiatrist to help him 'stop thinking so much'!

As you might know, my opinion is that's what most psychiatrists want - to stop you thinking. Maybe see:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2012/apr/m11-011.shtml>

Cheers

Ray D

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>cutting up crop circles; instead, we should be able to detect an  
>alien device positioned somewhere between the sun to 30 times  
>farther out than Pluto.

I don't know about crop circles, but I do know that an ET  
presence that could get into our solar system could get to  
earth. It sounds to me as if whoever wrote this may be whistling  
past the SETI graveyard.

Jerry Clark

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## Famous People Who Believe In ETs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Oct 2013 06:10:51 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 21 Oct 2013 06:10:51 -0400  
Subject: Famous People Who Believe In ETs

Source: International Business Times Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/m7sl4b7>

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UFOs & Aliens: Famous People Who Believe In Extraterrestrials

Stories about UFOs are top movie themes but some celebrities also believe in them and by extension, believe in aliens too. But it's not just celebs who believe in UFOs and extraterrestrials. According to historical accounts, there are also a number of famous people from history who believe that we are not alone. From Elvis to former U.S. Presidents, famous believers of the UFO phenomenon come from diverse backgrounds.

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Archived: Mon, 21 Oct 2013 06:15:03 -0400  
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<snip>

>energy flows might actually be a sign of Kardashev Type I or II  
>civilizations actively milking stars for power.

<snip>

Ray,

I love it when scientists (or philosophers :) toss numbers about, as though it may give credence to their speculations.

I'll toss some numbers about:

1. Energy consumed by us on Earth:  $4 * 10^{12}$  Watts
2. Energy produced by Sun:  $10^{26}$  W

I couldn't find the figures for total Suns energy received by Earth, but it is about 1400 W/sq.meter.

Estimates I've seen indicate the the Suns energy received by Earth is thousands of times greater that our present consumption.

Many people are working on making solar power more efficient, and this is good, but not enough folks are working on systems to recover energy from the vacuum (ZPE), which, in theory, contains infinite energy. (for an explanation of the vacuum, see my reference to Don Hotsons work in this list)

Since there is ~zero theoretical support for techniques for extracting energy directly from stars, and significant support for ZPE, I would suggest that advanced civilizations would use ZPE for their energy needs. The speculation about energy flows and 'Kardashev civlizations' is as unlikely as a bacterias rotating flagellum forming by chance.

>As you might know, my opinion is that's what most psychiatrists  
>want - to stop you thinking.

I would venture to say that any objective view of humanity indicates that we stopped thinking a long time ago. :)

Albert

BTW: I actually agree with one of Vidals ideas, i.e. "...that something has always existed...".

I don't want to read all 366 pages of Vidals ideas, as he seems to be thoroughly grounded in Institutionalized Science. For example, he associates Intelligent Design with religion and God, a classic anti-ID strawman argument. The actual situation is

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that Science and Religion differ little, if at all.

Not worth a read. Read Hotson instead.

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## Jerry Clark On The Paracast 10-20-13

From: **Eleanor White** <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Sun, 20 Oct 2013 22:25:47 -0400  
Archived: Mon, 21 Oct 2013 06:17:07 -0400  
Subject: Jerry Clark On The Paracast 10-20-13

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This was on the October 20, 2013 show date.

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## UK National Archives Release UFO Files & Apps For

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Oct 2013 11:10:18 +0700 (GMT+07:00)  
Archived: Mon, 21 Oct 2013 06:37:39 -0400  
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<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ufos/>

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/ufo-files-uk/id651506199?ls=1&mt=8>

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Oct 2013 06:31:11 -0400  
Archived: Tue, 22 Oct 2013 06:31:11 -0400  
Subject: A Valentich Connection?

Bill Chalker: "The 'Strange days, strange tales' - a Valentich connection? story is about an investigation George Simpson and I are doing of a very weird story - where a farmer claims he saw the Valentich plane somehow attached to a massive UFO the day after his disappearance."

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Source: Bill Chalker's The Oz Files Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/kxg26vp>

Friday, October 18, 2013

Strange Days, Strange Tales =96 A Valentich Connection?

On Monday 21 October 2013 35 years will have passed since young pilot Frederick Valentich disappeared on a flight to King Island in Bass Strait.

It is one of the major aviation mysteries of Australia.

The following article has been prepared to see if there is anyone out there who can help with information pertinent to the story revealed here.

Background can be found via the following link:

<http://theozfiles.blogspot.com.au/2012/06/valentich-file-revealed.html>

Consider this as a preliminary progress report on some strange days and strange tales in the lives of some UFO researchers pursuing a possible resolution of one of the stranger folios from the OZ Files =96 the Australian UFO story.

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## Re: Are We Observing ETI Without Realizing It?

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Oct 2013 12:16:12 +0100  
Archived: Tue, 22 Oct 2013 06:34:02 -0400  
Subject: Re: Are We Observing ETI Without Realizing It?

>From: Albert Baier <[albertgbaier.nul](mailto:albertgbaier.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Sun, 20 Oct 2013 12:10:00 -0500  
>Subject: Re: Are We Observing ETI Without Realizing It?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
>>To: <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>>Date: Sat, 19 Oct 2013 12:21:23 +0100  
>>Subject: Are We Observing ETI Without Realizing It?

><snip>

>>energy flows might actually be a sign of Kardashev Type I or II  
>>civilizations actively milking stars for power.

<snip>

>Many people are working on making solar power more efficient,  
>and this is good, but not enough folks are working on systems to  
>recover energy from the vacuum (ZPE), which, in theory, contains  
>infinite energy. (for an explanation of the vacuum, see my  
>reference to Don Hotsons work in this list)

<snip>

>The actual situation is that Science and Religion differ little,  
>if at all.

<snip>

Hi Albert,

Yup, have to agree with much of that and commented on the modern  
'science/religion' situation earlier:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2013/jan/m13-003.shtml>

And, while as you say, that Vacuum Energy does appear to be  
infinite, would recommend care. I've long had a sneaky feeling  
that other 'constants' might depend on the ZPE - when viewing it  
as a form of 'ether', and posted a caution to that effect some  
time ago:

<http://www.ufoupdateslist.com/2011/nov/m23-008.shtml>

Here's extracts:

"Should we even try at this stage of our development? Don't  
forget that any meaningful experiment of ours will be instantly  
detectable across the Galaxy, and maybe the Universe. [Maybe  
that's the qualification for the Galactic Club - being able to  
use the 'Ether' without destroying your home planet?]"

and

"If the most advanced civilizations are aware of any such  
dangers (and we should expect them to be), would a Galactic  
Police Force immediately react to a primitive group (like us)  
messing with the thermostat?"

Cheers

Ray D

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## Re: Jerry Clark On The Paracast 10-20-13

From: **Jerome Clark** <[jkclark.nul](mailto:jkclark.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Oct 2013 08:54:57 -0500  
Archived: Tue, 22 Oct 2013 06:36:17 -0400  
Subject: Re: Jerry Clark On The Paracast 10-20-13

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 20 Oct 2013 22:25:47 -0400  
>Subject: Jerry Clark On The Paracast 10-20-13

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Hi, Eleanor,

It's hard to express oneself on a subject on which even  
something so basic as a vocabulary exists.

The problem is the way we speak of it. You say "other  
dimensions." I'm not saying you're wrong or right. Nobody knows.  
It is, at the same time, easy to try to define even if the  
definition tells us nothing that really helps us.

Unless "other dimensions" can be established and their workings  
demonstrated, the phrase is no more than a couple of words of  
the sort we habitually throw at a range of phenomenal  
experiences we have no way of grasping. From what I've seen of  
the content of experience anomalies, it looks very much as if  
whatever its ultimate nature, it is filtered through human  
expectation and perceived in forms recognizable from prevailing  
cultural beliefs about the supernatural and the otherworldly. If  
we're talking "other dimensions," we're not using the usual  
science-fiction definition, which is to say other planets by  
another definition.

When I said such things have no "meaning" (except as some people  
may draw religious inferences from them), I should have noted  
that it is possible for human beings as a whole to conduct the  
modern world on the presumption that anomalous experiences  
amount to no more than the usual list of suspects: mental  
illness, delusions, mistakes, hoaxes. Witnesses, society judges,  
are fit only to be ridiculed or to occasion embarrassment when  
they are unwise enough to speak up.

The overall lesson appears to be that, whatever it is, the

significance of experience anomalies is not self-evident. They're just things we undergo on usually unexpected occasion, and they don't fit -- by a long shot -- into any sort of current understanding. "Experience anomalies" is intended to be a description, of course, not an explanation.

The phrase came to me 20 years when I was writing about anomalies and thinking of an expression that would allow that people's strange encounters occur in some vivid "real" sense but that would not commit the analyst to a literal reading of them. In my opinion, the debate about anomalies, waged by literalists (proponents, believers) and rejectionists (skeptics, debunkers), stalled centuries ago because the two sides have held absolutist and unjustifiable positions which demand far too much of the available evidence.

(Yes, there are event anomalies, too, but we needn't go there here.)

My own experience anomalies -- one involved observations of a phantom doglike animal in our front yard on three summer evenings -- may be spectacularly devoid of any (then or since) detectable moral, point, larger meaning, portent, personal or cosmic uplift, or whatever. To everything I could discern, they were random and meaningless.

For a full explication if you're interested, see the introductory essay "Grappling with the Anomalous" in my book *Unexplained*, 3rd ed., Visible Ink Press, 2012. That piece represents a lifetime of conclusion after decades at this.

Jerry Clark

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From: Peter Davenport <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 21 Oct 2013 09:55:33 -0700  
Archived: Tue, 22 Oct 2013 06:39:39 -0400  
Subject: Re: SETI Could Now Hunt Alien Transmitters

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>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Sun, 20 Oct 2013 09:36:02 -0500  
>Subject: Re: SETI Could Now Hunt Alien Transmitters

>>Source: Discovery.Com

>><http://tinyurl.com/o434dvl>

>>Oct 16, 2013

>>SETI Could Hunt Alien Transmitters In The Solar System

>>We now have the technology to go snooping for extraterrestrials in our  
>>own backyard. No, not as close as little green men cutting up crop  
>>circles; instead, we should be able to detect an alien device  
>>positioned somewhere between the sun to 30 times farther out than  
>>Pluto.

>I don't know about crop circles, but I do know that an ET  
>presence that could get into our solar system could get to  
>earth. It sounds to me as if whoever wrote this may be  
>whistling past the SETI graveyard.

Jerry, et al:

I can't help but wonder what will happen inside the walls of SETI, should one of their group ever elect to read any one of my papers or articles on the use of "passive" radar for detecting UFOs. When my latest paper was published by MUFON in July 2004, the U. S. intelligence community was certainly paying attention. They contacted me about it, and wanted to know how far along the project had been developed.

If we ufologists are correct in our belief that Earth is being visited by alien craft, we need not look very far to detect them, and "passive" radar is the way to do it. The technology may allow us to detect targets out to a distance of the Earth's moon, and do so clandestinely.

Should anyone be interested, my latest paper, entitled, "Using Multistatic Passive Radar for Real-Time Detection of UFOs in the Near-Earth Environment", can be accessed from NUFORC homepage.

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Peter  
NUFORC

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## Five Billion Years Of Solitude

From: Diana Cammack <[cammack.nul](mailto:cammack.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Oct 2013 12:20:27 +0200  
Archived: Tue, 22 Oct 2013 07:02:24 -0400  
Subject: Five Billion Years Of Solitude

Review: Five Billion Years Of Solitude

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The last two decades have seen an avalanche of extrasolar planet discoveries, raising hopes that the discovery of a true Earth-like exoplanet is around the corner. Jeff Foust reviews a book that offers an eloquent overview of the state of research and the possibility these discoveries will come to a halt just as we're on the verge of ending our cosmic solitude.

<http://www.thespacereview.com/article/2381/1>

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From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Oct 2013 19:06:05 -0400  
Archived: Wed, 23 Oct 2013 14:21:42 -0400  
Subject: Re: SETI Could Now Hunt Alien Transmitters

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## Grenada UFO Document To UN

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <[tlticchetti.nul](mailto:tlticchetti.nul)>  
Date: Tue, 22 Oct 2013 17:06:09 -0700 (PDT)  
Archived: Wed, 23 Oct 2013 14:24:07 -0400  
Subject: Grenada UFO Document To UN

Dear listers,

In the mid-1970s, the Prime Minister of the new member state of Grenada, Sir Eric Gairy, began a lobbying initiative to incorporate the UFO problem in the United Nations agenda.

I am searching for this official document sent or presented to the UN. Can you help me, please?

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From: Peter Davenport <[director.nul](mailto:director.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 23 Oct 2013 11:50:46 -0700  
Archived: Thu, 24 Oct 2013 12:42:58 -0400  
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Eleanor,

Thank you for the kind words of support for the project. I agree with your comments concerning how the use of "passive" radar would serve to propel UFO research "light years" into the future, relative to our current means of investigation.

I have assembled a team of engineers, whose talents will permit the construction of a prototype "passive" radar detector. Once a prototype is completed, we will be able to assemble a detection station for an estimated \$5,000-\$10,000...a fairly paltry sum, given what it will allow us to do.

Now, what is needed is someone who is willing to fund it. I have been to not fewer than four billionaires, who profess an interest in ufology, but have yet to have a penny committed to the project. A very strange circumstance, by my measure!

I invite members of the list to peruse my paper on "passive" radar, if they have not done so, already. I invite comments and recommendations regarding the proposal, and how we might get it underway. If the system works, it will serve to end the debate about whether our planet is being visited, or not.

Peter

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## Klass' Skeptic UFO Newsletter Searchable PDFs

From: Isaac Koi <[isaackoi.nul](mailto:isaackoi.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 23 Oct 2013 21:46:28 +0100  
Archived: Thu, 24 Oct 2013 12:48:06 -0400  
Subject: Klass' Skeptic UFO Newsletter Searchable PDFs

Luis R. Gonzalez (a Spanish researcher) has scanned his almost complete run of xerox copies of Klass' Skeptic UFO Newsletter, and filled the gaps with the help of others.

Only a small number of issues are currently available online, at the CSICOP website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/kbhvsm3>

Presumably CSI/CSICOP had permission from Klass or his estate to make available the few SUN newsletters currently on its website.

If so:

(1) Perhaps CSI/CSICOP will give permission for me to share a link to a much more complete collection of SUN, as searchable PDF files, on a free file storage website;

and/or

(2) CSI/CSICOP may like to make this more complete collection available to download from its own website.

I uploaded searchable PDF versions of a complete collection of the Skeptic's UFO Newsletter (issues 1 to 76 inclusive) to a private online folder and provided the relevant link to CSICOP in August and again a couple of weeks ago.

I have yet to receive any positive answer to either of the above possibilities or any reasons for refusing the requests.

Usually, after failing to obtain a relevant permission after one or two requests I just drop the matter and move on to the next item in my long ufological "to do" list. However, I'm making an exception here since I'd like to see the work done by Luis Gonzalez being shared, whether on the CSICOP website or elsewhere.

I'm getting a bit fed up with all the time and effort that various researchers have put into various project that end up not being shared.

If anyone has a good relationship with CSICOP then perhaps they could have a word with someone there...

All the best,

Isaac

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### Former Presidential Candidate Wades In On ETs

From: **Victor Viggiani** <[zland.nul](mailto:zland.nul)>  
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Archived: Fri, 25 Oct 2013 09:27:06 -0400  
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Former US Presidential Candidate And Senator Wades In On  
Extraterrestrials

An Exclusive Canadian Radio Interview

Toronto [ZNN] This Sunday Oct 27 at 12:00 midnight EST, former US Senator and Presidential candidate Mike Gravel will be interviewed by Canadian radio broadcaster Richard Syrett about the former Senator's position on the evidence he heard as part of the panel of former Congressional leaders at the Washington National Press Club in May of 2013 regarding extraterrestrials and UFOs. Richard will be joined by ZNN News Director Victor Viggiani.

#### Background

The Congressional Hearing on Disclosure - conducted over five days included 40 witnesses providing over 30 hours of firsthand testimony about the UFO phenomenon and an extraterrestrial presence that may be engaging the planet.

Testimony was given by airline and military pilots, FAA administrators, police officers, nuclear missile launch commanders, a former NASA astronaut - Dr. Edgar Mitchell and the former Canadian Minister of Defence and Deputy Prime Minister the Hon. Paul Hellyer.

In a final summation statement Gravel said: "If it's out there - if it's real - we have a right to know."

During an earlier interview he stated -after his own research and the hearing's 30 hours of witness testimony: "The government of the United States is in total denial of this [the UFO/ET issue]."

Gravel maintains the US Congress will avoid official hearings on the UFO/ET matter because of the political risks involved. He further stated that: " =85 [T]he White House - that they don't know anything about it - that they don't have any files - that's an out-right lie."

Gravel was very clear in his assessment that military officials who were involved in the cover-up - specifically during the Roswell incident were intimidated and forced to sign non-disclosure agreements.

These interviews of military officials and renowned researchers will remain as overwhelming evidence that the UFO/ET matter has been discussed, analyzed and sequestered at the highest levels of governance on the planet. Gravel added: "The nature of the military and the nature of those in power in this country is they have a perception totally towards secrecy."

Following the Gravel interview - Richard Syrett and Victor

Viggiani will discuss the Senator's revelations with lawyer and international human rights activist Daniel P. Sheehan and researcher Linda Moulton Howe.

Why would a former US Senator risk his reputation and standing in American history by coming forward to challenge the US government to end its embargo on the truth about the UFO/ET matter?

To find out - tune in to AM 740 Radio in Toronto or listen live on the net to The Conspiracy Show with Richard Syrett at:

<http://www.zoomerradio.ca>

- Click there - ON LISTEN LIVE

Watch segments of the Citizen Hearing at:

<http://www.citizenshearing.org>

Read the Toronto Star's coverage of the Citizen Hearing on Disclosure at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ktxvurr>

Visit former Senator Mike Gravel's web site at:

<http://www.mikegravel.us>

Details on this interview at:

<http://www.richardsyrett.com>

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## Here's To The New Normal - Cox

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Oct 2013 09:47:53 -0400  
Archived: Fri, 25 Oct 2013 09:47:53 -0400  
Subject: Here's To The New Normal - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/mtnkel3>

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Here's To The New Normal  
By Billy Cox, Herald-Tribune

Oh, to have contacts in Peru.

De Void's most cynical impulse is to write off UFO headlines emanating from that South American nation last week as a distraction from some recent troubling corruption stories. Last week is when we also learned the World Bank estimates 80 percent of Peru's logging exports are illegally harvested, and that an estimated 15,000 dolphins are slaughtered off its Pacific coast each year by fisherman who mutilate their cetacean kills into shark bait. Yeah, you'd definitely like to swing the international spotlight away from that skank.

On the other hand, Peru's announced plans to rouse its dormant UFO research office, OIFAA, from slumber merely conforms to evolving regional attitudes on the phenomenon. Chile, Ecuador, Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay all conduct official UFO investigations, unencumbered by the sort of silly adolescent political/media blowback those sorts of initiatives would surely provoke here in the States. In fact, DINEA, Peru's Office of Aerospace Interests, actually invited the press to attend the formal announcement last Friday in Lima. Imagine the feeding frenzy in the U.S. under parallel circumstances: "Jobless Claims Rise While Gov't Chases Flying Saucers", "Congressional Outrage: 'No Greenbacks for Little Green Men!'" "Close Encounters of the Slurred Kind!"

Truth is, De Void would love to know how much it'll cost Peruvian taxpayers to resuscitate OIFAA. Best guess:

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## Re: Grenada UFO Document To UN

From: **Steven Bassett** <[prqlists.nul](mailto:prqlists.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 23 Oct 2013 11:51:33 -0700  
Archived: Sat, 26 Oct 2013 09:48:28 -0400  
Subject: Re: Grenada UFO Document To UN

>From: Thiago Luiz Ticchetti <[tlticchetti.nul](mailto:tlticchetti.nul)>  
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[post.nul](mailto:post.nul)>  
>Date: Tue, 22 Oct 2013 17:06:09 -0700 (PDT)  
>Subject: Grenada UFO Document To UN

>In the mid-1970s, the Prime Minister of the new member state of  
>Grenada, Sir Eric Gairy, began a lobbying initiative to  
>incorporate the UFO problem in the United Nations agenda.

>I am searching for this official document sent or presented to  
the UN. Can you help me, please?

See it at:

<http://tinyurl.com/kb59grc>

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## Re: Former Presidential Candidate Wades In On ETs

From: **Eleanor White** <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
Date: Fri, 25 Oct 2013 18:28:29 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 26 Oct 2013 09:49:51 -0400  
Subject: Re: Former Presidential Candidate Wades In On ETs

>From: Victor Viggiani <[zland.nul](mailto:zland.nul)>  
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Eleanor White

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## Re: Former Presidential Candidate Wades In On ETs

From: Victor Viggiani <[zland.nul](mailto:zland.nul)>  
Date: Sat, 26 Oct 2013 10:32:58 -0400  
Archived: Sat, 26 Oct 2013 11:18:46 -0400  
Subject: Re: Former Presidential Candidate Wades In On ETs

>From: Eleanor White <[ewraven1.nul](mailto:ewraven1.nul)>  
>To: [post.nul](mailto:post.nul)  
>Date: Fri, 25 Oct 2013 18:28:29 -0400  
>Subject: Re: Former Presidential Candidate Wades In On ETs

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>Will there be an archive for this, Victor?

Hi Eleanor

Usually Richard puts the program on his web site the following  
day in the Past Show Archive:

<http://www.richardsyrett.com>

Regards

Victor

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## "Thought" Definition

From: Ray Dickenson <[r.dickenson.nul](mailto:r.dickenson.nul)>  
Date: Mon, 28 Oct 2013 19:59:05 -0000  
Archived: Tue, 29 Oct 2013 06:41:27 -0400  
Subject: "Thought" Definition

Hello List,

Today was idly listening to 'The Museum of Curiosity' - a somewhat jokey BBC R4 radio program

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03f92qc>

and a visiting contributor Professor Kevin Warwick (cybernetics: University of Reading - the pillock who had a chip implanted in his arm some years ago).

He seems a strong AI believer and talked about growing brain neurones on an electrode or assembly of electrodes which in turn are connected to a robot body equipped with sense "organs" - i.e. simulating sight, touch, hearing and other attributes. He claimed that when the robot 'body' sends such info to the neuronc 'brain', which then responds by apparently ordering some movement or other reaction by the 'body' - then that fulfils the definition of conscious "thinking", and "reacting" like a human.

I'm not so sure.

Cheers

Ray D

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## Area 51 Secret Aircraft And Soviet MiGs

From: Terry W. Colvin <[fortean1.nul](mailto:fortean1.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Oct 2013 11:04:08 +0700 (GMT+07:00)  
Archived: Wed, 30 Oct 2013 06:50:56 -0400  
Subject: Area 51 Secret Aircraft And Soviet MiGs

This release contains a wealth of documents re stealth technology, Soviet MiGs analysis and reverse engineering, and a teensy weensy mention of UFOs and ETs.

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TWC: Quick Link:

<http://www2.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB443/>

The Area 51 File: Secret Aircraft And Soviet MiGs

Declassified Documents Describe Stealth Facility In Nevada

National Security Archive Electronic Briefing Book No. 443

Posted - October 29, 2013

Edited by Jeffrey T. Richelson

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Washington, D.C., October 29, 2013 - The CIA's history of the U-2 spy plane, declassified this past summer, sparked enormous public attention to the U-2's secret test site at Area 51 in Nevada, but documents posted today by the National Security Archive

[www.nsarchive.org](http://www.nsarchive.org)

show that Area 51 played an even more central role in the development of the U.S. Air Force's top secret stealth programs in the 1970s and 1980s, and hosted secretly obtained Soviet MiG fighters during the Cold War.

Compiled and edited by Archive senior fellow Jeffrey T. Richelson, today's e-book posting includes more than 60 declassified documents. Some of the documents specifically focus on Area 51 and the concern for maintaining secrecy about activities at the facility. Included is a 1961 memo from the CIA's inspector general raising the issue of security, and a response reporting the shared concerns of the CIA Deputy Director for Plans, Richard Bissell. Security concerns led to consideration of photographing the area with U.S. reconnaissance assets and a debate over the possible release of a photograph of the facility taken by SKYLAB astronauts.

Other documents focus on the aircraft tested at the facility (and their operational use) - particularly the stealth F-117. Those documents include a variety of histories of the F-117 squadron, with details on participation in operations and exercises. In addition, there are extracts from two reports on accidents involving F-117 aircraft, as well as histories and assessments of F-117 deployment in operations DESERT STORM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Also included are fact sheets concerning three programs, at least two of which were tested at Area 51 - the

Bird of Prey and TACIT BLUE.

In addition to documents on F-117 operations, a number of documents focus on the development of stealth capability. One of those, is the mathematical analysis by Russian physicist and engineer P. Ya. Ufimtsev that former Lockheed Skunk Works director Ben Rich called "the Rosetta Stone breakthrough for stealth technology."

Also represented in the post is another type of activity at Area 51 - the exploitation of covertly acquired Soviet MiGs. Included is a 300-page Defense Intelligence Agency report on the exploitation of the MiG-21, a project titled HAVE DOUGHNUT. Other documents concern the exploitation effort concerning two MiG-17s, efforts named HAVE DRILL and HAVE FERRY.

Check out today's posting at the National Security Archive's website:

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB443/>

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## [Levengood] At Peace In Obscurity - Cox

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Date: Thu, 31 Oct 2013 07:09:14 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 31 Oct 2013 07:09:14 -0400  
Subject: [Levengood] At Peace In Obscurity - Cox

Source: Billy Cox's Blog De Void

<http://tinyurl.com/kkoykrk>

Thursday, October 17, 2013

At Peace In Obscurity  
By Billy Cox, Herald-Tribune

So how will the groundbreaking research of biophysicist William Levengood ultimately be regarded? For colleague Nancy Talbot, writing an obituary tribute on the controversial crop-circle investigator who died in September at 88, Levengood will go down as a visionary when science decides to catch up. "His work has laid a foundation upon which future scientific efforts will build," she wrote, "and he will be remembered by many other people with whom he worked on additional not-yet-understood 'anomalous' phenomena."

But Levengood's passing went largely unnoticed otherwise, with barely a shrug from the UFO crowd. His death now leaves Talbot as the sole survivor of the BLT Research Team, which began making news in the Nineties for documenting truly remarkable biological abnormalities that appear to be percolating inside some crop circles. John Burke, the "B" in the BLT acronym, died in 2010. Today, Talbot carries on from Cambridge, Mass., despite that fact that her resources "have dwindled to almost nothing."

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## U-2 & Oxcart History - CIA-FOIA Website

From: **Albert Baier** <[albertgbaier.nul](mailto:albertgbaier.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Oct 2013 11:17:05 -0500  
Archived: Thu, 31 Oct 2013 07:11:36 -0400  
Subject: U-2 & Oxcart History - CIA-FOIA Website

Listers,

I've just finished reading the CIAs history of the U-2  
and SR-71 programs:

[http://www.foia.cia.gov/sites/default/files/DOC\\_0000190094.pdf](http://www.foia.cia.gov/sites/default/files/DOC_0000190094.pdf)

Fascinating stuff. Read about the explosion of UFO reports after  
the U-2 high altitude testing started: pp. 72-73, (pp.85-86 in  
the pdf) I would have liked to use some quotes, but as it is  
scanned, that would require a lot of typing, or some heavy OCR  
work. I believe it's worth downloading the whole thing anyway.

Albert

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## Re: "Thought" Definition

From: William Treurniet <[wtreurniet.nul](mailto:wtreurniet.nul)>  
Date: Wed, 30 Oct 2013 14:42:12 -0400  
Archived: Thu, 31 Oct 2013 07:13:00 -0400  
Subject: Re: "Thought" Definition

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>some movement or other reaction by the 'body' - then that  
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>like a human.

>I'm not so sure.

Even with the fuzzy definition of consciousness that most people  
have, I'm pretty sure few would say that a thermostat is  
conscious.

William

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