

# MacLaine confidant in town

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UFOs and extraterrestrial creatures do exist and are watching earthlings to make sure they do not blow up the planet.

That's the message of Charles Silva, an author and lecturer who says he has been inside UFOs and has talked with people from other planets.

Silva, 41, who lives in Lima, Peru, is in Madison this week to present workshops and lectures Friday through Sunday sponsored by the

Aloha Herb Center. He is the confidant and guide to Shirley MacLaine mentioned in her best-selling book, "Out on a Limb," which describes her experiences with psychic phenomena.

Wednesday, Silva, a former movie premier, said he became convinced that UFOs exist in 1974. He was in Peru promoting the movie "The Sting" when he saw UFOs, which he described as multicolored, metallic objects that were in the shape of two cereal bowls placed against each other.

He later met a young woman who claimed she was from another world.

Naturally, Silva laughed and told the woman: "Nice meeting you -- I'm Napoleon Bonaparte."

But after talking with the woman more, Silva realized she was telling the truth. He became convinced of the existence of extraterrestrials, he said, "when they finally got me inside the spaceship for a ride."

Silva said he stayed in contact with the extraterrestrials for about 14 months. They came from several parts of the universe, he said, including one of the moons of Jupiter.

The reason UFOs come to earth is

"to see that we don't blow our planet apart," he said. "The balance of the universe is at stake here."

Ms. MacLaine first met Silva after reading his book, "Date with the Gods." Eventually they went to Peru to talk with people with UFO experiences and visit ancient ruins like Machu Picchu, the walled Inca city.

Ms. MacLaine believes she once was an Inca princess, Silva said.

In Ms. MacLaine's book, Silva is referred to as "David."

Silva will present a lecture at 8 p.m. Friday at the Ramada Inn, 2041 E. Washington Ave. Admission is \$12. Workshops focusing on revelations, astral projection, spirituality and parapsychology will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Ramada. Admission is \$35 for each.

Information is available by calling the Aloha Herb Center at 251-6706.