

Professor gathers evidence

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It is called the "leaky embargo theory." The idea that extraterrestrial beings are making contact with selected individuals on earth are summarized in those three words.

James W. Deardorff says that it is not an idea as far-fetched as it sounds. Deardorff retired recently from the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Extraterrestrial Strategy: Implications of the Embargo Hypothesis is what he calls the book he's written to explain the theory.

It is not a book publishers are fighting over. Nor is it a theory embraced by scientists.

Deardorff said that even those who might be interested in exploring the possibility of ET's making contact on Earth will not admit it because they fear that their professional images will be tarnished.

But he believes scientists should investigate the evidence that indicates the possibility of their presence.

Deardorff has a degree in physics from Stanford University. He earned a master's degree and a doctorate in atmospheric sciences from the University of Washington. He approaches the possibility of extraterrestrial life with scientific skepticism.

For six years he has intensively researched reports of contacts ET's have made with Earth. He believes that some of the evidence deserves scientific scrutiny.

But he says that many people believe that ET's may purposely be keeping scientists at bay.

Deardorff says it is conceivable that ET's are making their existence known gradually be-

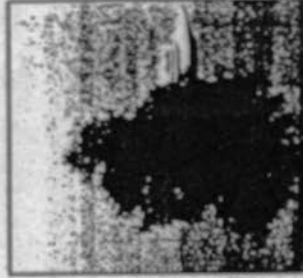
cause they don't want to stir up a panic such as that raised by writer/factor Orson Welles in 1938.

A radio program conceived by Welles described a fictional invasion of New Jersey by Martians in such horrifying detail that many Americans who heard the broadcast became hysterical.

According to the leaky embargo theory, ET's avoid contact with scientists who would deny their existence because they do not conform to current scientific theory.

That is the message they have delivered to at least one person who says he was contacted.

Eduard Meier is his name. He is German-Swiss. Deardorff said



that Meier first observed evidence of ET's when he was a boy in the 1930s. It is believed by supporters of the leaky embargo theory that he was being prepared as a child for his meeting with the Pleiadians in the mid-1970s.

They are from the Pleiades, Meier told investigators, which is a delicate cluster of light-blue stars 400 light-years from the Earth.

There may be one of many inhabited planets in the Universe that are in various stages of technological development, according to theories Deardorff has investigated.

The Pleiadians have the edge on us, Deardorff wrote, because "their technology" is roughly 3,500 years in advance of ours."

That is what Meier learned in conversations with the Pleiadians during 115 contacts he has had with them since 1975. Some of those conversations have been translated into English. Portions

Photos courtesy James W. Deardorff
Identified by two OSU forestry professors as a mature European Silver Fir, Deardorff said neither the tree nor the object could be a miniature.



Statesman-Journal photo by Liz Kirby-Kayphor
James W. Deardorff poses with books and photographs he has collected.

of them are included in Deardorff's book.

Meier said the Pleiadians alerted him with telepathic messages in which he was told where to meet them. In his book, Deardorff included photographs that Meier said he took of the Pleiadian spacecraft. It resembles a classic flying saucer.

If the Pleiadians sound like far-out, imaginary creatures, Deardorff asks skeptics to imagine how sophisticated our technology will be in another 3,500 years.

And he reminds the skeptics that our degree of technological development would appear marginal to a person living on Earth just 300 years ago.

Meier told investigators that Pleiadians resemble human beings, although their ears/eyes are longer and their eyes are larger. They are benevolent creatures who have advanced to a spiritual level that is sustained by care and compassion.

The Pleiadians told Meier that they had evolved beyond the barbarism of war and aggression. They also told him that other in-

habited planets in the Universe will reach the same level if they do not destroy themselves first.

According to Meier's testimony, the Pleiadians are projecting Earth from hostile ET's who would invade if they were not thwarted. But the Pleiadians will not prevent the human race from destroying itself. And they told Meier they would not openly contact Earthlings until they have reached the proper spiritual level.

In his summary of the Pleiadian message, Deardorff wrote:

"The Pleiadians are not missionaries in the sense of persons evangelizing. They only wish to make their spiritual knowledge available so that those ready to accept it may do so, and so that false religions may be recognized."

"The Pleiadians treat the existence of the individual soul, and its relationship to 'Creation,' as a known scientific fact for them. They imply that our existence is nearing the stage when this breakthrough will begin for us (perhaps through high-energy physics and/or cosmology)."

Is it science fiction?

Deardorff asks the scientific community to determine that by thoroughly investigating the evidence that appears to support the existence of ET's.

They believe in reincarnation, he wrote, and spiritual evolution, but reject as detrimental the trappings of earthly religions.

The advanced ET's overcome galactic distances in traveling at effective speeds immensely greater than that of light. The UFO craft (or beamships) can somehow impinge into dimensions which, for want of any better name, are called "hyperspace" as in science fiction."