

# Author's UFO cover-up theory doesn't really get off the ground

By Henry Gordon

You can't trust your government. You can't trust any government. And why not? Because the government of every major nation around the world is concealing an earth-shattering secret that, if revealed, would plunge the planet into anarchy.

That's the belief of Timothy Good, and that's the premise of his book, *Above Top Secret: the Worldwide UFO Cover-up*. The 592 page volume was published last year in Great Britain and is now distributed in Canada by Macmillan of Canada.

Good's main theme is the part played by such agencies as the CIA, the FBI, the RCMP, NASA, the US Defense Intelligence Agency, and various governments on this continent and in Europe in covering up UFO sightings, landings, and even in concealing the corpses of some of the little green men.

Timothy Good, 45, a classical musician, tall, affable, charming, reserved, is the last man you would think would be involved in the UFO movement — an occupation most people think is reserved for the crazies. Indeed he has been accused by some of being just that, but he espouses his cause with sincerity and belief.

Good has played violin in the London Symphony Orchestra for 14 years, has also fiddled for the Royal Philharmonic, the Philharmonia Orchestra, and with the Mantovani ensemble. He now freelances, doing commercials and television work.

So, what makes a man with this background jump into the flying saucer controversy? "I read a book . . . which described many sightings of UFOs by highly qualified personnel . . . and I haven't looked back since then . . . and since 1961 I've conducted my own independent research throughout the world." In this respect Good found it helpful to be on international tours with various orchestras.

Now, what began as a hobby has developed into a vocation which preoccupies him far more than does his musical career.

## Obvious weaknesses

One of the obvious weaknesses in his book is similar to those of many other books on UFO's or parapsychology; he keeps resurrecting stories which have already been investigated and been revealed as having prosaic explanations.

For example, he dwells on the so-called flying saucer sightings by various astronauts. These claims were punctured years ago as having no validity, after interviews with NASA, and with the astronauts allegedly involved. But here they pop up again.

Questioned, Good replies, "There are still questions about this. Especially about what Armstrong and Aldrin saw on the moon." What they saw, according to some dedicated ufologists, were extraterrestrial spacecraft parked on the lunar surface. But what evidence does Good base his guarded belief in this story? Well, he spoke to someone who said he had received

the information from Armstrong himself. Not the sort of evidence that would stand up in court.

In the book, as well as various interviews, Good has stressed the importance of an allegedly secret U.S. government report named Majestic-12. These documents were supposed to have been obtained from an anonymous source in the U.S. intelligence community. They showed that President Harry Truman created a top secret group of 12 scientists to investigate a purported flying saucer crash in New Mexico, in which the dead occupants were secretly stashed on ice by government agents.

Philip J. Klass, senior editor of *Aviation Week and Space Technology*, and a world leader in UFO investigation, conducted a long and elaborate investigation of these papers, and comes up with a very strong and detailed case that they are counterfeits. Jo Ann Williamson, chief of the Military Reference Branch, Archives Division of the U.S. National Archives, backs up some of Klass's findings.

What does Good think of all this? "The evidence shows that this document is absolutely authentic on all counts." What steps did he take to authenticate the validity of MJ-12? "I showed them to Lord Hill-Norton. He said it looks genuine." Lord Hill-Norton, a British Admiral of the Fleet, is in strong agreement with Good's beliefs in UFOs and in cover-ups, and wrote a laudatory foreword to the book.

Good claims to be skeptical. But, when asked if he had any beliefs in



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**DEBUNKING DÉBATE:** Paranormal debunker and writer Henry Gordon and Timothy Good, author of a new book about UFO's, agreed to disagree when discussing Good's theory that world governments have conspired to cover up evidence that extraterrestrials exist.

paranormal phenomena, he answers "Yes, I believe in some of them. I think some people have paranormal abilities."

Was this just a belief — did he have evidence? "Yes. I did attend a number of extraordinary seances (in Britain) where I saw things which, to the best of my knowledge, couldn't be duplicated by magicians.

"I heard the voice of a deceased aunt of mine coming from a luminous-painted trumpet which was floating all around the room, which was in almost complete darkness," he recounts.

Good refers to George Adamski in his book. Adamski was the kook who, back in the 1950s, was the first man to claim contact with the extraterrestrials. He even went on outings with them, he said. One of these trips was to the back side of the moon, never seen from earth.

Adamski described lakes, rivers, forested mountains — a veritable Shangri La on the moon.

Unfortunately, the Lunar Orbiter satellites, in later years, in their photographic forays around the moon, could not find this vacation-land paradise.

## Skeptic is convinced

So what says Good, the skeptic, of the fabulous Adamski? "I conclude that basically Adamski was telling the truth (about meeting with the little greenies), because I spoke to two witnesses . . . who actually saw this happen through their binoculars. I am convinced they are telling the truth."

But about what Adamski claimed to have seen on the moon he says simply, "I don't know."

Good also cites the once celebrated case of Canadian Steven Michalak of Winnipeg who allegedly had

a brief encounter with a landed UFO in 1967. Michalak later became ill, exhibiting strange burns on his body, and claimed that it was due to radiation from the spacecraft.

Ufologists, of course, pounced on the story and circulated it worldwide. Unfortunately there is no corroboration; we have to take Michalak's word for it. Timothy Good, the skeptic, unquestioningly does just that.

So, have governments worldwide been co-operating on covering up the UFO menace for the past 40 years? If so, it would be the first lasting international agreement of its kind in history.

Maybe there is hope for the future.

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