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A leading international scientist has come up with an amazing theory to explain mysterious sightings of UFOs.

Dr Jacques Vallee, who has spent a lifetime investigating unidentified flying objects, claims they don't come from outer space, as many people believe. 'They are not weird little green men in flying saucers, but far more complex superbeings,' he says.

The French boffin claims UFOs are earth-based - existing in a parallel universe - and that they are here to watch over the human race.

'There is mounting evidence that they are a psychic phenomenon sent to guide us,' says the world-renowned expert, who has spoken to thousands of 'flying saucer' witnesses in his research. 'UFOs do not come from ordinary space, but out of a parallel universe which is all around us.'

Although many of his fellow scientists dismiss claims of UFO sightings as nonsense, Vallee insists: 'Alien visits are neither imaginary nor extraterrestrial. They are both a physical reality and a window into another reality that transcends time and space.'

Dr Vallee is no crank. He is very well-respected in his field - the scientist in the hit film *Close Encounters Of The Third Kind* was actually based on him.

He has examined thousands of mystery sightings, interviewing people all over the world, which he claims has given him a unique insight into the subject that has baffled scientists for many years.

CONTROVERSY

His new book, *Dimensions*, which is published this week, is bound to stir up fresh controversy. In it he links stories from the Bible with UFO sightings, and says a 'Super Civilisation' has been watching over us since the beginning of time.

He claims many observers of UFOs have changed dramatically. 'Many of the people I met say they received messages from outer space instructing them to search for a higher spiritual way of life and many have given up steady jobs, dropped out of city life and, in some cases, have even gone to live in virtual isolation. And they say they have never been happier.'

A British woman, who Vallee traced, spoke to him about the evening she was confronted by a UFO while driving on her way from London to Stratford.

'It sank behind the trees and

ALIEN GUARDIAN ANGELS

Forget flying saucers and little green men from outer space, UFOs are really superbeings who have been here from the beginning of time ...



disappeared - but the striking events took place after it had gone, she recalled.

'The experience had a profound effect on me, causing almost a personality change. Insights into my life hit me one after another like bolts from the blue. I can only describe those feelings as coming from outside myself.'

Vallee says it shows that UFOs represent a good, not evil force. 'I'm convinced they are evidence of other dimensions beyond spacetime. They do not come from ordin-

ary space, but from a universe which is all around us and which transcends time and space.

'There is a Spiritual Control System which wants to guide us, but they are not interested in communicating with a few individuals or with any government but, instead, on a global level with the whole human race.'

He has spotted two UFOs himself through telescopes and also claims to have uncovered documents which prove their existence, via other scientists and profession-

world. But he believes the scientific community and worried governments worldwide are together covering up the truth to keep the rest of us in the dark.

He accuses certain scientists of 'destroying, distorting or simply ignoring the facts' because they are afraid of jeopardising their reputations.

'In the same way, governments and military organisations do not encourage UFO witnesses to come forward, and actually discourage them, as a result of their closed minds and negative attitudes,' says Dr Vallee.

He has spoken to many witnesses who have had close encounters and have afterwards taken lie-detector tests.

They recall that the 'spaceships' did not fly away but just vanished - leading Vallee to conclude that they exist in an invisible world alongside us rather than coming from outer space.

'This is just not the way material objects behave. These witnesses are not seeing spacecraft in the nuts-and-bolts material sense, but a hologram projection or an image which the superbeings meant them to see.'

PULSATING LIGHT

He recounts amazing tales from all over the world:

- In Brazil, a man saw a football-shaped craft which vanished silently and instantly.
- In Italy, several people watched a UFO vanish on the spot like a TV set being turned off.
- In France, a doctor saw two large disc-shaped objects merge into one, before disappearing from sight.

'UFO witnesses often see a pulsating light, which they describe as hypnotic. Some say it changed their lives profoundly afterwards, just as others who have had a religious experience describe seeing a beam of light which has altered their life.'

After 30 years studying the mystery, Vallee knows the debate and the controversy will go on and on, but he adds thoughtfully: 'I for one will be very shocked and disappointed if UFOs turn out to be nothing more than visitors from another planet.'

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● *Dimensions* by Jacques Vallee is published by Souvenir Press on 29 September (price £12.95, hard-back).