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World-famous UFO expert reveals for the first time . . .

I took a ride on a starship!

By CHUCK O'NEILL

A world famous UFOlogist who's investigated hundreds of close encounters has startled scientific colleagues by revealing for the first time his own amazing childhood voyage beyond the stars.

"It happened when I was a fifth-grader and growing up in a small town in Colorado," recalled University of Wyoming psychologist Dr. Leo Sprinkle, 57.

"I was aboard a space vehicle of some kind, looking out a large window at the stars rushing by. A tall man — at least I think he was a man — was standing beside me, his hand resting on my shoulder.

"He said to me: 'Leo, learn to read and write well. Then, when you grow up, you can help people learn about their purpose in life.'"

Incredibly Dr. Sprinkle, who has hypnotized nearly 200 persons to help them recollect their eerie — and sometimes horrifying — subconscious memories of encounters with space aliens, wasn't aware of his own bizarre UFO experience until he himself went through a hypnosis session in 1980.

"Even today when I visualize that fantastic sight of those stars rushing toward me, it gives me a thrill," the psychologist said. "I think: 'Wow! I'd like to see that again.'"

Some of the individuals Dr.

Sprinkle has hypnotized have recounted tales of well-meaning space visitors on a peaceful mission.

These sessions have produced descriptions of aliens

who are here merely to monitor our progress.

But others describe chilling experiences of being used as unwilling guinea pigs in frightening medical probes.

Dr. Sprinkle said he is sure it is a "benevolent invasion" whose purpose may not be revealed for generations.

"Not only are they measuring us physiologically, but

they're also assessing us psychologically, trying to determine what they can do to help us catch up to their advanced level of knowledge," he explained.

"It's still a mystery, though. We don't have the answers. Quite often, we don't even know the questions."



UFO authority Dr. Leo Sprinkle learned of his own bizarre experience through hypnosis. He poses beside a bust titled "Alien" given to him by a student.

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